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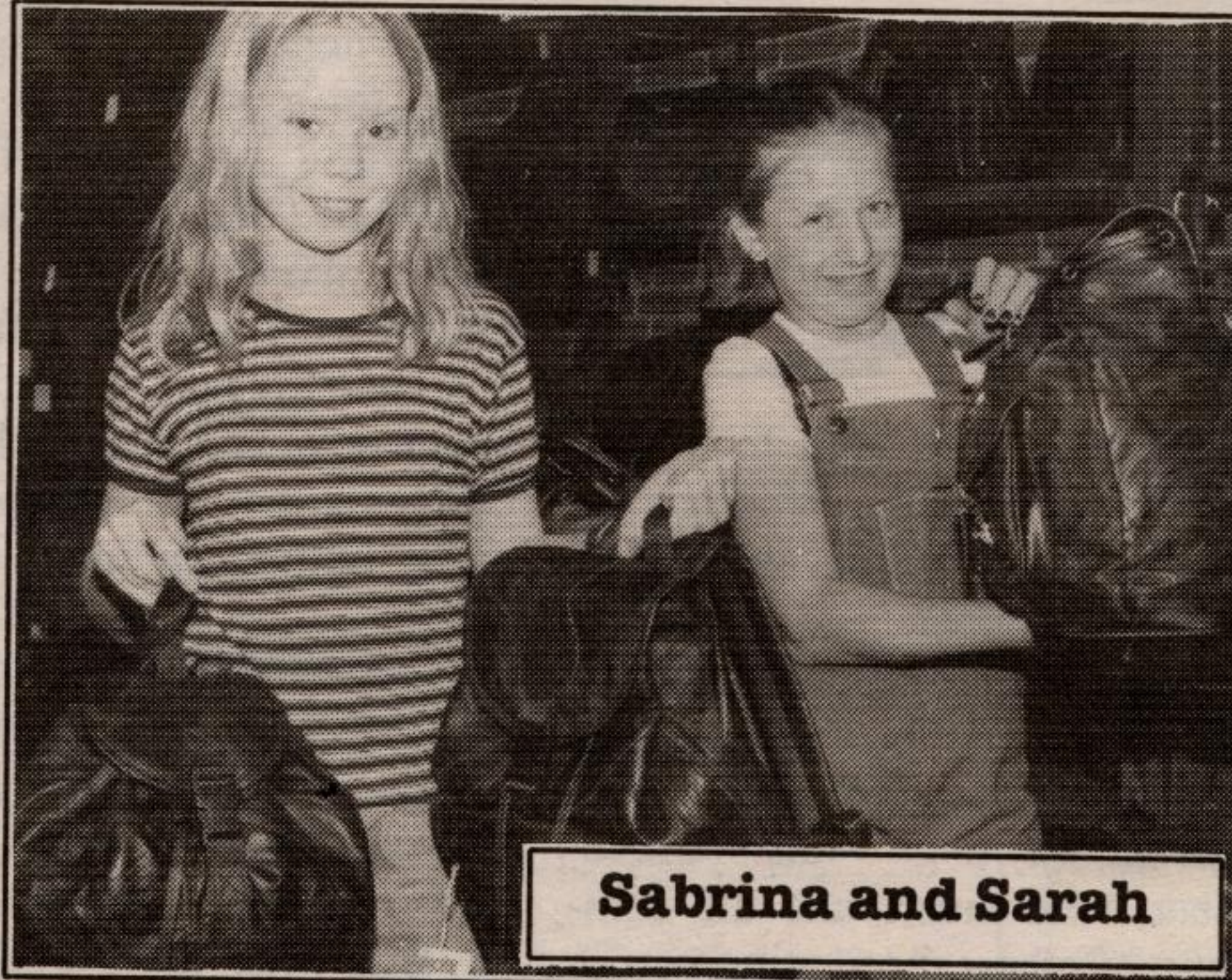
"The BIA Beat"

You don't have to go out of town
for Back-to-School supplies!

Four students went shopping in downtown Acton and found not only some of the school supplies they needed, but a selection of reasonably priced back-to-school fashions too!

Sabrina and Sarah

These two girls are heading off to Grade 6 at McKenzie-Smith Bennett which means they'll need a good sturdy backpack to carry all those books! We found good quality patchwork leather backpacks on special for just \$19.98 at the **olde Hide House**. Just in case the school-issued lock is lost or misplaced, we found some for sale at **Jug City**, plus a small selection of pencils, glue sticks and notebooks. **Acton Pharmacy** carries the vinyl erasers that both girls like and they have a selection of math sets, pens, notebooks and markers. Sarah found some lunch boxes in **Bargains Bazaar**



Sabrina and Sarah

and a variety of notebooks, school sets and coloured pencils. Just to make sure the girls arrive at school on time, **Acton Home Hardware** has a selection of children's watches from \$25. Sabrina wants to get her hair cut before school starts so she's going to make an appointment at **Corrie's**, who's offering 10% off all children's haircuts! (Corrie's hours are 9-6 Tues., Wed. and Fri.; 9-8:30 Thurs.; 7:30-2 on Saturday). Both the **Family Barber Shop** and **Pete's Barber Shop** open early (8:30 am and 8 am) for back-to-school haircuts.

Megan

Megan, who is going into Grade 12 at Acton High School, headed right for the leather and suede mini skirts at the **olde Hide House**! They are priced from just \$49. She also found a special 50% sale on leather knapsacks. **Acton Discount Variety** carries the large 5 subject lined notebook she was looking for and tape-erase for typing class. Some high school students like the well worn look of faded blue jeans and we found a good selection at the **Salvation Army Thrift Store**. It was handy to discover that **Bargains Bazaar** carries a supply of bristol board for school projects as well as three-hole punches and paper supplies. If Megan or any of her friends decide it's time for a new hair do, both **Super Cuts** and **Profile** are open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 am.



Megan

Marissa

Marissa found some extra sturdy mailing tape at **Acton Discount Variety**, great for taping up the boxes she'll use to cart all her belongings to the shared student housing for her second year at the University of Waterloo! At the **Acton Pharmacy** she found not only essentials like markers, white-out, highlighters and notebooks but also a sewing kit - for those emergency repairs away from home. **Bargains Bazaar** has a handy portable lamp and a stationary organizer that caught her eye. To make sure she's on time for all her classes, **Country Reflections** has a selection of watches for just \$29.95 and the **Needle Gnome** has whimsical needle work themed quartz watches at \$56. Marissa liked the mini shoulder strap purses at the **olde Hide House**, sale priced from \$6.98 and there is a varied selection of men's and women's leather wallets from \$9.98.

Before sending a student away to school, it's a good idea to get a vision test and a medical check-up. Optometrist **Dr. Pond** will be booking patients in his new office at 151 Mill St. E. (corner of Bower and Mill Streets) from Sept. 4 and advises that vision testing can be done from age 3. The **Acton Medical Group** advises that youngsters should receive their booster shot, before school starts, between the ages of 4 and 5 and another after 10 years.



Marissa



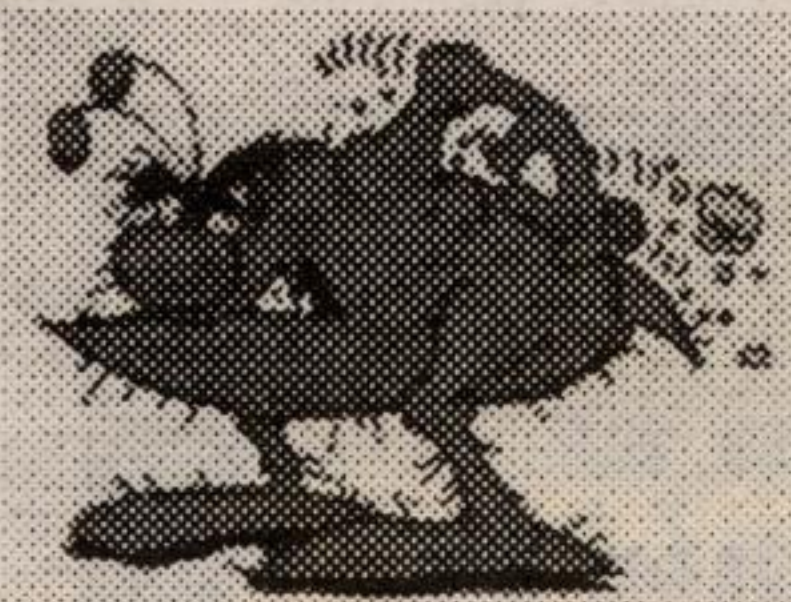
Acton Home Hardware has new owners - Bill and Val Manes, who have lived in the Acton area for 14 years.

When you visit the Mill Street store, you'll notice a big difference, with new faces and more stock. We also offer a variety of services, such as glass cutting, screen repairs and skate sharpening, just to name a few.

The store is open seven days a week:
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