

## Cast of 35 Thrills Full Arena At Skating Carnival on Saturday

A ten-foot high snowman, circling the ice to the delight of the children in the audience of 800, set the theme — Winter is Over — for the "Spring Festival" presented by Acton Figure Skating Club Saturday evening in the arena. Directed by young skating instructors Linda Braida and Sharon Bradley, carnival numbers were fast moving, colorful and full of variety.

The 35 young boys and girls of the club were joined by local guest skaters Sally Wilson and Andrew Drenters, two girls from Guelph who played a bull in costume, and two young champion skaters from Hamilton, Karen Whitfield and Ronnie Shaver.

But for almost the entire program, it was the Acton skaters who took the spotlight — and a big spotlight with shifting, moving colors at that. The ice was specially painted, blue and gold curtains were hung at one end, and colored paper transformed the arena lights into big Japanese-style lanterns in several colors.

Norman Braida acted as master of ceremonies. The music for the entire program had been specially taped and was coordinated by walkie-talkie.

Final skating season for the year is this Saturday morning when there'll be a party for all the boys and girls and their parents. This time, the mothers and fathers are invited to skate with the young stars of the carnival.

Dressed as little dolls were Jeanne Elliott, Kathy Chapman, Diane Buckman, Kim McCristall, Colleen De Bruyn, Becky Blackley, Heather Reed, Susan Pevecha and Donnalee Spielvogel.

On the ice pulled the gay little train, with the boys of the Skating Club dressed as trainmen: Gene Braida, Michael Rippon, Robin Insoce, Peter Arbic and Scott Malcolm.

**Solo, Comedy**

The two teachers, Sharon Bradley and Linda Braida, skated to Blues and Paso Doble and one of the guest stars, Sally Wilson, had a solo, Springtime in Camelot.

Comedy highlight of the first half of the show was a bull fight, pitting Andrew Drenters as the handsome bullfighter against two Guelph girls, Carol Lovett

and Karen Sutherland, in the usually hide of a bull who didn't really want to fight. He preferred to sniff the blossom-decked prop trees.

The dashing gypsies, following Linda Roe and her tambourine to conclude the first half of the show, were Kathy Hinton, Lynn Dunn, Karin Townsley, Linda Perry, Kathleen Dills and Sandra Patterson.

**Second Half**

After intermission, Bonnie Bristow led a group in Jazz — Kathy Hinton, Linda Roe, Lynn Dunn, Karin Townsley, Linda Perry and Cathy Papillon.

Younger skaters re-appeared as Blue Bells, Debbie Papillon, Anita Braida, Heika Bollert, Debbie Hurgert, Susan Hurgert, Patti Dunn, Sandra Patterson and Kathleen Dills.

Water from a hose sprayed the pretty paravols of four young skaters, Dolores Jordan, Patti Dunn, Debbie Papillon and Diane Charette in Walking in the Rain.

In yellow shifts with swinging red ties were the little girls in Tick Tack — Donnalee Spielvogel, Colleen De Bruyn, Susan Pevecha, Heather Reed, Kim McCristall, Becky Blackley and Kathy Chapman.

Red, white and blue middy outfits and pillbox hats were worn by all the girls in Marche Militaire, Bonnie Bristow, Anita Braida, Heika Bollert, Patti Dunn, Linda Roe, Kathy Hinton, Dolores Jordan, Debbie Papillon, Diane Charette, Lynn Dunn, Karin Townsley, Linda Perry, Sandra Patterson, Susan Hurgert, Kathleen Dills and Cathy Papillon.

Andrew Drenters, powned and wiggled, delighted the audience in another comedy number.

**Teachers' Star**

Sharon Bradley's solo was Blue Skies and Linda Braida's Paris in Spring.

Guest star Ronnie Shaver, 1965 Western Ontario Novice Men's Champion, had a speedy solo. A Sharon Man's Fancy, and a duet (Continued on Page Three)



**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** William Middleton and his wife Helen were honored Thursday evening of last week during the annual Civic Night banquet at the Legion auditorium. Mr. Middleton received a plaque and Mrs. Middleton received a bouquet of spring flowers.

## Praise, Plaque, Applause For Citizen of the Year

A little sentiment... some songs... a serious speaker. They added up to another fine evening called "Civic Night" and sponsored for the seventh time by Acton Chamber of Commerce.

About 100 enjoyed the roast beef dinner and program at the Legion Hall Thursday evening of last week.

**Cheers for Billy**

Soon after the dinner, the high point of the evening was reached when Billy Middleton was officially named the town's citizen of the year to the long, enthusiastic applause of a standing ovation (The address, given by long-time friend Tom Watson, appears in full elsewhere.) Holding his engraved plaque and visibly moved, Mr. Middleton exclaimed simply "You wonderful people in my town — I love you!"

A beautiful bouquet of long-stemmed flowers was presented to Mrs. Middleton by Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, wife of the C. of C. president.

With the excitement lulled, the group relaxed to hear the guest speaker and the Royal Canadian Legion Chaplain.

**Pleasant Music**

George Musselle led his group which improves steadily and they presented a program beginning with the new traditional Our Boys Will Shine. They introduced some of their new numbers, repeated favorites and concluded with the very stirring four-part setting of Battle Hymn of the Republic. George Hall is pianist.

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was chairman for the evening's program. The Rev. Dwight Engel said Grace. Mr. McKenzie thanked the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Doug Rogers, repit of Head table guests included Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, president and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, first vice-president Orval Chapman and Mrs. Chapman, Prof. Mitchell of the University of Guelph and the guest speaker, Dr. Mackinnon.

Last year's Citizen of the Year, Miss M. Z. Bennett, was welcomed and received an encore of last year's applause.

**"Our" University**

Future of the new Wellington College of Arts and Sciences in

The University of Guelph was envisioned for the audience by its first dean, Dr. M. MacKinnon. There will eventually be 15,000 students in a greatly enlarged campus.

Project Planning Associates of Toronto have a long-range plan for the entire university, built on attractive hills left by the receding glaciers. The central campus will be retained for all the colleges, and, ideally, students should be able to cross the campus in ten minutes. Certain buildings will be replaced by new ones fairly close together. The centre of the university will be for walking only, with buildings nearby ringed with parking areas. "It will be a pleasant, green place," he predicted.

**A College's Aim**

Academic program of a faculty just being organized is difficult to describe, he said. Its first function is undergraduate teaching. Facilities will be ready in the fall for more students than likely will register. There will be modern and efficient teaching methods, such as language labs, but "the individuals are what matter."

"We must have good education and self education." A college provides the pace, guidance, motivation and a certain amount of discipline.

Students are idealistic, he said, and will create a "cause" if we don't make one. Their cause should be self education!

"We don't particularly want well rounded students," said Dean MacKinnon. "We want ones with some sharp edges."

The college will lead them to the best ideas, writings and methods. Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded every student with first class honors with other subsidies as well.

A university draws heavily on the region in which it is situated, he feels students from one district shouldn't all go to the same college. "But look on this as your university," he concluded. "Look to us for help and support, speakers and books. We will be responsible as well."

Dr. MacKinnon was introduced by past president and director Paul Nielsen and thanked by Bill Benson, and presented with a gift.

**Citizen of the Year Citation**

At Thursday's Chamber of Commerce dinner, Tom Watson recalled many of the things Billy Middleton has done for Acton. His address, published in full below, brought a standing ovation.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Honoured Guests:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I accepted the assignment of introducing Acton's Man of the Year 1965 to you tonight, in the person of Mr. Wm. (Billy) Middleton.

Billy has been a close friend of mine and my family's all my life. He and my father taught me to count before I started school, playing cribbage in our home. And a couple of years later he saved me from drowning at Huttonville Park. He spent the balance of the day wrapped in a blanket and drove home in a model T Ford.

Billy is a native of Brantford, and was raised in a family of four brothers and one sister. He served as a signaller in World War I with the 71st Battalion, going overseas in 1915, and was wounded and sent home shortly before the end of hostilities in 1918. He met his wife, the former Helen Dutton, while he was stationed

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## District Family On CBC Show

A local family will be shown on television during the popular afternoon show "Take Thirty" on CBC television, channel 6 Toronto, on Thursday, April 22. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, who live on the Esqueving-Nassagaweya town line, were asked to appear in the film with their children and a camera crew arrived at their home about a month ago. The show is at 3:30 p.m. next Thursday on Channel 6. Many friends from the district will be watching with interest.

## J. Bert Wood Sells Business Buys Marina at Port Severn

A long-time boat fancier, J. Bert Wood has sold his insurance business in town and purchased a marina near Port Severn. He leaves tonight (Thursday) to take over the new business.

A resident of Acton the past nine years, Mr. Wood has been prominent in municipal life, having served on council for three years, two as councillor and one as deputy-reve. He also served as secretary of the Acton Chamber of Commerce for four years and was a member of Planning Board one year.

An ardent curler, he has been a member since the Acton club

## Duby Blows Whistle Council Finishes Short Agenda Before End of Second Period

In a regular session with a short overtime period, councillors on Tuesday evening completed their agenda in record time so they could become a part of "hockey night in Canada". Four resolutions were passed at the meeting.

The first authorized the mayor and clerk and one member of each committee to attend the Town and Village section of the O.M.A. convention at Point Edward on May 7 and 8. No. One committee had recommended the attendance of the mayor and clerk only; however, a council amendment authorized one member from each of the two committees to attend.

Another resolution sends centennial committee members to Newmarket for a one-day session on centennial projects.

On June 21-23 at Honey Harbour, the clerk will take part in the clerk's conference. Mayor Duby will go to Kitchener June 27 to 30 for the mayors' and Reeves' conference.

**Parking, Dogs**

Inquiries by members were restricted to very necessary items. Councillor Bill Williams reported complaints of cars parked all day and sometimes all night on the Main street. He recommended parking meters for the downtown area and the subject was sent to No. 2 committee for study.

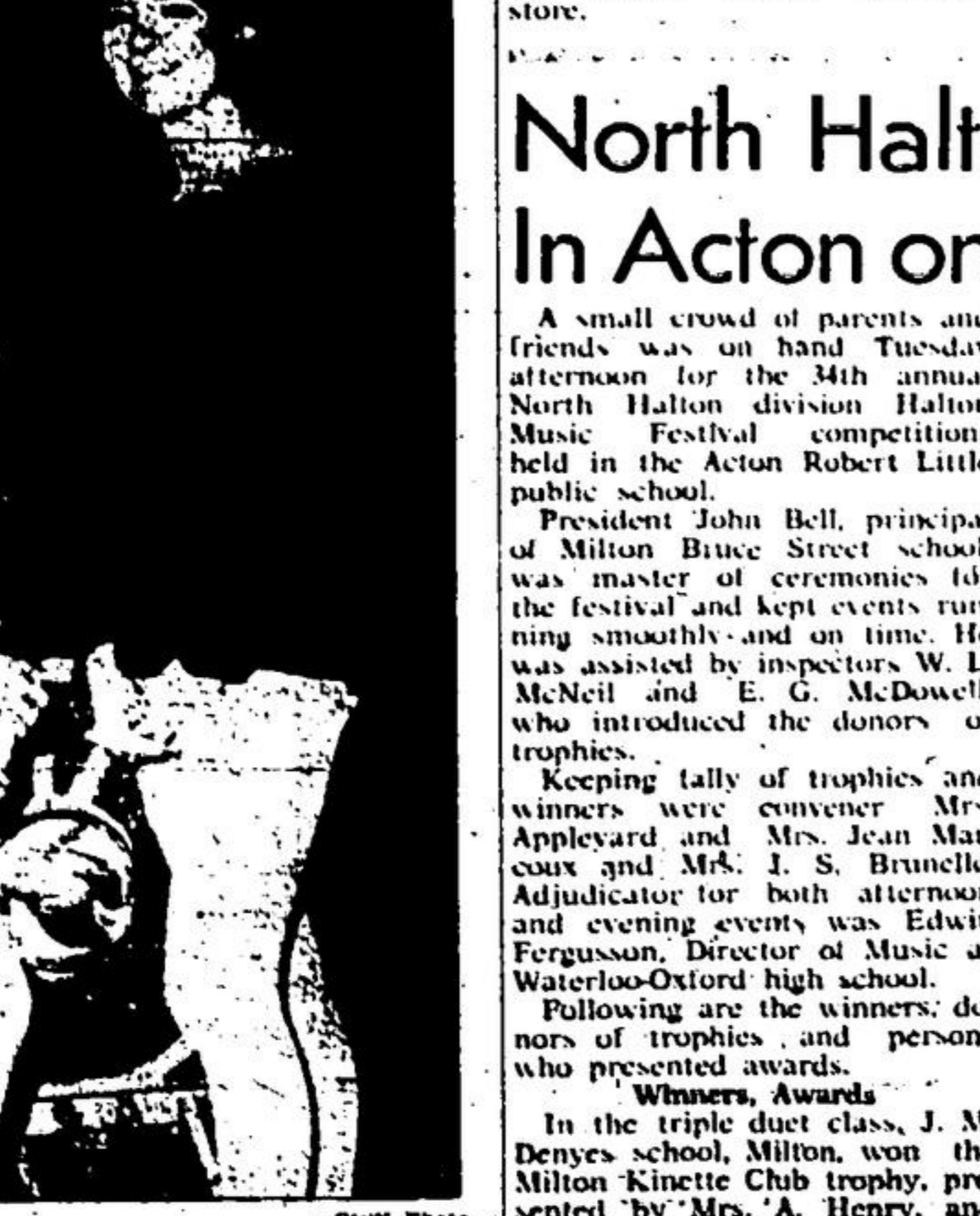
Councillor Ray Arbic gave notice he would like on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the minutes of the March 29 meeting, specifically dealing with the progress payment of the February 23 meeting.

"The dog situation is getting serious. People are afraid to go out after dark," reported councillor Drinkwater in a state of complaints echoed by other councillors.

Reeve Hinton suggested the dog catcher be asked to attend the next No. 1 committee meeting, when the subject can be thoroughly reviewed.

Councillor Ray Arbic suggested that when the planning board has an application for rezoning, the same procedures and notification be given as are required for a committee of adjustment and Ontario Municipal Board hearing. He pointed out he had complaints from property owners who had been notified of the O.M.B. hearing on the Ajax application for rezoning. These people had not been notified of the planning board hearing and they felt it was rather late for them to be getting first official notice of the change in zoning. Council's representatives on the planning board will take the te

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## North Halton Music Festival In Acton on Tuesday, Wednesday

A small crowd of parents and friends was on hand Tuesday afternoon for the 4th annual North Halton division Halton Music Festival competitions held in the Acton Robert Little public school.

President John Bell, principal of Milton Bruce Street school, was master of ceremonies for the festival and kept events running smoothly and on time. He was assisted by inspectors W. L. McNeil and E. G. McDowell, who introduced the donors of trophies.

Keeping tally of trophies and winners were convener Mrs. Appleyard and Mrs. Jean Marcoux and Mrs. J. S. Brunelle. Adjudicator for both afternoon and evening events was Edwin Ferguson, Director of Music at Waterloo-Oxford high school.

Following are the winners, donors of trophies and persons who presented awards.

**Winners, Awards**

In the triple duet class, J. M. Denvers school, Milton, won the Milton Kinette Club trophy, presented by Mrs. A. Henry, and Robert Little school, Acton, received the Milton Bank of Nova Scotia shield presented by William Wood.

In the primary choir section, Robert Little school won the

John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy, presented by Mrs. K. Durman and the M. Z. Bennett school, Acton, received the Acton Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. shield, presented by Mrs. H. R. Force.

The Acton Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. trophy presented by Mrs. M. Taylor went to Milton J. M. Denvers school and the Halton Music Festival shield presented by W. J. Clow was received by Milton W. I. Dick school.

Norval school won the Glen Williams Apple Products trophy presented by Ralph McKeown, and Speyside school received the Mountain Union W.I. shield presented by Mrs. Marcoux.

Campbellville school choir top and evening events was Edwin Ferguson, Director of Music at Waterloo-Oxford high school.

## Two-Car Collision

A car driven by an Acton man, Fred Currie of 33 Eastern Ave., received \$100 damage in a two-car collision on Highway 25 south of Five Sideroad Thursday afternoon of last week. The other car involved was driven by a Hamilton man, who has been charged with careless driving. The second car received \$350 damage.



NOTHING COULD BE FINER for any one man than to find himself surrounded by beautiful girls. Gerry Ockenden was in this position when snapped by the camera during dress rehearsal for the high school play. Left to right are Carol Beatty as Lady Jane, Denise Parker as Lucy the maid, Gerry in centre, Judy Fong as Mrs. Bland and Brenda McKeown as Mrs. Castro.