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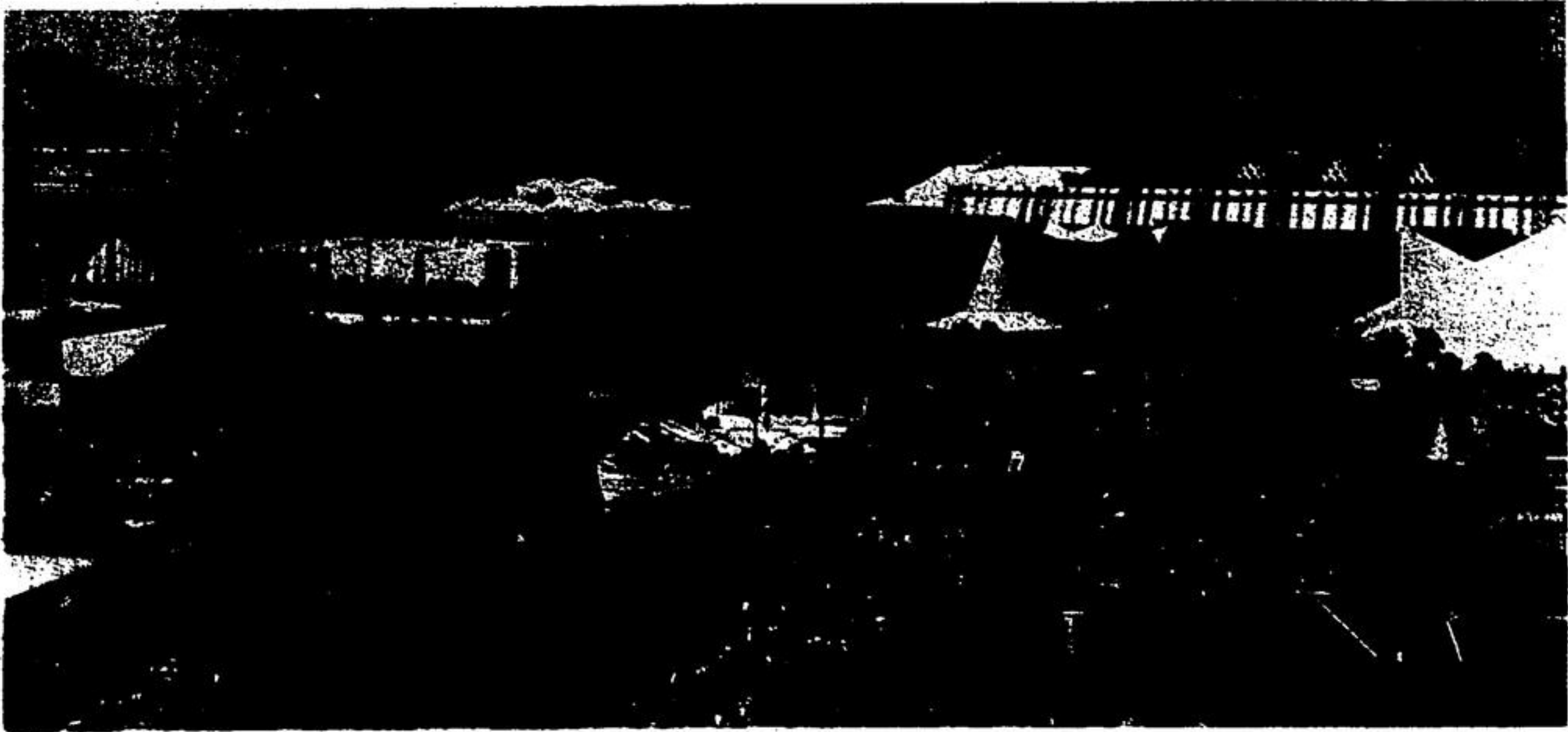
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CHORALIERS BIG HIT AT EXPO 67



THIS VIEW of a corner of the Expo site, taken from the top of the Canadian pavilion gives some idea of its immensity.

You can distinguish the bubble shaped U.S. pavilion, in the distance and the Soviet building upper right. (Staff Photo)

You've got to see it to believe it. It's indescribable. It will kindle pride in your country like you've never felt before.

It's an experience which was shared alike by Acton's singing ambassadors, the Legion Choraliers, and a few friends from Saturday until Tuesday during which they sandwiched three performances for delighted Expo crowds from a band shell on a lagoon.

They came home last night, alighting from Tyler Transport's new highway cruiser at 8 p.m., a tired but happy group who vowed they wouldn't have missed it for anything. They've got a new understanding of Canada and a rich, rewarding experience to carry with them for the rest of their lives.

First to step down from the big bus hung with bunting telling people from Acton to Montreal this was the Choraliers from Acton, was director George Musselle. For him the junket was a marvellous experience and he spoke for everyone on the bus.

Expo, a big sprawling cosmopolitan place hung a huge welcome mat out which embraces peoples of all nations and colors. The Choraliers' three performances — one Sunday morning and two Monday afternoon — were well attended including a few people from Acton and some former Actonians living in Montreal.

Bandshell 'B' is located between the Australian and Indian pavilions with seats running down the bank to a lagoon where the bandshell sits almost on an island. People hung over the balconies of two nearby restaurants and the exit balcony on the Aussie pavilion was crowded with onlookers listening to the Acton group sing.

With director George Musselle and pianist George Hall in white coats and the choir in the gold and black, they presented a striking appearance against the white shell.

They introduced a new wrinkle in their repertoire when Hector Daigle stepped from the ranks and announced the musical numbers in French. Al Lauder made the English introductions and never missed an opportunity to plug Acton.

There were minor annoyances like helicopters flying overhead, Expo Express thundering along behind, ships passing on the seaway but the Acton choir sang better for each performance. Many in the audience waited to greet and con-



UNLOADING THE BUS and who should emerge but Jack Pink with an empty suitcase, charging he was shanghaied. Pinky, an old navy man, was also wide open for a counter charge that he stowed away. Legion lawyers are still working on the case. That's Mr. Pink, second from left. (Staff Photo)

gratulate the singers after every performance and asked for autographs.

Favorite numbers for the crowds seemed to be My Bonnie Lassie, the Happy Wanderer and Herman Freuler's Hymn to Canada.

Composer Freuler was in the audience and he was introduced at each performance. People stayed afterwards to shake his hand when he was identified and asked where they could get copies of his hymn.

For this reporter who made the trip with the Choraliers, along with Herman, it was a perfect setting for the hymn and the Choraliers sang it beautifully.

Band shell director Mr. Carpentier was particularly delighted with the calibre of the Acton choir's performance and was most effusive with his congratulations.

For Actonians there at the first performance, and this included Councillor Charles and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingles, Mrs. Henry Leachman, bus driver Ted Tyler Jr. and Jack Pink, it swelled bosoms. Also there was former Actonian Jim Spielvogel, his wife and family. They live in Montreal.

Jack Pink? How'd he get there? He claims he was shanghaied. The Choraliers said he stowed away on the bus after the roof-raising send-off Friday night at the legion hall.

Almost everyone was there to launch the junket — wives, daughters, friends, Legionnaires, citizens, the reeve, Fred Wright and George Fountain and his band, legion post president Max Storey and a host of well-wishers.

Twelve o'clock, the beginning a new century for Canada was ushered in with a fervent rendition of O Canada. George Musselle's appearance signalled a start for the bus and a rousing rendition of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.

The party went from their to the bus where Ted Tyler Jr. was stroking his new steed. It wasn't long until everyone was on board and with a chorus of Good Night Ladies the trip started with a few late well-wishers chiming in.

Jack Pink thought he'd ride around the block but ended up in Montreal.

"I was shanghaied," said ex-navyman Pink. "You stowed away," retorted gurgling busmates. The case comes to court on the next 100th anniversary party.

Part of the reason for the night ride was a traffic count which said fewer vehicles travel after midnight. But Saturday morning from midnight, the MacDonald - Cartier freeway was jammed with vehicles on their way to Expo. Service centres were crowded and it was next to impossible to get anything more than a cup of coffee.

Bus driver Ted Tyler Jr. made his first official stop near Kingston at 4 a.m. and the service centre looked like Union Station on a holiday. A few minutes there and the bus went on. As the sun came up, the scenic Thousand Islands went by and it wasn't long until we were over the Quebec border.

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Small crowd at county ceremony

Recognition day marks our centennial

Less than 50 people turned out Saturday morning for the County's "Centennial Recognition Day" program in Victoria Park, Milton.

County Warden William J. Coulter and Halton Judge Alan B. Sprague, guest speaker, arrived in an antique two-horse landau, adding a colorfully elegant note to the celebration.

In his opening words Warden Coulter introduced 11 past wardens who had held the County's highest office in other years.

Prayer was led by Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares of Lowville and Nassagaweya Anglican Church and special requests were made for the safety of Queen Elizabeth during her Canadian tour and for world peace.

Guest speaker Judge Sprague re-traced some of the events leading up to the formal confederation of Canada and noted the declaration of Canada's birthdate would have probably been read from the steps of the old court house behind him.

He reminded the audience of the privileges Canadians enjoy, including the freedom to live in a country ruled under Elizabeth II by men elected democratically; and the enormous wealth of natural resources and beauty found in the country.

Crediting the New Year's address of Georges P. Vanier, Judge Sprague quoted the late governor-general as saying, in part:

"The resolution which the Canadian nation must now propose for 1967 and for the century to come, is the unity of

our country. The road to unity is the road to love; love of one's country and faith in its future will give new direction and purpose to our lives, lift us above our domestic quarrels and unite us in the dedication to the common good."

Insurance nil when keys left in parked car

Police warned motorists not to leave keys in their ignition following a rash of car thefts recently.

Acton detachment of the O. P.P. pointed out a vehicle is not covered by insurance if the keys are left in the car. The practice is becoming widespread and offers temptation to would-be thieves.

Drivers should remove their keys from the ignition every time they leave their car, police said.

A benediction was pronounced by Rev. Jeffares in the absence of Rev. D. R. Nicholson of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville.

To the blood-stirring tunes of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band, the group broke off for an informal luncheon and talk under the trees.

Lunch was provided by an Emergency Measures Organization truck and served by Campbellville Women's Institute members wearing old-fashioned dress.

Six injured car in ditch

Six Acton and Rockwood residents, aged eight to 19, received minor injuries early on Monday morning when the car in which they were riding went through a stop sign and into a ditch on the Guelph Line at Eden Mills.

The driver was Frederick Bilocco of 11 Scene St., Acton, who received a cut nose. The passengers included Glen Sutton, 16, who received a bump on the head; Georgina Harris, 13, injuries to the leg; Pearl Harris, 10, a cut nose and mouth; Donna Harris, 9, a cut lip and tongue; and Diane Harris, 8, an injured right leg. All the passengers lived at R. R. 2, Rockwood.

Centennial Progress Edition

Centennial Progress Edition — today's special section of the Free Press. Read how Acton looks to the future.

United church minister Induction service Thurs.

In a formal service in Trinity United Church last Thursday evening, the new minister, the Rev. Gordon Turner, was inducted.

The chairman of Halton Presbytery, the Rev. Jewett Parr of Fort Nelson church in Burlington, conducted the service. Others who assisted in

their official capacities were members of Presbytery, members of Acton and Churchill United church sessions, and representatives from other churches.

The sermon was given by the Rev. Robert Scrivens of Georgetown. Rev. John Staples introduc-

ed Mr. Turner. He was officially welcomed to the church by one of the church elders, Mrs. A. Long. A member of session, Robert Hart, read the lessons.

A reception followed in the church basement when members of the congregation and other Actonians extended their welcome to the Turners.

Mr. Turner replaces the Rev. Dwight Engel, who moved with his family to Orillia. They have a lively baby son.

Mr. Turner went to public and high school in Montreal. He received his B.A. degree from Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, in 1960, in psychology and criminal sociology. For a year and a half he was lay chaplain and psychologist at the boys' farm and training school at Shawbridge, Quebec. Then he entered business, with the Montreal agency of the Mutual Life of Canada.

Later he began studies for the ministry, graduated with his B.D. degree from Emmanuel college, Toronto, in June, 1965.

Mattawa was his first charge, and he and Mrs. Turner have been there for the past two years.

He is particularly interested in youth work and "the preaching ministry". While he was studying he worked during the summers with delinquent gangs in Toronto.

He played college football and hockey, and is now an avid skier.

Mrs. Turner is a nurse. She graduated from the Victoria hospital, London; worked in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; for three years and the Western Hospital, Toronto, for one year, before her marriage.



AT RECEPTION following induction of the Rev. Gordon Turner, young Valerie Irwin shows him her new toy koala bear. Father Ab Irwin was among the many in attendance. (Staff Photo)



STRIKING IN THEIR GOLD JACKETS and dark blue pants are front row, George Hall pianist, Jim McKnight, Gord McKeown, Paddy Dick, Bill Taylor, Jack Cooney, Jack Denny, John Barr, Hugh O'Rourke, Charlie Hubble, Al Lauder, Frank Spielvogel, leader George Musselle; second row Jim Higgins, Ken Papillon, Fred Gordon, Wilf Duval, John Lowrie, Herb Dodds, Vic Patrick, Ray Agnew, Bing Ramsden, Louis Petric, Hector Daigle; third row John McHugh, Tinny Masales, Casper Pauw, Henry Leachman, Gil Malcolm. (Staff Photo)