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By Dot Redekop

I have two changes to let you know about. The self-defence course has been changed from Monday, Sept. 25 to Monday, Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m. Bill Riddle will be showing us how we can protect ourselves at home or on the street. Please try to attend. This is for our own safety.

The trip on October 16 has been changed to an Autumn Leaves Tour in the Georgian Triangle. We will go through Creemore, Dunedin, Glen Huron in the Maple Valley and on to Collingwood. We will stop at the candle factory, then on to the Scenic Caves over the top of Blue Mountain. Lunch will be at the Gateway Restaurant. Then on through Thornbury, the Beaver Valley to Eugenia Falls. There will be some time to walk and explore. We leave at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Computer classes are Monday from 1 to 4, Tuesday from 9 to 4, hourly.

The 50/50 winner last week was Barb Crawford. Great Barb, now it is my turn.

The winner of the 50/50 on the Rama trip was May Laing. It gave her a little more to deposit.

The mooners for the month were Mae Milton, Jean Jackson, Theresa Matheson, Shirley Hunter (2), and Mary Papillon.

We are closed Monday, Oct. 9 for Thanksgiving.

We are having a Christmas Bazaar and luncheon Saturday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We could use any donations of crafts you would like to donate. Deadline for donations is Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Art and Edna Gordon mark birthdays, 65 years married

The new millennium has been a banner year for Art and Edna Gordon of Acton with two important birthdays and their 65th wedding celebration.

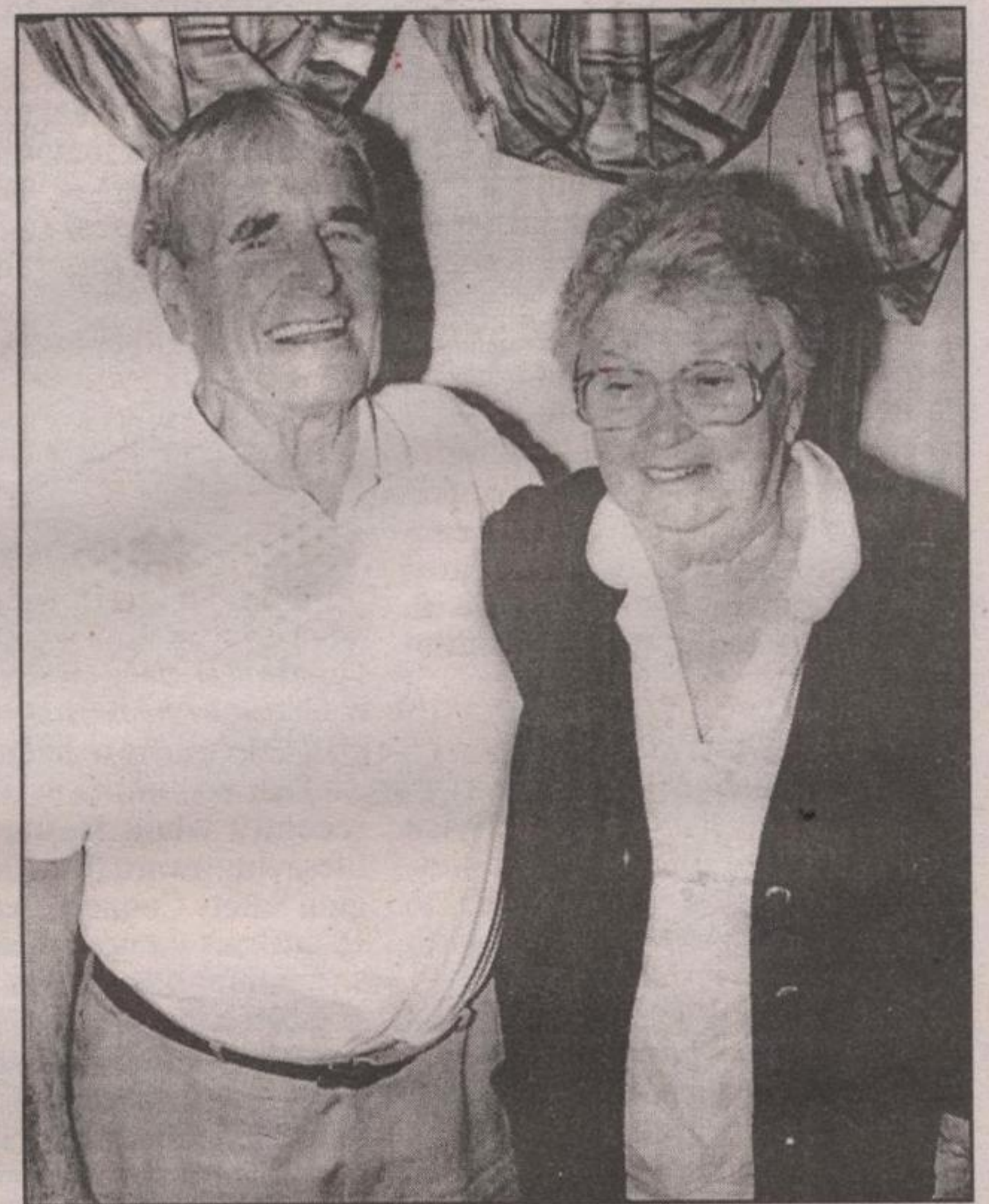
Edna Gordon celebrated her 86th birthday on January 23 while Art had 89 candles on his cake when September 21 rolled around. But the big celebration for both of them was the 65th anniversary of their wedding which took place in Toronto in 1935.

They celebrated their anniversary quietly at the home of their son Don in Rockwood.

Natives of Toronto, the Gordons have lived in Acton for 42 years. Their first move out of the city was to Milton in 1955 when Art worked for his brother-in-law at the Canadian Tire store there.

In 1958 Art opened a new Canadian Tire store in Acton at the corner of Mill and Wilbur streets. He operated the store until 1974 with Edna and members of the family assisting. They became well known in the community and Art was active in the Acton Lions Club until it dissolved.

It has been 26 years since Art and Edna retired to their Elizabeth Drive home where



THE MILLENNIUM has been a banner year for Art and Edna Gordon of Acton. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and enjoyed two milestone birthdays. Art owned and operated the Canadian Tire store in Acton for over 15 years.

they raised two children, Don of Rockwood, and Lynn (Mrs. Tom Fountain) of Acton.

They have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Third grader writes best essay

The following story was the best overall entry in the school children's classes for the Acton Fall Fair. Former teacher, Vivian Smith has awarded the prize for this competition for many, many years.

Mrs. Smith recalls the competition beginning while she was still teaching. A relative of the late poetess Pauline Johnson was anxious to encourage children to write and approached the Fair Board about a creative writing competition. Initially she provided the prize and teachers from various schools judged the entries.

Then the woman died and it seemed the competition might be discontinued. Mrs. Smith, a Guelph resident now, says she offered to provide the prize in order to keep it going and she has been do-

ing so ever since. She has been retired 30 years now, and has been donating a plaque since "quite a while before that".

Sherrill MacPherson who handles the story entries for each of the elementary school classes, says entries are taken to four teachers, three of them retired, to judge. Then the winning entry in each category is measured against the other winner and a best overall is picked. It is this entry which receives the prize. This year the top story was written by a third grader from McKenzie-Smith Bennett School.

The Gecko

Once upon a time there was a gecko named Lizzy Hol-low. Lizzy was strong for a boy gecko his age, but he could not change colour, and his tail had already snapped off once so he only had more life. So

then Lizzy started to look for colours. Lizzy started to climb up a tree, and when he got to the top he asked the sky to give him some colours but the sky said "No! I want to look beautiful!"

So then Lizzy climbed down to the bottom of the tree and found a male bird pecking at the ground. "Excuse me!" said Lizzy. "May I have some colours? Pleeeeeeaaase?" asked Lizzy. "I would but I can't," said the bird. "Why?" asked Lizzy. "Because," said the bird. "Soon the girls are coming back and no one will want me!"

"Yaaaawn," yawned Lizzy. "I want to go home." Lizzy was tired. Very tired, so he went home. When he got home he plopped into bed and he was so exhausted that he didn't even have dinner. Lizzy always had a plan before he went to bed, and his plan for tomorrow was that he would

find some colours.

So the next day Lizzy woke up, had breakfast and set out to find some colours. Lizzy went outside the door, looked for danger, none there so he went over to a tree and asked it, "Will you give me some colours? Pleeeeeease!" "No! I yelled the tree. "I will not!" "Why?" asked Lizzy. "Because" said the tree. "I want to look like a tree not a white stick!"

"Ohhhh!" sighed Lizzy.

So then Lizzy said to himself "Everyone here in the Rain Forest says "no. I'm going to Canada!" and off he went.

It took him 2 days to get to Canada because luckily Lizzy left when people were going to Canada on a plane and Lizzy snuck in.

When Lizzy got there he stepped on the pavement. He walked over to the grass. "Ouch!" cried the grass and the ground at the same time together. "You're hurting us, stop it!" "O.K." said Lizzy. "Excuse me!" asked the grass and the ground. "But could you buy any chance want some colours, because people always step on us and it hurts, so if you take our colours then people won't step on us." "Sure!" said Lizzy. "I've been looking all over for colours!" "Here," said the grass as it handed over all the colours in the world. "Thanks!" said Lizzy. "good-bye!"

Lizzy took a plane back to the Rain Forest and started to walk home. He ate up all the colours and turned the colour of his room.

Lizzy lived a long full life (and never got eaten.)

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