

# 1968 playground ends with parade, program at high school

Rain - a weather hazard which has threatened and spoiled playground finales for years - did another job on a decorative and energetic playground effort again this year.

Only two of the six floats on which work was lavished so painstakingly survived a late afternoon deluge, to participate in the annual parade, which this year marched from the community centre to the high school for an unusual closing performance.

The rain didn't daunt playground leaders and children, however. They hastily re-assembled their material and

made out with what survived the buckets of H<sub>2</sub>O.

Spectators lined all along the route applauded the parade, led by a huge banner and as many Acton Citizens' Bandmen who could be assembled in a busy holiday period.

There was another problem. Jeweller Ben Rachlin had donated a handsome trophy for the best float in the parade. "What could they do with it?"

Playground supervisor Don Price and his leaders put their heads together and came forward with an alternative suggestion. Why not award it to the best act

at the program in the high school gymnasium?

They did and that's why Mary Poppins and her cast of itinerant Englishmen, cavorting under the shadow of Big Ben suitably won the Rachlin trophy. Directors and producers of the 10 minute segment of the program were senior leaders Jo Marie Marchmont and Brenda Aherne.

Spectators, who ranged all the way from tots in carts to mothers and fathers were impressed with swinging England as Acton's Petula Clark (Janice Ellerby) led the characters in such ditties as Soper - Call - Frag - Listic -

Expt - All - Dotts, Just a Spoonful of Sugar Makes the Medicine Go Down and others of Mary Poppins fame. Robin Hood, Maid Marian, the Merry Men, Yeomen of the Guard, a pair of Bobbies, the Beatles and a couple of GoGo girls completed the cast.

The judges - Mayor Les Doby and Mrs. Kerwin McPhall - were impressed, too - since the English act got top marks in their book. They thought all the acts were good. Mayor Doby, speaking later, congratulated the entire playground staff for a worthwhile summer program.

One of the highlights of the

evening which was interspersed with snatches of cat calls, much cheering and wise-cracking was the presentation of gifts to all the playground leaders by the children.

Parks and arena manager Harold Townsley, dubbed the Big Blue Blob by wise-crackers, was presented with a crepe cape and coronet. Playground supervisor Don Price made a pretty picture in a similar costume of purple. Jo Marie Marchmont for her part in the wading pool lessons was professed a pair of teeny weeny water wings.

Sports director Paul Cooper,

to deafening applause was presented with a shrunk shirt.

Mary Anne Freuler laughingly received a tiny beach towel and ribbons for her toes. Ellen Wiseman - she accepted a tiny megaphone; Benta Larsen got a tiny trophy; Mark Hurst got a round trip ticket to anywhere.

Square Charles (Tim Coles) got a four square hat; Brenda Aherne, crafts instructor, received a certificate of merit. For her complaints about small cheques, Susan Marchmont got a jim-dandy one signed and sealed on cardboard.

Even park attendant Tom Mc-

Keown was not forgotten. Cathy Krul crowned him - with weeds!

Master of Ceremonies for the hour and a half long program was Don Price. He introduced the leaders, thanked them for their support during the six weeks of playground. He predicted a bigger and better one next year.

Closing of the program was an impressive candle-lighting ceremony, with the lights turned off and dedication recited by Cathy Krul.

Afterwards leaders and all, cleaned up on pop and cookies.



MRS. OLGA KOROL, St. Catharines, reads the proclamation protesting the imprisonment of the Ukrainian liberator, General Roman Schuchewych's son, and commemorating the general's death on the town office steps Sunday afternoon. Helen Holowatyj and Luba Moroz stand with the picture of the Ukrainian hero which was presented to Reeve Hinton, who accepted on behalf of the town.

(Photo by Esther Taylor)

## Present town portrait

### Ukrainian youth declare Russians violate rights

About 60 young people and their leaders from the Ukrainian Youth Camp east of town paraded to the steps of the town office Sunday afternoon to read a declaration and make a presentation to the town.

Reeve Bert Hinton, replacing mayor Les Doby attending the Ontario Municipal Association convention, heard the declaration, spoke in reply and accepted a large portrait.

The group was protesting the arrest 20 years ago of Yuri Schuchewych, son of a Ukrainian independence fighter General Roman Schuchewych.

A large picture of the general outlined in black ribbon with a black bow, was given to Reeve Hinton. The general was killed by the Russian army in 1951.

The declaration was read by camp leader Mrs. Olga Korol assisted by Miss Luba Moroz and Miss Helen Holowatyj, all in camp uniform.

There were many visitors at the camp Sunday, some of them fasting.

The text of the proclamation reads:

"This year 1968, has been declared by the United Nations, 'The Year of the Rights of Man.' We, the members of the Ukrainian Youth Association in Canada protest against the violation of this declaration by the Soviet Union on the homeland of the Ukrainian people.

"The most glaring example of these injustices is the unlawful imprisonment twenty years ago of the fifteen-year-old Yuri Schuchewych, whose only crime was the fact that he was the son of General Roman Schuchewych, Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (U.P.A.) which fought for Ukraine's independence against Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia during and after World War II. Yuri Schuchewych was sentenced without a trial for refusing to publicly announce his father and the idea of Ukrainian freedom. Twenty years have passed and still he has not been released.

"We protest, also, the unjust imprisonment of many Ukrainian intellectuals, writers and students as recently as 1966. Among these, we may cite as examples Wasyly Symonenko and Vyacheslav Chernov, who propagated the rights of the Ukrainian people as a nation.

"At the initiative of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (U.P.A.), the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations was founded at the beginning of WWII. The aim of this organization is the liquidation of the Soviet Russian Empire and the creation of independence and freedom for all nations.

"Therefore, we appeal to all Canadian people and other peoples of the free world to aid us and other enslaved nations to attain our human rights and our rights as independent nations."

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## Councillor threatens to resign about truck

Councillor Bob Lawson, indignation showing, tried unsuccessfully to resign as Esqueping representative on the Georgetown Fire Area last week following charges by fellow councillor Pat Patterson about the condition of the township fire truck.

Mr. Patterson told council at their last regular meeting that he was given to understand the Esqueping truck in Georgetown was in a dilapidated state. He also charged that any work done on the township fire truck must be done in Georgetown, which was tantamount, said Mr. Patterson, to subsidizing Georgetown at the expense of Esqueping taxpayers.

Visibly agitated at Mr. Patterson's

son's insinuations, Mr. Lawson said he would like his name removed from the Georgetown Fire Area committee.

"I've got faith in the Georgetown fire chief," he declared, "and there's been no word from Mr. Lewis of possible defects in the truck. I also feel it is common courtesy for complaints to come through the proper channels."

"If this is the case, it is unfortunate Mr. Lawson takes this attitude," replied Mr. Patterson. "I'll go on record as saying the Georgetown Fire Department is doing an excellent job." Councillor Lawson continued. "I will abide by their decision on the matter and the chief's."

"I've got nothing against the chief or the Georgetown Fire Department but would think we should make sure if the fire truck is in poor shape or not," said Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill, suggesting it would be a poor time to find out at a fire.

Councillor Lawson said he was almost positive that the Fire

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## Car Fire

Firefighters answered a call at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday morning to extinguish a car fire on 25 Highway near town limits.

Greg Middlebrook of Toronto, driving his brother's 1964 Volkswagen, reported he and a companion, Gilles Jodoin, also of Toronto, were driving along the highway when the rear end motor caught fire. Damage was extensive over the motor and wiring as well.

The pair thought they were approaching Milton when the fire occurred.

Acton firefighters extinguished the blaze quickly.

## Cons. R. Wood now with O.P.P.

Cons. Ray Wood has commenced his duties with the Acton O.P.P. this week. He has come here from Downsview.

Cons. Wood replaced Cons. Peter Campbell, now in Burlington working on safety programs.

## Special section on car safety

A special 12-page tabloid section is included in this week's Free Press. The subject of the articles and special advertisements is a timely one - car safety.

Check the list of servicing, hints for women drivers, tips on camping, your "car I.Q." and many other interesting stories. The advertisers include their special services for providing safe and trouble-free driving.



THIS MESS OF SPECKLED beauties, ranging in size from eight to 14 inches, were pulled from a fishing hole within 10 miles of Acton but Ken Papillon, left and his son Steve, right, are keeping the location a secret. Son Richard is just as proud of the catch, made with worms and chub tails, as his father and brother. This is a day's limit for anglers but it took only two hours from the time they left their home on Nelson Court until they returned with the 30 trout. High water, explained Mr. Papillon, and the trout were biting. (Staff Photo)

# Mail volume doubles after postal strike

The mails finally got through - the strike ended - and Acton postal clerks were back on the

job last Thursday at midnight, a few hours after the vote to end the strike was known.

By Tuesday, despite mail volume double the normal rate, Acton postal workers were "right up to date," said postmaster Gord McKeown.

Only a trickle of magazines or parcel post have gone through the Acton post office so far, mainly because there was an embargo on second and third class mail until Tuesday of this week. It was lifted and the first flow moved out late Tuesday afternoon.

Postal clerks here reported the mail became heavy Friday and doubled in volume by Monday.

An estimated 10 million pieces of mail stockpiled across Canada had to be sorted in the first few days following the strike. Post office officials, meanwhile, figure the mails should be back to normal again by the end of this

week and the strike would be a memory.

Postal workers here said the general response they were getting from the public over the strike was a cheery greeting although they admitted a few disgruntled comments were heard.

Although results of the vote on the government offer were

supposed to be secret, it was evident early last Wednesday that many of the strikers would turn the offer down. By late Wednesday evening it looked like the offer would be defeated by a dissent majority.

However, as results kept coming in, it became more and more

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HELEN WOODHOUSE of Eden Mills helped to hawk balloons at the Eden Mills Fun Fair Saturday evening. Hundreds attended the annual event in the Eden Mills ball park. Turn inside for our correspondent, Mrs. Wright's story, and pictures. (Staff Photo)

## Sometimes we MAKE mistakes

Only too often aware of this paper's shortcomings and inadvertent mistakes, it's a pleasure to learn just where we stand in relation to other publications and to our many readers.

This week we are (modestly) accepting congratulations following the Free Press winning two top awards in national newspaper competitions. Many have personally expressed their pleasure at the news and appreciation of the paper. The staff is always happy to hear these comments.

This week two new wood and bronze plaques are being added to the growing collection in the business office. One is for best all-round paper in our class and the other for best front page.

The Milton newspaper under managing director Jim Dills, also placed first in its category as best all-round paper and second for editorial page, to add a plaque and certificate to the display in the Milton office.

A CBC television news interview from Saskatoon one night last week showed a glimpse of the Acton Free Press. A former president of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, John Sancton, spoke with the interviewer and several prize-winning papers were shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dills and Kathleen attended the convention of weekly editors and publishers in Saskatoon when announcement of winners was made.

## Railway locks station here

Acton's C.N.R. station will be closed from August 13 till the 23rd because the C.N.R. claims it cannot provide relief for agent Charlie Perry, away on vacation.

The station is locked and the boys are being held in Cooch.

Speculation is rife that the railway will use the closing as evidence in their efforts to close the Acton station. Some railwayman scoff at the idea that no relief is available for Mr. Perry.