

Ice time may be in short supply

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hockey, said he expects the Town to try to take some of its 16.5 hours a week ice time this year. The league lost approximately three hours a week to the girls' league last year.

"If ice time gets any tighter we'll have to start refusing kids who want to play because you can't give them

ice time," Hunak explained.

"I'm pro girls' hockey, but if the rink is full you can't have new groups joining up. When I go into these big (ice time) fights I'm always told that I should think of ice users as coming from Halton Hills, not Acton or Georgetown, but it was the Acton house and rep leagues and the figure skaters that

supported the old arena," Hunak argued.

"Nobody wanted to come here until the new arena was built. Is that fair?"

Steve Prentice, president of Acton Minor Hockey Association predicted that the ice meeting "will be ugly."

"I don't think that the youth of Acton should be robbed of their ice time because of growth in Georgetown South. Youth ice time should take priority and if they need more time for the girls' hockey league it should come from either the Georgetown or Acton men's league which has some prime time ice," Prentice stressed in an interview on Sunday.

"If we can't get additional ice time in Acton they're going to force us to go out of town to some place like Erin to try to get ice time and that's not right."

The rep system in Acton had about 19 hours of ice time per week last season.

Figure skaters willing to deal

The Acton Figure Skating Club also wants more ice of the proposed late summer ice time that the Town will put in the Acton arena, if there's a demand for it.

"This will be a battle for ice," club spokesperson Bev Bailie predicted on Friday.

"Last year we were told we had to give one hour, in the middle of our prime-time, to the girl's hockey league and we had no choice," Bailie said, adding that the Town's push for the Acton and Georgetown figure skating clubs to merge wouldn't work because neither is willing to give up its Canadian Figure Skating Association sanction.



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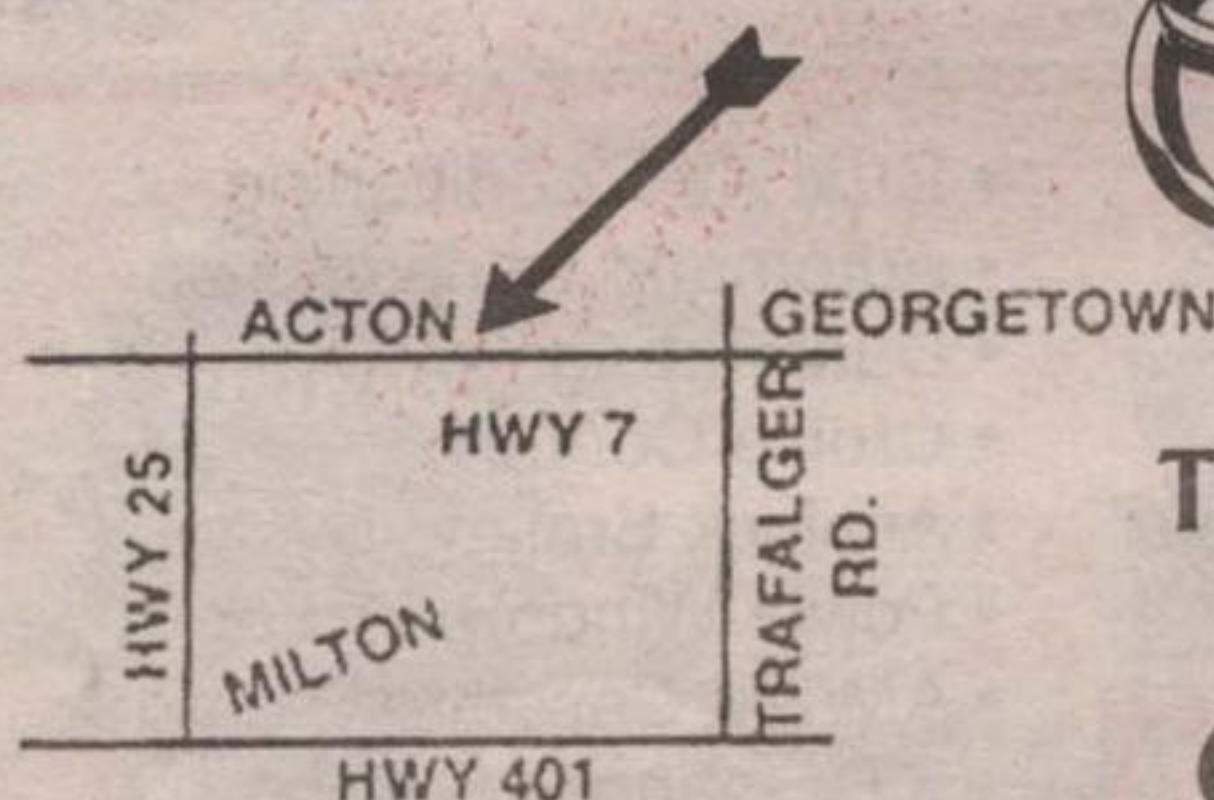


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MAE LAING holds the replacement geraniums for her daughter's grave. "They're not as nice as the other ones," Laing said. - Angela Tyler photo

Flowers, trees are taken from cemeteries

By ANGELA TYLER
The New Tanner

Who would steal flowers from a gravesite? "We won't likely find out," said long time Acton resident Mae Laing, in response to the theft of the flowers from her daughter's gravesite.

On Mother's Day, Laing ventured out and battled the Mother's Day flower buying rush to buy geraniums to plant in front of her daughter Marie's headstone. "They were beautiful flowers," noted Laing.

This past Wednesday she went to Fairview Cemetery to water the flowers and maintain the area. She noticed how well the flowers were doing. The next day her friend, Betty Butler asked her to return to the cemetery after supper to help her. At the

cemetery, Laing proudly asked Butler to take a look at the geraniums she planted. When the ladies arrived, the flowers were gone.

"I just couldn't believe it," Laing said. "Betty said I was just standing there with my mouth open. I have a picture of my daughter in the stone and I was looking at it, but the flowers were gone."

Still in shock over the theft, Laing remains wary about replanting the flowers.

That is not the only theft at the cemeteries. Parishoners at St. Joseph's Church were told Sunday that trees were being stolen from St. Joseph's Cemetery on the Dublin Line. The only burials there now are for families who have existing plots, but the cemetery is kept up and is a sacred place for parishoners.

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