

# New owners take over Jug City

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After working side by side as employees of Royal Jug City, Acton's Bernice McLeod and Herb Dodds are having no trouble in their new roles as co-owners of the variety store in the Glenlea plaza.

"I told Bernice before we took over that there would be days when she would hate me but we haven't had a cross word yet," Dodds laughed in an interview on Friday.

Dodds, who worked part-time for two years and McLeod, who worked part-time in the store for eight years, first talked about buying the business a number of years ago when it was for sale but never made an offer.

When the business went on the market this fall they made their move and haven't looked back.

"We both knew sort of what to expect, but I never had any idea how much time it would take to keep the shelves stocked," Dodds said, adding that they recently found a supplier willing to deliver so they should be able to spend less time shopping and more time in the store.

McLeod said that they

have expanded the range of items that they carry to make the store more than just a variety store. The store now carries a good selection of frozen foods and the health and beauty area now includes make-up and personal hygiene products along with cold and flu products.

"We've got a great magazine rack — out-of-town people have told me that they make a point of stopping and having a look at our rack when they travel through Acton because the selection is so good," Dodds said, adding that they also plan to put in more snack items that people might want to have for lunch.

Dodds said with two staff working at all times they can control the school kids who flock to the store during lunch.

"Sometimes the number of kids milling round would keep adults from coming in but with two people working at all times we are able to handle the school crowd better."

Two part-time employees, including McLeod's daughter Marla, round out the staff.

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Catholic sisters and brothers and I rejoice in that," Wilson said.

Wilson said in the past few years she'd become very aware of the tremendous contribution of the Orthodox churches - Coptic, Russian and Serbian Orthodox churches around the world who represent one-third of Christendom.

"We need to be pay attention to their contributions towards the unity of Christian folk. We no longer, or course, look for mergers or organic unity, but we look rather for high cooperation, for giving the honour to the other one and for going along parallel paths which may converge and merge along certain points."

Wilson said that perhaps the most important thing that has happened to the understanding of unity is the unity of humankind in all its diversity.

"The unity of Christians, the listening and change of our faith community with other faith communities and those of no faith, of which there are many, and the unity of humankind is how our thinking has moved," Wilson said.

Talking about worldwide witness, Wilson said we live in an interdependent world.

"The ecumenical movement has now moved to more understanding of not only community witness, of which this service is one indication, but also of worldwide wit-



**SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL:** While their parents attended the Service of Christian Unity at the Acton Legion, Daniel Peregrine (left) Joel Driese and Jared Reinders took part in a Sidewalk Sunday School program run by the Evangel Tabernacle congregation. - Frances Niblock photo

ness." "We recognise that it's not good enough to only act locally, although that's where you must act, but others act for you around the world we need to be in relationship to them." Wilson said.

Wilson also said that there has been a change in what service to neighbour means.

Wilson recounted days when the church she belonged to sent bales of clothing to the aboriginal people in the north of Canada and

how those people asked that they stop sending high-heeled shoes and hats because they were not useful.

"That cut for many - they didn't know what service to neighbour meant if it didn't mean giving away what you don't want," Wilson said.

"As we grew out of the understanding that service to neighbours if giving away something we don't want we began to understand that people are companions, not clients or consumers," Wilson

said, adding that there's been a theological shift from understanding service to neighbour as charity, just giving, to justice and just relationships which may make the charity unnecessary.

Wilson congratulated the Acton congregations for the enthusiastic attitude. She was happy to learn that \$500 of the offering from the unity service would be donated to ongoing relief and assistance efforts in Eastern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

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