

Jean Hart's Valedictorian Address Given at Commencement Exercises

In her valedictory address, Jean Hart said:

"It is indeed a privilege for me to address you this evening on behalf of the Graduating class of 1963. I hope that I will be able to tell you some of the memories and impressions which came to our minds tonight as we received our certificates.

"The calendar assures us that it has been at least five years since we entered upon our High School careers. When we began, all of us were a little awed by the strangeness of it all. We girls and rugged self-confident boys of upper school. It's strange, though, when we got to Grade 13, we wondered where they had all disappeared. As we became more familiar with high school life, we lost most of our insecurity, but in this case, the familiarity which replaced it, far from breeding contempt, created within us a strong admiration for the school and the principles for which it stood.

"Grade 9 was an immense change from public school. The ideas of rotation of classes, absence, three column cashbooks, and irregular verbs were foreign to us and it took a while for us to adjust. Being 'low men on the academic and social totem pole' was also a new experience for us after we had been the important people in Grade 8.

"The division of Grade 10 into 307 and 312 classes rendered it unrecognizable in our minds. The highlight of that year was Latin and Commercial the only subjects in which members of both sexes were present. Grade 10 we remember too because the new addition to the High School was opened, and our Home Economics classes were moved from Georgetown High School up to the new room provided for them here. A new kind of odour would permeate the halls about half past eleven in the morning — that of cake or pork chops — even when they appeared to a little too 'sooty' — they were a welcome change from the hydrogen sulphide which had emanated periodically from the Chemistry lab.

"Grade 11 brought with it something new — the Ice Carnival. Everyone must surely remember our beautiful snow sculptures which melted in the January thaw. Strange hockey games of mixed teams, played with hocks and a rubber ball instead of skates and a puck, were held on a homemade rink at the north end of the field. The Carnival ended with a highly successful skating party in the park.

"Grade 12 was memorable more for its size than for anything else — there were 40 of us in the one class.

"Our numbers were considerably reduced this past year to about twenty-two of us in Room 205 at the Stone School. School downtown was a considerable change from the old system, and we spent a very satisfactory year there.

"There were some inconvenient accidents of course. The heating at times was unpredictable. There were only two small mirrors for the use of thirty girls at once and traffic jams occurred in the narrow halls. However these were met with the typical good humour of both staff and students. The unusual condition of our exclusion from some inter-form activities and made the Home League of the year before unfeasible. A satisfactory solution (to our way of thinking) for this problem was to have the other grades' committees among themselves, and in Grade 12 play the winner. Our satisfaction in this system lay in the fact that the Grade 12 team, the Cake Ladies, almost always won.

"These years were filled with amusing incidents. We affectionately remember Miss Barber discussing 'Catholics' and other noble Romans' view of women with the short 'Isnt that just like a man?' Mr. Rognyvaldson's 'All Lockers must be locked' will forever ring in our ears.

"The sight of boys struggling with the intricacies of Physics problems, squeamish girls trying to dissect frogs in Zoology class, the occasional frantic copying of homework assignments when everyone, it seemed had taken the night before off, and such familiar sounds as lockers slamming and two minute bells ringing as people sprint for class are all memories from our ordinary school life which will remain with us for a long time.

"We will miss taking part in the traditional activities of Acton High. Many lessons in teamwork and co-operation were learned while making the arrangements for United Nations Days, the At Home, the Christmas Party, and other assemblies and dances. Perhaps here I could also mention a tradition begun just last year — that of throwing the coach, fully dressed, into the showers after a victorious football game. This tradition did not serve to teach us anything, but it does remind us of our high spirits while at High School.

"One could sum up this part of our reminiscing in the manner of newspaper social reporters by saying that a good time was had by all. However please be assured that there was work as well as fun in our days at Acton High. At this time we should consider the more serious aspects of our graduation, and give our thanks to those who worked so patiently with us.

"To our teachers, we should like to express our heartfelt appreciation of their kindness, patience, and instruction. Their interest in us as individuals, and not just as a group, has made days behind us; sadness — because we must leave many of our friends and go separate ways; joy — when we realize the many opportunities for happiness which await us. So now we say goodbye to our fellow students, to our principal and teachers whose kindness and guidance will always be remembered and

appreciated, and lastly, to Acton High School.

"We hope that, wherever we go, we will be a credit to this school. We are proud to say we're from Acton High."

"A deeper imprint on our characters than it is possible to evaluate, hidden at times in class, but they can be assured that they have our deepest admiration in their necessary, and we hope rewarding work. To the staff of our school we heartily say, 'Thank You.'

"Our parents have shown their love and faith in us by their constant encouragement when we felt the way was hard, and when sight of our goal grew dim. Without this encouragement, without this love and faith we could never have kept on striving. We can only thank you, our mothers and fathers, by giving you the promise that we will try to work hard to make you always proud of us.

"The caretakers of both schools deserve a vote of thanks for making these buildings such pleasant clean places in which to work and study. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

"Our thanks also are due the Tutors for their efficient bus service. We town students wish to add our special thanks for the many rides you gave us between the schools.

"To those who are still in High School, and particularly to those who are in Upper School this year, we would like to give a few words of encouragement. We know that the going can seem to get a little rough. But do keep in mind that your teachers and parents are right there up with you. Don't give up. Keep on with the studying and get your year. It's worth all the effort you can put in to it.

"With our graduation from this school, we have closed another chapter of experience. It is with mixed feelings of sadness and joy that we put our high school



VALEDICTORIAN Jean Hart receives congratulations from guest speaker Professor Ralph Dent of the O.A.C., Guelph, following commencement exercises at the high school. Joining in the conversation are left to right, student council president Randy Daly, Prof. Dent, Miss Hart and Principal E. A. Hansen.



Soaking rain sent most of the Halloween callers home pretty early.

After a whirlwind week of renovations, Paul's Ladies' and Children's Wear store opened Friday to startle shoppers.

Various groups of hunters are up north. There will likely be news from them next week.

The Legion's poppy flag is living at the cenotaph this week.

Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey was demonstrating textile design at the Arts and Crafts Demonstration and sale at Caledon Saturday. She comes to Acton Tuesday to speak to Lakeside I.O.D.E.

At their annual meeting, Erin Men's Curling Club talked about the possibility of creating a new curling rink, to be used for curling alone, according to the Erin weekly paper.

The Sea Rangers have gathered old toys to repair for Christmas gifts for needy children. They started to work at their meeting Monday.

Everyone had been hoping for rain — but we didn't mean it to come on Halloween after so many weeks of drought.

Over \$600

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind canvassed for over \$600 this year — about the same as last year — according to Mrs. Tom Shields. Just a few donations are outstanding. There are live blind persons here who benefit directly.

Voters' List

Voters' lists are out. If your name is not on the list, contact returning officer Jack McGeachie.

Personal Notes . . .

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Arbie of Oakville returned from holiday in Miami Beach and Key West, Florida, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Arbie of Oakville spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Arbie, Guelph St.

Principal E. A. Hansen attended the Niagara District Headmasters' Association meeting at Niagara Falls Tuesday.

Mrs. Mabel Symon was able to return home Sunday following a two week period in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Buchanan and Mrs. Shirley Haven of Comber spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott and family.

Visiting here this week with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Sprout, Mr. Sprout and family, was Mrs. Benjamin Franklin of Joiceville.

Friends of Mrs. Alex Near regret that she is a patient in Guelph General Hospital where she underwent eye surgery last Thursday.

Back to Acton for commencement exercises were former Miss May on George Barbeau and Mrs. Barbeau of Toronto. Their daughter, God received her interim date certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patterson and Carol, and Misses Kath and Bella Mave, Roszell visited in Guelph recently. Miss Stewart returned with them for a brief visit before going to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Moles, Downsview. Miss Bella Mave Roszell stayed in Guelph for a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron.

An inter-club visit took eight Y's Men up to Owen Sound for dinner and a meeting Monday. Making the trip were Walter Dubois, Harry Arbie, Guy Ross, Clarence Rognyvaldson, Glenn Banks, John Davidson, John Weldon, and Nels Edwards.

LAC and Mrs. Michael Middleton and baby son, Scott of Summerside P.E.I. are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lidka, on Sunday. Scott was christened during the morning service at Trinity United Church.

Weather-Wise

The weather season is with us. There was snow Friday, sleet Saturday, gloom Sunday, snow and fog ever since. The dry earth is soaking up the moisture and the drought danger is alleviated.

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Large Crowd Attends Firefighters' Ball

Acton firefighters took time out from their busy agenda of training and fighting fires to don their Sunday best and play host to over 200 guests at their annual Firemen's ball in the Legion auditorium Friday night.

Mrs. Annie Mosey won \$10 in the first place draw and Tom Fountain netted \$5 when his name was drawn second. Spot dances were a feature of the evening as guests waltzed to the music of the Modernaires orchestra. Prizes for the special dances were supplied by John Weldon fuel oil supply.

The largest crowd in many years gathered for the outing and time after time additional chairs and tables were added to accommodate the dancers.

Mrs. H. R. Force I.O.D.E. Hostess

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held the November meeting at the home of Mrs. H. R. Force, Miss Malinprize, the Regent, presiding.

A touch and take table was arranged by Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Newton, and an auction staged to clear out remaining articles left from the Treasure Mart.

Mrs. Force, Empire and World Affairs convener, read Bruce West's reports on the separatist question in Quebec, and also the United States' interest in bolstering south-east Asia's fight against communism.

Plans were talked over for a special Christmas meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Beatty.

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