

A big star . . . REALLY big!

It's never a dull life for Acton's Jack Carpenter who recently had the pleasure of entertaining a seven foot kangaroo on his CFCA stereo radio program "Music Hall". Jack was interviewing London artists Wayne King, a classical pianist, and Dawson Chance, a ventriloquist. Both were to appear in the Royal Command Variety Show at the London Palladium on November 15, the televised version of which may be shown later in Canada. The creator of the kangaroo, a ventriloquist's puppet, Chance is an old friend of Jack and Joyce Carpenter. Many young Actonites will remember him from his appearance in pantomime and his memorable visits to Acton. The kangaroo, and

Chance were recently dinner guests of the Carpenters. King introduced his first L.P. recording "Introducing Wayne King" while appearing on Jack's show.

Mystery

There were allusions to a new mystery industry for Milton during Monday night's council meeting, but any councillors "in the know" have been told in confidence and no-one is ready yet to tell the story. North American Rockwell is involved, the site includes 13 acres of land and, in the words of Councillor Rick Day, "it's a big one—it will be a feather in the cap of the municipality."



BIG AL the kangaroo seems delighted to be appearing in Jack Carpenter's radio program "Music Hall". With Jack are pianist Wayne King (on the extreme left) and Big Al's creator, Dawson Chance, a ventriloquist. Both London artists were interviewed by Jack for their upcoming Royal Command Performance at the London Palladium. — CFCA Studio Photo.

Rural development project at U. of G.

If the rural people of Ontario are ready to get together to discuss their ideas and the problems concerning their own community future, then the University of Guelph is ready to listen. Communication like this will be the first step in implementing the university's new rural development project.

It represents the university's willingness to draw on its faculty and its social and political contacts to assist rural communities to become involved in their own development. "University people don't have all the answers and certainly won't be telling other folk what is wrong with their lives or community," says Dr. A. M. Fuller, director of the Rural Outreach Development Project. However, there are lots of ideas and a great deal of knowledge at the University of Guelph, plus the willingness to get involved in rural development at the community level. The new project is supported by funds from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, and represents the first major grant for rural development in Canada. At first the project is proposed for two pilot areas within commuting distance of Guelph; then when ways of assisting rural communities are better understood, other areas will be brought in. It is essential that the areas involved start the process themselves, says Dr. Fuller, by getting people together to share ideas. "This is essentially a grass roots project and must begin and end with the community itself."

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\$3,500 goal Centre drive

Acton Community Services Centre board of directors will be appealing to the community itself for 25 per cent of next year's operating budget - \$3,500. It is expected that local and regional councils will again support the Centre's application for 75 per cent of the operating budget, as they did last year.

Members of specially formed committees will be calling on clubs, industries and individuals to tell them personally of the appeal. The drive will begin within the next couple of weeks.

The Community Services Centre in the Y filled a large gap in town; previously there was no one place for agencies to operate from, and it was generally felt that Acton did not receive its share of services.

Following public meetings a board was formed, two rooms in the Y inexpensively rented, and a co-ordinator hired last March. The Centre was termed a forward-looking experiment, and many

people in the field feel other towns and cities will soon also move toward similar centres.

Judy McLin, the co-ordinator, administers the centre and makes appointments with professionals. She is also co-ordinator for a growing group of volunteers.

Services such as psychiatric help, additions counselling and family counselling etc. are all administered by qualified professionals.

The total budget for the next year is \$14,875.

Prize for joke

It's no joke! Your favourite joke can become part of a professional show and you will be the script writer, says Acton resident Jack Carpenter.

Appearing on Jack Carpenter's Sunday night radio show Lionel Blair, the star in the new production of "Jack and the Beanstalk", a Christmas pantomime being presented at the O'Keefe Centre, Toronto and Hamilton Place, Hamilton, made the offer of two free tickets as a prize in a joke contest. It can be a one liner, a Knock-Knock joke or a funny story.

Send your joke with your name and address, age and phone number to: Pantomime Joke Contest, "Music Hall", Radio Station CFCA, 864 King Street West, Kitchener.

The winners will be announced on the air and receive free tickets to see the show, Jack says. "You will also hear your joke told on stage and be invited backstage after the show to meet the cast!"

Air issues MZB meeting

The community of Acton will "meet the candidates" at a meeting in the M.Z. Bennett school auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 24. The evening is being sponsored by both the Chamber of Commerce and the teachers of Halton.

The contestants for the seat of mayor, region councillor and area councillors for ward one and Board of Education seat for wards one and two will be on the platform to speak and then answer questions.

Bill Coats will chair the board of education section of the program and Louis Charlebois the council members portion. Each candidate will have a turn to speak, with an open session for questions from the audience following. Refreshments are being arranged by the Chamber of Commerce.

The teachers of Halton, through the Elementary Teachers Association and the Secondary School Teachers Federation, are arranging candidates' meetings throughout the county. In Acton, Georgetown and Milton all candidates are being included at the same meeting, co-sponsored by local groups. In Burlington and Oakville there are to be meetings with trustee candidates only.

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To conserve energy, the Acton Hydro Commission will purchase a timer which will

turn their office Christmas lights on and off at specified times.

At their monthly meeting Thursday, the commission received a letter from Ontario Hydro regarding Christmas lights. They asked that the time 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. be promoted for Christmas lights in the festive season.

The members discussed their own decorations and lights for the Hydro office and considered the fact that there was no one in the building to turn them on and off at specified times.

Commissioner Bob MacArthur suggested buying the timer. "We cannot ask the public to have their lights on for certain hours and us leave ours on all night."

The rest of the group agreed with his proposal.

Pet of the week



TARZAN, A BROWN AND WHITE hamster, works his way along Gail Hughes' top. The year-old black-eyed animal is shared by Gail, 9, and her 12 year old brother Dean. The sharing came about after Gail's hamster, Clio, died.

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