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The East Comes West

Oriental Theme For "At Home" Buddha Guards Gay Students

An oriental air pervaded the normally athletic-styled gymnasium at the high school Friday evening as dim lights and soft music set the pace for the annual "At Home."

Theme for this year's dance was "Teahouse of the August Moon" and members of the student council and helpers were busy after school hours and during the Easter holidays painting and arranging novel decorations. Japanese lanterns, hung from the rafters and a large silver moon kept an eye on a pudgy brown and gold life-size Buddha who kept a close vigil on dancers as they entered the gymnasium through make-believe bamboo drapes.

Harvey Smith and his orchestra provided the music for the dancers on a teahouse setting erected on the stage. A hay-thatched wishing-well placed in the centre of the dance floor provided a resting place for the

dream couples who wanted to predict their future.

Receiving Line

Guests and students were greeted as they entered the gymnasium by the receiving line of principal and Mrs. E. A. Hansen, trustee and Mrs. Dwight Engel, Mayor Les Duby, student council president Bonnie MacDougall and escort Terry Hamilton, and student council vice-president Randy Daly and Susan Robinson. Ticket takers at the door were Bernice Benton, Alan Reidt, Brian Scott and John Miller. Coat check attendants were volunteer boys with Steven Dubois and John Miller in charge.

Punch and Lunch

Grade nine and 10 students were hostesses in the home economics room where they served punch, sandwiches and cookies under the supervision of staff member Mrs. Hazel Orr. Heading the girls were Helen Benton and Annette Jensen. Most

of the refreshments were made by girls in their home economics classes. The punch, a special fruit juice concoction, was served in big punch bowls with floating lemon slices.

John Wood had headed the volunteers who made the unusual decorations. Help came from John Ross collegiate student Liz Kirby of Eden Mills who painted the brooding Buddha and sketched the stylized Japanese characters. She studies art in Guelph. Some of her designs were on the guest book made by Bonnie MacDougall.

Barn Fire

Fire destroyed the Erin Township barn of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snow last Thursday evening, minutes after 30 head of dairy cattle were rescued by the owners. Acton and Erin Township firefighters poured water on adjoining buildings to keep flames from spreading but the blaze had gained too much headway before they arrived.

The old farm home and a partially-finished new house were saved as well as adjoining buildings, but grain, hay and numerous pieces of equipment were lost in the fire. Mr. Snow was in the upper section of the barn doing chores and had just returned to the main floor where his wife had finished the milking when the blaze was first noticed.

Out of Control

Mrs. Snow was about to grab pails of water she had been using to wash the milk pails to dash on the fire, when both realized the flames were beyond battling against. They released the cattle from the barn and Mrs. Snow dashed to the house to raise the alarm.

Approximately 500 township residents and spectators raced to the scene to help but could only stand by and see the building destroyed by flames.

Neighborhood women were busy in the farm home kitchen preparing hot coffee and sandwiches for firefighters.

Approximately four years ago the Snows lost a house during a fire. Cause of the Thursday blaze is unknown and damage to date has not been estimated.

Green Section

A clean-up campaign is underway this week, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, council, firefighters and various merchants. See the special "Spring Green" section for a news story and special advertisements.

New School

Equipping township's new Pineview school on No. 10 side road at the seventh line is beginning to materialize. The foundation has been completed and brickwork is to be started soon.

Chamber of Commerce

Name John Goy Citizen of Year

When Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nielsen announced that John Goy was Acton's Citizen of the Year and "never has anybody more deserving received the award," the 109 at the annual banquet last night (Wednesday) rose spontaneously to their feet applauding the popular former mayor who was the "sparkplug" of the arena campaign.

The Chamber's civic committee

chairman, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, read the citation which appears elsewhere in full.

There was a sheaf bouquet of pink and white carnations and rose snapdragons for Mrs. Goy, presented by Mrs. Nielsen.

Distinguished Rank

Acton's fifth Citizen of the Year again found himself speaking in public after many years in public posts here. This time he said he very humbly joined the ranks

of former Citizens of the Year—Miss Madeleine Gibbons (who was at the head table), Arlo Dills, Amos Mason, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and Bill Coon. "To enter these ranks is an honor I will cherish forever," he said.

He assured his friends that each of his successes was due to a team, and many members of these teams—in municipal, recreational and business fields—some who were in the audience.

In the personal field, he mentioned his wife and family.

"The people in this room are the hard core of the citizenry who find Acton a good place to live and work and for their entertainment," he said as he thanked everyone. Another standing ovation saw him back to his chair.

C. of C.-Week

The hot roast beef meal was served by St. Alban's Guild. The annual dinner is the highlight of Chamber of Commerce week each year here.

Chairman Paul Nielsen introduced a new member, Pete Musson. George Musselle led a singsong of familiar tunes, with Ted Hansen playing the piano.

"Singing and laughing aid digestion," Mr. Musselle promised everybody.

Honor Past President

At the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, mayor Les Duby, 1962

Citizen of the Year Miss Gibbons, C. of C. executive members Phil Unger and Murray Harrison, and the guest speaker Ralph Harris.

An innovation was the presentation of past presidents' plaques, which go to Ted Tyler Sr. and Bert Hinton. J. Bert Wood made the presentations.

The change the arena campaign wrought in the attitudes of Actonians was remarked on by Mayor Duby. People thought the goal couldn't be reached...but people did it! "Now we know what kind of a town this is," he declared, "and let's keep it that way!"

Face Ugly Facts

Cold facts were faced when the guest speaker, Ralph W. Harris, gave another address on his specialty, conservation. He is a public relations executive with Cities Service Oil and a civil engineer.

He was introduced by Bill Nielsen, mayor Les Duby, 1962

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Citizen of Year Citation

At the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night, ringing applause greeted the surprise announcement of the Citizen of the Year. The following citation was read by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

"In presenting to you, John Henry Goy, this Citizen-of-the-Year plaque, the Acton Chamber of Commerce seeks to acknowledge in a visible and tangible way the profound gratitude of the citizens of Acton for your countless services to this community as a citizen, a business executive, a sportsman, a civic official and the leader and chief promoter of our most recent successful cooperative enterprise—the financing, building and planning of Acton Community Centre. You are the fifth 'Citizen of the Year', John, and no one merits this recognition more than you do.

"Born in Acton in 1921, early in your life you moved to Preston but still manifested an interest in Acton by visiting your grandparents in the summer months just as often as possible. This interest deepened to the point where you became willing to throw in your lot with this town and you became an employee of the Force Electric Company in 1938. At the same time you joined an Acton hockey uniform, and your dexterity in maneuvering a puck, first as a Junior and later as a member of the 1939 Championship Intermediate Team, was widely lauded.

"When World War II came, you enlisted with the Canadian Army in the 12th Field Regiment, 43rd Artillery Battery, and served your Queen and Country with valour and distinction, being overseas from 1941 till 1945.

"Returning to Acton at the close of the War, you lost little time in leading an Acton girl, Eleanor Jocke, to the altar and in setting up your home here. And we rejoice that your happy marriage has been blessed by the addition of three stalwart sons.

"A year later, in 1946, you purchased the express business of Mr. Fred McCutcheon and have continued from that time till the present to develop that business in a successful way, providing employment by means of it for a number of Acton citizens.

"Having got your trucking business well established, you entered the field of municipal politics and served most creditably on the Acton Council for six years, from 1957 through 1962; two years as a councillor, one and a half years as reeve and two and a half years as mayor. These six years were for you, John, years of strenuous efforts devoted to the improvement of the town, and your fellow councillors testify to the energy, foresight and diligence which you brought to the manifold duties of the several positions you filled in that time. They also affirm that, as mayor, you directed the council with a sure hand, and always represented the municipality in a worthy and dignified manner.

"But this honor is bestowed on you tonight not only because of the services already mentioned, but in a particular measure because of a job well done in relation to the mobilizing of the interest and resources of this community to erect and open our fine new Community Centre.

"You were the 'man of the hour' and you gave to the committee of public-spirited citizens such enthusiastic, inspiring and intelligent leadership that the project could not fail of success. And now, after one and a half seasons of communal fraternizing at the centre, resulting in Acton becoming a friendlier, healthier and more interesting place to live, we unambiguously say 'Thank you, John Goy, for everything' and take pleasure in saluting you as Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1963."



JOHN H. GOY received an enthusiastic standing ovation Wednesday evening when he was named Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Unanimous choice for the citation, the former mayor is shown with his wife Eleanor who received a bouquet of Spring flowers. Mr. Goy is the fifth Acton citizen to receive the award. Former recipients were G. A. Dills, the late Amos Mason, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, William Coon and last year Miss Madeleine Gibbons.

\$3,000,000 Track

4,338 See Raceway Opening Friday

Mohawk Raceway, this area's newest recreational facility, flung open its gates Friday to an appreciation crowd of 4,338.

It was a mixed crowd that braved the chilly night air to come and see the official ribbon-snapping ceremony and the first races at the Campbellville track.

There were the dignitaries—Jockey Club Ltd. higher-ups, mayors and reeves from surrounding cities, and the entire Nassagaweya Township council who came for a 6:30 p.m. reception in the Post-Wow room.

Following the suggestion of public school inspection officer M. D. McDevell, it was decided to amalgamate the previously rural association with the North Halton Urban Association. It was then decided at the suggestion of Melbourne Evans that the new association be named the North Halton Music Festival Committee.

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many of whom had never been at a harness race in their lives; many of them avid fall fair trotting followers; who came to see what the Jockey Club had spent \$3,000,000 and two years of hard work to lay out in their backyard. Most of the villagers from Campbellville were there, and many others from cities and towns and the farm areas around Halton County—all awed at the magnitude of the new track and thrilled to be in on the opening night festivities.

The crowd of just plain visitors showed up in Friday's handle—a meager \$152,152 which is pretty poor for a good night at the track. Yet there were some high prices paid for winners—like the record \$533 daily double and the \$78 Quintola.

Much to the delight of the Jockey Club directors, a bigger crowd of 5,854 turned out Saturday night to toss \$192,349 into the betting machines. Monday's crowd fell to a weeknight figure of 2,303 but the betting was a better—than—average \$122,180. (Weeknight race fans, they find, are hearty bettors and seldom tourists.)

Mohawk stands out as the Jockey Club's newest and most modern harness setup, and it's strictly for the fast-growing harness racing sport. The track and the stables are especially designed for standardbreds. Erected in a rustic, rural setting, a half mile north of the village of Campbellville on the Guelph line, it's a far weather haven for the horses and their followers.

In closing Mrs. Martin noted as we prepare for another year which will bring changes without our association let us strive to maintain, in its highest sense, our tradition of promoting the appreciation of music among the school children of our county.

The financial report for 1962, showed that the Association ended the year with a bank balance of \$376.50 plus a trust fund for \$1,000.

Approximately 8,000 competed in music festivals within the County during the past year.

Bandstand Renovation Asked at Parks Board

Acton's bandstand located in Prospect Park may be in for renovations or possible replacement.

Last Thursday evening a three-man delegation from Acton Citizens' Band asked Parks Board consideration on either having the bandstand enlarged or a new and larger building erected for use by the band and visiting bands.

Board members discussed the proposal briefly with delegates Ted Tyler Jr., John McHugh and Bing Ramsden and suggested a meeting later to consolidate ideas on possible renovations or a new building.

Park Events
Lions Club members Vic Bristow and Murray Harrison were granted use of the park for their annual carnival May 30-31 and June 1. Confirmation was also given to the Y's Men's Club to hold a speedboat regatta in the

park June 15.
Roy Arnott was re-engaged as park caretaker for the season and Monday he began his duties there. The resignation of Joe T. Hurst as board member was accepted following his appointment as joint secretary of both Parks Board and Recreation Committee.

It was agreed to advertise for a park gate attendant and booth attendant and seek names of citizens interested in operating the booth concession.

Two Committees
Two committees were named for the balance of the year. The administration committee comprises chairman Cliff Bradley, Nino Brakda and the new member who will be named at the next meeting to take Mr. Hurst's place. The booth committee will be chairman Mrs. George Frer, H. H. Hinton and Alec Johnson.

Trip in Small Airplane Prize For 12-Year-Old Garry Crispin

Judged the best all-around boy in the Y.M.C.A.'s model airplane club, Garry Crispin was rewarded with a trip up in an airplane with the club's instructor, Peter Puchy, Saturday morning. They went up from Guelph airport in a two-seater Cessna, an instruction plane with dual controls.

They were in Guelph for about 25 minutes with Peter showing the 12-year-old passenger how to operate the controls and

how to make dives and quick turns.
Young Garry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Crispin, was thrilled, but it wasn't his first flight. He has been up several times with his uncle, Don Seddon of Georgetown.

There are six other members in the Acton club, all keen airplane enthusiasts who hope to keep the group going right through the summer.



SHOWING THE REGISTER at the annual high school "At Home" Friday evening are left to right Randy Daly, Jennifer Bagby, Susan Robinson and Daniel Arbic. Theme for this year's dance was "Tea House of the August Moon" and the gymnasium was decorated in oriental fashion with lanterns, a thatched well and a tea house. Fortune cookies were given each guest.

Disband Rural Festival Amalgamate with Urban

The Halton County Music Festival Association held its annual meeting in the T. M. Dwyer school last night (Wednesday) and decided to discontinue the North Halton Rural Music Festival Association. Because of the building of the new Pineview school, it would leave the rural association with only a one room school at Kelso and a two room school at Milton Heights.

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30 HEAD OF CATTLE were saved minutes before flames engulfed the barn on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snow, Erin Township, Thursday evening of last week. Acton and Erin firefighters fought the fire for several hours to keep the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. The entire barn was engulfed in flames before firefighters arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Snow were in the barn doing chores when they spotted the blaze which spread rapidly. Grain, hay and other equipment were lost.