



**HONOR GRADUATES** Edie Hopkins and Glen Holmes scan Edie's graduation diploma after presentation at Friday's commencement. (Staff Photo)



**BROTHER KEITH**, father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porty look over Steve Porty's Family Store mathematics award at Friday's Commencement exercises. Bill Spohar, right, who was awarded the Acton Y's Men's Paul William Alexander award is another interested spectator. (Staff Photo)



**LINDA WOOD'S** Secondary School graduation diploma is admired by fellow graduates Fran Higgins, left, and Britta Larsen at Commencement exercises. (Staff Photo)

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## Ontario Scholar heads 27 grade 13 graduates receiving diplomas, awards at commencement

As the grade 13 awards culminated the program at commencement Friday evening, pretty valedictorian Trudy Morris just stayed on stage to accept a dazzling series of 10, special awards, as well as her diploma and valedictory medal. With high marks throughout all grades and a grade 13 average of 92, Trudy is the top high school

graduate here ever. She's the first Acton student to become an Ontario Scholar, topping the required 80 percent by 12 points. Acton's all-time top graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morris, Elmore Drive. She is now attending Queens University. In presenting her with the

Ontario Scholarship certificate, principal Ted Hansen declared "We are very proud of Trudy."

As well as her diploma and valedictory medal, she accepted a school board proficiency award, Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. scholarship, Dr. D. A. Garrett award in biology, University entrance award, Micro Plastics award in physics, Acton Pharmacy award in mathematics, University Women's Club scholarship, Force Electric award in English, Beardmore and Co. award in chemistry and Ontario Scholarship certificate. Murray Jamieson also accepted several grade 13 awards.

This year's 27 grade 13 graduates—the first under the new system without departmental exams—were Trudy Morris, Murray Jamieson, Brenda Aherne, Constance Coles, Sandra Cooney, Nancy Duby, Helen Galt, Douglas Garrett, Rosy Gathof, Carol Gay, Geoffrey Gay, Margaret Graham, Glenn Holmes, Edith Hopkins, Lynn Johnson, Lois Kirkwood, Chris Kranendonk, Nancy Lauder, Alan McNabb, Franklyn Perry, James Pielh, Robert Radford, Robert Roughley, Anne Shortill, Susan Ward, Jane Wong, David Woodhouse.

A parade of award winners crossed the stage through the 70 items on the printed programs, as about 250 applauded.

The principal and board chairman Duncan Moffat shared the lectern to introduce the winners through all grades. The girls, appealing in short skirts with shining hair, and the

boys in natty suits, accepted a variety of awards for specific subjects, progress, and attendance.

Vice-principal Bray presented the grade 12 certificates, and principal Hansen the coveted grade 13 awards.

Talented accordionist Joe Petric, a grade 12 student, added variety by playing two selections.

Judy Gordon, one of 34 receiving Never Late, Never Absent awards, added her certificate to 10 others. This is her 11th year for the award. Miss Jean Barber, a chapter member and former teacher, made these presentations.

We are beginning to see the results of some of the changes in education, principal Ted Hansen explained as he introduced the lengthy program of awards. The grade 13 course of study now is less rigid, and this has much to be said for it.

The evening's grade 13 graduates are the first under the new system. "We feel they have benefitted from the change." Yet the number of diplomas awarded was less this year, indicating that absence of grade 13 exams doesn't mean the bars have been let down.

Referring to the new board of education, Mr. Hansen said as the smallest high school in the county "we stand to gain."

Refreshments were served in the corridors after the program. Over coffee and cakes, graduates greeted schoolmates and received congratulations from relatives and friends.



**DOZEN PRESENTATIONS** to A.D.H.S. top graduate ever, Trudy Morris, brought congratulations from school board chairman Duncan Moffat at commencement Friday. (Staff Photo)

**Happy day Graduates**  
 Full list on page B4

### Have big dreams - registrar

Look life straight in the eye! We need young people with big dreams!

University of Waterloo registrar C. T. Boyes had an appropriate address for Acton district high school students at commencement Friday evening. A big man six foot, six inches or so—he had a big challenge for the young people.

This is your home ground, and all life is before you. Don't waste a minute. Don't be overcome by fear. We are defeated if we expect not too much, but too little. His illustrations held the close attention of the many students.

parents and friends as he used them to draw challenging conclusions.

A student has three M's to consider a Mate, to love; a Mission, to do; and a Master, someone to follow.

His thoughts were focussed on the second, and how to choose a life's work. Prepare yourselves by giving your best, he urged the young people.

Teacher Ross Lambourn introduced Mr. Boyes, a Bracebridge student who taught at Orillia, and he was thanked by student council president Mark Hurr.

### Season changed-valedictory

"To every thing there is a season," valedictorian Trudy Morris quoted as she spoke on behalf of her fellow graduates. The years at Acton high school were the time to study hard, yet to enjoy yourself; and to appreciate your homes before you are away.

The season has changed now, the top graduate of the school told the audience at commencement.

Wearing a simple short white dress, Trudy spoke simply and charmingly of the past five years.

We were teeny boppers when we came, she smiled. Some of the teachers would have been surprised if they could have foreseen what some of us are doing now!

Our pride in our accomplishments is just one of our emotions. We are a little sad we are no longer part of this school. We no longer have a feeling of being at home.

"I'm glad my family moved to Acton," Trudy declared. She continued by giving credit to the parents who encouraged the students, the teachers, and to the students who make the school what it is.

She was presented with her valedictory medal—her 12th and final award of a presentation-filled evening—by student council vice-president Nigel Scott.



**MURRAY JAMIESON** is congratulated by Legion president Gord James, right, after he received the Royal Canadian Legion scholarship at Friday's commencement exercises at the high school. (Staff Photo)

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