

Fifth Citizen of Year Miss Madeline Gibbons Flowers, Plaque Given Popular Nurse, Clerk

A trained nurse whose advice and assistance have endeared her to hundreds, Miss Madeline Gibbons was announced Thursday as Acton's fifth citizen of the year. First inkling of the announcement to come dawned on the popular clerk when, after enjoying the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Legion hall, she spotted in the crowd six nurses from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, where she was supervisor of the nursery for 14 years. Then the cat was out of the bag. Miss Gibbons just a few moments later confirmed her suspicions when he began his remarks with, "It is a real privilege to announce this."

Applause burst out spontaneously. Miss Gibbons was asked to come to the front of the hall while Mr. Benson read the citation (published elsewhere on this page) and when he was finished the 150 there rose simultaneously to their feet applauding in a standing ovation.

Heartfelt Presentations
Mayor John Goy said, "I'm sure I'm speaking for every citizen of Acton when I present this plaque to you. This is a popular and heart-felt presentation!"

A many orchid, gift of the staff at Cooper's Drug Store, was pinned on her dress by Mrs. Benson. Mrs. Bert Hinton presented her with a beautiful bouquet of long-stemmed roses.

The director of education of the School of Nursing, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Miss Agnes Murphy came to the microphone to say, "I am happy to bring greetings and good wishes from St. Michael's. We are six in a chartered bus! Everyone has been saving all week, 'did you hear about Gibbie?' We feel she has been our Citizen of the Year for years." In concluding she thanked Mr. Benson for the opportunity to be in Acton for this special occasion.

Miss M. Berger presented to Miss Gibbons a colorful spring bouquet of red tulips, lily, daffodils and pink mums.

Explained the new Citizen of the Year, deeply moved, "I didn't know one thing about it... I can only say Thank You!" The prolonged applause was vibrant with emotion. Clearly, most had personal memories. There were tears in some eyes at the climax of the excitement.

New Chamber Members
The trust beef dinner in the Legion Hall was served to members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie said Grace and Jim Ledger thanked the ladies. Chamber president Bert Hinton welcomed everyone to "this community night for the whole town." Murray Harrison

introduced the head table, Rev. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mayor Goy, Mr. and Mrs. Benson, Judge and Mrs. George Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton.

Mr. McKenzie introduced as new members Cooper's Drug Store, represented by Mrs. Earl Cooper and Ken Elsley; and Mr. and Mrs. Ken MacKay, he representing the Bell Telephone Company and the MacKay's Fashion for the Young at Heart.

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MISS GIBBONS' CITATION

Announcing the choice of Acton's Citizen of the Year Thursday, Bill Benson read:

"The 1962 choice for the honor of 'Citizen of the Year' is a completely unanimous one on the part of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and we anticipate that the people of Acton and the surrounding rural area will hail the selection of Miss Madeline Gibbons — affectionately known as 'Dean Gibbons' — for this esteemed recognition with genuine enthusiasm and approval."

"Miss Gibbons was born in Acton and is the daughter of the late Thomas Gibbons and Mary June McIntosh. She has three brothers, Nell and Thomas of Acton, and Frank of Guelph, and she had one sister, Agnes, deceased."

"She attended Acton Public School and Acton Continuation School."

"Upon her graduation from Acton Continuation School, she decided to take up nursing as a career. She enrolled in the School of Nursing at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and showed such diligence that she was the recipient of the prize for efficiency in bedside nursing upon her graduation."

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15,000 Babies
"Gibbie," as she was known to her many friends and associates at St. Michael's, several of whom are here tonight to witness this honor being presented, was a valued member of the St. Michael's hospital staff. She served for 14 years as Supervisor of the Nursery, during which time about 15,000 babies were in her care."

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springing as it did from a rich and varied experience within the nursing profession, and these mothers have not ceased to be grateful for her assistance. Dean's willingness to give injections to those requiring the same at the hands of a skilled person has also gained for her a host of thankful friends. And all who know of her constancy and solicitude for her aged aunt, Mrs. Peter Sayers — Acton's eldest citizen — accord her their respectful admiration.

"Nor would this citation of services rendered be complete without mention of the religious welfare work she has done in connection with her church — St. Joseph's, Acton. This has been noteworthy and inspiring to her associates. For two years, she served as President of the Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's parish."

"Hence, in honoring you, Dean, as the '1962 Citizen of the Year,' we of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of this community say 'Thank you' for your many thoughtful services here and elsewhere and we add your name to a growing list of those who have 'served above self'."

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The six staff members from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, who had come to see the honor bestowed on former supervisor Miss Madeline (Dean) Gibbons had a chance to chat with her afterwards when Mrs. Earl Cooper held an informal reception for friends and family after the Chamber of Commerce dinner. The apartment above the store where Miss Gibbons is so well known was full of laughter and talk following the surprise presentation Thursday of last week.

Follow nurses were Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Marcella Berger, Miss Kay Whalen, Miss Adele Johnston, Miss Margaret McCully and Miss Kay McCully.

Telegrams, Letters
Since receiving her plaque, Miss Gibbons has received telegrams, letters "from all over the country" and gifts. She accepts congratulations each day in the drug store.

First Mass at St. Joseph's Sunday morning was said for her and Father V. J. Morgan presented her with a rosary and silver crucifix.

Some of the family put her plaque up for her — in a prominent place in the living room of her Main St. home.

EVERTON
Sudden Death Shock To Family, Friends
Friends and neighbors were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Mrs. William Bruce at St. Joseph's Hospital following an operation. Funeral was held on Wednesday, April 11, from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, Acton, with burial in Rockwood cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Peavoy attended the funeral of Mr. George Watt of Woodbridge, formerly of the fourth line of Erasmus. Funeral took place at Woodbridge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrell and family, Guelph, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fountain and family.

Friends were sorry to hear Mr. Wesley Lillie was taken to hospital in Guelph last week. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bue and family, Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Auld and son, Elora; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morrell and boys, Guelph.

POET'S CORNER
HAUNTING EYES
By Marie Doreen Henry
Haunting eyes, warm and bold,
Magic window of the soul,
Dreams of what we long to be,
Deep within for all to see,
Sparkling like candle glow,
Every thought the window show,
Need not words, nor hidden touch,
Sense of being tell as much.
Birth place of every goal,
Reflected hopes of human soul,
Shining love for someone dear,
Endless river of unshed tears,
Dancing lights of happiness,
Fading embers of emptiness,
Plainer than words in a book,
Fleeting message from a look.

Active Year for Greenock W.I. Mrs. T. Hemsley is New President

The annual meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. Hemsley. Mrs. C. Allan conducted the business and opened the meeting with a poem "On the Banks of the River Smile." Mrs. B. Johnston read the scripture, and the roll call was answered with the payment of fees and a suggestion for next year's program.

The District Director's report was given by Mrs. C. Aitken who attended the spring executive meeting of Centre Wellington District, when plans were finalized for the District Annual to be held in Hillsburgh on May 23.

Active Year
Reports presented by the secretary-treasurer and all standing committee conveners indicated an active year for the branch. The conveners for the Family Night Dinner held at Greenock School were pleased with the splendid attendance and assistance received in making the event so successful.

Mrs. C. Aitken presided for the election of officers. Mrs. E. Patterson presented the report of the nominating committee and the following slate of officers was elected.

Slate Elected
Past President, Mrs. C. Allan; president, Mrs. T. Hemsley; first vice-president, Mrs. W. Butler; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Wallace; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. Patterson; assistant treasurer, Mrs. C. Allan.

District Director — Mrs. C. Aitken; Alternate — Mrs. C. Allan; Board of Directors — Miss E. Pearen, Mrs. G. Wallace, Mrs. W. Johnston; Auditors — Mrs. E. Johnston, Mrs. L. Trussenaar; Pianist — Mrs. B. Johnston; Fruit, flower and card Committee — Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. W. Johnston, Mrs. L. Trussenaar; Courtesy — Miss J. Thompson.

Standing Committee Conveners: Agriculture and Canadian Industries — Mrs. W. Johnston; Mrs. G. Leslie; Citizenship and Education — Mrs. E. Johnston; Mrs. K. Eckrick; Historical Research and Current Events — Mrs. C. Allan, Mrs. W. Butler; Home Economics and Health — Miss E. Pearen; Mrs. L. Trussenaar; Temperance — Mrs. C. Binne; Mrs. B. Johnston; Public Relations and Press — Mrs. C.

Aitken; Resolutions — Mrs. G. Wallace; Safety — Mrs. E. Patterson; Tweedsmuir Book — Miss E. Pearen.

Loyal Support
Mrs. C. Allan thanked the members for their loyal support during her term of office, and wished the new executive every success.

Mrs. T. Hemsley, newly elected president, speaking briefly expressed hope for continued cooperation in all activities in the branch.

Plans were discussed for a paper drive the latter part of April or early May with the date to be announced later.

Biscuits and Pie
Mrs. C. Mapleden, Acton and Mrs. B. Johnston judged the entries for the baking contests with the winners to compete at the District Annual. Winners were tea biscuits first — Mrs. C. Aitken; second — Mrs. W. Butler; lemon pie — first Mrs. T. Hemsley; second — Mrs. E. Patterson.

The hostess and assistants served a special lunch of sandwiches, relishes, tea biscuits, maple syrup, and lemon pie.

Mrs. W. Butler will be hostess for the May meeting convened by the executive and all plants will be the special feature.

Burlington PCs Hear Sandy Best
An enthusiastic gathering of some 75 people in Burlington Lions Club Hall recently heard informal speeches and a panel discussion, headed by Halton's Federal Member of Parliament, Sandy Best, and guest speakers, John B. Hamilton, M.P. (York West) and Bob McDonald, M.P. (Hamilton South).

Mr. Best told the meeting 96 Winter Works projects had provided 40,000 man-days of work in Halton during the past three years. He stated that the Government had taken many strides in various fields, but that in the end, taxpayers must realize that they have to pay for various improvements and services.

Bobby McDonald, former Toronto football player, discussed housing and municipal aid, and pointed out the interesting fact that the Government's funds under the National Housing Act had increased from 100 million dollars to two billion dollars in the past five years. This, plus lower down-payments on houses, had brought about a tremendous surge in construction, the greatest Canada has ever seen.

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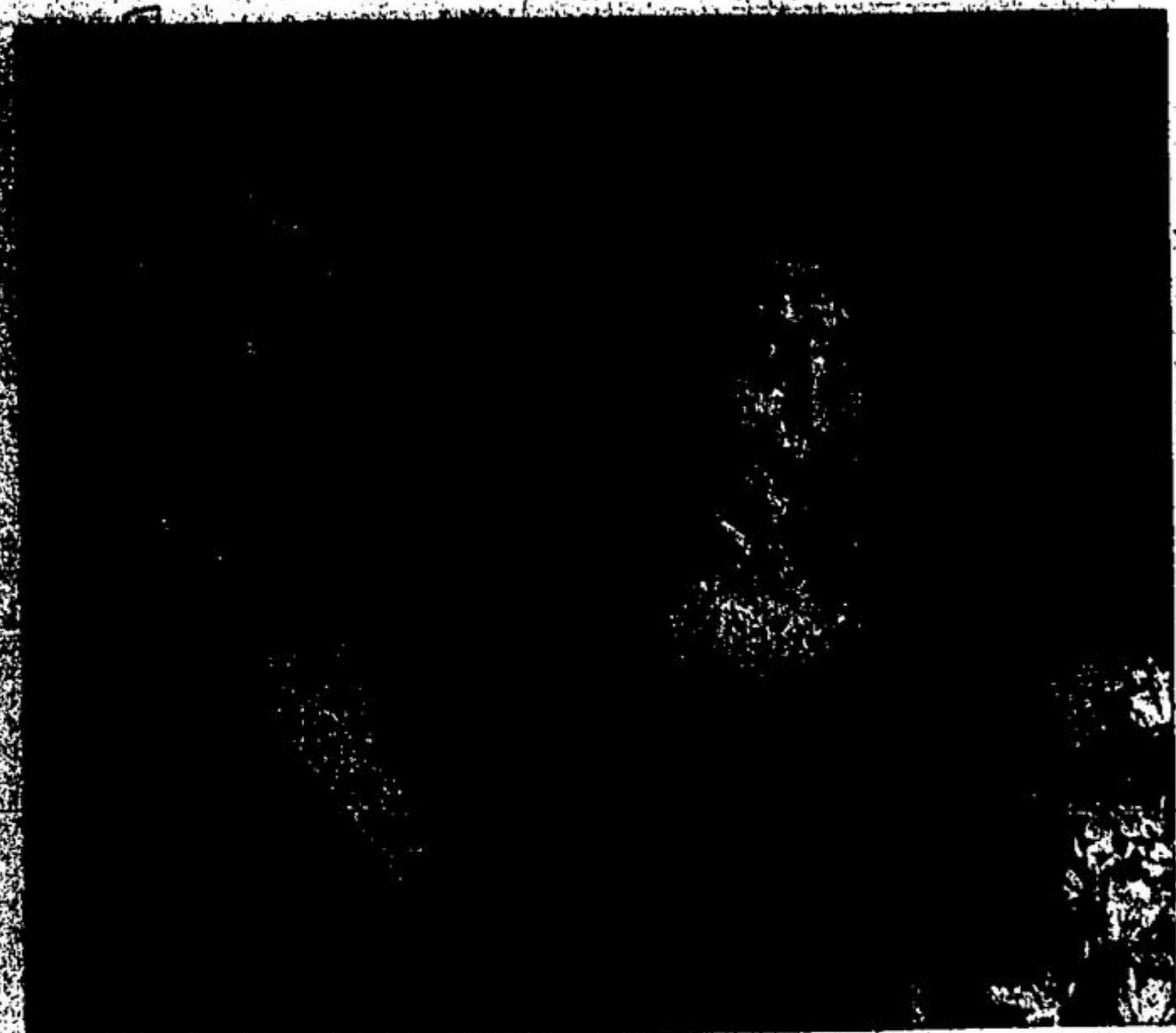
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OLD CHURN
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There will be 220 polling subdivisions in Halton this election, but he hasn't any ideas on the number of eligible voters. That's the enumerators' job, and they'll be busy once a date is chosen by the Prime Minister.

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MILTON'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for 1962, Judge George Elliott, was guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Legion Hall Thursday of last week. He is pictured with Mrs. Elliott who received her bouquet from Mrs. A. H. McKenzie. About 150 attended the annual dinner.

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PROCLAMATION
All citizens of the Town of Acton are requested to observe the period between the following dates for "DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME"
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