



Paula Stuckey with her Canadian flag. Paula recently became a Canadian citizen. She says although she doesn't feel different since the ceremony she has a feeling of pride as a citizen.

Feeling of pride for new citizen

By Jennifer Rowe

After two days of officially being a Canadian citizen Paula Stuckey doesn't feel any different. "I don't feel differently, I've always felt at home and a piece of paper doesn't make that much difference," she said.

Paula, a native of England, became a Canadian citizen on Monday at the Citizenship court in Guelph. She lives in Halton Hills and is an employee of the Georgetown Independent.

Born in Yeovil, England, Paula and her husband Clive came to Canada in 1968. Paula said when she first came to Canada she could have voted in the federal election which took place shortly after she arrived. Since then the laws regarding British subjects have changed and Paula was not eligible to vote in the recent election.

The first step to becoming a citizen had Paula at the citizenship office in Hamilton where she filled in a form and included two photos. After six weeks Paula was called for an interview with the Citizenship Judge. At this time she was quizzed on her general and historical

Gord McKeown

Postmaster dies while on holidays

For the second time in less than a week, a prominent Acton man has died.

Gord McKeown, postmaster at the Acton post office for the past 19 years died suddenly while vacationing in the Haliburton's last Wednesday, just one day after the funeral of former mayor Les Duby.

Mr. McKeown was rushed to Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay after

taking ill suddenly in Bobcaygeon. He had celebrated his 60th birthday just one week before his death.

Mr. McKeown was named postmaster June 30, 1960, replacing Frank Terry, who had been transferred to Owen Sound. He began his postal experience in 1952 when he joined the Acton office as a postal clerk. In 1954, he received a promotion to assistant post-

master and handled the postmaster's duties for four months.

In 1941, he enlisted in the R.C.C.S. and served overseas four years.

Mr. McKeown was born June 13, 1919, son of Albert and Jenny McKeown. He attended Greenock public school, Acton high school and Hamilton Technical school. He was a member of the Acton Trinity United church. On March 1,

1947, he married Shirley Kentner in Guelph. They raised a family of four.

Mr. McKeown was a member of the Acton Investment Club, and a past president and member of the local Rotary club. He also belonged to the Acton Legion and sang with the Choralliers.

Left to mourn his loss are: his wife Shirley; sons Tom, Peace River, Alberta, Peter, Acton, and Jim, Toronto;

daughter, Brenda Coles, Ottawa; five grandchildren; brothers, Ralph, Georgetown, Irwin, Toronto, and Lloyd, Waterdown; sisters, Kathleen McMillan, Georgetown and Lillian Watson, Stoney Creek. He was predeceased by one sister Josephine Whitham.

Funeral service was held June 23 in Acton with Rev. Charles Beaton

Milton man dies in three car crash

A Milton man died and five other people were injured in a three-car smash up on Highway 25 just south of Acton, last Wednesday night.

Audrey Fucile, about 55, of 256 Main St. Milton, is semi-conscious and in fair condition in Hamilton General Hospital's intensive care unit, according to a hospital spokesman Tuesday morning.

Milton OPP say she was suffering head injuries and in critical condition when transferred to Hamilton from Milton District Hospital.

Her husband, 63-year-old Samuel Fucile, was pronounced dead at Milton hospital by Dr. D. Alkenhead, according to OPP.

The Fuciles were passengers with their daughter Kimberly Strauss, 26, and two-year-old grandson Thomas Jr. in the 1978 grey Cadillac driven by

Thomas D. Strauss, 29, of 782 Applewood Cres. Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Strauss suffered cuts and bruises while their son Thomas has a broken leg.

They were admitted to Milton hospital.

Also hurt was the driver of a 1972 Buick Skylark, William Bryan Stewart, 191 Kingham Rd. Acton. Mr. Stewart, 36, was taken OPP cruiser. He suffered cuts to the bowel and face.

A Burlington couple escaped injury. Lindsay B. Leslie, 1659 Green Meadow Dr. was at the wheel of a 1974 silver Cadillac while his wife Marion was a passenger, according to OPP.

Police are still investigating the accident and charges are pending.

According to Milton OPP, the northbound Stewart car crossed over into the southbound lane. The southbound Leslie auto pulled to the right to

avoid a collision, however a sideswipe occurred.

The Strauss car, which was also southbound, moved towards the northbound lane, say OPP for evasive action.

The Stewart auto, caromed off the Leslie car, back towards the northbound lane with the result it and the Strauss vehicle were involved in a head-on collision, police said.

Ambulances from Milton and Georgetown were called to the scene about a mile and three quarters south of Acton. The mishap occurred just prior to 10 p.m.

For the first time Acton firefighters got to use their new "Jaws of Life" equipment. They used the pneumatic jaws to open the Strauss vehicle.

The jaws which use about four tons of pressure, force open doors. The advantage to using the

jaws as opposed to a power saw, is there are no sparks which may ignite gasoline, according to Acton Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

Some of the first people at the scene were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell, RR 3 Acton. Mr. Powell helped keep still Kimberly Strauss who was in the back seat of her husband's car, according to Mrs. Powell.

Mrs. Strauss was holding her son, who was "screaming" because he knew his grandmother was hurt, Mrs. Powell said.

Mrs. Powell said she and her husband were

also at the scene of a seven fatality crash, three years ago, just north of the spot.

A few citizens with flares directed many cars off Highway 25 onto 22 Sideroad after the accident. Many spectators from Acton drove south. Many, after parking their cars, walked to the accident.

Northbound traffic was also halted.

Acton firefighters washed off the road after the cars were towed away.

Total damages from the collision were about \$14,500 say police.

Car damages gas pumps

Gas pumps at Toth Motors on Guelph St. were damaged when a car struck them Friday morning. Damages estimated at \$1,500.

Halton Regional Police state the car driven by Peter Turkosz, 250 Mill St. E., rounded a corner, hit the right curb then

came to a stop at the gas pump.

Police estimate damage to the auto at \$100.

A two vehicle collision on Queen St. at Meadvale Rd. resulted in about \$1,000 in property damage Thursday evening.

Police estimate there is \$800 damage on the auto driven by Murray Cowdie, 51 Greenore Cres. The balance is on the van driven by Kevin Little, 7 Danridge Cres. Georgetown.

Plan trips

Acton Golden Age Club held its regular meeting June 26 with the usual opening exercises.

Mrs. Dennis reported all those going to Scott's Farm on July 2 are to meet at the Parish Hall at 8 a.m. Monday

All those going to the picnic at Rockwood are to meet at the parish hall at 12.15 p.m. on tomorrow June 28.

Mrs. R. Knechtel of Acton showed slides entitled The Best Things of Life are Free.



Craig Stuckey and Gareth Marks take a break from all the activity at the Beavers district camporee held in Orangeville. Unusually low June temperatures couldn't dampen the spirits of the youngsters. Photo by RICK GIBSON.

Graduations next week

Hundreds of grade 8 students in Acton's McKenzie-Smith middle school and St. Joseph's separate school will be graduating from elementary school today (Wednesday), entering high school in September.

Graduation ceremonies for the McKenzie-Smith middle school were held last evening in

the Legion. Awards for top student, and top athletes were given out to deserving students.

St. Joseph's graduates go through their commencement tonight with a mass in the church, followed by the official exercises. Awards will also be given out to the top students.

Both graduations will be covered in next week's Free Press.

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Three separate calithumpian parades will converge on the downtown mall Saturday morning, after circling the town in their traditional, zany way. Calithumpian parades have been a special part of celebrations here for generations. This year's version again depends entirely on people just coming out and joining in. Organizer Pat Wood will be delighted to welcome everyone, and even happier if people are in crazy costumes or playing an instrument to add to the music.

After the parade, there will be ribbons awarded to the kids with the best decorated bikes and doll buggies.

The basic paraders expect to meet at their three starting off points at 9 a.m. Saturday. The processions should move off at 9:30. Lakeview Centre is the start off place for Pat Wood's parade, with Fred Wright as marshal. The troop will wind their way through Lakeview subdivision, cut across River

St. to Willow, go along Bower to the tracks.

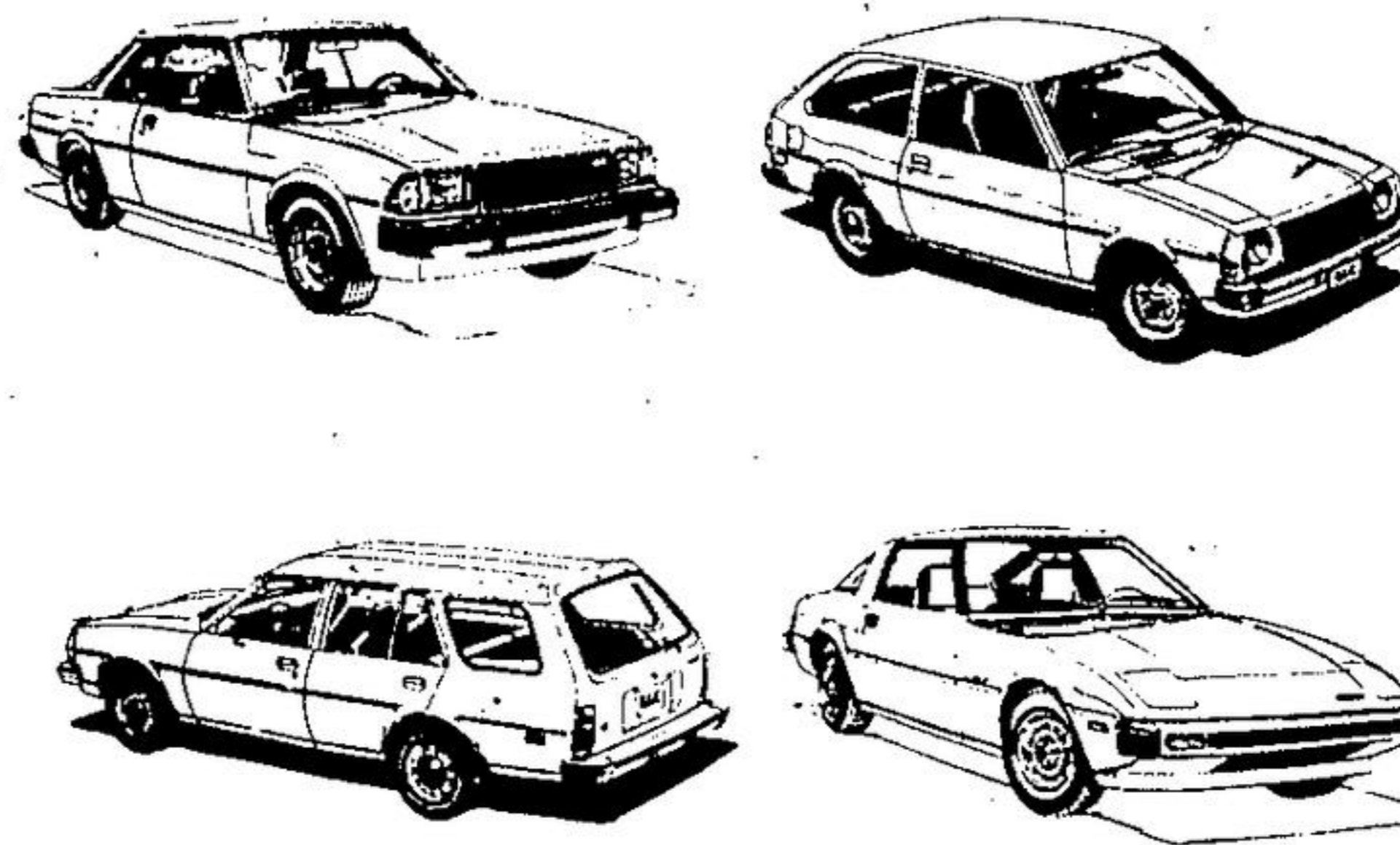
Kingham parade starts at Kingham and Highway 25, with Ed Wood leading. Doris Browne, in a convertible, is parade marshal and Linda Pilgrim will play the bagpipes. Ed, as the piper, will lead his group through Kingham, along Cobblehill, Victoria to Agnes up Frederick to Church, across the tracks coming out at Eastern. A hay wagon will be in the procession.

Glenlea marchers start at Becker's Milk, go down Churchill, up Longfield, and cross the highway at Acton Blvd., along to Norman, out to Division and from Wallace back to the tracks. Pop Main is marshal and Terry Grubbe the leader. This group gets Acton band.

Each parade will be led by a policeman. Flag bearers for the march are Kevin Grubbe, Craig Robbins and Todd Oliver.

All three groups will meet at the tracks and wait there to cross the railroad tracks all together.

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