

Christine Kerr at home

Christine Kerr, an Erin Township high school teacher involved in a car accident on Trafalgar Road north of Ballinafad on Nov. 29, has returned home to her parents' farm at R.R. #2, Acton.

Kerr's mother, Pat, says her daughter was discharged from the Toronto Rehab Centre last week and began

therapy with various teams in Brampton and Burlington this week. She is also "walking all over the farm" to regain her physical stamina.

Kerr received life-threatening head injuries as well as several broken bones in the crash.

"She's come a million miles" Mrs. Kerr says.



LITTLE SHOW OFF: Roshelle Hansen, 8, shows her work to Elenor Grammick while Andrew Backman looks on during the Intergenerational Program at Robert Little school last Monday. - Ellen Piehl photo



MARCH, MARCH, MARCH: Ed Footitt marches to the beat during an exercise period at the Intergenerational Program at Robert Little Public school on Monday. - Ellen Piehl photo

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Bells mark IODE's century

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

Hearing church bells on Sunday may not be unusual in Acton but this Sunday there will be an added reason and different timing for the pealing of the bells.

The IODE, one of Canada's oldest charitable organizations, is celebrating its 100th anniversary and asking churches across the nation to

ring their bells at noon to remind residents of the event.

Helen Jocque, regent (president) of Acton Lakeside Chapter, plans to ring the bell at Churchill Community Church and Acton's other churches have been asked to do the honours at their various locations for the chapter.

The IODE began after the Boer War as an effort to support the wives and families of Boer War soldiers, Jocque says. While their men were fighting in Africa these families had little support so wives of their officers appealed to communities across the nation to help them. The first chapter was established in New Brunswick and other chapters followed. The Duke of Devonshire chapter was Acton's first IODE and it sponsored at junior group around 1917 which later became the lakeside chapter. The

Duke of Devonshire chapter folded in the 1980s.

The IODE was originally called the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire and many still abbreviate it with periods. Jocque says the name and periods were dropped many years ago so that IODE is now the organization's correct official title.

The junior groups were originally referred to as Children of the Empire, Jocque says. Lakeside has 14 members and most of them are over 80 years of age, she says. Meetings are held monthly in members' homes.

The organization is still aimed towards charitable efforts. Acton members help with Christmas hampers, support education through bursaries to local high schools and plaques for elementary schools, send money and materials to a native school in Labrador and make items to send to provincial headquarters for inclusion in bales of clothing supplies for developing countries.

The chapter raises most of its funds through its May bake sale and its November bazaar, Jocque says.

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By Joyce Buchanan
Branch secretary
Well, once again I can't complain about the weather. Most mornings the sun is

shining, but we won't talk about that sneaky wind.

A lot of you came to the Branch on Sunday for breakfast and as usual Kerwin and his group fed you well. Seems there was a good turnout of helpers too which always makes the job easier. Kerwin says thanks a lot guys, much appreciated.

Plans are underway for our 70th Anniversary as a Legion Branch. March 25 there is a dinner and entertainment while Mar. 26 there is an open house. The executive is still working on plans.

If you would like to give blood, today (Feb. 10) is the day, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Feb. 12 the High School reunion group is holding a Valentine Dance here. Music is by a former Acton High student, so come and bring your Valentine.

My pet peeve: I need correct addresses and telephone numbers to keep in touch with you. A newsletter will be coming out soon.

Don't forget Wednesday Bridge, Thursday and Friday Euchres. Don't forget your dues; you don't want to be delinquent.

To all who are ill, we wish a speedy recovery.
See you at the Branch.



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