

ETHEL HOLMES listens proudly during Citizen of the Year speeches.

Citizens pay tribute to town's fire brigade

The following citation was read at the Citizen of the Year dinner by Councillor Les Duby.

Each and every one of us who are here as guests this evening are gathered for the xpress purpose of paying to a group o dedicated persons, past and present, who have over the years voluntarily offered their services to the community at great risk to their own persons, in the interest of protection to all people and their property from the ravages of fire.

Firstly, I am sure, we

commend our Chamber of Commerce for their good judgement, in the selection of this group of dedicated citizens to be the recipients of the "Citizen of the Year Award". While the award may indicate the specific year in which it was bestowed upon them, I am sure we all recognize it is the intent to honour them for their municipal presence, and the satisfaction and comfort we have all had in just knowing they were there, well trained and qualified as Firefighters, under the direction of their appointed Fire Chief and the duly-elected officers of their own Firefighters Association.

There is no limit to the extent that we could express our gratitude to this special group of people, who in both their waking and sleeping hours are ever at the ready to

prepared, except in a rare emergency, to commit ourselves to a 24 hour a day stand by? To be prepared at any time, at the sound of the heart-rending cially to jump from a

warm bed on a cold winter's night, and head out, for God only knows where, in the vast area which is their jurisdiction to save property and perhaps lives, whoever those poor souls may be. This kind of service calls

not only for dedication to duty, but in many cases, unknown to us-and I would like to use the abbreviated term for "intestinal fortitude"-it calls for a display of just plain

The volunteer Firelighting service for many years has been the institution to serve the lesser-populated area of the country including small urban municipalities, as opposed to the required, but no more sophisticated, large municipally employed fire departments of our larger

The award tonight goes to a group of men who commit themselves to serve us in the truest sense as community volunteers, and for the most of remunerations on attendance and practice training which makes them Firefighters of the best calibre possible with a sound knowledge of Firefighting and life-saving tech-

The Acton Firefighters Association have a proud

record that goes back a long way in the history of this community. I won't be specific as to the years and I could not mention honourable names without missing someone. It all started with the romantic old steam engine drawn by horses, right here in Acton, as depicted in our old school books generations ago. Then came the hose on a two wheeled cart, drawn by the now famous Model T Ford. Then came an old Studebaker of 1927 vintage, recently restored by our own Firefighters, which is still active today for parade purposes and provides an avenue of nostalgia for a great many who have lived here for the most of a life-span.

The very beneficial mutual aid ystem came into effect in 195 ., which by its nature, has brought all of the neighbouring Firefighting services into a modern radio-equipped How many of us would be support system. Many changes have taken place over the years, and all to the advantage of us who depend on the fire protection so

> Since the days of one storage bay and one truck, they now have a modern Fire Hall and several trucks and support equipment.
> The number of Firefighters

has grown over the years as required to serve our population from a few to 20 and 25, and now they have the number of 35 whom we honour here tonight.

Before the days of the siren, the men responded to a bell on the roof tolled by a rope until today when men respond immediately to pagers carried on their person.

This has reduced the complete response time to three to four minutes, and on many occasions the trucks are leaving the premises in a matter of seconds because the men are on hand at the hall in which they take an understandable interest. This has provided our Community with one of the lowest insurance rates that are enjoyed today.

The contribution of our Firefighters does not end with their dedication to firefighting and fire prevention service. They are well known for their support of muscular dystrophy and the Acton Firelighters make one of the largest donations for towns of our size. They also regularly sponsor minor sports.

They sponsor a poster



SAM TENNANT is hoisted to his feet after a joking introduction.

contest yearly, for Grade 5

students, youngsters at an

ideal age to be impressed by

involvement in Fire Pre-

They produce and sponsor

on annual fireworks display

in our park on every long July

weekend, because they are

competent and trained in the

handling of this special kind

They have also scheduled

Night, a time when they have

always produced a beautiful

beef dinner to honour those in

the municipality who have

assisted them in one way or

As volunteers we must

recognize their long years of

interested service, and

starting with Chief Mick

Holmes and Samuel Tennant

they have recorded from 32 to

annual Appreciation

of recreation equipment.

vention concerns.

Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board St. Joseph's School, Acton

Advanced Sept. 1978 Registration

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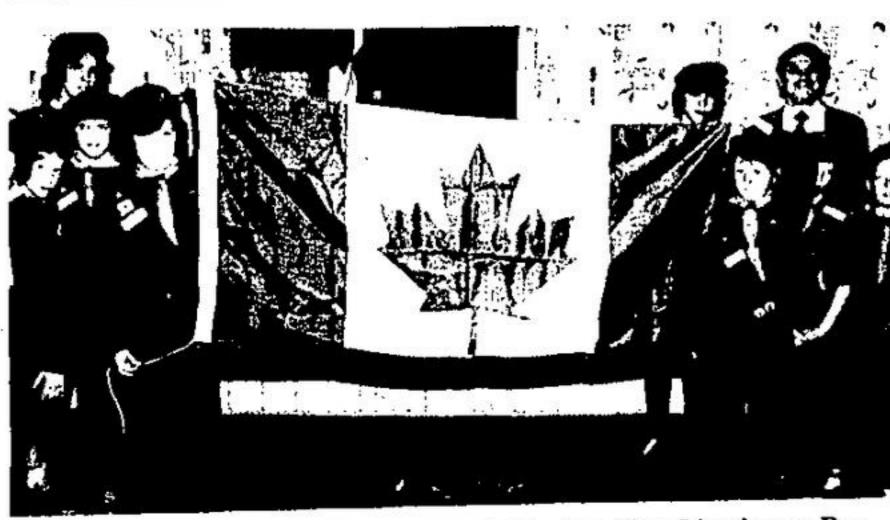
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OVER 30 firefighters flocked to the head table to shake Chief Mick Holmes' hand at the Citizen of the Year dinner.



A NEW CANADIAN FLAG was presented to the First Limehouse Boy Scout Troop by Halton MP Frank Philbrook at Limehouse Hall Monday night. Tom Ruggle, left, received the flag from the MP during a brief ceremony. Peter Jones, right, helps Tom with the flag.

Ballinafad

100th anniversary for church May 7

by Winifred Smith The April meeting of the U.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Elleen McEnery, Mrs. F. J. Shortill presiding. The roll call was naswered by all naming the first church they attended. Mrs. Joyce Clarke gave the devotional.

The main topic of business was to see that everything was in readiness for the 100th anniversary which will be on May 7. Beautiful church plates and coffee mugs as 2, Acton. Rev. Stiles had a well as an historic book of the church will be available at that time. Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. March assisted the hostess in serving a cup of tea. A social time followed.

Sorry to have to report that A. D. McEnery is confined to hospital again. He is presently undergoing tests. We sincerely hope his stay will be a short one. We welcome the new arri-

val which has come to live on the Eighth Line. Congratula-tions are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roberts who became the proud parents of a baby boy on April 12. They have named him Tomas Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill, Mr. and Mrs. Del Linstead and family, and other relatives including Mrs. Hattie Price, Mr. Dave Lindsay and Mrs.Linstead Sr. travelled to Gorrie on Sunday

grand nephew of Mrs. Madill. There were many out to the Ballinafad church service on Sunday as many relatives came out to join the congregation to witness the Sacrament of Baptism. Two infants were presented namely Patrick Allan Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown of Ballinafad, and Timothy Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Stevenson of R.R.

to witness the christening of a

christening ceremony.

beautiful sermon "The Long Journey Begins" which told of the significance of the

winter

Even in the middle of June Gerth of Elizabeth Dr. and her family ' could hear the rustle of leaves

on a nearby maple tree. The young tree never did shed its leaves, in spite of the severity of last winter. In the fall, the leaves turned brown and grew brittle, and even though the small maple beside it eventually became bare, the other one kept its

Mrs. Gerth says now that spring is here, the "normal" tree is starting to grow buds, while the odd tree is still brown and brittle.

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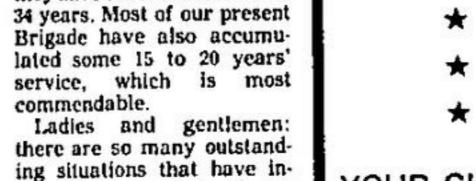
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volved the service of our Firefighters that it would take an endless period of time to comment on them. I know that every member of our Fire Department feels honoured this evening, and while they remain seated, would you please rise with me and salute our new Citizens of the Year for a job that is being so well done.

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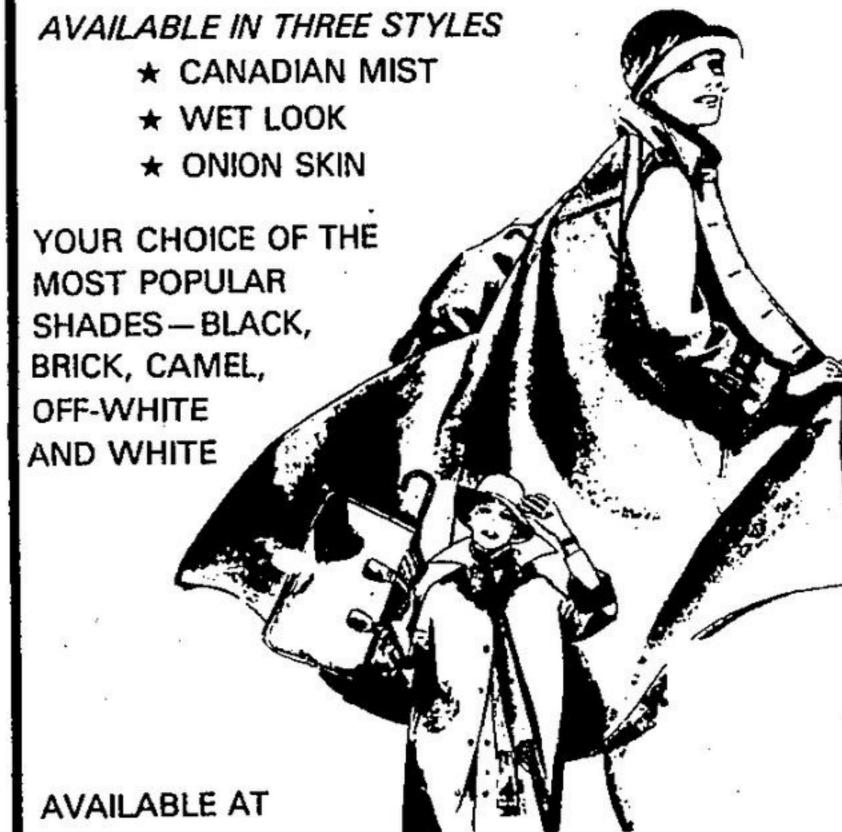
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