

GRAPE VINE

Jack Ridley Cartage Ltd. for almost 50 years, joined the Tory party in 1934.

"The man I was working for was a strong Conservative and he convinced me to join and I never left."

Bluebirds meet

The first meeting of the Acton Arthritis Bluebird Club will be held on Sept. 12 at ASSIC, 19 Willow St. N. from 7 to 9 pm.

The topic for discussion will be "Coping with Arthritis - What is the one thing that has helped you the most?" New members are welcome. For more information call Pauline at 853-4940.

More 'birdies' meet

Are you looking to keep fit over the winter? The Acton Badminton Club offers a great opportunity to stay in shape.

All levels from novice to expert are invited to play Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 pm, beginning Sept. 9 and ending in May at the Acton High gymnasium. Park in the back of the school. The cost for a season is \$45 per person or \$80 per couple (adults only).

Return players, please be prepared to pay your membership on Sept. 9. For more details, call Rosemary Bodi at 853-4188 evenings or weekends, or just come out for an evening and test your skills.

Use those coupons!

Time is running out for using *Shop Acton* coupons and entering the lucky draws. See Page 3 of *The Tanner Plus!* for more.

New Herrington home?

Herrington Printing is looking for a new home just four years after moving into its current Main Street North location.

"We have 2,800 square feet but could use 4,000 square feet and a loading dock, so we've put this building, but not the business, on the market and if we get a good offer for the building we will expand," explained owner Jeff Herrington.

Herrington said they are also considering moving the manufacturing to another site and keeping the office at the current location.

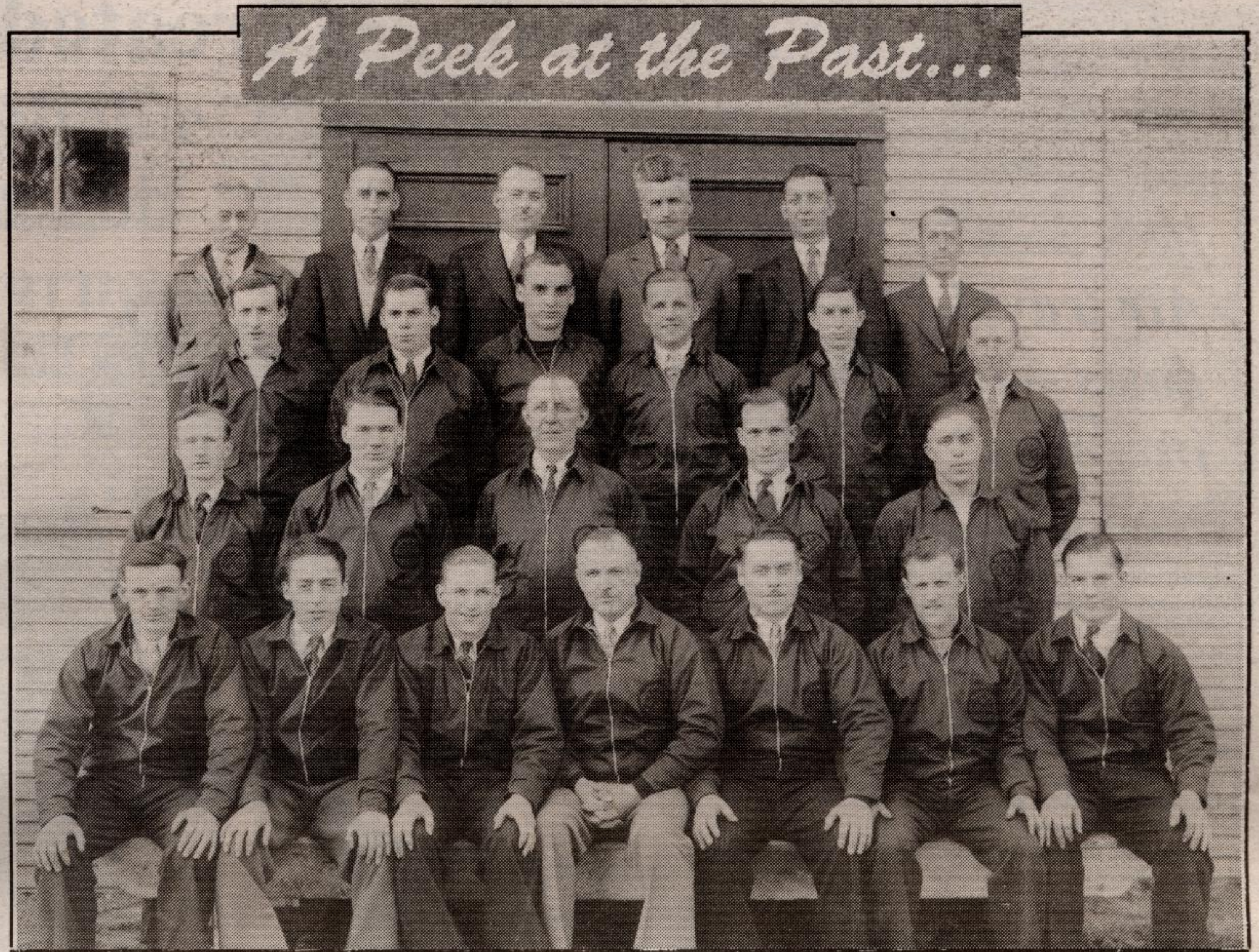
"If this place sells we might consider renting some place - the old Free Press building would be a good location if it's still available to rent when and if this deal goes through."

Life-time PC

Long-time Acton resident Jack Ridley became a life-time member of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario on Friday.

Haltom North MPP Ted Chudleigh and Haltom North PC Riding Association president Bruce McNabb both presented plaques to Ridley during a ceremony at his Eastern Avenue home.

Ridley, who owned and operated



Remember when Acton had those good OHA Intermediate hockey champions? This photo of the 1934-35 Acton club was taken in front of the old Acton arena after they had won OHA group four and went on into the Ontario playdowns. Front row from left: R. (Bus) Morton, Frank (Flint) Terry, Norm Morton, manager Dr. E.J. Nelson, Frank (Gout) Gibbons, Bobby Anderson, Herb (Fricker) Woods. Second row, Joe Kentner, Harry (Duke) Arbic, trainer W. Eccleshall, Joe Woods, Lorne (Minute) Walters. Third row, Harold Mooney, Jack (Baloney) Greer, Ezio (Itch) Marzo, Allan Marshall, Gord Huffman, Fred Kentner. In the rear are treasurer W.K. Graham, executive members Harry (Bunk) Holmes, Vic Rumley, Bill Talbot, Ben Bayliss Sr. and secretary H. Fraser.

Car 54, where are you?

Seal the borders. Close the airports. Put a roadblock on the 401. I've been robbed!

Last week some dork stole my bike right off my front porch. I know the thief is a moron because he/she/it chose to take my old bike and passed up the racers and mountain bikes which abound in our neighbourhood.

Some of my friends and kids think I'm over-reacting to the incident. They point out that the bike was old and not worth very much. One person who overheard me ranting about the theft, went so far as to say that "perhaps the person (his word) who did this needed the transportation more than you do." Horse-bleep. It doesn't matter how old the bike was; it is mine and I want it back.

I called the police to report this travesty in the hope the local constabulary had already recovered my bike. No such luck.

The lady who took my call was very nice and took all of the information regarding make, colour and all that. Then she asked "Was it locked?" Her "Oh," indicated to me that I had been in the wrong not to secure my bike to an anvil when it was on my own property. I'm not the criminal here.

This has prompted me to comment on what seems to be the acceptance of petty crimes in our society. Every week this paper reports that a house or car was broken into and property was stolen. There doesn't seem to be much concern about these crimes. For the victims though, many of these incidents are traumatizing.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



If your home has been violated and your property vandalized or stolen, the safety of your home has been compromised. The effect on young children can be paralyzing. I say it's time we started to take these crimes more seriously. Not because I lost my old bike - that would be silly - but because I think criminals who get away with minor violations often graduate to bigger crimes.

We can't look to the police for much more help in patrolling our streets. Their budgets are stretched and incidents of crime are increasing. Current legal requirements also demand that our officers spend more time preparing reports on each offence lest the criminal get off on some technicality. The police can help us get organized however, and you can help secure your own neighbourhood. Here's how.

First, get to know your neighbours. If there is a time when no one is home at their house, keep an eye on it. If you see something amiss, call 878-5511 and ask for the Georgetown station. Keep that number beside your phone and don't be afraid to use it. Please do not use 911 unless it is an extreme emergency. I assure you that our police officers stand ready and willing to respond to your calls. They would rather check out six "no problem"

calls than miss one serious incident because no one calls them.

Ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your place also. The bottom line is it's your neighbourhood and if we want it to be secure we have to help each other.

Second, get involved in community organizations like Neighbourhood Watch or the Community Consultation Committee (C.C.C.). Last year there was a rash of vandalism in our area. A community officer helped organize a meeting and set up a special phone number for us to call if we saw something suspicious. We established a schedule that had each house "on watch" one week-end every six weeks or so. Then we advertised the fact that we were watching. Vandalism dropped off almost immediately. Our neighbourhood is proof that this type of program works - notwithstanding the fact that some creep stole my bike.

Acton and rural C.C.C.s meet regularly to discuss policing concerns with officers. The issues range from parking to speeding to major crime issues. The police welcome community input.

How many times have you heard, or said, that you live here because you enjoy "that small town feeling of friendliness?" Let's face it, many of us moved here to get away from an increasingly violent city life. Part of that small town feeling is concern for your neighbours. Each section of town has a community officer assigned to it. I encourage each

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HEY!

Are you ready to go back to school?



"Yes. I really want to meet my new teacher."

Denise Cooper, 9-years-old



"Yes. I haven't had much to do and I'm bored staying at home."

Elyse O'Halloran, 10-years-old



"No. School's too hard."

Britt Walker, 9-years-old



"Yes. I'm finally starting Grade 1!"

Michael McKeon, 6-years-old