

Rotary club celebrates its 25th anniversary

On the eve of the actual date of the 25th anniversary of Acton Rotary club, 140 gathered at the Legion Hall Friday to celebrate the quarter decade of the club's service.

Charter members, past presidents, the district governor, members of Parliament and representatives of other groups gathered for the gala event in a setting of blue and gold streamers and balloons. Giant blow-ups of club pictures over the years decorated the walls. The dinner menu was exactly the same as that on the first day of organization, 25 years ago - turkey with potatoes, peas and salad, and pies a la mode.

Presented charter
Present Rotary president Gary Dawkins presided for the happy evening. Invocation was given by one of the charter members present, the Rev. Lt. - Col. John M. Anderson, M.C. and Bar—as he had done 25 years ago.

Honorary member Jim Ledger, now of Erin introduced the special guests and several of

them spoke briefly recalling rewarding associations and highlights of projects and events over the years.

A souvenir booklet outlined some of these high spots of the 25 years including pictures.

Hunter Reid was present, who as president of the Oakville Rotary club 25 years ago, had presented the new Acton club with its charter. The Oakville club sponsored Rotary here.

Charter members
Dr. Frank Oakes spoke on behalf of the charter members present, himself and Rev. Anderson, Wesley Beatty, Alfred Long, Les MacSwain and Fred Wright. Mrs. Alice Rumley of Guelph was also here; her husband Victor B. Rumley was a charter member.

(Other charter members of the club, either absent or deceased, are Roy Arnold, McIntyre Aylsworth, Harold Baxter, Douglas Garrett, Art Haydon, Edwin Jennings, David Lindsay, Len Lovell, Amos Mason, Art Padbury, John

Royston and George Sirra.)

Past presidents

John Goy spoke representing the past presidents. George Mason sent greetings from Florida and Dave Manes had sent a telegram from the States, where he was holidaying. Other past presidents attending were Alf Long, Harold Kinread, Jim Ledger, Bill Mattocks, Ted Hansen, Frank Prouse, Andy McKenzie, Tom Shields, Ron Lewis, Fred Gordon, Mac Sprowl, Bill Pendleton, Ralph Davies, Gary Dawkins, Gord McKeown, John Anderson, Dave Muckie, and Phil McCristall.

(First president was the late Amos Mason; Theron Jones and Art Padbury are also deceased.) Mrs. Rumley again represented her late husband who was a past president.

The three honorary members were all present - Jim Ledger, Fred Wright and G. W. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie received the honor the year he was International Y's Men's

president.

The club presently has 23 members—there are more past presidents.

Other Rotary clubs were represented by Dr. John Russell of Orangeville, Bob McCaugh of Milton, Bill Taylor of Guelph and Paul Armstrong of Georgetown. Art Gordon represented Acton Lions club, Ed Bendicks the Chamber of Commerce, Gord

McCutcheon the Legion, and Mick Holmes the firefighters. John Bomans represented the Y's Men who had sent a head table arrangement of flowers.

Members speak

Roy Gibson, Bramalea, district governor of district 707, and zone representative Jim Phair, the Hon. George Kerr M.P.P., M.P. Terry O'Connor and Mayor Les Duby spoke briefly. Erin

councillor William McLean was also on the list of dignitaries to be introduced.

Praise was accorded Ted Hansen and his committee for the well-organized event.

After the banquet and speeches, there was dancing to the music of Bob and Corey.

There were carnations for the ladies and Charter members.



IRISH HUMOR of district governor Ray Gibson delighted the crowd at the Rotary 25th anniversary dinner Friday. (Photo by D. Gibbons)



HEAD TABLE GUESTS raising their glasses in a toast include, from the right, M.P. and Mrs. Terry O'Connor, the Hon. George Kerr, Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, zone representative and Mrs. James Phair, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ledger. About 140 enjoyed the evening together. (Photo by D. Gibbons)



THE REV. JOHN Anderson, front, gave the invocation at the Rotary 25th anniversary dinner as he had done at their first meeting. With him at charter members' table are Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Alice Rumley, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Beatty, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Oakes. The event was held in the Legion hall. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Chamber to hear talk on waste disposal

The Acton Chamber of Commerce has found that garbage and land disposal of urban wastes is a fascinating subject especially since Indusmin has proposed to renovate unused portions of their huge quarry on the Third Line, Etobicoke, with bales of recycled Toronto garbage.

As a result of the interest in the previous dinner meeting the Chamber has invited a well known expert in land disposal of urban wastes to speak at the dinner meeting at the Dominion Hotel on Wednesday, April 4 at 7.30 p.m.

Professor L. R. Webber of the Land Resource Science Department of the University of Guelph is the speaker. He graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Toronto with a B.S.A. degree in Chemistry and an M.S. degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., where he specialized in soil physics.

Teaches at U. of G.
Closely associated with teaching and research at the University of Guelph, he has taught courses in soil conservation, soil physics and environmental

quality graduating into the area of land disposal of urban wastes in recent years.

Professor Webber has stated the "disposal of urban wastes, garbage and sewage sludges on agricultural land will not be considered as a great gift from the cities to our farmers - we cannot ignore the ever-present hazards of overloading a soil with toxic substances such as heavy metals and the creation of an environment endowed with infectious bacteria and viral pathogens. Municipalities have an obligation to assure the receptors of urban wastes that the pollution hazards are minimal."

In view of the Professor's scientific data and the proposals for Indusmin the Chamber dinner meeting could turn into one of the most interesting meetings of the past year.

Slides of horse competitions shown

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson
Mrs. Morris McGinnis of the Rockwood area provided part of the program for the regular evening meeting of Acton Golden Age Club.

She showed slides of the Rockwood Trail Riders in competition at Rockwood, Creemore and King City, she also provided the commentary. Many beautiful horses were seen, also the presentation of trophies and awards to the lucky riders.

Mrs. McGinnis is the daughter of Mrs. Williamson one of the newer members of the Golden Age Club.

daughter of Mrs. A. Shoemaker, also a Golden Age Member) gave her speech on "Ann Frank". This was the speech she gave in the Oral Communications elimination contest, sponsored by the Ontario Public school Trustees Association, and Ontario Hydro. Nancy was introduced by Mrs. A. Lambert.

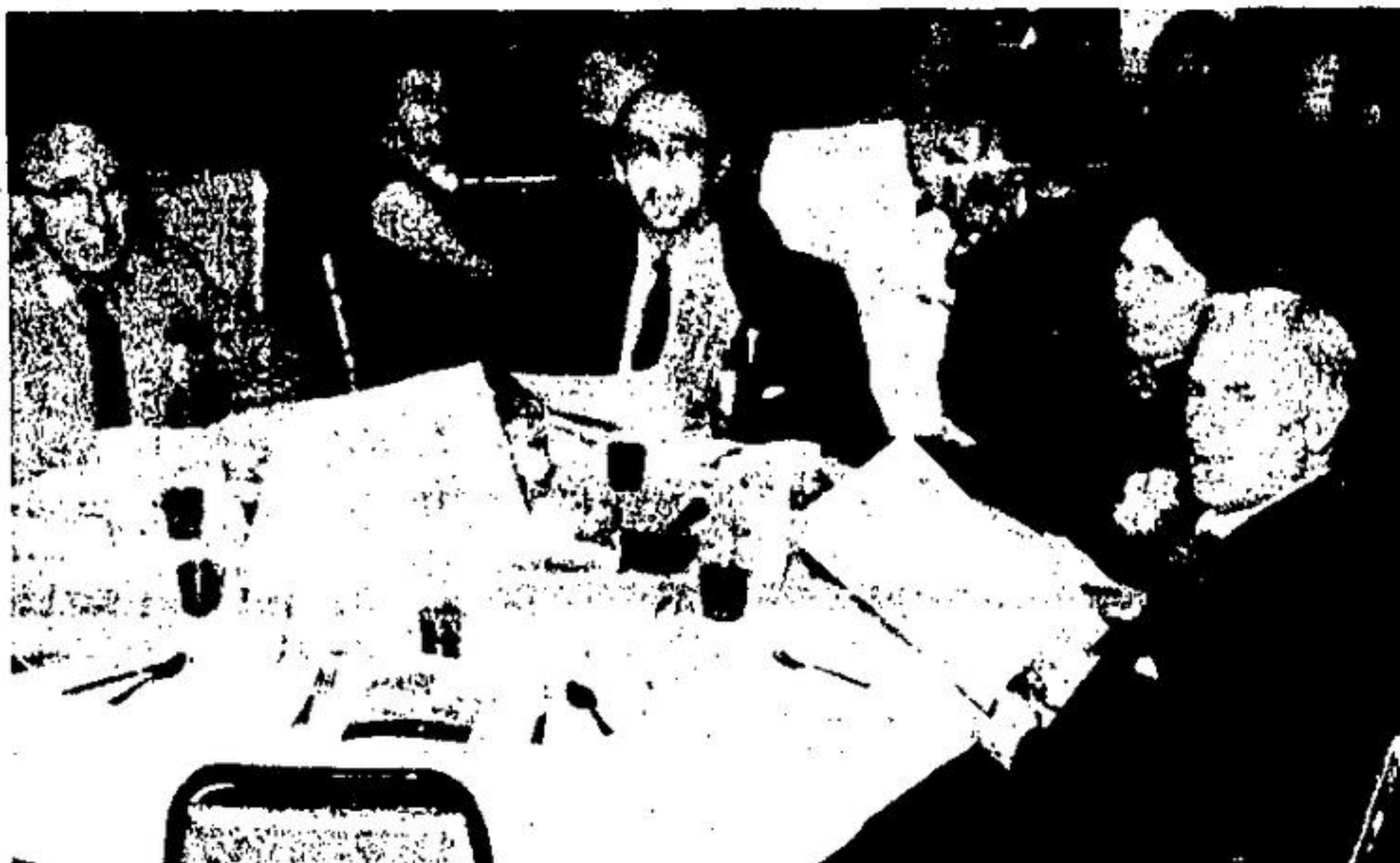
Nancy proved to be a good orator with a pleasing personality. Birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. McNery and D. G. Robertson.

Biscuits, muffins and jam were served with a cup of tea and a social time enjoyed.

Nixon attends

Opposition leader Robert Nixon is scheduled to appear at a meeting involving Regional Government for Halton at the St. Mary's Ukrainian Hall in Burlington on Wednesday March 28 at 8:00.

Among the others scheduled to appear are Burlington Mayor George Harrington and a few surprise speakers. There will be a panel discussion in which questions will be answered.



AT CHARTER members' table are, from the left, the club's second president in 1950 Alf Long, charter member Les MacSwain, Pat Clemons with her next-door neighbor honorary member Fred Wright. Mr. Wright celebrated his 80th birthday recently. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

No phones

Telephone service in part of town was interrupted Monday when a cable was cut during installation of a new sign on Bower Ave.

Broken windows

Two windows in houses were reported broken this week. Acton police investigated.

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