

# Elmer Smith honored by Y's Men during ladies' night in Guelph

Acton Y's Men's club used the occasion of their annual ladies' night at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, to honor a man, as well as to honor the ladies, and to toast the conclusion of another year of service.

Elmer Smith, popular and respected principal of the M. Z. Bennett public school, was the surprised recipient of gifts from the Y's Men, from fellow teachers, and words of praise and appreciation from all at the delightful dinner and dance in the posh Elizabeth Room last Thursday evening.

First part of the program took the form of a regular Y's Men's dinner meeting with president Garnet (Pat) McKenzie in the chair for the last time. Lorne Doherty was fines master and he and fines collector Rick Coe had their work cut out for them with irrepressible Y's guys like Clarence Rognavaldson, Bill Wilson and Harry Arbie.

The hilarity was capped when Y's Men Stu Cowan and Clarence Rognavaldson called on district governor Doug Copeland to step forward.

There, in front of the 70 guests, they gowned "Copie" in suitable surplice, cape and over-size mortar board to hear an address from an illuminated scroll read in the original Latin by Y's Man Rognavaldson and translated by Y's Man Cowan. Needless, to say, much was lost

in the translation.

The scroll, from the University of the Upper Niagara Escarpment, was presented to the district governor in honor of a recent trip to a real convocation where he received his B.A. degree.

Following an original and humorous toast to the ladies by former Y's Man Charlie Kirkness, in which he went back to Genesis and the beginning of things, Y's Man Norm Turner led in a sing-song, accompanied by wife JoAnne at the piano.

Harry Arbie stood up then and announced the Y's Men wished to recognize a top notch Y's Man, "a man who does a good job and no one ever hears a word about it," a man whose work in the Y.M.C.A. might even surpass his work with the club, a quiet, unassuming individual who helped carry the club over difficult times.

He called on Elmer Smith to step forward and Y's Man Ed Leatherland came bearing gifts of a desk lamp and a set of gold cuff links. The entire assembly stood to give the popular Acton teacher an ovation.

"Elmer came to Acton from Alton in 1943 and we thought he only had lips for a horn, but the presence here of a family proves otherwise," said Y's Man Arbie as he introduced the entire Smith family, present as their father was honored.

Mrs. Smith was presented

with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Sally Wilson, and chairman Pat McKenzie introduced the Smith family, in order.

Slightly embarrassed at the adulation and completely surprised "Smitty" was called back to the floor again to receive gifts of a desk set and book-ends and an expression of thanks from Stu Cowan on behalf of the staff of the M. Z. Bennett school, where "he made working a pleasant task".

Greetings from International Y's Men's clubs were brought by district governor Doug Copeland to his home club. "We are gratified that the club honors a fellow Y's Man," he said, adding that "seldom has a man been more deserving than the man we are honoring tonight".

Representing the Rotary club, high school principal Ted Hansen voiced greetings from the Lions to the Y's Men's club and expressed felicitations to Y's Man Smith. "He holds a position of great respect in Acton and fills it well," said the Lion chief.

Y's Men's founder Bill Benson congratulated the club on choosing Mr. Smith for recognition. As school board spokesman, trustee Benson commended his work at the school and said the honor couldn't happen to a better guy.

Former public school board chairman Tom Watson "now graduated to high school" said he could think of no one more deserving than "Smitty" to honor at a banquet.

Acton Citizens' Band president Ted Tyler Jr., speaking off-the-cuff, recalled the many tasks "Smitty" did in the band. "First he was a trumpet player, then librarian, then secretary, then caretaker, and even fire-fighter," said the band head.

Long-time friend and musical associate, Johnny Tocher expressed his delight at being part of the night to honor Mr. Smith. He wished Elmer and his family the very best and ended with the hope they will be around "for a lot of years to come".

Lucky draws were won by Mrs. Bill Wilson and Mrs. Hartley Coles, and before Y's Man Bill Melles was called forward to receive the gavel from retiring president McKenzie with a charge he was "railroaded", Mr. McKenzie presented cigars to the year's three stars, Stu Cowan, Ed Leatherland and guest of honor Smith.

Dancing to music recorded by Harry Arbie wound up the evening.

## Free Press personals

Mr. Lorne Mullin is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

The Golden Age Club members were guests of the Guelph club Tuesday afternoon.

Bruce Andrews is home now from Seton Hall, South Orange, New Jersey.

Mrs. H. Helwig and Mrs. J. Inglis have returned from a pleasant trip to Washington, Williamsburg and other places of interest.

Friends will be pleased to learn Mrs. Jimmie Louttit is recuperating at home after surgery in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Tom Lynch and Mrs. Henry Wissenz held a shower for bride-to-be Miss Jean Hart at the Lynch home, attended by neighbors and choir members of Trinity United church.

Jo Ann Force spent last weekend in Kingston and attended the graduation week ceremonies at Royal Military College, as the guest of F.O. Jim Pfaff, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Force attended the graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 27.

The Rev. Dwight Engel and lay delegate Clarence Gamble are this week attending the meetings of Hamilton conference of the United Church at the University of Waterloo. Sessions continue from Monday until Thursday evening.

Milton Ball, agent in training at Denny's Insurance Agency, leaves today (Thursday) for a three week insurance agents' course in Seattle. The course is held at the head office for General of America insurance company. He leaves by plane.

Mr. Robert Landsborough left Malton on Saturday for Sweden on a two months' vacation touring European countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones attended the graduation ceremonies at Western University, London, on Saturday when her brother, Lieut. Commander Andrew Nicol, received his Master's degree in Business Administration.

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie and M. M. Coles are attending the 92nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada in St. Andrew's church, Toronto, this week until Thursday of next week. Mr. McKenzie is attending as one of the four minister commissioners from the Presbytery of Brampton and Mr. Coles is an elder commissioner.

Miss Susan Corless, daughter of former Acton residents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Corless, graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Honors History, from Western University, London. She is just back from a holiday in Nassau. Her father was accountant at the Bank of Montreal here at one time, and is soon expecting to move as manager from Goderich to Campbellford. Mr. Corless and daughter Susan visited briefly in Acton with relatives Monday.

Rameses Temple Shriners from Kitchener and through eastern Ontario were joined by representatives from Buffalo and Detroit during the spring ceremonial held at the Phys. Ed. building at Guelph University on Saturday. Attending the ceremony from Acton were Dr. A. J. Buchanan, R. H. Elliott and Neil Bowles. Following the ceremony in the afternoon, Shriners paraded through Guelph and enjoyed a wind-up banquet in the evening.

Overlapping of services could be curialed. With a central organization, fewer cases would be overlooked.

There could be a depot of clothing.

There could be central information on articles, being saved by the different groups.

Organization, naming of an executive and provision of lists would initiate the council.

Pointed out Mrs. Dwight Engel, cases would not likely be many. However, not infrequently persons have no idea where to find help, paid or unpaid, in a small town.

Arts graduate

Mrs. J. Hueniken of Guelph has received the degree of bachelor of arts at the 12th convocation of the University of Waterloo. Mrs. Hueniken, who is the mother of a seven-year-old girl and six-year-old twin sons, attained first class honors. She will be on the teaching staff of the Acton District High School, after attending summer school at OCE, Toronto.

It was agreed the services, many now provided by separate groups or individuals in a haphazard way, would be given by a possible Council of Women only following the request of a welfare officer, public health officer, nurse or minister, or to a service club.

Acton lacks service from the Red Cross, Victorian Order of Nurses and Visiting Homemakers, which are available in larger centres.

While it was generally agreed that the group would have to begin in a very small way with completely volunteer work, a wide variety of possibilities was discussed.

Prime thought was the provision of essential services to people in need of help including home nursing, homemakers, emergency help or temporary baby sitting, following a sudden accident or tragedy or prolonged illness.

A master list of women who are willing to canvass could be maintained. As it is, various groups make their own contacts.

Money-raising events could be scheduled so they do not conflict.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

**OVERSIZE MORTAR BOARD** was presented Y's Men's district governor Doug Copeland at the Y's Men's ladies' night. After graduating from the University of Waterloo May 24, the school teacher was capped and gowned again by his club associates, including incoming president Bill Nellis and past president, school principal G. W. McKenzie.

### F.O. Jim Pfaff, Jo Ann Force To marry at Dwight June 18



Flying Officer Jim Pfaff and Jo Ann Force will be married Saturday, June 18, in Stewart Memorial Church, at Dwight, Muskoka.

Son of Flight-Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert W. Pfaff, Ottawa, Jim Pfaff received the degree of Bachelor of Science and his commission in the R.C.A.F. from the Hon. Paul Hellyer, minister of defense, at Royal Military College, Kingston, on Friday, May 27.

Mrs. Pfaff is the former Kay Chapman, daughter of Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mill St. and the late Mr. Chapman.

Dr. Omand Solandt, chancellor of the University of Toronto and chairman of the Defense Research Board, gave the convocation address. A trooping of the color preceded the convocation.

After graduation, Jim and Jo Ann attended the wedding in the R.M.C. chapel of friends from Victoria, B.C.

Jo Ann, a student at Waterloo University College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Force, Acton.

After their marriage, the couple will live in Manitoba, where Jo Ann expects to continue her studies.

### Record crowd roller skating

A record 183 attended roller skating last Saturday evening at the community centre. As was expected, attendance was down considerably on Thursday and Tuesday.

Roy Goodwin of the Sports Corner made arrangements to have more skates available to rent when the popularity of the new sport became apparent.

### Two hours of freedom

## Second escapee is captured

Halton's antiquated County Jail on Brown St. in Milton lost another inmate Friday afternoon — the second escapee in the past 10 weeks — but his freedom was short-lived.

Police from Milton and several district forces converged on a small bush at the southeast end of town and arrested the man just over two hours after he fled the jail.

A quick-thinking Milton resident who noticed the man run across the Sixteen Mile Creek near the sewage plant, and an off-duty O.P.P. officer who captured the suspect with only one warning shot, were praised for their efforts by Milton Police Chief Ray Andrews who led the search.

Police said Charles Joseph Kenny, 26, of Hamilton, apparently escaped from the jail around 5:30 or 5:45 p.m. Friday. He was one of two men charged with breaking into the Campbellville Gravel Supply Co. near

Campbellville and had been committed to trial at the next County Court session which begins June 6.

Jail officials refused to comment on how the escape happened, but reports indicated the prisoner broke down a heating pipe from the ceiling of his cell and used it to pry apart the window bars. This gave him access to an outside courtyard where he scaled a high board fence unnoticed, in broad daylight.

Robert Morley, Commercial St., Milton who was eating supper at his home, saw a man running along the creek bank near the town's sewage disposal plant and, unaware of the jail-break, thought the matter was worth investigating. He notified neighbor Tom Dube, an O.P.P. constable, who in turn notified Milton Police and went out with his .22 rifle to search the area.

Chief Andrews and Const. Ted

### District cubaree Saturday at Elora

About 200 Cubs are expected at Elora Gorge park this Saturday for the Georgetown district cubaree. A full pack of about 35 with leaders will be attending from Acton. The district includes Norval, Georgetown, Glen Williams, and Ballinafad as well as Acton.

The boys will go by chartered buses about 9 a.m. The morning program includes tramping nature trails; then there's lunch in the pavilion followed by games and races in the afternoon. The Acton boys have been practising for races this week.

Acton has a crest to submit in a contest coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the cub movement. The winner will be chosen Saturday.

### Making turn cars collide

Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment laid charges against an Acton area driver following an accident on Main St. N., Sunday, May 29.

A car driven by John Raymond Fabian, Acton, proceeding north on Main St. N., about to make a left hand turn onto Elizabeth Drive was in collision with another northbound car driven by Dirk Jansen, R.R. 3, Acton which was following.

Damage to the Fabian vehicle was estimated around \$150 and to the Jansen car around \$100.

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