

Honor top students at commencement

In a brisk program that took less than an hour, 11 Ontario scholars, 35 grade 13 graduates and 69 grade 12 graduates were honored at the high school Friday evening. The annual commencement exercises brought a crowd that filled the gym.

Special decorations included wood rail fence, flowers, and cascades of autumn leaves, arranged by Art 300.

The new high school band played in public for the first time, directed by teacher Dave Sale.

Modest class
Valedictorian for her classmates was vivacious Andrea Broostad. Modesty was always a virtue of her class,

she confided, so she wouldn't tell the audience they are the finest! She explained how they are continuing their education in a variety of ways. "Education is not just book learning." An educated person knows the secret of getting along with others... cultivates habits of success... knows it's never too late to learn.

She thanked parents and teachers and recalled high school highlights such as trips, the mini-school, the "outrageous" Christmas assembly.

We thank ourselves, too, she concluded, for employing our time and making the decision that education has priority in our lives and always will.

Presentation
After appreciative applause, she accepted the valedictorian award from student council president Yvette LeRoy.

She had been introduced by teacher Alan Eastwood as hard working, charming and determined... a girl who sets goals for herself beyond her contemporaries, a delightful student. She is now studying at the University of Toronto.

Boris Shean welcomed the parents and friends at the beginning of the fast-moving program and Bill Coats concluded it inviting guests for refreshments and a view of the new pool.

Several trips
Andrea Broostad made what must have been a record

number of trips to the podium during the speedy ceremony. She accepted her Ontario scholarship, grade 13 diploma, and spoke for her classmates as the valedictorian of the year.

She won a New College council admission scholarship valued at \$150.

The Building Products of Canada higher education award for families of employees has a potential value of \$2,640; it was presented by Kevin Conroy. Mr. Conroy also presented to Andrea and Glenn Lee Building Products awards of \$50 for physics.

John Greifeneder presented her with the Beardmore and Company \$200 award for chemistry.

Carl Hartwig gave Andrea

the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce grade 13 mathematics prize.

Ontario scholars
A new high of 11 students received Ontario scholarships for over 80 percent in grade 13. Brian Skerrett presented the awards to Julia Aitken, Debra Bousfield, Bonnie Bristow, Andrea Bronstad, Louise Harmsma, Susan Jamieson, Glenn Lee, Jim McNabb, Caroline Merrin, Susan Shoemaker and Bruce Swift.

Secondary school honour graduation diplomas were presented by principal Dave Katz, vice-principal Ian Downie, Mrs. Joanne Wilkinson and Harold Swallow to: Julia Aitken, Susan Alchin,

Debra Bousfield, Bonnie Bristow, Andrea Bronstad, Ian Campbell, Stan Collett, Russell Coultrup, Joyce Denny, Jane Dougan, Gary Fisher, Janice Gibson, Wendy Hannah, Louise Harmsma, Susan Jamieson, John Kingsmill.

Glenn Lee, Elizabeth McCutcheon, Roger McGillivray, Caroline Merrin, Tom Parker, Trevolyn Patrick, Paul Petric, Susan Shoemaker, Lynne Simoni, Susan Somerville, Janice Swackhamer, Bruce Swift, Ann Toth, Jannette Waites, Darlene Welch, Handy Weldon.

Secondary School Graduation Diplomas were presented by Geoff Sansom, S. Gays, Ian McGillivray,

Shirley Menfee, Sue Burns and Ann Pool to: Julia Aitken, Angelo Albano, Susan Alehin, Janet Allan, Treth Armstrong, Robert Beerman, Charles Bennett, Kathleen Bird, Debra Bousfield, Al Bridgen, David Camm, Bruce Cooksley, Paul Daley, Mary Ann DeHaan, Kathy Dills, Sherry Douglas.

Gary Fisher, Marie Fisher, Maureen Gerth, Donna Gorlup, Pearl Harris, Melody Hott, Vernon Hitchcock, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Colleen Houston, Frank Houston, Cathy Hunter, Shirley Joque, Ann Johnston, Pat Jordan, Suzanne Kamel, Wade Knight, Yvette LeRoy, Rob Linham, Sherri Livermore.

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VALEDICTORIAN ANDREA Broostad made a clean sweep of top awards at commencement Friday. She is also an Ontario scholar. Here she speaks on behalf of the 35 graduates.

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Recreation hassle

Council approves co-ordinator

Halton Hills will hire a recreation program co-ordinator for wards one and two and the general administration committee will continue to exist.

The administration committee, which handles all recreation matters, had sent a recommendation to the Monday night committee of the whole council meeting suggesting that if their decision to hire a co-ordinator was not accepted then they would like to see the administration committee dis-

banded. The administration group have already lost planning to a special committee of the whole council and were prepared to move recreation and fire matters into the hands of the entire council.

"I am willing to go along with the hiring of a co-ordinator but if the committee thinks they are scaring me with their threat to close down the administration committee they aren't. I don't like the intimidating recommendation at

the end," Councillor Mike Armstrong said.

Administration committee chairman Roy Booth told the councillors that they weren't trying to scare anyone. "On numerous occasions this council has rejected our recommendations and we felt we were just unable to convey our reasoning and why we thought something should be done," Booth said.

The need for a co-ordinator arose after recreation director Doug Collison came

under criticism from the Acton recreation advisory committee who charged they were being ignored by him.

At last week's administration committee meeting Collison gave a report, behind closed doors.

For summary of Doug Collison's report turn to page 3.

"I certainly agree with the first part of the recommendation, that we hire a program co-ordinator for wards one and two but I don't like the second part. I think it was put forth with tongue in cheek. All the committees have things rejected and we must all just accept this. I think the administration committee does a fine job and should continue," said Councillor Harry Levy.

Booth put forth a recom-

mendation that the second portion of their suggestion, the vetted threat, be withdrawn and it was accepted by the councillors.

The councillors continued to battle about the hiring of an aquatic supervisor and pool supervisor for the two new pools.

"Even with a program co-ordinator for Acton recreation, are we still going to need an aquatic supervisor?" Armstrong wondered.

Booth told him the program co-ordinator had nothing to do with the pool supervisors. The co-ordinator, they hoped, would prevent further problems arising such as the one with the Acton advisory committee.

Coxe said that no matter what the titles were it still meant there would be one person doing one pool and one person doing three pools. "I think we might find later that the workload for the aquatic supervisor is too much and we will end up hiring another person. Then we would have three," he stated.

"We are having the old Georgetown recreation pool handling recreation for the whole town and there just isn't enough staff to go around. We must maintain equal programs for the two urban areas and we want to

Baby cries warns of fire

A baby staying with her parents as weekend guests woke around four o'clock Sunday morning and gave warning the house was on fire.

The fire gutted the interior of the farmhouse, owned by G. Franchino, on the Sixth Line, near Limehouse, known as the old Scott farm.

Mr. Franchino and his relatives from Mississauga who were weekend guests, escaped unhurt, but only the walls and roof of the stone farmhouse are left intact.

Neighbors pitched in and helped the family who returned the next day to their home in Mississauga.

At five in the morning, Mrs. Blanche Goudekting of the Red Cross Emergency Service came to the scene to

offer bedding, clothing and food.

Mr. Franchino was grateful but said his parents in Mississauga would look after him.

The Red Cross offer of help was accepted in another fire Friday evening at 29 John Street, when the Nolan family lost most of their clothing and furniture.

The front porch of a house at 82 Guelph Street owned by Mrs. K. Blood was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon at 1:30.

Firemen contained the blaze before it spread to the rest of the house.

Monday afternoon Georgetown firefighters fought a large bush fire in Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

Noxious use is prevented

A special council meeting was held Wednesday and a motion passed which will prevent new industry of a noxious nature coming into Acton.

Specially considered by councillors was the problem of odor if certain types of industry should locate in the north-west part of town. The prevailing westerly winds could bring odor into the populated areas.

Reading
The motion approved a bylaw to amend Acton zoning bylaw. The relevant section reads: That section 5 of bylaw

1350 be amended to include the following section: "5.255: Noxious Uses. No use shall be permitted which, from its nature or the materials used therein, is declared to be a noxious trade, business or manufacture under the Public Health Act or regulations thereunder, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall include any uses which under the Public Health Act or regulations thereunder, may be declared by the Local Board of Health or Council to be noxious or offensive trade, business or manufacture."

After Hyde voiced his opinion he came under stiff criticism over the fact he called for a recorded vote and then spoke to his motion. Councillor Roy Booth said this was improper procedure because it prevented anyone else from speaking. He charged that on a recorded vote the chairman must be the last speaker to the motion.

On the recorded vote Hyde was the only member of council who opposed the decision to hire the recreation co-ordinator for Acton and Esquesing.

More details will follow next week.

Fire last night marks end of month record

A fire last night (Tuesday) marked the end of a month long record of no alarms in Acton.

At 7:25 last evening an alarm was put into the fire hall. Firefighters rushed to the fair grounds where a pile of leaves was burning against a fence. It was feared that the Hinton's nearby hedge would catch on fire.

However the firefighters had the flames out before any serious damage was done.

Walkathon success

The Acton Y's Men sponsored a walkathon on Saturday, with the proceeds going to UNICEF.

Sixty-four youngsters walked the 20 mile route from five miles north of Hillsburg across highway 24 to Ballinacree, west to Third Line and south to the M. Z. Bennett school in Acton.

Students from M. Z. Ben-

nett, Robert Little and Speyside public schools participated in the walk. They were all between the ages of 10 and 14.

The total amount of money raised, who came in first and how many people finished, were not available at press time. These, plus more information on the walkathon will be in next week's paper.



ANNE PICKERING HAS been hired by the town of Halton Hills to be pool supervisor at the new Acton swimming pool.

Pool supervisor is on the job

Anne Pickering, a graduate of the university of Guelph, has been hired as the Acton pool supervisor, by the town of Halton Hills.

Miss Pickering started work on October 15. Since then she has been organizing different events and planning the pool program.

She will be working every night from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and on the weekends after the

pool is opened.

Miss Pickering received her Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics and has previously been pool supervisor at the Milton Rotary pool. She was also a swimming instructor there for two summers. She is the holder of Award of Distinction (RLSS), the Royal Life award from the Red Cross and the National Life Guard award.

Backwash new pool problem

Acton's new \$300,000 swimming pool is full of water—but still no swimmers.

The previous heating problem at the new swimming pool is rectified, but a new snag is causing another hold-up.

During final inspections, a backwash problem has developed. Present sewer lines at the high school cannot handle the water from the pool without a possibility of flooding.

The pool water must go into a sanitary sewer and not a

storm line on Churchill Rd. Town engineer Peter Morris must approve the change.

The work could be done in a week or two, according to recreation director Doug Collison.

The boiler problem was not a great holdup, as programs could have begun without it.

A meeting is planned for the high school resource centre for Thursday evening, when representatives of various town groups will express their feelings on use of the fine new facility.

Let's hear it for old Santa!

How about a Santa Claus parade? And Santa, esconced in a vacant shop, waiting to chat with all the delighted children from Acton and district?

Mike Kinal of Home Hardware wants to hear from other merchants and service clubs. If they are interested in trying to work up something for this year's Christmas season.

Last year he arranged a mini-parade with a clown on a motorcycle, skating club members in costume, and Santa arriving on a fire truck. Santa stayed in Home Hardware and the staff gave out over 500 candy canes to the children who flocked into the store.

Chamber of Commerce is meeting soon, but Mr. Kinal won't be able to attend due to a business meeting.

So he hopes people will come into his store and talk to him about possibilities.

Both Georgetown and Milton have Santa Claus parades each year.

Arrests made

On Tuesday, Acton O.P.P. charged an out-of-town youth with theft under \$200. He was also charged for being in possession of someone else's car ownership papers and possession of an offensive weapon. He'll appear in court Dec. 4.

On Sunday two youths were arrested in the Main St. S. laundromat at 2:30 a.m. and charged with theft under \$200. They had fished about \$1.50 worth of dimes and quarters out of the coin boxes of the machines when spotted by police. They're due in court Dec. 4.

On Saturday a drug seizure was made on Agnes St., and a local girl will appear in court Jan. 15.

Last Thursday an out-of-town man was arrested in the Toronto-Dominion bank, attempting to cash a forged cheque. He has been charged with two counts of uttering forged documents, the first one in April. He appears in court Oct. 30.

On Tuesday two missing juveniles from Guelph were encountered by police here, and returned home.

No ice yet

There is no ice in the Acton arena yet.

Ice making machinery was started up Saturday night to allow the temperature of the floor to drop, but there has been no flooding of the surface.

Workmen were busy today (Wednesday) putting the finishing touches on the new plastic boards which were recently installed.

