

## Obituary

## Eleanor Sonia (Beatty)

On Thursday, January 29, 1998 Eleanor Sonia passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family in Culver City, California. Eleanor was born in Acton, Ontario on May 3, 1930. She was the only daughter of Wes and Nellie Beatty of Acton.

Eleanor was raised in Acton. She married Joseph Sonia on December 1, 1951. She settled in the United States with her husband and became an American citizen in 1956. Eleanor raised five

children who all reside in California. Eleanor returned to Acton and cared for her elderly parents from 1986 to 1988. While in Acton Eleanor rekindled many old friendships and developed new ones. Eleanor also established herself as the grand aunt of her Canadian family.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Sonia, her mother and father Wes and Nellie Beatty and her brother Gordon Beatty. Eleanor is survived by her

brother George Beatty of Richmond Hill, her children Joseph Sonia III, Charlene Sonia-Henwood, Sue Ellen Stone, Trudy Sonia and Angela Sonia, all of California.

Eleanor will be missed by her Canadian family, Brian, Rhonda, Jenny and Jason Beatty, John, Maggie, Jeanie and Lesley Beatty, Jeff, Stephanie, Hilary, Emily, Oliver and Nolan Beatty, James, Sue, Megan and Nicole Beatty and Carol, Rick and Courtney Hughes as well as her many Acton friends.

She will be remembered for her zest for life, her love of family, her cheerful disposition and positive attributes too numerous to mention.

The memorial service was held in Trona, California on Feb. 7.

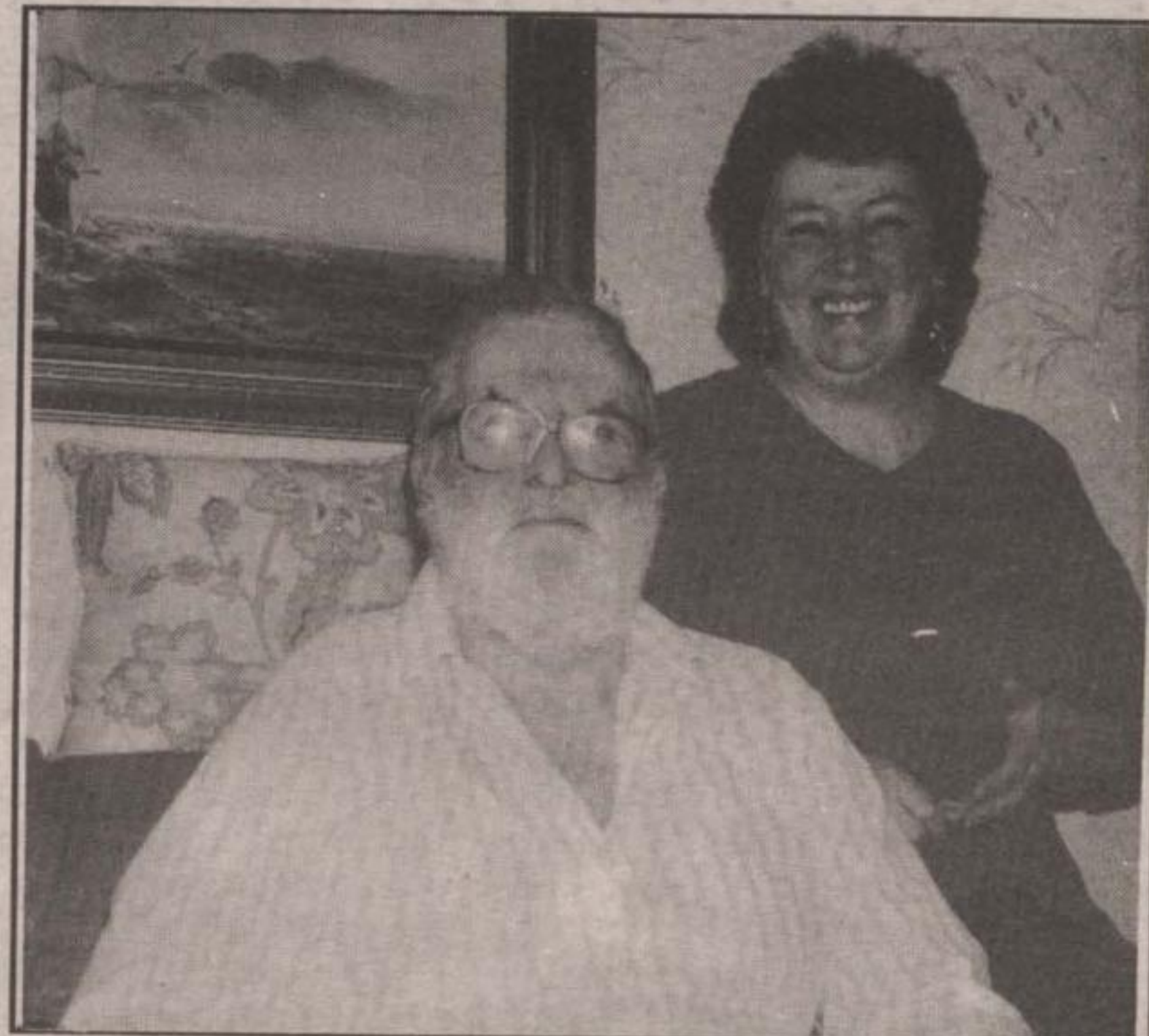
## Acton grocer to the rescue

By MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY  
The New Tanner

An Erin Township man has high praise for the kindness of the Acton merchant who helped him out when Wellington merchants and service providers turned their back on his plight.

Mike Manes, co-owner of the Acton IGA delivered groceries to Egon Filter a couple of times this winter. He even picked up insulin from the pharmacy for Filter because he couldn't get out to do his own shopping.

"He carried the groceries up the stairs and brought them right to my kitchen," Filter said. "I offered to pay for the delivery but he said he comes by to his home in Hillsburgh anyway. His profit is in the sale like it is for any other customer. It's really



Erin Township resident Egon Filter shares a coffee and a chuckle with Bonnie Townsley. She does his laundry and cleans his part of the house he rents on the Fourth Line. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

something to meet people like this."

The 72-year-old widower drives his car and shops for himself in warmer weather but the diabetic ulcers on his feet and legs make walking difficult—especially in winter. He also has breathing problems.

He went out and tried to shop for himself a couple of weeks ago, but fell trying to carry his groceries back to his doorstep from his car. He wound up crawling most of the way because he couldn't get up.

When neither local grocers nor Meals-on-Wheels would make deliveries to his second floor apartment in a farmhouse Filter didn't know where to turn for help.

Bonnie Townsley of Acton, who does Filter's cleaning and laundry, said she contacted the Acton Social Service and Information Centre, and Meals-on-Wheels in both Acton and Hillsburgh for him. They would "get back to (her)" but they never did.

"I was concerned when he couldn't get any help from

anyone," she said. "I thought that was what Meals-on-Wheels was for—to help people who need it. He has kids but he tries to do things for himself. He doesn't want to be a burden to anyone. Not getting groceries only makes his diabetes worse. He needs to stick to a diet but if he can't get the stuff he needs, he can't look after himself properly."

Filter had delivery from an Erin grocer last year but he would not continue the service when Filter called him again this year.

Townsley stopped to see Manes and he agreed to help out. Filter calls the store "usually once a week" to place an order, Manes said, and he or his brother John, the store's produce manager, makes the delivery.

"We're going by almost at his doorstep anyway," Manes said. "It's no trouble."

Filter says his married daughter lives in Hillsburgh and his son in Georgtown but both have families and "their own lives" so he tries not to bother them unless it's an emergency.

## Rural break &amp; enters under investigation

Cufflinks, other jewelry and \$145 cash was taken from a Dublin Line home between 8:55 a.m. and 4 p.m. on February 24. Police report the thief first tried to break in through a rear patio door before sliding open a basement window and entering the home.

Rifle stolen in rural B&E  
Police are looking for a

very thin suspect who managed to squeeze through a very small opening in a Fifth Line barn to steal a .22-calibre rifle and some ammunition. The break and enter occurred between midnight and 1 p.m. on February 21.

## Fail to remain

Police are trying to find the driver of a 1989 Chevrolet Corsica that ran into the rear of another car after pulling off Highway 25 into the Esso gas station last Wednesday just after 7 p.m.

A driver pulled off the road when he noticed smoke coming under his hood. He then ran into the rear of a Toyota Corolla at the gas station, causing approximately \$1,000 damage.

After the accident the Chev driver spoke to the victim but then walked away from the scene, leaving the car he was driving behind.

## Magic tax number 1.34

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Acton property owners now have a number to use to help figure out their property taxes for this year.

It's 1.34 per cent and when it's multiplied by the new assessment sent out by the Province last week the resulting figure can be compared to the taxes paid last year to determine how the reassessment affects a homeowner.

Halton Hills Treasurer Andy Koopmans used an example of a house with an assessed value of \$200,000 when he briefed Town Council on the impact of the reassessment on Monday.

If the \$200,000 is multiplied by 1.34 per cent the resulting \$2,680 is what the homeowner could expect to pay in taxes this year. Koopmans cautioned that the 1.34 per cent figure is strictly preliminary and is almost certain to change because:

• The Town and Region have not set their budgets for 1998 and don't know how

much they will spend of how much is raised in taxes.

• Changes made during Assessment Open Houses could change individual assessments and the overall assessment totals for the Town.

• The Province has yet to finalize and publish education tax rates.

• Halton Council still needs to make several tax policy decisions

• Tax rates have been calculated using provincially set preliminary tax ratios that are subject to change.

Koopmans said that 48 per cent of taxpayers would pay more in taxes this year because of the reassessment.

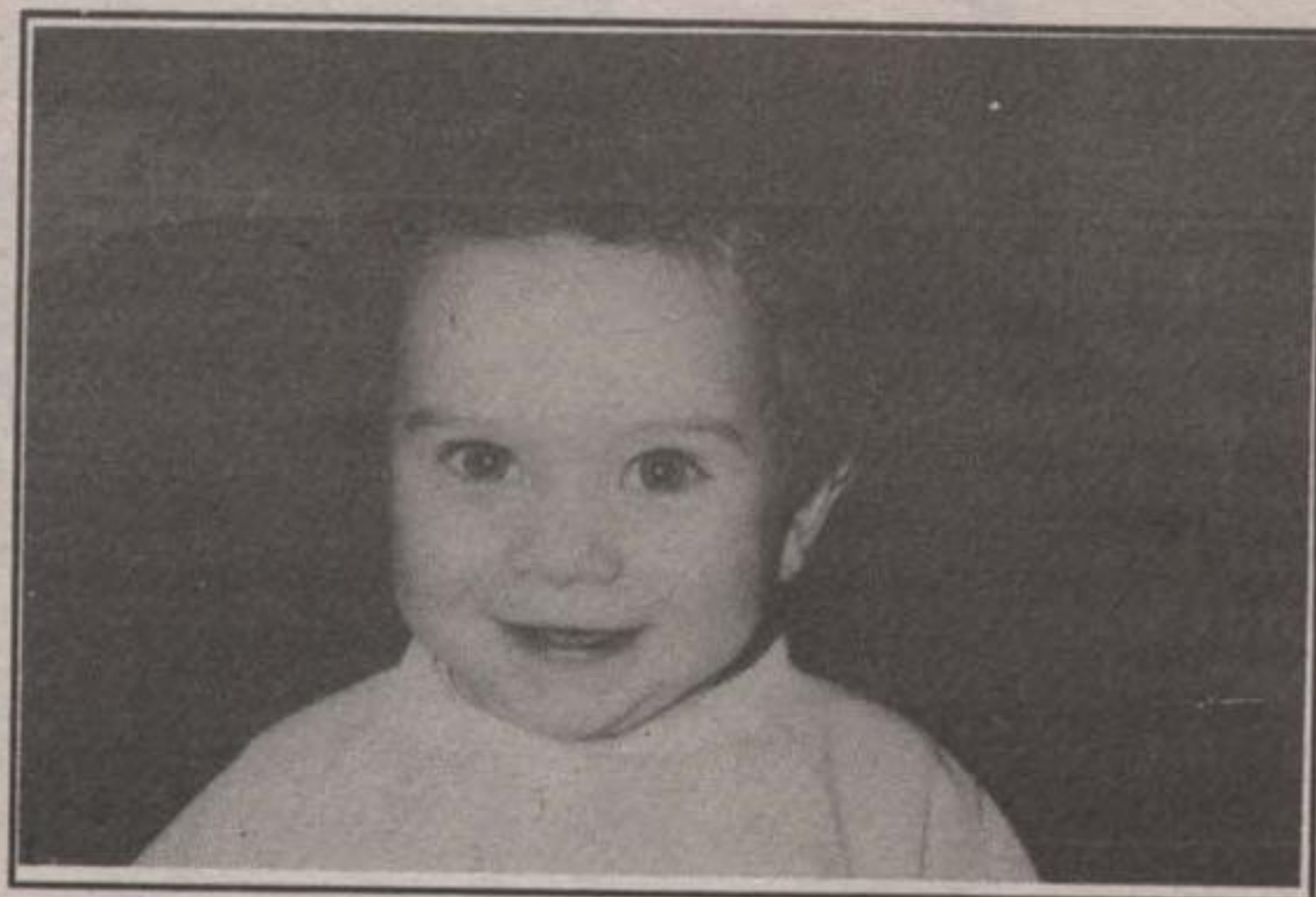
Over 80 per cent of Acton property owners face changes of less than 10 per cent, plus or minus, while 50 per cent of the properties will experience increases and the rest decreases.

In Acton eight property owners face a tax increase of 100 per cent while three will see their taxes drop between 75 and 50 per cent. Koopmans said that the as-

essment department is aware there are some anomalies in the figures and is currently identifying those situations and will take a second look at them.

The owners of multi-residential buildings with more than seven units in Acton face a relatively small tax increase while 20 per cent of commercial and industrial properties in Halton Hills will pay less than 10 per cent more this year.

For the industrial properties the re-assessment will mean that for over 90 per cent of them the change in taxes will be less than 10 per cent, plus or minus. Koopmans said that the figures for the industrial tax rates are a little more volatile with more dramatic changes. About 20 per cent of all properties in the commercial class will change by less than 20 per cent, plus or minus. Forty per cent of property will face tax changes of less than 20 per cent, plus or minus and 85 per cent will change plus or minus 50 per cent.

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