

CONGRATULATING SCOUT STEVE PAPILLON after Saturday's Citizen of the Year dinner are left to right, Mayor Les Duby, father

Ken Papillon, mother Jackie Papillon, C. of C. president John Shadbolt and M.P. Rud Whiting .- (Staff Photo)

Citation for Citizen of Year

Year Steve Papillon at Saturday night's very successful banquet and dance, sponsored by Acton Chamber of Commerce:

"For the past 12 years, the Acton Chamber of Commerce has honored a citizen who had given of his time and talents for many fee gave way underneath her, and she went into very deep water. years, to the betterment of the people of Acton. This year, however, the Chamber has deviated from this usual procedure and has chosen a single act of courage of such magnitude that they felt deserved recognition.

"On the evening of March 19, 1970, I as the Acton Scoutmaster received the following letter, which I would like to quote in its that something was very wrong by the way Victoria screamed out. entirety.

"The Scoutmaster, Acton. "Dear Sir:

"We are writing this letter to you, because frankly we feel that one of the boys belonging to the Acton Scouts deserves recognition reason for not writing sooner is because we did northow the boy's " so the could get off her soaking wet clothes. name, but have since found out that his name is Steven Papillon.

they went to play out on the Fairy Lake. Now, regardless of the

police have warned the children of the folly of walking on ice, our two girls along with other children decided to walk on frozen Fairy Lake, very unfortunately 10 year-old Suzie walked too far and the

"She was at the time wearing a for jacket and heavy rubber trousers. These got very water-logged and started to drag her under. Victoria, Suzie's 11 year-old sister tried to hang on to the hood of Suzie's coat, but realizing she could not take the weight began to we all will. scream for help. Two boys came racing over, naturally they realized

"Suzie by this time was in very poor state, shocked, and very cold. One of the boys, realizing that the ice around the hole was not too safe leapt back quickly. Not so Steven. Regardless of his own that he had pulled a girl out of the water. It was not until we safety, he reached down and grabbed Suzie, and managed to hoist received this letter that we found out that he had, at great risk to her out of the water, and with Victoria's help they managed to get himself indeed saved this girl's life. regarding what we consider to be an extremely brave act. Our only her to safety, He told Victoria to get Suzie, home as fast as possible

"A week ago, whilst the children were on holiday from school, misadventure, was a severe cold and chill, plus needing rest to decided to recognize Steve's deed by naming him Acton's Citizen of overcome the obvious shock that she had suffered: We sincerely the Year for 1970.

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Scoutmaster Gordon McCann read the citation for Citizen of the times that Mr. McKenzie (The Headmaster of the school) and the hope that she is wiser. Suzie does realize that had it not been for the extreme promptness and bravery on this boy's part she would certainly have drowned.

"We, and the whole family give this boy our heartfelt thanks, the scouts, and most certainly his parents must be very proud of him. All we can hope is that Suzie's mishap will be a lesson to other children. After all, there are not always the Steven Papillons of this world about at such times. Suzie will always be grateful to this boy;

"He is a credit to the Scouts.

Very sincerely, Maurice P. Hill, Katy Hill

"Steve had mentioned to us, at a scout meeting a week earlier,

"We immediately started proceedings to have Steve obtain an award from the Boy Scouts National Headquarters in Ottawa. We "The outcome for Suzie, we are pleased to relate, of this were very pleased to find that the Acton Chamber of Commerce

Gala evening fetes Acton's youngest Citizen of Year

The traditional plaque and a framed citation which accompanied the 1970 Citizen of the Year award for 12 year old Steven Papillon, Acton's youngest-ever nominee, was capped with a personal letter from Pierre Elliott Trudeau, prime minister of Canada.

M. P. Rud Whiting pulled the surprise letter out of his pocket and read it for surprised diners and dancers who gathered to honor the first non-adult Citizen of the Year at the gala Saturday evening celebration at the music centre which marked another in a long string of successful Chamber of Commerce banquets for the coveted

honor. Scout Steve accepted the accolades modestly in a short acceptance speech with the thought that they brought recognition to the scouts and young people of the community.

Mr. Trudeau wrote that he had been told of Steve's bravery and resourcefulness and he wanted to send his personal regards which brought honor to Scouting and the young people.

Wearing his Scout uniform, Steve accepted the awards from the Chamber and the letter from M. P. Rud Whiting and laudatory words from Mayor Les Duby, all head table guests, after hearing himself described as no angel with a halo around his head.

Scoutmaster McCann told the gathering Steve was the type of boy he liked to work-with that through his actions in saving 10 year-old Suzie Hill from Fairy Lake at considerable risk to hunself, he will set an example to new scouts and cubs and show them there's a place in a modern community for scouting.

"As with most 12 year-old hoys Steve can with the best of them giggle, contradict and produce grey hair in his elders, but when he was called on to make a decision he used his scout training, common sense and quick decisiveness necessary at the time and with Victoria's help pulled Suzie to safety".

President Shadbolt explained the Chamber took the unusual course of nominating a non-adult for the honor because of the unusual circumstances as read in a Free Press article.

"It was a brave deed for one so young," he said.

Mayor Duby, in turn, said he shared with pride the honor bestowed on the young scout; that it helped to put young people of the community in their proper prespective.

They've got what it takes-like their parents had. The big concern is the silent majority who should get talkin'. The troublesome minority get too much publicity.

Quit worrying about the talkative inmority, the mayor urged those in attendance and get talkin'.

M. P. Rud Whiting, accompanied by his wife, told the gathering he had done a little "scouting" on his own to find out about Steve Papillon. I know how Steve's parents feel, M.P. Whiting said, because his father had received a similar award in Oakville a week ago, He said he was pleased to see the hoy scouts recognized and the right the young people were a sincere dedicated group.

At this point he pulled out the letter from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, mentioning he had told the prime minister about Steve's deed and he was going that Saturday.

The young scout abashed wa accorded the traditional standing ovation by the crowd which included his parents, sisters and brother, grandparents, district scout commissioner, Acton scouters, and other relatives and friends as well as scores of well wishers. Mrs. Papillon was presented with roses from Mrs. Shadbolt.

Chamber member Dave Muckle introduced the head table which included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCann, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Papillon, Mr. and Mrs. Shadbolt, Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, Mr. and Mrs. Rud Whiting, and Mr. and Mrs. Muckle as well as Acton's 1970 Citizen of the Year.

Chamber officers were jubilant over the success of the evening which started with a piping hot roast beef dinner by Watson Restaurant caterers and wound up with a dance to the Silver Tones.

The guest of honor was shepherded home by parents after the dancing started, professing no interest in adult dancing. Chamber of Commerce officials, meanwhile, arranged to have M.

P. Rud Whiting speak at a dinner at Acton Meadows Golf Course on June 10. It will be a businessmen's dinner. Wives are invited.

Mr. Whiting shuffled off to Georgetown to attend a meeting with Canadians of French descent and from there was due in Milton to a fiesta of the Italian community...

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policy of restraint to help curb the problems of inflations, read at Monday night's council meeting, didn't cause deputy-reeve Toin Hill much concern.

The letter asked that council exercise the utmost economy when examining estimates and proposals for new projects, and added "Where it is economically feasible, I hope additional programs and projects may be deferred".

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Deputy-reeve Hill commented on the letter.

"He might say these things, some of these he might mean and others he might not", he said. "He's talking new projects more than anything else."



THE DISTAFF SIDE of the badminton club's champions received their trophies Saturday night during the Citizen of the Year dinner at the music centre. Left is Marion Patterson who teamed up with George Williams in the mixed doubles to take

the top place. Right is Carol Korpela, runner-up with Don Price, in the play-offs. Badminton club president Vic Morris makes the presentations. - (Staff Photo)

Claim duplication on counselling work

Deputy Reeve Ted Tyler of Acton voiced strong objection at Tuesday's meeting of Halton Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallager act as a liaison between the county's Social Services Management Branch and the Credit Counselling Service set up in Burlington as a pilot project,

Mr. Tyler said the service offered in Burlington was a duplication of services offered by the county and he felt it was

County Council to a motion that be paid to Reeve Gallagher for would benefit the county as a sitting at the meetings.

Georgetown objected spending any funds to keep in spoke in favor of the liaison. touch with the Burlington

unnecessary to establish liaison the project. He along with Reeve between the groups. He objected A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya to the remuneration that would favored the liaison and argued it whole. Oakville Reeve William Reeve William Hunter of Gillies and Deputy-Reeve A. to Speight of Georgetown also

After some discussion it was decided to have Mr. Gallagher on the committee. Should the Reeve Ron Harris of Milton Burlington pilot project work noted the point in having Mr. out well, serious thought would Gallagher serve as liaison was to be given to the county taking it keep the county in touch with over on a county basis.