

# Crowd packs school auditorium sees dancing youngsters perform

When Carol Wharton's dance pupils staged their annual June recital Saturday evening, it was again a family affair for the pretty, peppy dancing teacher. Her father, Hugh Wharton, acted as master of ceremonies. Her mother, who assists and plays the piano at the classes, was a dedicated co-director.

In other years her brother, who passed away just before last year's show.

The Robert Little auditorium was jammed to the doors with parents, friends and mosquitoes for the enjoyable program which featured gay costumes, lively music, some singing, "but—best of all—children whose talent and charm was a foregone conclusion with the partisan audience. They loved everybody, and the children loved their own dances and costumes, so naturally the evening was a splendid success.

Pleasure was married, however, by the intense heat in the auditorium, and the droves of mosquitoes sailing in the screenless windows. And then the curtains wouldn't pull, the microphone failed for a while, and there were a couple of little mistakes.

But the show went on, and the show was fine.

Beside dance routines, most of the students learned tap exercises steps, modern jazz exercise steps and acrobatics.

Tapping the opening welcome were Susan Drysdale, Jane Withers, Jollette Dunn, Cindy Lee, Rosalind Hall and Julie Smith. These same girls appeared later in Foggy Day, in striking black and white mod outfits.

Patricia, a cha-cha, was smartly danced by girls in glittering silver, white and cerise, Susan McPhail, Susan Mills, Barbara Fowler, Ann Toth, Trevolyn Patrick, Susan Patrick—and Ann Rogers. This septet came back for Cinto de Mayo, wearing huge sombreros and Mexican ponchos as they swung to a South American beat.

"Super . . . supercall . . ." that song from Mary Poppins. The children, who could not only sing all the syllables but dance all the steps, too—well, ALMOST all the steps—were Ingrid MacColl, Colin MacColl, Judy Scoyne, Janice Lacey, Shelly Wilson, Kathy Wallis and Cheryl Hunter. The youngest fad, Colin MacColl, just about stole the show when his earnest deliberations concluded with a grandiose bow.

Ingrid, Colin and Judy came back later in pert green and red outfits to tap with both hammers and toes, The Little Shoemaker.

Janice, Shelly, Kathy and Cheryl were back later in the show to do Chini Chim Chere in charming turn-of-the-century pink costumes.

First term dancers Trudy Toebes, Jennifer Krapek, Emily Hodgson and Carol Ann Marzo, in trim red and white, danced Sentimental Journey, mounting their glossy red suitcases for some of their steps.

The Man with the Golden Arm turned out to be three girls with gold raincoats, black tights and spay-type sunglasses. Linda Reiners, JoAnne Heatley and Susan McGilloy did the modern jazz number. They appeared again with painted faces in Doll Dance.

The littlest pupils, who just started dancing two and a half months ago, showed the exercise steps which all the children learn first. These four-year-olds couldn't decide whether to watch their own dancing feet, Carol Wharton in the wings, or look in the audience for their mothers. Getting one of the biggest rounds of applause for the evening were Bev Taylor, Lee Anne Clarke, Judy Cornfield, Wendy Titus and Debbie Neely.

Bolting out Take Me Out to the Ball Game in a combination song-dance and action number were first term dancers Carol Ann Lewis, John Scoyne, Valerie Struthers, Susan Bruce, Karen Barber and Kathy Robinson.

Dressed as nurses to hand out that Spoon Full of Sugar were Cindy Lott, Cathy Hunter, Linda De Forest, Muriel Holmes, Heather Higgins, Jean Elliott and Lena Jensen.

They appeared again in Little Brown Gal in swaying grass skirts with a Hawaiian number.

Several students from Rockwood and Guelph, who take lessons in Guelph, took part in the show.

Lazybones was danced by 3, 4 and 5 year olds Beth Graham, Lynne Mellor, Paula Struthers, Alison Bruce, Timmy Brain, Tammy Fahrman, Sandra Kingsbury, Tim Kingsbury and Connie Taylor.

Me and My Shadow was danced by Gail Nichol, Mary Ann Waddell, Marlene Brimlow and Susan Stohl, alternating black and white costumes. They entered as little red Martians.

Hello Dolly and The In Crowd, steps of the twenties followed by modern dance, were presented by David Cox, Bruce Blacklock, Linda Macerollo, Karen Saravido and Linda Savitido.

The Elders and A Taste of Honey were given by Pat Macerollo, Valerie Wall, Penny Jackson, Marlene Mathews and Miki Ridd.

Penny Jackson and David Cox danced a fast Spanish tap, Mombo.

Matadors and even two bulls were applauded: Dianne Jucknic, Cheryl Walker, Andy Lunn, Trudy Lunn, Stephen Vorvis, Paul Vorvis, Linda Parker, Kim Pilkey, Marilyn Jameson and Linda Cox.

Spacemen from out-of-town as well as out-of-this-world were Donna Artuso, Karen Spears, Margit Danyla and Paula Camidge.

Two well known folk singers, Bev Eccles and Mary Lou Wilkie, sang several numbers.

A highlight was Carol Wharton's own dance number, Butterball, and her singing of her two latest records, which she made in London, England, Help Me, and then Our Love. She sang along to the records.

A vase of red and white flowers was given to Miss Wharton and a mum to her mother, by Barbara Fowler and Susan McPhail.

The program ended with all 70 participants on stage singing It's a Great Big Country with all the stops out.

Prizes for selling the most tickets—19 each—went to Jollette Dunn, Debbie Neely and Barbara Fowler.

Appreciation was expressed to the mothers who made the colorful costumes.



—Staff Photo  
**OPENING NUMBER** at Carol Wharton's dance recital Saturday night featured six Acton girls. Kneeling front left to right are Jane Withers and Cindy Lee. Standing left to right are Susan Drysdale, Jollette Dunn, Rosalind Hall and Julie Smith. The Robert Little school auditorium was crowded with parents and friends of the young entertainers.



—Staff Photo  
**PRIVATE EYE TAKEOFF** was depicted by three Acton dancers during the recital Saturday in the Robert Little school auditorium. Behind the dark glasses left to right are Susan McGilloy, Lynda Reiners and Joanne Heatley. The girls were dressed in gold coats and were listed on the program as "Men With Golden Arms".

## On army leave visits friends

On leave from the American army, Mike Ross is visiting friends in Acton for two weeks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Ross, and family moved to New York City in 1960. Mike's sisters are Angela, now 14, and Evelyn, 11. They attended the Robert Little school here.

Mr. Ross worked in the tannery here and the family lived on Main St. Mr. Ross is a mechanic in New York City. Attending high school there was not much different from here, Mike revealed.

He enlisted in 1964 in New Jersey, and is now stationed in New York City at the draft board. His rank is Specialist Fourth Class, which he says is comparable to a Canadian Corporal. He is with the medical corps.

He arrived here Wednesday of last week and reports back June 15.

He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Dick. The two families were friends in Scotland before coming to Canada.

Mike doesn't find much scope for his profession in the army; he's a lady's hairdresser! But he enlisted so his term would be over all the sooner and he could return to his work. He went to the hairdressing school in New York and took special Clairrol courses. After graduating he worked at Inverness in Scotland for a year as a hairdresser. He was born in Scotland and has relatives there.

Mike promised to write the Free Press of any future postings in the army, so his friends here will know what he is doing.

## Four charges laid by O.P.P.

Constable Bruce McArthur laid two charges of having liquor in other than residences last weekend when a Georgetown man and an Eden Mills man were both found to have liquor in their cars.

On Saturday, Constable Merwin Harness laid a charge against a local youth for causing a disturbance with his motorcycle after a Mill St. W. resident laid a complaint.

The same day, Constable Harness laid a charge against a Campbellville area man, after his car was in collision with another vehicle at the Main-Mill St. intersection.

## Bandsmen at CNE for massed concert

Local Lorne Scots Regiment bandsmen were among militiamen from 21 reserve and auxiliary bands participating in the annual massed military band concert at CNE stadium Sunday evening.

Pipe Major Joseph Sellers of Brampton and Drum Major Fin McCullum of Milton led the massed pipe and drum bands—200 pieces—during part of the program as they are senior officers in the Canadian Army reserve.

Both the Lorne Scots pipes and drums and the military (brass and reed) band participated in the concert.

## Two in family legs in casts

Public school caretaker Albert Robinson, who has been unable to work for over 14 months following a freak accident when he broke a bone in his leg, has been working part time at the M. Z. Bennett school refashioning desks. Although he still has his leg in a cast he is able to do light chores.

His wife had an unfortunate accident Saturday when she also cracked a small bone in her ankle, and the two are hobbling around in casts.

## Fair board ladies plan fashion show

The ladies of the Acton Agricultural Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Calvin Aitken on Thursday evening, June 2. Mrs. Walter Linham took the chair in the absence of the president. The minutes of previous meeting were read by Mrs. W. J. McDonald. Business included banners for the fair, and the changing of dates by Ken Marchmont.

Main topic was planning the centennial fashion show. Portraits of the Past, which is to be held in Acton high school on Tuesday evening, June 28.

Ladies of the board will be selling tickets. This is the first show of this kind in this area.

The meeting closed and hostess and lunch committee Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. Morgan Madill served refreshments. Mrs. Ah Robinson was courtesy convener.

## OBITUARY John A. Stewart buried at Everton

John Alexander Stewart, R.R. 1, Guelph, passed away at Guelph General Hospital on June 1. A farmer, he had been in failing health since 1959. He was 74 years of age.

Son of Peter and Margaret Stewart, he was born at Guelph in 1892. He attended S.S. 7 Erasmus school and Guelph Collegiate Institute. He was married at Everton in 1923 to Nettie Abbott who survives him. Also remaining are a daughter, Mrs. W. G. McKeown (Grace) and son William T. at home, and a sister Mrs. Lorne Allan, R.R. 1, Rockwood. A sister Mrs. Walter Gouling and a brother, Thomson Stewart predeceased him.

He attended Everton Christian church.

The funeral service was held June 3 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Russell Legge. Pallbearers were William Lorce, William Jackson, Harry Hortop, Ted Justin, George Mitchell and Murray Stewart. Interment was in Everton cemetery.

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## Make appointments for Esqueing schools

At a recent meeting of Esqueing school board, members learned of a few resignations and additions to the teaching staff.

Ronald Chatten was appointed principal of Stewarttown school to replace Robertson Gibson who is moving to Breslau. Also engaged was Miss Josephine Evers who will teach grades one and two at Norval school. W. F. Sturgess has been hired as full-time principal's relief and Mrs. Helen Cumming as part time principal's relief at Norval.

Principal Ralph McKeown from the Glen Williams school informed board members Sheridan Nurseries had made an offer through manager J. Pokuda, to landscape the school grounds as a centennial project. Board members agreed to finance the cost of labor for the project. Over a hundred evergreens and hedges will be planted. It was also learned the Royal Club tree, which has been designated the centennial tree by the nurserymen's association will also be planted around the school.

The board adopted a policy of offering a three-day orientation course to new teachers engaged who have graduated from teachers' college. Inspector O. W. McDowell suggested the new teachers be sent to a room below the grade they would normally teach in order to be acquainted with the youngsters they will teach in the fall.

It was stressed at the meeting there would be no kindergarten classes opened in the fall throughout Esqueing township schools but plans had been made for them in the future.

The expert driver keeps at least one car length between him and the car ahead for each 10 miles per hour. He allows even more space at high speeds, on slippery pavement and after dark.

## NOTICE

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