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Edinburgh Festival: 50 years of good times

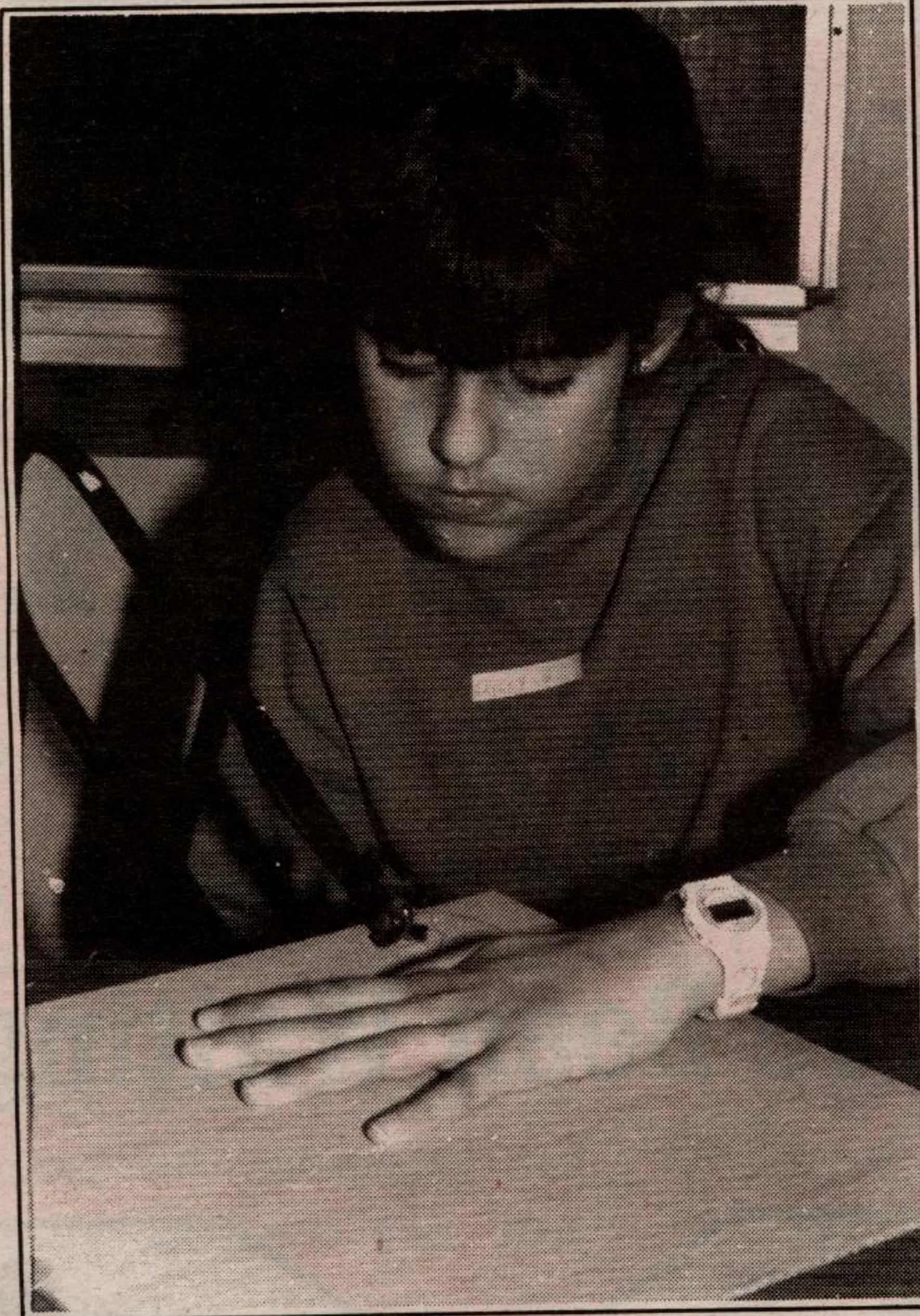
The massed bands of the pipes and drums and parade along Princess Street in Edinburgh is one of the features of the famous Edinburgh International Festival. Often described as one of the world's greatest cultural events, this Scotland specialty has many items of interest which take place - this year from August 11th to 31st - as they celebrate their 50th birthday!

The tattoo which takes place on the esplanade at Edinburgh Castle as a part of the Festival includes bands, dancers and various displays. It was a pleasure to be member of the Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums many years ago (1959!) when we participated there in 29 performances! Edinburgh is a wonderful city.

When visiting the British Isles one mustn't forget Ireland as a choice destination: Our visit there last fall on a golfing junket or play golf on the likes of Ballybunion, Lahinch, Royal County Down, or another of the many classic courses, it is a wonderfully memorable trip! A Toronto company, the RMR Group puts golf packages together - see you professional travel agent for assistance.

While mentioning Britain, how about a Self Drive Holiday through England, Wales and Scotland as the Way To Go! You get to see all the nooks and crannies along its byways. Air Transat Holidays offers packages (as do others) with choice of the style of accommodation you might like - B & Bs, hotels, farmhouses or country inns. Drop in for brochure and booking information.

Travel Tip of the Week: When you have family or friends travelling on a cruise, you can arrange to send them a gift to be delivered right into their cabin on the ship. Perhaps a bottle of wine or Caribbean Rum Balls for a Caribbean cruise, or Alaska Wild Berry Chocolates for their sail up the Inside passage to Alaska - a good idea to celebrate an occasion, or just to show you care see your professional travel agent to make the arrangements for you.



CONCENTRATE: Hayley Green, 11, uses a fret saw at a recent woodcrafts day held at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school and put on by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. (Eve Martin photo)

Centre holding clothing sale

ASSIC ALERT

The Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre will be holding a used clothing sale (children's clothing) during regular drop-in hours next week. The Centre is open from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Monday and Friday, and from 1 to 3 pm on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to visit the Centre during the clothing sale and check out the great bargains in children's spring clothing! The Centre is located at 85 Wallace St. Call 853-2574 for more details.

Volunteers drivers are needed for both the Meals on Wheels and the Transportation programs at ASSIC. If you enjoy meeting people, perhaps this would be a volunteer opportunity worth exploring.

Volunteers need only drive where they feel comfortable. If you would prefer to drive locally only, that's fine. If you feel comfortable with longer distances, drivers are

always needed to go to Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph and Mississauga. Drivers are given a mileage allowance and reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

The Meals on Wheels Program is also looking for runners - people who accompany the driver and deliver the meals to the person's door. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, call June at 853-3310.

Elections on May 13

LEGION NEWS

BY MIKE MANUEL
P.R.O. Branch 197

The Annual Zone Social will be held on April 29. If you are planning on attending this function, there are only a few tickets left.

There will be another open euchre tournament on May 3. Registration will be held between 7 and 7:30 pm.

If you are a voting member of Branch 197 then May 13 should hold a special place on your calendar of events. This will be our next General Meeting starting

at 8 pm. The main reason for this meeting will be the election of officers for the upcoming year. If you have not attended one of these meetings, then by all means try and get down this year.

Prior to the 8 pm meeting will be a dinner put on by our Ladies' Auxiliary starting at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the Branch for only \$5 each. I hope to see you there.

The Ladies would like you to know that their next meeting in May will be a Pot Luck Supper starting at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 8 pm.

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Gardening projects on for spring!

BY JEAN SOMERVILLE
Special to The Tanner

Last Saturday, eight members from Acton's Horticultural Society joined with members of twenty-one other societies to attend the annual meeting of District 6, Ontario Horticultural Association, held in Paris, Ontario.

The provincial Horticultural Association was organized in 1906 but many societies had been formed before that year. The Paris group began in 1867, Hamilton in 1850 and the Simcoe Society is celebrating its hundredth anniversary, Acton is one of the newer organizations, having formed in 1988.

The Society's convention in Hamilton, from June 14 to 16, will represent 45,000 members from across Ontario. The keynote speaker will be David Tarrant, "The Canadian Gardener" of TV fame from Vancouver.

In Paris, the Acton members attended workshops including "Woodland Treasures," "Landscaping Do's and Don'ts," "Carolinian Flora and Fauna" and "The World of Insects."

Locally, the society is busy planning a garden contest, which should interest the residents of Acton and area. They hope to provide a variety of classes - from apartment dwellers to rural residents. Details will be available soon.

Another local project is the planning and planting of the flower containers and beds in Acton. This is done in cooperation with the B.I.A. and adds greatly to the beautification of the town during the summer months.

The annual fundraiser sale of plants, is May 11, in the olde Hide House parking lot.

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