



ST. JOHN VOLUNTEERS work to pry off a car door to reach an accident victim trapped inside. Members of the Acton and Milton brigades combined forces for their first aid demonstration in the Acton arena last Thursday night.

Acton hosts annual inspection for area's seven St. John Brigades

All seven St. John Ambulance Brigades of the Halton-Peel Corps were officially inspected Thursday evening by the area commissioner for Central Ontario, C. S. Simmons. For the first time, the annual inspection was held in Acton in the arena, and an interested crowd of about 200 watched as the 170 brigade members performed the traditional drill of inspection.

Commissioner Simmons took the salute for the march past of brigades and ambulances.

Despite the grey and black of the trim uniforms, the ceremony was a colorful one. Each uniform was accented with sparkling white in gloves and first aid bags. Many of the brigade members had badges and medals for long service. The medical officers in the brigades wore scarlet trim on their black uniforms.

A sharply contrasting block of red and gold, Acton Citizens' Band played for the inspection and march past.

Most inspections see a multitude of flags. Not this one. There was just one small pennon by the reviewing officers, atop a silver standard. It showed the simple white Maltese cross on a black field.

For the general salute, each corps' newly-polished ambulance joined the march past, their red lights flashing.

Commissioner Simmons walked up and down the open ranks of each brigade, pausing to speak a few words to some of the members. He ended the inspection with a handshake and words of commendation, for Bandmaster George Elliott.

In the usual demonstration period, two brigades combined to present three realistic re-enactments of actual accidents. Intrigued members of the audience ringed each demonstration in turn.

Some were slightly unnerved by the authentic make-up. Cuts

and wounds were depicted with startling reality.

The lights went out while Acton and Milton corps set up their simulated accident. A sickeningly crumpled red convertible, towed into the centre of the arena, had speared "victims" onto the arena floor. And the "driver" was trapped in the front seat with a broken, back.

The first aid crew members of both brigades rushed in and, ringed by spectators, "treated" the victims. They carried the broken back ease on a board.

The Burlington and Oakville corps combined to produce "the case of the careless campers." A tent backed the scene; a barefoot boy, cutting wood, had chopped his foot. His father came running, tripped and fell on a broken beer bottle. Other campers arrived to assist, bandaging and elevating the vivid red wounds.

A fireworks accident was staged by Brampton and Port

Credit. The injured lads had serious burns and cuts.

Various presentations were made: to Edna Cleveland, Port Credit cadet leader, a 10 year first aid certificate; to Norman Carlson, Oakville, a 12 year service medal; to Robert Harbison, Port Credit, warrant as divisional officer; to Edna Crespo, Port Credit, bar to medal for 17 years' continuous service; to Godfrey Coleman, Port Credit, 10 year certificate for examining in home nursing; to Bert Robinson, Port Credit, warrant as superintendent; to George Hargrave, Acton, warrant of appointment as divisional officer; to Arne Antilla, Brampton, certificate for 10 first aid examinations.

Mayor Les Duby welcomed the group to Acton. "I have first-hand knowledge of the way the St. John brigade appears at every function we have," he said.

At the conclusion, Commissioner Simmons

commended all the brigade saying they were well worth coming to see.

"The camaraderie speaks especially well of this corps," he said. "I honestly wish you were in my area."

Area staff attending with commissioner Simmons were area commissioner Col. J. D. Galloway, area surgeon Dr. D. R. Jones; area superintendent O. N. Carson, area superintendent C. E. Jeffers, area officer T. Sekl, area officer F. Luby, area superintendent Miss A. O'Hara. Halton-Peel corps staff superintendent J. R. Wilson was at the microphone for presentations and divisional superintendent Godfrey Coleman was parade sergeant-major.

Divisions attending were Oakville, combined Acton-Georgetown combined, Brampton combined, Milton combined, Port Credit combined, Burlington combined and Port Credit Cadets.

Refreshments were served by the Anglican Church Women.

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INSPECTING OFFICER C. S. Simmons, Area Commissioner for Central Ontario, exchanged smiles with Mrs. Marie Hargrave during formal inspection of the Acton St. John Brigade Thursday night.

Vote of thanks for officer

The 60th anniversary of the founding of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Canada will be celebrated in London, Ontario from June 6 to 8 when national and provincial meetings will be held and Their Excellencies, Governor General and Mrs. Michener will attend a special dinner dance on June 7 in honour of members of the first Canadian Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade formed on May 3, 1909.

The Governor General will also preside at an investiture in

St. Paul's Cathedral, London on June 7 and will present over 100 honours and awards to individuals.

In this impressive ceremony the Honourable W. Ross MacDonald, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Mr. A. J. Little of Toronto will become Knights of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

John George Hargrave of Acton, the divisional officer, will be honored with a Priority Vote of thanks.



GEORGE HARGRAVE of Acton received his appointment as Division Officer with the St. John Ambulance Halton and Peel Corps, from Dr. D. R. Jones, Area Surgeon.



A SIMULATED ACCIDENT victim received a team effort in a demonstration by the Acton and Milton St. John Ambulance brigades. Milton's Don Davis looks on as Bella-Maye Rostell and Joyce Carpenter attend to injuries. — (Staff Photo)

Acton Brigade Citizens of Year

The 12,000 Canadian members of the St. John Ambulance brigade belong to one of the most historic and colorful orders in the country. The Order was established in Malta in 600 A.D.

The Acton brigade has quietly and efficiently given service at most public functions in town and district for the past dozen years. Many courses have been given in first aid. About half the members of the local brigade are presently from Georgetown.

In 1968 the entire brigade was named "Citizens of the Year" in appreciation of their voluntary services.

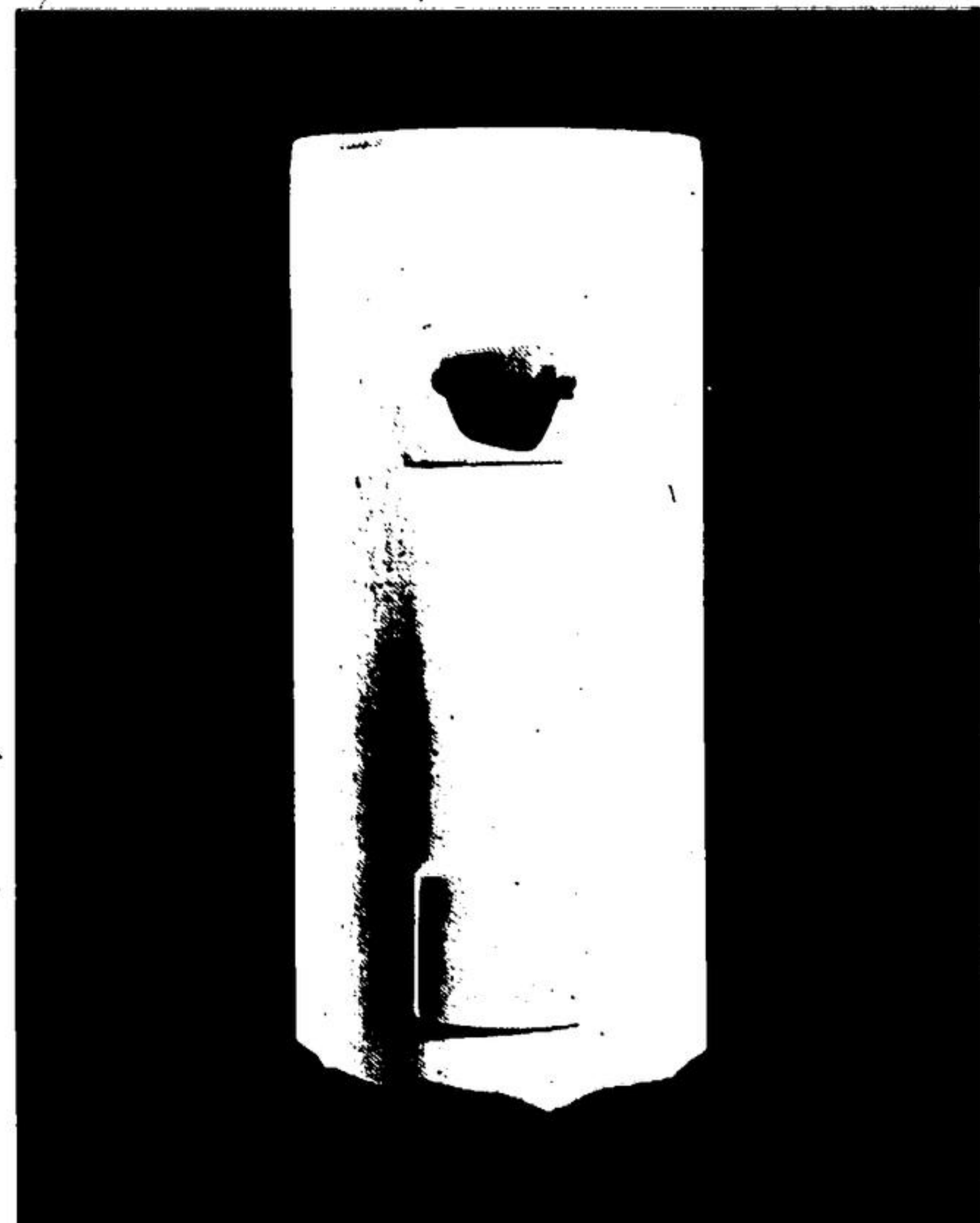


INSPECTING OFFICER C. S. Simmons exchanged views on the evening's activities with Acton scout David Lee. Boys from both Acton troops were on hand to help with the St. John Ambulance demonstrations.

At the time of the Emancipation Proclamation, about four million slaves were freed.

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