

# Retirement party for town clerk Joe Hurst

It was Joe Hurst night Saturday, when beaming friends and relatives filled the Music Centre for a surprise retirement party. The gathering was arranged by council and the town office and their inviting had to end when the capacity of the room was reached, not the capacity of Joe's friendships.

He is retiring as the town's clerk-administrator on March 16. He hadn't discovered what was "in the wind" till 4 p.m. that afternoon.

**Gifts presented**  
Grant Usher, who has already taken over Joe's chair but not yet his full rank, and town works superintendent Alf Duby presented him with a fine watch on behalf of the town office, works and arena staff.

Mayor Les Duby, in his usual jovial manner, presented from the town a big upholstered armchair with footrest for future days at home. The chair also incorporates a vibrator, heater and recliner!

The mayor, who has been at many a social gathering with Joe as well as many a meeting, took a leaf from Joe's party book — and recited of poem.

**Tribute to wife**  
In his words of thanks Mr. Hurst especially paid tribute to his wife Nan. She was presented with a large bouquet of roses by Mrs. Alice Duby.

Dancing was to Kent Tocher's

orchestra. The catered buffet was set up by council and wives. On the committee arranging the event were the mayor, Reeve Pat McKenzie, and deputy clerk Grant Usher.

**Family there**  
Attending were three of the Hursts' children, son Jon and his wife of Acton, daughter Jill who teaches at Burlington, and son Mark who attends Glendon College, Toronto. Their other two sons are Michael in Vancouver and Peter in Bangladesh.

Other relatives and friends sharing the evening from out-of-town were Nan's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale, Georgetown; brother Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale Jr., Georgetown; Joe's sister Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wylie, Rockwood; niece Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Perrotti, Burlington; Mrs. Evelyn Saunders, Georgetown, Bud Haines, Glen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, Scarborough and Paul Richardson, Rockwood.

Clerks and other representatives included former Acton clerk Jack McGeachie, now clerk of Milton, with Helen McGeachie; Esquensing clerk Delmar French and Mrs. French; Fergus clerk Dave Low and Mrs. Low; Guelph clerk Gordon Hall and Mrs. Hall; Nussagaweya councillor Cal McIntyre and Mrs. McIntyre; R. V. Anderson Associates engineer Bill Notenboom and his wife from Mississauga.



RETIRING MARCH 16 from his position as clerk-administrator, Joe Hurst was Saturday given a new chair, the gift of the town. With him are his wife Nan (seated) and the three of their five children who were present, Jill, Mark and

Jon Hurst. The retirement party was held in the Music Centre with dancing and a buffet.

(Photo by D. Dills)

# District parade fills Holy Cross

Approximately 600 Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, and many friends, parents and other invited guests filled Holy Cross church, Georgetown, to capacity for the annual district Scout-Guide church parade Sunday, February 25.

The mayors of Acton and Georgetown, Les Duby and Bill Smith were among the guests.

Father Otter Devant, pastor of the church, welcomed the large congregation for the interdenominational folk service. Venturer Villem Teder of the 4th Georgetown Venturer Company, accepted the flags from the color party.

## Educators meet press

Members of the press, senior administration people from Halton County Board of Education, trustees and members of the Communications Committee met Thursday at the Estaminet Restaurant in Burlington to discuss communication problems between the board and the press and the board and the public.

During the meeting several members of the press and radio queried the board's policy of closed committee meetings. Administrators explained the policy had recently been discussed and it is left up to the individual chairman and committees to decide whether or not they wanted the press there.

Administrators noted there was a problem in providing a list of meetings because meeting dates were only known to committee people and the experience in the past was that it was difficult to keep a current list of meetings because they were always subject to change.

One of the problems reporters suggested they continually faced was reluctance of trustees, teachers and principals to ask for press coverage on special events. A feeling among many, it seemed, was the fear of looking like they are grandstanding or too eager for publicity.

**Clergy participate**  
Several members of the clergy took part, including Rev. Peter Burrow of Knox Church, Georgetown, who spoke about being prepared. Rev. Richard Huggo of St. Alban's Anglican, Glen Williams, who paralleled the story of creation as told in the Bible with Indian legends. Rev. Martin of St. John's United Church, Georgetown, gave the invocation and final benediction.

Guide Linda Middleton of the 4th Guide Company, gave the first Scripture reading, Venturer David Hannah of the 5th Georgetown Company, gave the second reading. Ushering was done by Venturers and Rangers under the direction of Sal Cutrara, 4th Georgetown Venturer adviser.

**Divide collection**  
A silver collection was taken, proceeds of which were divided up, half going to the World Friendship Fund (Guides) and the World Brotherhood fund (Scouts).

The folk choir was under the direction of former Actonian Ron Bourque.



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# Scout of Year in city

The 125th Toronto annual scout banquet was held at St. Crispin's church during scout week and Scout Kenneth McLeod was named by being chosen Scout of the Year. He is the son of Mrs. Irene McLeod of Toronto and grandson of Mrs. George Fryer, Main St., Acton.

He was presented with a plaque by one of the wardens of the

church, Mr. Smith. He has also received his gold chain and citizenship badge.

Ken also works with the Scout Service Corps at Ontario Place and the C.N.E., wheeling people in wheelchairs and generally helping the handicapped.

The McLeods are a very active scouting family. Son Bill is a Scoutmaster and daughter Patricia a pack scout.

# Father, son banquet speaker, presentation

The scout and cub annual Father and Son banquet was attended by about 100 in Knox Presbyterian church, Tuesday of last week. The banquet is an event of Scout and Guide week in Canada.

A turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the church. Speaker was Art Jackson, director of programs and recreational development for adults for the Boys Scouts Association of Ontario. He gave an enlightening history of scouting as founded by Lord Baden-Powell. Mr. Jackson is actively involved in the growing programs at Blue Springs reserve and told of the courses there, showing slides as well.

**Presentation**  
Mr. Jackson was also asked to make a special presentation of a religion in life badge to Steven

Tremills. A boy is tested by his own church before receiving this badge, in this case, St. Alban's.

Don McDonald presented a leather wallet to Mr. Jackson with the group's thanks.

Wayne Moes, chairman of the Rotary club's scout group committee introduced guests including district commissioner Gordon Douglas, assistant district commissioner for cubs Mrs. Terry Colter, assistant district commissioner for cubs Mrs. Terry Coulter, assistant district commissioner for scouts Murray Harrison, and assistant district commissioner for Venturers Ed McGrath, all of the North Halton district. Acton scoutmaster Murray Harrison and Cub leader Forbes Coles and Gary Dawkins of the Rotary club also sat at the head table. Rev. McKenzie said grace.



DISTRICT COMMISSIONER Gordon Douglas must have been spinning quite a yarn to Junior Leaders Mark Rowe, Ken Jordan, and Alex Pitt at the annual Cub and Scout Father and Son Banquet last night (Tuesday). Art Jackson, Director of Program and Training

for Ontario at Provincial Headquarters in Toronto, guest speaker at the annual fest sponsored by the Rotary Club, looks on, savoring the stories.

(Photo by J. Jennings)

and a few other individuals.

## 4-H girls

**Plan mini-school**  
Many students are helping one of our teachers, Mrs. Joan Morgan organize our mini school for 1973. The day they are planning for this is April 11 and this year we are having some very different people, including an actor from the performance of Godspell.

Students are looking forward to the Winter Break that comes up the end of next week.

Debbie Rippon opened the fifth 4-H meeting of the Dublin Juniors at the home of Cathy Burke. Teresa McCarron read the minutes; eight were present. The 4-H covers and some literature were given to each girl. Several brought their material and worked on their sportswear. Some of the girls had a chance to put in an invisible zipper. A snack was served by Cathy Burke.

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Assisted by:

Major & Mrs. Robert Chapman  
(Divisional Secretary, Southern Ontario)

Major & Mrs. Ivan McNeilly  
(Commanding Officer, Guelph Citadel)

The Guelph Citadel Band and Songsters

Sunday, March 11th, 1973, 3 o'clock p.m.

at  
Trinity United Church  
Mill Street, ACTON

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# Notes from Acton High

By Junior Gibson

Last Friday, Mr. Anton Leadi was here to give us an assembly on "The Unique World of Switzerland". Mr. Leadi talked to us about his country for awhile, and then showed us a film. This part of the assembly was really interesting. The film covered many parts of Switzerland. We saw Gross Pointers, snowy white mountains, and bustling cities appeared, giving us a very pleasant view of this small, but beautiful country.

See Godspell

This Wednesday evening two groups are leaving the school on field trips. One of these trips is going to the Playhouse theatre in Toronto to see the performance Godspell. A play that has won national acclaim across Canada, it is a musical based upon the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The other trip is going to the American Motors plant in Brampton. The group consists of the Grade 10 Geography class



## Happenings at Rockwood School

Happy at the prospect of her new position as Rockwood Centennial School correspondent, 12-year-old Judith Lynn Finley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Finley of 267 McKenzie Street, Rockwood. She has two other sisters, Carol 14 of Guelph Centennial School, and a younger one, Debbie 9. Judy is an extrovert who enjoys skating, swimming, bowling, and working with people. For her second week as columnist she writes:

fun when the grade 8's attended the opera at John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph.

Regarding wrestling, it's down to the wire now and, when we reach the finals, I'll announce the participants."

Judy

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