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Second Section

Saddened by Death

Carol Wharton Dance Recital Fills R. L. School Auditorium

Carol Wharton's dance recital packed the Robert Little auditorium Saturday night, despite the conflicting date with the Lions Show. Arrangements had been made specially so parents and friends could attend both.

Success of the evening was marred by the news of the death that morning of Carol Wharton's grandfather, who had been well, would have had a part in the show. He has appeared here before. He had spoken of "Carol's big show" that morning and expected it would go on.

A guest singer, however, was Stew Ashe, a friend of Carol's who was paralyzed in an accident. Courageously seated in his wheel chair, he sang "In My Father's House."

Tony Vananen, a teacher of steel and Spanish guitar for the Ontario Conservatory of Music, played, and 15-year-old John Redmond played the piano.

Western Theme

The show had a western theme, concluding with a rousing square dance and then all the children on stage to sing the final song "It's a Great Great Country". M.C. was Peter Hannam, Guelph.

Because of her grandfather's death that day, Carol Wharton did not perform her numbers, which included dancing and singing the songs she recorded in England three weeks ago. She appears on Toronto television channel 6 on Thursday on Music Hop to sing her new numbers.

She has taught for several years in the parish hall. She and her mother were presented with bouquets at the end of the program by Barbara Fowler and Bonnie Armstrong.

Ticket sale prizes went to Johnette, Johanne and Cathy Dunn first, Barbara and Brenda McNabb second and Linda Deforest third.

Part and Pretty

Show stealers were The beginners Cynthia Fryer, Bonnie Gordon, Cunnie Gordon, Trudy Tuelbes, Judy Scovne, Ingrid MacColl and Colin MacColl.

Trim and talented, the dancers from Acton, with a few from

Rockwood and Guelph, were Susan Fulkerson, Karen Sanvido, Linda Sanvido, David Cox, Bruce Blacklock, Linda Macerollo, Pat Macerollo, Susan Strubel, Gail Nichol, Mary Ann Waddell, Marlene Brimlow, Johette Dunn, Patry Dunn, Cathy Dunn, Johanne Dunn, Rosalind Hall, Julie Smith, Susan Marchmont, Cindy Lee, Lynn Keith, Elizabeth Hurst, Susan McGilloway, Jo-Ann Wasowicz, Pauline Wasowicz, Jo-Anne Heatley, Linda Reiners, Shelly Wilson, Joy Kenner, Cheryl Hunter, Kathy Wallis, Susan Mills, Susan McPhail, Bonnie Armstrong, Barbara Fowler, Ann Toth, Trevolyn Patrick, Marlene Mathews, Valerie Hall, Penny Jackson, Miki Ridd, Brenda McNabb, Barbara McNabb, Ann Rogers, Susan Patrick, David Cox, Lena Janzon, Muriel Holmes, Sandra Ross, Jean Elliott, Linda Deforest, Cheryl Hackenbrook, David Mills, Kim Kressler, Cindy Lott, Kent Kentner, Cathy Grievie, Susan Jerome, Lynn Nielsen, Cathy Hunter, Judy Holmes, Beverly Dunk, Stephen Vesovic, Athena Meattie, Diane Jucknik and Cheryl Walker.

Fire Razes Shields' Barn Prize Puppies Escape Blaze

A prize Great Dane dog was set free and her three puppies made a last-minute escape from certain death in a fire Monday morning which demolished a barn estimated around \$14,000 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shields, R.R. 3, Acton.

Perishing in the spectacular fire were three head of Black Angus cattle, a number of rabbits and a few hens. Also lost were a number of tools.

Mr. Shields had gone to the barn shortly after 7 a.m. to let the horses out to pasture and feed the other animals. Within minutes after he left to go to work at H. K. Porter Co. Ltd., where he is plant manager, his wife noticed what appeared to be a pall of mist hovering over one end of the barn.

Ran Into Barn

Looking closer, she noticed a ball of flames inside. She immediately ran to the barn to let the animals out. She couldn't open the door into the section where the dogs were housed and ran to another door.

After calling the dogs and noticing the mother following her, Mrs. Shields went outside. Only then did she notice the puppies hadn't accompanied their mother. By this time, flames were shooting out the roof and sides of the building and Mrs. Shields phoned the Acton Fire Department.

By the time the firefighters arrived, only the frame structure remained and the interior was a blazing inferno. A tractor at the side of the barn was partially burned before it was pushed away to safety from the intense heat.

Mr. Shields and the firefighters presumed the three pups had been overcome with smoke and heat as there hadn't been a sound from them inside the building. After the roof collapsed and the lower section was blazing furiously, the pups began to whine and whimper. Only then did anyone realize they were still alive.

The intense heat drove firefighters back when they attempted to rescue the animals and fire chief Mick Holmes procured a rifle from the farm owner in an attempt to put the dogs out of their misery.

Dense smoke prohibited him from seeing the animals until one suddenly crawled out from the fire unhurt. Firefighters and spectators began calling the other two frantically to come out. A second crawled out and as the fire chief was ready to take aim at the third, firefighter Alf Du by rushed into the building, grabbed the pup and brought him to safety. Two of the pups were burned and veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes was called to attend to them. Shortly after, the pups were running around the yard playing. They are being kept under observation by Dr. Oakes.

Fire chief Holmes reported Tuesday the cause of the fire had not been determined.

School Trip

Robert Little grade eight students went by bus to Toronto last Thursday taking in the Parliament Buildings, museum, zoo and circus.



PRIVATE EYE was the theme of the skit put on by a group of girls Saturday evening during Carol Wharton's dance recital at the Robert Little school auditorium. Left to right are Pauline Wasowicz, Patricia Dunne, Brenda McNabb, Barbara McNabb, Susan Patrick and Ann Rogers.



LOUISIANA HAYRIDE was a crowd pleaser Saturday at the dance recital as the youngsters were decked out in cowboy and cowgirl outfits. Kneeling in front is Cindy Lott. Left to right are Kim Kressler, Susan Jerome, Kent Kentner, Cathy Hunter and Lynn Nielsen.

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Nine Confirmed at United Church

Edward Allan Long, Robert Charles Hart, Dorothy Roberta Thompson, Gail Catherine Reid, Paul Youngblut, Sharon White, Marilyn Ann Kirkwood, Lois Margaret Kirkwood and Mrs. Joan Mason were confirmed Sunday morning at Trinity United Church, Acton, by Rev. Dwight Engel.

A reception was held in the evening when the new members were guests. Two presentations were made from the Session to current Session members, Robert Stierritt who has moved to Georgetown and Norman Fryer who is moving to Guelph.

Mr. Stierritt's mother, Mrs. Matilda Stierritt, was given a life membership in the U.O.W. by Mrs. E. Lidka and Mrs. D. Engel. Gerald Stierritt and Dorothy Stierritt were given hymnaries by Roy Knappton, the choir president.

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