

Citizens of Year citation praises St. John Ambulance Brigade on Saturday

CITATION

For the eleventh consecutive year the Acton Chamber of Commerce is presenting an award which is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

This year not one but 14 people are being honoured. They are the members of the Acton Combined Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; namely,

ROBERT SPENCER HART
Corps Staff Officer
Horton-Peel Corps

JOHN GEORGE HARGRAVE
Immediate past Divisional Superintendent

KENNETH THOMSON
Divisional Superintendent

MRS GERDA CAMMAN

MISS JACOBA CAMMAN

MARIUS FRANCIS CAMMAN

MRS DORIS LILLIAN COOKE

MICHAEL CONRAD DeJONG

WILLIAM J. WALLACE GORDON

MRS MARIE LILLIAN HARGRAVE

MRS CATHERINE HART

JOSEPH MORE

MISS BELLA-MAYE ROSZELL

MRS SARAH ELEANOR THOMSON



HONORED BY CITIZENS at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and dance Saturday, members of the St. John Ambulance brigade and their distinguished guests pose for the camera. Sitting, left to right, Corps Supt. John Wilson, Staff Officer Robert Hart, Area Commissioner Dr. G. D. Galloway, O.B.E., O.S.F., C.D., M.D., Deputy Commissioner Ont. Council

Mr. Robert Spencer Hart was the first Superintendent of the Acton Division and he served in this capacity from 1957 to 1963. Mr. Hart is now Corps Staff Officer of the Horton-Peel Corps. He was succeeded by Mr. John George Hargrave who served from 1963 to 1967. Both these men are well known to Acton residents and under their able leadership the group has had excellent guidance. Mr. Kenneth Thomson, who was appointed Divisional Superintendent in September 1967, is well qualified to continue and sustain the excellent reputation the St. John Ambulance Brigade has earned through the years in Acton.

The Division maintains three mobile first aid units for use as First Aid Posters part of the service they render on public duties.

Col. H. Lawlor Brown, Division Supt. Ken Thomson, Area Supt. Norm Carlson, past Divisional Supt. George Hargrave, Standing, C. of C. president Paul Nielsen, Wally Gordon, Jacoba Camman, Doris Cooke, Bella-Maye Roszell, Marius Camman, Gerda Camman, Catharine Hart, Eleanor Thompson, Marie Hargrave and Mayor Les Duby. (Staff Photo)

Since the formation of the Division in 1957 they have constantly demonstrated their qualities of good citizenship. These men and women of the St. John Ambulance Brigade have devoted their spare time to making Acton a safer community.

By giving first aid to casualties at hockey games, fairs, and all the other public events they cover, our Acton Brigade is following the long tradition of the Order of St. John which dates back to the Crusades.

The Knights from Christian countries around the world were so impressed by the care given to the wounded by a group known as the Brothers of St. John of Jerusalem that many Crusaders joined the Order and devoted themselves to its works of mercy.

in the gallery, coming downstairs to direct the massed choirs and play the organ postlude. And some of the younger singers had no trouble singing but could hardly walk - they'd been on the Project Acton marathon and were still footsore. One was even on crutches. And one of the youngest choristers, looking cherubic in white choir robe, spoiled the image by getting sick. But his ministering angel really looked the part in a flowing, winglike white gown.

Choral Festival at Knox church has 200 singers in seven groups

An estimated 800 jammed Knox Church Sunday evening for the impressive Choral Festival presented by about 200 singers from Acton church choirs. Extra chairs had to be set up to accommodate the appreciative crowd. The vocal volume ranged during the evening from the sweet, slight sounds of the junior choirs to the reverberating rendition by all 800 of the old hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor. In introducing the program, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie commented that the word of God would be heard and preached through the music. "The greatest instrument of praise is the human voice."

The Presbyterian and Anglican church choirs filled the choir loft, flanked on either side in the regular pews by the Christian Reformed church and Baptist church choirs and the Legion Chorallers. The junior choirs filled the front rows in the centre of the church. The United church choir was seated in the gallery. The Presbyterian choir, with Ted Hansen at the organ, sang The Name of Jesus and Peace, Be Still. The Baptist choir, with Charles Landsborough playing the piano, sang The Power and the Glory and Step By Step. The United church choir sang unaccompanied Give Ear to My Prayer and Go Not Far From

Me. They were directed by Dr. George Elliott. The Anglican choir sang Brother James' Air and Lord, I Believe. Mrs. Frank Oakes played the organ. The Chorallers had their leader George Muselle, recovering from illness, singing in their ranks and were directed by Ted Hansen. Their numbers were Bless This House and The Lord's My Shepherd. George Hall accompanied. Selections sung by the Christian Reformed choir were Hallelujah Christ is Risen and Alone, Caspar Pauw played the organ. There were 45 children in the massed junior choir which sang this joyful Easter Hymn. Mrs. Oakes accompanied them and Caspar Pauw directed. The final selections involving all the singers, brought music from aides, front and gallery for a stereophonic effect. They sang Fight the Good Fight, directed by Dr. Elliott. Before the next program and during the offering, the brass quartette played in the gallery - Jack Holmes, Barry Buchanan, Brian Sampson and Dr. Elliott. Much appreciation was expressed for the excellent program over coffee and cookies served downstairs afterward. It was an active evening for a couple of participants - Caspar Pauw played the organ for the Christian Reformed church, helped direct the juniors and sang in the Chorallers. Dr. Elliott played with the brass quartette and led the United choir

Guitar, accordion students give concert in Guelph hall

About 40 Acton music students took part in the Ontario Conservatory of Music annual concert at the Orange Hall, Guelph, on Monday evening.

The boys and girls have been taking lessons in guitar and accordion in the Y and played their repertoire for a crowd of families and friends. Units playing together were the Acton Guitar Band, Acton Accordion Band, Fergus Guitar Band, Fergus Accordion Band, Guelph and Hespeler guitar comb.

Solos were played by Joe Petric, Clifford Britton, Margaret Wickers, Adole Kressler and Jim Ellis; duets by Bonnie Gillespie and Pat Jordan. The program was under the direction of Ian Leaver.

Life-long resident Mrs. Kenter dies

A well-known resident of Acton all her life, Marion Josephine Kenter passed away April 21 at the Joseph Brant hospital in Burlington. She was a glove maker for 34 years, with Storey Glove and Marro's. The Rev. Laurence Duby, Welland, who at one time was in her Sunday School class, conducted the funeral service at the Rumley - Shoemaker funeral home. She had taught Sunday school at St. Alban's church for many years.

Flower bearers were George Smiley, Charles Sayer, John Goy, William Knight, Ralph McKen and Fred Kenter Jr. Flower bearers were Gary Dawkins, Frank Holmes, Fred Dunn, Jack Johnson, Les Hotchen and Donald Wells. She was born in Acton in 1901, daughter of Norman and Matilda McLeod. Her husband John Wesley (Dang) died four years ago in August. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Ken Marshall (Evelyn) and five grandchildren, John Kenter Jr., Guelph; Cavell, Kenneth, Joey and Robin Marshall, all of Acton. She was predeceased by her son John and two brothers, Charles and Gordon.

She shared the family's keen interest in sports, and had donated a trophy in hockey. She was a member of the Eastern Star chapter in Georgetown and a charter member of the True Blue Lodge, Rockwood and the Daughters of Scotland Lodge, Guelph.

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Others endowed the Order with gifts of land and money and it became famous as an institution devoted to the relief of suffering.

Today we are fortunate to have these modern crusaders contributing so much to the well being of our town.

To be able to give the citizens of Acton the protection of efficient First Aid treatment, these dedicated men and women constantly train in First Aid and Home Nursing and must be re-examined each year to both knowledge and skills to retain their efficient place in the Brigade. The expertise they acquire by this continuous training is used not only to treat casualties but to safeguard them from further harm through unskilled handling.

This is a real labour of love in that all the time they devote to their many activities is voluntary. They receive no remuneration of any kind.

Monies donated to St. John go toward providing and maintaining the equipment and supplies they use and in replacing worn out uniforms.

Two-day seminar held by CORDC

A seminar on municipal government, sponsored by the Central Ontario Regional Development Commission, was held all day Friday and Saturday at Guelph. Acton mayor Les Duby is currently president of CORDC and was very active in the two-day program. Also attending from Acton were Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nielsen and councillor Bob Drinkwater.

The seminar, the first to be held in this area, was considered very successful. The program was under the direction of Prof. Norman Pearson of the University of Guelph and Mayor Duby. Several talks were given during the two-day seminar and one of the main speakers was William Davis, Ontario Minister of Education.

Topics discussed included citizen motivation, functional factors, administrative and economic aspects. The seminar's aims were to promote good municipal government and to provide background for group discussion.

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