



DOLLINE DES HAIES

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CORINNE MAXWELL

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ANTONIA MUHAR

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Name eight Ontario scholars at Acton high school

Acton high school produced eight Ontario scholars this year from among 48 graduates—setting another new record for the school.

The seven girls and one young man each attained over 80 per cent in their grade 13 marks to win the award and another eight students were just a few marks short of being in the select company.

Top student was Dolline Des Hales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Des Hales, of R. R. 4 Acton, Dolline, who had been writing an account of a school trip to Spain in the Free Press, chalked up an enviable 89.1 per cent. She also completed her grade XII the same year for a double crown.

Jo-Anne Vlietstra, John Hamilton, Anita Braida, Corinne Maxwell, Laurie Machan, Antonia Muhar and Irene Fiedler are the other seven students who got 80 per cent or better.

Jo-Anne Vlietstra attained 87 per cent to place second. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sietsje Vlietstra, of 210 Churchill Road N., Acton.

In third spot was the only boy—John Hamilton, with 82.3 per cent. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, of Green Loan Farm, R. R. 5, Georgetown.

Anita Braida came in next with an enviable 81.6 per cent. She is the daughter of Mrs. Reta Braida, 21 Longfield Road, Acton.

Corinne Maxwell and Laurie

Machan were right behind Anita with 81.4 per cent. Cory is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Maxwell of R. R. 1, Acton.

Laurie Machan is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Machan, 128 Church St., Acton.

Antonia Muhar chalked up 81 per cent in grade 13 to qualify for the award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Muhar, 292 Mill St. E., Acton.

Eighth place went to Irene Fiedler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Fiedler, R. R. 1 Georgetown, she attained 80.3 per cent. Irene's sister Ursula also won the distinction last year.

There were seven Ontario scholars last year, an increase of four from the previous year, so 1973 is another record-setter.

Catherine Ashley, Lorraine McDonald, Patricia Sampson, Deborah Thomson, R. R. 2 Rockwood, Diane Bousfield, Cathy Prystasz, Debra Streets and David Tomlinson of Eden Mills just short of attaining the scholarship's magic numbers. All eight received 75 per cent or more.

32 more

There were 32 other honor graduates from the Acton school this year, including: Sean Aherne, 51 Meadvale, Acton; Heather Buchanan, R. R. 2, Acton; Heather Cormack, 118 Harris Street, Rockwood; John Fuchs, R. R. 4, Acton; Bonnie Armstrong, 83 Lake Avenue, Acton; Jeff Cooper, R. R. 2, Acton; Irene De Vries, R. R. 4,

Acton; Alex Gray, 171 Jeffrey Avenue, Acton; Richard Hammond, R. R. 2, Rockwood; Jack Holmes, 84 Church Street, Acton; Wiebe Kamminga, 189 Jeffrey Avenue, Acton; Harry Lawson, 105 Churchill Rd. S., Acton; Yvonne LeRoy, R. R. 2, Rockwood; Deborah McGilloway, 58 Main Street, Acton; Barbara McNabb, 47 Cobblehill Road, Acton; John New, 178 Elmwood Dr., Acton; Judy Rody, 98 Mill Street W., Acton; Carol Schreiber, R. R. 5, Milton; John Tobin, R. R. 1, Georgetown; Susan Wood, R. R. 1, Acton; Catherine Hinton, 24 Park Avenue, Acton; Louise Johnston, R. R. 2, Rockwood; Leonard Kulpertz, R. R. 1, Acton; David Lee, 50 Mowbray Place, Acton;

Mary Frances Marcoux, 149 Tidey Ave., Acton; Robert McMillan, 245 Mill St. E., Acton; Brenda McNabb, 47 Cobblehill Rd., Acton; Barbara Pratt, 49 Willow St. S., Acton; Michelle Roy, R. R. 1, Georgetown, Carol Somerville, 65 Churchill Rd. N., Acton; Craig Weldon, 40 Mowbray Place, Acton; Henry Wissenz, 337 Orville Rd., Acton.

Complete Grade XII

72 young people also completed Grade XII and will receive secondary school graduation diplomas. The list includes: Michael Albano, Susan Alchin, Joanne Ancker, Heike Bollert, Richard Bonnette, Janet Bos, Sandy Bould, Bonnie Bristow, Susan Brooks, Andrea Broostad, Luann Byers, Ian Campbell, Bill

Chapman, Diane Charette, Sheila Cheyne, Stanley Collett, Russell Coultrup, Joyce Denny, Sandra Denny, Dolline Des Hales, Jane Dougan, Deborah Drinkwater, Carolyn Duval, Sharon Ellerby, Jean Elliott, Janice Gibson, Bonnie Gillespie, Nick Gould, Wendy Hannah, Louise Harmsma, Maria Hennessy, Christine Hiscock, Robert Howson, Susan Jamieson, Carol Jones, John Kingsmill, Ruth Kirkwood, Joanne Koks, Glenn Lee, Debra Legate, Roger McEachern, Rodger McGillivray, Jim McNabb, Caroline Merrin, Lynn Nielsen, Tam Parker, Sandra Patterson, Trevolyn Patrick, Paul Petric, Karen Pierce, Michael Pope, Anne Shail, Lynn Simioni, Susan Somerville,

Richard Stachyra, Deborah Swackhamer, Janice Swackhamer, Bruce Swift, Catherine Synnott, Judith Thibodeau, Ed Tiesenhause, Dianne Timbers, Ann Toth, Gary Turkosz, Aleda Ward, Darlene Welch, Randy Weldon, Henry Wissenz, Jane Withers, Susan Wood, Virginia Zuraw.



G. W. (PAT) MCKENZIE

Reeve to contest council seat

First to announce he will be a candidate for Acton's regional seat in the October regional government elections is Acton's present reeve G. W. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie retired this year as principal of the Robert Little school, Acton, and he feels this will enable him to spend the necessary time in the first year in regional government. He has seven years as councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve of Acton as well as experience on parks and recreation, planning and development and the committee of adjustment.

As reeve and deputy-reeve Mr. McKenzie has also been involved in the intricacies of county council, serving on the community and family services committee, public health, Children's Aid, administration, finance and roads. He believes regional government can and will work providing the province appoints a responsible region chairman.

Acton designated Ward One in the North Halton set-up, will have three representatives on the area council, one of them a regional councillor as well.

Although no other members of Acton council have indicated they will stand for re-election, it is known that Mayor Les Dudy may contest an Acton seat if time is available. The amount of time involved will influence his decision.

The mayor told the Free Press he will decide later on when more information is available about the role of a councillor.

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Hydro corridor irks an Eramosa resident

A resident of Eramosa township, concerned about the possible effects of the 500 KV corridor Ontario Hydro proposes to build from Middleport to Pickering, urged the township council to attend the public meeting at Acton high school Friday night where alternative routes for the line are to be considered. The lines appear to affect this district more than any other.

J. DeGrandis, an oil company executive who lives on the east half of the Sixth Concession, just north of 7 Highway, suggested Eramosa should suggest to the meeting that the lines follow the parkway corridor recently outlined by the provincial government.

Mr. DeGrandis admitted he had selfish reasons for opposing construction of the corridor in Eramosa since it could affect his 230 acre property, but he felt all residents should be concerned since almost half the township could be affected as well. Two and possibly three routes could go through the township.

He noted the southern routes and the route to the Bruce nuclear generating station have a material effect on one another and Eramosa residents should be aware of what was happening. He

suggested council be represented at the Friday meeting at Acton high school. He wondered why the township was not represented when Bruce Howlett Inc. revealed his alternative routes for the 610 foot wide corridor which will take five large lines marching abreast across the province.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said the township planning board had named a delegate. Mr. DeGrandis replied he had checked with Bruce Howlett Inc. and Eramosa had not been represented at the meeting conducted by the environmental study firm.

"If we don't sit there we are fools. Hydro will take over the whole township," councillor Betty Lou Clark exploded.

"If we don't attend the Acton meeting we don't give a damn. I do give a damn," Mrs. Clark said she was hostile to Hydro.

"It won't matter anyway," said Councillor Jim Milne. "They'll put it where they like anyway."

Belt for utilities

Mr. DeGrandis did not agree. He said the province had established a parkway belt for the hydro lines. Now, however, he felt the Government and Hydro were part of a great disjointed effort with little communication between them.

He said the route prescribed as having the least environmental effect on the Niagara Escarpment had been rejected by Hydro because it could create an inviting target for some war emergency with all the lines in one corridor. However, he was not willing to buy the argument as he read it in the press.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said he had decided to attend the Acton meeting and would keep Mr. DeGrandis' suggestions in mind. He disagreed with Mrs. Clark's opinion on Hydro, however, and praised its role in the province.

"It might be the time to step into the situation and find something out," the deputy-reeve Duncan McPhedran opined, suggesting information on the proposals to date had been vague.

Several meetings

The Acton meeting is one of several being held along the alternative corridor routes before any decision is made on the best route. At each stage in the study conducted by Bruce Howlett Inc., citizens have helped to provide information on factors which would affect the environment and to define route priorities. Now they will be asked to express their preference from among the alternative routes the Howlett study had worked out.

Information is available at municipal offices for those unable to get to the meetings.



DR. BEN WINGROVE inspects wreckage of the light plane he piloted in an emergency landing Sunday evening. Story inside.

Discuss limousine service

A request to operate a limousine service for Acton and surrounding area to transport passengers to and from the airport on an appointment basis will be considered by the administration committee of Acton council.

Lorne Doberthien was asked to put his request in writing for further consideration.

Clerk Grant Usher explained Mr. Doberthien would quite likely have to get the consent of the townships if he wished to pick up passengers there as well.

To call tenders for paving Highways 25, 7

M. P. P. John Root has advised the Free Press the tenders are being called for paving Highway 25 and paving and hot mix patching on Highways 7 and 24, between Guelph and Acton and Guelph and Erin respectively.

Residents along Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringe have been waiting anxiously for the appearance of a paving crew since it was announced in April that the Department of Transportation had changed its mind and would pave the stretch of road this year. Both the Hon. George Kerr and Mr. Root used their offices to have the highway in this year's program.

Highway 7 from Acton to Guelph has been the subject of municipal concern. Acton council, the development commission and planning board asked Mr. Kerr to intercede for improvements and the Department is going to repave and patch some of the worst stretches of the road.

Various locations along Highway 24 from Guelph to Erin will also be fixed, Mr. Root divulged as well as from Cambridge (Hespeler)

Royal train thunders through - hundreds disappointed



Expectation . . .

Hundreds of well-wishers were strung along the weed-infested platform at the old Acton CN station and at crossings through town and district as the royal train milled through Thursday morning.

The crowds started to gather before 8 a.m., but the train-precipitated by a looping security helicopter—didn't arrive until after 9.30.

It thundered through, leaving the throng disappointed they had never caught a glimpse of the royal presence.

Some said they saw uniformed officers between the coaches. But blinds were drawn. As the last coach, with its observation platform

. . . Realization . . .

clocked past the boarded-up station, a wave of disappointed murmurs rolled along the platform, lapping at the crossings.

Some spectators had taken to nearby factory roofs to better catch a glimpse of royalty. Another trio had mounted the lift on a lift truck. But these vantage points offered no solace.

The Queen and the Duke were somewhere inside the coaches ready for an impending visit to Cambridge and Kitchener.

"Just the same as the last time," a male voice said with the impatience that comes from a long wait that bore no fruition. Some

. . . Disappointment . . .

had waited for almost two hours.

The most exciting event was the helicopter which dipped and dived ahead of the royal train, as it appeared at the Dolly Varden curve and snaked its way past the waiting throngs.

The pilot waved.

People waved back.

Then the diesel—its lights blazing like a candle—thundered past. People strained for a familiar face—a friendly wave, but schedules had to be met.

Some dispersed. Others waited, hopeful that there was another train to follow, on which Her Majesty and the Duke would acknowledge the homage of her subjects.

But they too soon went back to jobs or routine chores.

The 1973 royal visit to Acton was over.

The train had not been scheduled to stop. Her Majesty was not supposed to appear . . . but the people of the town and district were hopeful.