

Acton firefighters battle \$300,000 blaze

The Fire Marshal's office and TSSA are investigating the cause of a \$300,000 garage/workshop fire at 12346 Highway 7 on Sunday morning around 8 a.m.

Acton firefighters responded to a call at 8:07. When they arrived shortly after the alarm they found the structure and its contents full involved in flames. The structure was located almost

directly across from the Cedar Springs Motel, approximately 4 ½ kms east of Acton.

No injuries were reported and the preliminary estimate set the loss at \$300,000. Fire department staff are assisting with the investigation.

Acton firefighters responded to call on Wednesday Oct. 24 at 8:55 a.m. for tanker assistance by Milton Fire Department on 10 Sideroad

which was cancelled enroute. Another call for a medical assest on the Guelph Line the next day at 4:26 a.m. was cancelled by the ambulance upon arrival.

Again on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 9:01 p.m. the local crew responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on the Ninth Line. No cause could be found.









Old town hall gets face lift

Acton BIA's Halloween **Haunted House and Ghost** Walk attracted hundreds downtown Saturday. See photo Page 4



Nine new members join the Legion. Page 9



Rockwood 3-Pitch League winds up season with awards banquet. Pages 11,



Acton High Improve Club is back. See Page 8

POLICE BEAT

Vandalized again

Between October 19 and 22, on three separate occasions, unknown person or persons once again vandalized the Mac MacSween Memorial Garden at Rotary Park. Each time, plants and flowers were removed and scattered throughout the park. Damage is estimated at \$500.

Gumballs gone

On Guelph Street in Georgetown on October 16, a vehicle pulling a utility trailer was stopped by police at 4 a.m. In the utility trailer were several vending machines. Further investigation disclosed the vending machines were those reported stolen locally. Included was a gumball machine taken from the Acton Sobeys at 2:30 a.m. the same morning. The driver was charged with 4 counts of possessing stolen property and 4 counts of breach of probation.



RELAXED RETIREMENT: George Henderson enjoys one of his first issues of Macleans magazine, which he subscribed to for a little light retirement reading. - Justina Pembleton photo

Popular postie puts his feet up

By Justina Pembleton

George Henderson is retiring on Friday, Nov. 2 after 35 years with the Canadian Postal Service, 22 of them in Acton

Henderson is the son of George and Isabel and grew up with three younger sisters on a farm between Acton and Georgetown on Highway 7, across from what is now Country Depot. Henderson

attended school in Georgetown, graduating from Georgetown High School when he began working with the postal service as a letter carrier over Christmas holidays.

In 1972, Henderson met his wife, Sharon through the Acton Junior Farmers and got onto the post office full time as a relief letter carrier in Georgetown, meaning he

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Old lady of Willow St. needs it

by Matthew Reid

Acton's town hall, a landmark for the community since its construction in 1883, is undergoing some intense restoration this fall and into the spring. The building's bell tower, which faces west towards Giant Tiger is being restored to its original condition, including an extended roof which does not presently exist.

"If you look at old pictures of the town hall, there is a very high roof on top of the bell tower," explains Ron Burrell, new chair of Heritage Acton. "We've rebuilt it and we're going to put it back where it belongs.

The building appears to be in good condition for being 124 years old, however, when renovations began on Thursday, Oct. 25, it became apparent that some other renovations will need to be addressed.

"When we started on the roof this morning, we noticed the structural supports of the roof need to be replaced in some places," says Burrell.

Four points on the roof where the original chimneys had been are all rotted. This will push the final comple-

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