

A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT: Dedicated FoodShare volunteers. Left to right, Martha Kelly, Wyman Little, Frank Thompson and Eileen Dix, Acton's food bank, prepare a box of food for a recipient. — Frances Niblock photo

Obituary

Allan Marshall dies at 84

One of the most accomplished hockey players ever born and raised in Acton, Richard "Allan" Marshall died on Thursday, February 12, in Scarborough in his 84th year.

One of the four sons of Earl Marshall, longtime John Street resident, who joined the armed services during World War 2, Allan attended school in Acton and was active in sports. He played junior and intermediate hockey with Acton teams before going to Kirkland Lake where

he played senior hockey with the Kirkland Lake Blue Devils. The team went on to win the Allan Cup, emblematic of Canadian Senior hockey supremacy.

Allan left Kirkland Lake to play defence for the famed Hamilton Tigers, a legend in Canadian Senior hockey. When World War 2 broke out he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he served until the cessation of hostilities.

As a civilian again he became the general manager of

a large plumbing and heating business in Toronto, where he resided.

Allan leaves his wife Helen, two sons John and William and their families, of Toronto. He is also survived by brothers Bob Marshall of Acton, Gordon of Dundas, Jim and Bill (Spike) of London and sisters Ella (Morton) of Acton, Anna (McNiven) of Georgetown. One sister, Charlotte (Holmes) of Acton predeceased him.

A private funeral service was held in Toronto.

Foodshare offers hand up, not a hand-out: organizers

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Organizers of Acton's FoodShare food bank hoped they would be out of business by now, but as long as there are still hungry people in Acton who can't afford to feed themselves, FoodShare remains committed to giving them a hand up, but not a hand out.

FoodShare opened its doors in the fall of 1990 at a time when the recession was in full swing and it wasn't uncommon to find people, mostly young men, sleeping in their cars while they travelled around this area looking for work.

"We don't have many people sleeping in their cars, but we still have a lot of people who don't have enough nutritious food to eat," FoodShare organizer Joan Waldie explained in a recent interview, adding that their goal is to make sure young children don't go hungry.

Last year FoodShare received 21,980 pounds of food from individuals, churches, schools, stores, service clubs and businesses. The bulk of that food was collected during the annual Scout-Guide food drive in November. FoodShare also purchased approximately \$10,000 worth of food last year, with half of the money coming from donations and some from invested funds.

"Acton's FoodShare is one of the best supplied food banks in Ontario. I've done programs at other food banks and they marvel at how generous our community is and that makes me very proud," Waldie said.

Operating out of donated space on Perth Street on a shoestring budget with no paid staff, FoodShare provides clients with the basics. After registering, FoodShare users can visit the food bank up to twice a month to receive food and basic supplies, if available, like toothpaste, toilet paper and laundry soap.

The FoodShare shelves and freezers are stocked with donated and purchased staples and volunteers fill boxes with supplies for clients who must submit some financial information to show that they are eligible to receive the food. FoodShare clients are able to use chits to get milk at Acton IGA and baby formula at Glenlea Drug Mart. Although there are no statistics on misuse FoodShare volunteers said that they don't believe that many people who don't need the food visit the food bank.

FoodShare board of directors chair Arlene Humphreys said they hand out about 75 hampers of food each month and continue to see two or three new food bank users each week, some of them on a temporary basis.

"I'm concerned that we are still getting new people all the time — things are supposed to be getting better. We seem to be getting people who are unemployed for a short period of time and a lot of younger people who can't find jobs," Humphreys explained in a recent interview.

FoodShare treasurer Eileen Dix said they are attempting to set up relationships with other groups, like the Salvation Army and

youth employment programs to help work at the root of the problems that cause people to need food banks.

"Instead of just doing this band-aid help of giving food, we want to cooperate and work with other people to help people in any way we can," Dix explained in an interview on Friday.

"The concept that I think of is the name FoodShare. What that says to me is that people want to share with those who are less fortunate. I find the donating or the charity idea is demeaning but when you just want to share your good fortune with someone who is in a less fortunate situation, that's how I think of FoodShare," Dix said.



LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197

By MIKE MANUEL

How many times have you heard the word free only to find there's a catch? Well here's one with absolutely no catch.

On March 25, 1998 Pete Turkosz has arranged for a free bus trip and a free buffet to Casino Rama. All interested parties are to sign a registration list at the branch. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and will return approximately at 6 p.m. Good Luck.

On July 18, 1998 we will again host the Toronto and Region Chapter of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Comrade Frank Spielvogel has

advised me that he has 100 tickets only to their barbecue. Tickets will sell for \$12.50 each and be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. If this year's reunion is anywhere near last year's then you are in for an absolutely excellent time.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:
March 29 — Anniversary Dinner. Tickets \$5 each. Time 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

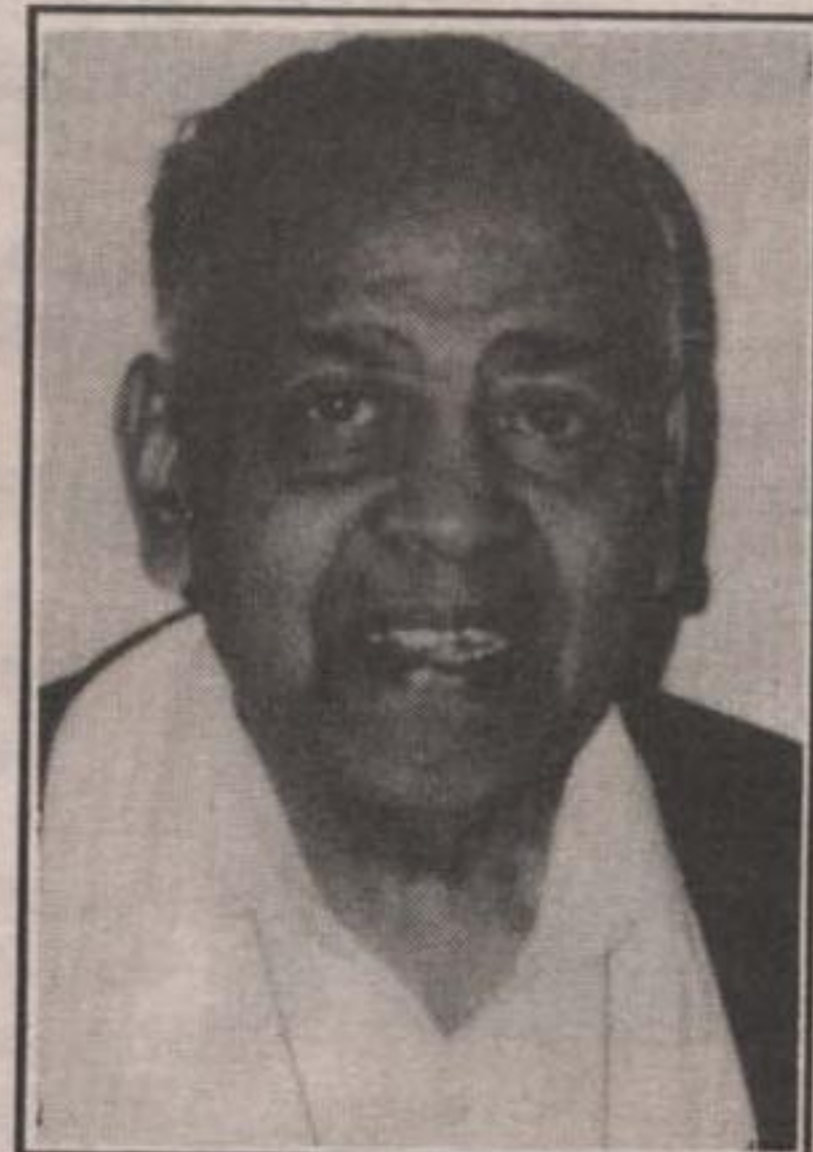
April 4 — Easter Ham Roll
April 17 — Karaoke Dance
May 11 — Election of Officers. Dinner tickets \$5 each. Starts sharp at 7 p.m.

ASSIC Alert

Appointments are available for the Income Tax Clinics at both offices of Halton Hills Community Support and Information. The Acton Clinic will be held on March 23, 24, 25 and 27. A pickup service is also available for those who are unable to get out to the clinics.

The income tax clinics are open to singles and seniors with low incomes. For singles, their income level must be below \$19,000 and for couples the income level must be below \$25,000. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple to cover administrative costs.

To make an appointment for the income tax clinic please call Halton Hills Community Support and Information at 853-3310 (Acton) or 873-6502 (Georgetown).



DR. TOM
RAMAUTARSINGH

Recently elected as president of the Halton Superannuated Teachers of Ontario, Dr. (Tom) Ramautarsingh died recently from a stroke. He was only 71 years old. The well-known Halton Hills education oriented from his youth in Trinidad. As a teacher he taught at Lucknow and Georgetown High Schools. He received his B.A. and Master's Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and his Master's of Education degree from the University of Toronto. He played important roles in both universities as a member of the W.L.U. senate and the U of T's College of Electors. Funeral services were held in Waterloo from St. Louis Catholic Church.

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