



It was a night to remember Sunday when about 15 new Acton Citizens' Band members performed in an outdoor picnic concert.

Sunday concert

Picnickers relish sounds of the Citizens' Band

by Gord Murray
The sound of bold marches, time honored hymns, old time band tunes, and the score from a classic film wafted on a soft cool breeze about the pines and poplars at the rear of the Music Centre as the Acton Citizens' Band offered a summer suppertime concert Sunday night.



The audience sat at a table, on the lawn and in lawn chairs enjoying the sounds of the Acton Citizens' Band Sunday evening.

Almost 100 people enjoyed the music and picnic meals of fried chicken, salads, sandwiches and a birthday cake in honor of band member John Watson. Some sat at tables with brown and white checked tablecloths, others relaxed in lawn chairs and some spread blankets on the ground. It was a real family affair, attracting an audience ranging from grandparents to infants; many couples brought their children who played quietly while the band played on.

It was the kind of charming evening of entertainment in a lovely setting which could only happen in a small town like Acton. The 90 minutes of music started with a rousing march, On Guard, followed by Jerome Kern's All the Things You Are.

The band, featuring 15 to 20 young new members who were admittedly nervous for their first concert, played a stirring rendition of the favorite hymn Amazing Grace. Next they offered an old time band overture, Cascade, followed by a medley of tunes from the 1933 cinema classic 42nd Street. Later the band also played Lullaby of Broadway from the same movie.

Three oldies but goodies, Georgia On My Mind, Moon Over Naples (Spanish Eyes) and I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing were conducted

by Chuck Wright. Gonna Build a Mountain had the band and audience clapping. Waltzing Matilda was offered in honor of a new band member, Jenny Nunan, the Rotary exchange student from Australia. Just before the closing piece, O' Canada, the band played a street march, Hospitality. They're retiring that number now that a couple of new marches have been mastered. Wright conducted four pieces, band leader George Elliott the balance.



Pat Waidie and Gord James load up the pots with corn at the Legion corn roast Saturday night.

Legion happenings

by Jim and Lily Higgins
Sorry for the goof in the bulletin folks, but the "Nashville Night" is October 3, not October 22. On the sick list are Del Jordan, Joan McKnight, A. Daigle, A. Perry, E. Ryder and Fred Wright. Tickets will soon be available for our Fall Fair Dance on Saturday, September 19. The Flashbacks will play. Thanks to all those who helped make the corn roast such a success. Don't forget the family picnic this Sunday. It's last call for the Ladies' Auxiliary bus trip to Wonderland this Saturday, just six seats are left.

Obituary

John A. Bruce

Funeral service was held August 17 for John A. (Jack) Bruce of R.R. 4 Stratford. Mr. Bruce was born in Acton on March 10, 1926 and attended Acton Public and Acton High Schools. He worked as a wool sorter for several years before and after his enlistment in the Royal Canadian Navy. For the past 30 years, Mr. Bruce has worked as a police constable for CNR in Hamilton, Kitchener and London. He lived at R.R. 4 Stratford until his death on August 14, and was predeceased by his sons Robbie and Eddie. He is survived by his wife Kitty (nee Boughner) sons John and Tom and daughter Janet, all of Stratford, sisters Isabel (Mrs. Ted Russell) of Ottawa, May (Mrs. Fred Wilds) and brother Bob of Acton.

Only one home for severance

In a story in last week's paper, where Rene and Joan March were denied a severance for their Ballinfad property the statement that the severance was intended for several homes was wrong. Only one home is intended for the severed property. Land Division Committee chairman Brian Fletcher stated there has been three severances on the property, but there have only been two during the 10 years the Marchs have owned the land. Mr. and Mrs. David Dewdney report they attended the Land Division Committee meeting only out of interest and not to object to the severance. Mr. Dewdney says they have no objection to one house being built on adjacent property, although they did express concerns about a plan for a subdivision on the March property which has been submitted for Halton Hills comments. A formal application for a subdivision has not been made yet.

Approve creative playground

Wellington County Board of Education has approved the construction of a creative playground at Brisbane Public School on Highway 24.

House ransacked

A Bower Avenue home was ransacked and five rings were stolen during a break-in Friday. Police say the home at 125 Bower was entered through the basement window. Value of the rings is estimated at \$500.

Saturday Flea Market ready

Leathertown Market is getting bigger each day, even before the big day arrives. This Saturday marks the first annual Market, and will be held in conjunction with the final Actario draw of the first year's series. Last week there were 35 booths planned, and another ten have been confirmed since then. Everything from fresh fruit and vegetables from the Niagara Peninsula to military items, wooden furniture, watches, clocks, English imports, Mexican hats and crafts, used bicycles, luggage, rocking chairs, ceramics, wicker furniture, bargains in unclaimed articles for the price of the cleaning (from Family Cleaners) and local produce at reasonable prices will be available. Piano refinishing will be offered by Kent Tocher and garage sales will be held. Pets will be available, as well as food. The Catholic Women's League will have a bake sale and a tea table for the weary who wish to sit down and rest. To prove they can do more than make music the Acton Citizens' Band will have a booth with apple cider, apples and pies all from Chudleighs. Most of the action will centre around the town hall in a Willow St. mall stretching from Bower Ave. as far south as it is needed. Tyler says booths will definitely be extended to Willow St. A parade will kick off the day, assembling at the Band Hall and heading toward the Mill and Willow corner at 8:45 p.m. Leading the parade will be Bill Taylor and

his little man costume. The Acton Citizens' Band, a giant rat and a flea will head down the street in Pied Piper fashion. Opening ceremonies will take place in front of the town hall with Elma Bralda performing the ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m. At 9:15 a.m. Pat Wood will be leading the Health Hustle and at 9:30 the Citizens' Band will entertain. The McKenzie-Smith Jazz Group will entertain with modern dance routines at 10:30 and the Acton School of Dance will give a show at 11 a.m. A super secret Trip of the Month is the prize for the final Acton draw until the end of September. The destination is unknown but it is promised to thrill all. The weekly draw of \$350 will also be made. Certificates of Appreciation will be given out from the Actario committee to deserving members of the community. MPP Julian Reed and his brother will entertain on their banjos at 12:15 and Kent Tocher and Ed McMullen will entertain at 1 p.m. Square dancing will be provided by local talent at 2:30. Everything winds up at 4 p.m. It's bound to be a great weekend for everyone, and all are welcome!

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Hi, my name is . . .

Matthew, Stuart and Anne Ginn took a few minutes to talk to the puppets who starred in the Mountsberg Travelling Puppet Theatre at the library last week.

Co-op Nursery plans new home

Acton's Co-operative Nursery is entering its third year next month, and visions of new, larger quarters are very much a reality. Barb Munro, of the Nursery executive says approvals are now underway to move the Nursery from the Knox Church Sunday School room to the Curling Club. There are some holdups in the move however, but hopefully they can be overcome soon. In the meantime registration is taking place. Call Linda Richmond at 853-3851 and Barb Munro at 853-1512. Registration is down considerably over last year. The school has a capacity of 38, but so far only 10 have registered for the half-day programs. One program has children coming three days a week, the other two days.

All parents pay a flat fee and are required to help out five times a year. For those parents who are unable to help out in some way or another they can pay for a substitute parent who will take his or her turn. Children occupy their time painting, cutting, pasting, playing, learning their numbers, and taking field trips. Cathy Oakley assists Early Childhood education graduate Ellen Taylor with the programs.



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