

Carolyn Gibson who played Patti pledges allegiance to the flag as well as the rest of the cast in a scene from the Acton High School production Charlie Brown.

## Charlie Brown great fun

by Gord Murray

The loveable cartoon characters of Charles Schulz's comic strip Peanuts came alive in song and dance for three nights last week on the Acton High School stage as students performed You're A Good Man Charlie Brown.

Normally the play features only the main characters like Charlie Brown, Lucy, the little red haired girl, Linus, Schroeder, Patti and of course everyone's favorite Snoopy. However for the AHS production a chorus was added and fit in splendidly.

Nicola Grillo carried off Charlie Brown's forlorn, put-upon character to perfection and Josie De Virgilio was superb as the chronic complainer and know-it-all Lucy. Her voice sounded just as it should have to fit the role she played whenever she sang or talked.

Snoopy, played by Sharon McBride was tremendous and her make-up was excellent. Her sweet voice combined with powerful acting motions made her memorable as the famed pooch.

Chris Rosenquist's Schroeder was also remarkable with his exaggerated facial expressions. His looks added greatly to the words he said.

Linus was played by Scott Nowlan and his singing and dancing with his blanket was tremendous.

Carolyn Gibson, as Patti, sparkled, especially in the numerous short skits throughout the musical.

The band's music added nicely to the performance on stage.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown was a night of real laughs with the numerous short sketches performed and the 15 songs and dancing made for a fun evening's entertainment.

Following are members of the chorus, band and all the people who worked behind the scenes:

CHORUS—Jennifer McLean, Kristen Jarvis, Gina Mancini, Val Taylor, Julie Mellor, John De Joeg, Diane Dilbey, Jaye Gerth, Kim Heaps. BAND—piano—Andreas Thiel; flutes—Jodie McFarlane, David Sale; bass guitar—Tom Winiarz; percussion—Gary White.

PRODUCTION STAFF—Director and Choreographer—Suzi Heber; Vocal Coach and Assistant to the Director—Bonnie McDougall; Musical Director—David Sale; Technical Director—Jan Penick; Set Designer—Geoff Sansom, Norbert Astmann; Sound Equipment—Wayne Hrdle; Costume Designer—Jane Zarosny; Proprietor—Tom Wright; Stage Manager—Properties—Larry Mann; Assistant to the Stage Manager—Blair Lyttle; House Manager—Blair Lyttle; Publicity—Dave Jones; Treasurer—Bill Coala; Ticket Sales—Susan Burns; Program Design—Suzi Heber; Ticket Design and Printing—Boris Shean; Construction Crew—Chris Stansbury, Richard Wruock, Roman Neubacher, Peter Volmar, Paul Stables.

PRODUCTION STAFF—Lighting Crew—Roman Neubacher, Peter Volmar, Chris Stansbury, Paul Stables; Stag Crew—Steve Boyser, Sue Lan Clegg, Glen Lait, Advertising Crew—Glen Aldridge, Tina Jago, Tina Pokhida, Jackie McMullen, Monika George; Ticket Sales Crew—Tina Jago, Frank Ekermann, Luana Gardin, Karen Kilner; House Crew—Carolyn Van Den Akker, Darcy Thurmon, Clazna van Spammen, Kim Ivson, Richard Gardin, Debbie McQuade, Paul Quinn. Also assisting—Marlene Hogart, Glenda Hughes, Joan Cox, Doug Price.

## Student placement centre set up to help teenagers



Mary Ann Farenech is heading the Student Placement Centre.

Acton High School students are ready and eager to work and a special placement office will open soon to help them do just that.

Canada Employment Centre for students opens in the Acton Social Services and Information Centre on June 2. That office will move in May from the Y building to the former Gals' Pals building.

In a sneak preview of the services offered by the summer program, 75 students signed up for employment last Tuesday when supervisor Mary Ann Farenech visited the high school. She explains that already some students have been placed in jobs in Halton Hills.

Next week two assistants will join Mrs. Farenech in her office. The main office is at 70 Mill St., Georgetown. The staff of three will rotate duties in the Acton office which is open Wednesdays.

Students may register in the morning while the placement officers will be out talking to potential employers in the afternoon.

Acton students are encouraged to go to the office in Georgetown if they cannot make it to the local office on Wednesdays.

Mrs. Farenech noted a visit to the office entails filling in a registration card as well as an interview with the staff. She explained many times the student will not put certain information on the card, thinking it not pertinent. However, the placement supervisor said, omitted information may be important.

Students are also carefully screened, she pointed out.

A marked increase in casual help is expected this summer, Mrs. Farenech said. She explained an employer could need help for a few hours or a few weeks, but not for any set period of time.

So far, her office has located jobs in agriculture, plant labor, retail offices, and restaurants.

Mrs. Farenech said she is expecting a total registration of 150 students for all of Halton Hills. Already 20 have been placed in jobs, she said. She estimates a 95 per cent placement rate over the summer, for the requests for employees from employers.

She admitted however it is hard to say just how many registered students find employment. She explained sometimes they get jobs on their own and do not let her office know.

Last year's placement office, Mrs. Farenech said, was not successful. She said the students said they did not know about the office in time to apply for jobs. For that reason they are trying to make themselves very accessible to the Acton teenagers. If all goes well this year, future summers could see a local office being open two or three days a week.

Many teens are looking for jobs for spending money, but some are out for the work experience. Several of those registered have never had a job before, and are not restricted in the work they want to do.

All the jobs they have on file so far, Mrs. Farenech said, are for Georgetown, but they hope to soon have some Acton employment.

Students under 18 years of age who work 28 hours per week or less, or during school holidays are legally entitled to a minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour.

Minimum age for employment is: office work and sales, 14 years; general industry, 15 years; construction, 16 yrs liquor to customers or patrons as part of the job, 18 years.

## Board defends budget increase

A bid by Oakville and Burlington Chamber of Commerce members to help the Halton Board of Education set a reasonable budget was turned hands down at a recent board meeting.

Doug Penrice, of the Georgetown Chamber was also present at the meeting.

Don Enns, of the Oakville chamber told trustees Thursday night an almost 20 per cent rise in school taxes was unreasonable and is "imposing a severe if not critical burden on taxpayers."

Jim Clelland, Oakville trustee asked Enns if he was aware 75 per cent of the budget is for salaries. Had the Chambers looked into all the complications and variables of running a school board? Enns told the trustee that was not his job.

"We have been unfairly accused of misoperating our budget without a chance to explain where the problems lie," Clelland charged.

Enns admitted he did not know that much about the budget, but claimed "in unprecedented economic times, you are thoroughly out of step."

Rev. Garry Morton, Burlington representative, pointed out the provincial influence and the burdens they are placing on the local boards, such as French immersion and Bill 82. Morton claimed the province is shifting their burdens to the boards making the individual boards look bad.

Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher noted the 18.5 per cent increase in the budget which was recently struck had actually been knocked down from a much higher figure.

Fisher noted the Chambers were asking the board to cut back on spending, but she asked, who should foot the bill, the local taxpayers or the province. Enns said that was not the issue as the chambers saw it.

Enns said the taxpayers seem to be getting less service for more costs. "Business cannot run that way," he exclaimed.

Trustee Cam Jackson suggested the Chamber of Commerce go to the region for market value assessment and shift the burden.

Ivan Armstrong, Milton trustee, reminded everyone since 1945 there has been an "endless parade to the board table," people wanting this program and that program. Some of the trustees, he reminded, made warning signs saying they are getting too much on their plates. The only thing to do now is to cut programs.

Armstrong warned Enns "if you think this year's budget is high, then you should see what is coming down the tube with Bill 82 (the right of each child to have an education at his or her own level)."

# Honoring Citizens past ... and a brand new one

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hopes it continues.

He recalled he and his family almost didn't come to Acton, his first impression wasn't that favorable, but Jean said there was a little town with a church which needed him and urged they come to Acton. Ever since, Beaton said, he has been "continually surprised" by the great people of Acton and the joy in the community. The town is full of people who are great, dedicated, sincere and willing to share their talents. He pointed to the Legion and its Remembrance Day service as a perfect example of what he was talking about, saying it isn't the biggest or most elaborate around, but he knew of no community which does it as nicely.

Beaton said he and his family have been "richly blessed" by coming here and only in a town like Acton could a clergyman be selected Citizen of the Year.

It isn't going to be easy to leave Acton, Beaton said, noting their memories of Acton will last forever and will hold a place in their lives which will never be erased.

Prior to the honoring of Beaton, Raftis, Pomeroy, Reed and Jelinek presented certificates and pins to the past Citizens of the Year or community leaders who were selected to receive the award for deceased past recipients.

Following is a list of the past recipients and the person who accepted the award: 1. G.A. Dills—Jim Dills; 2. Amos Mason—Peter Pomeroy; 3. Dr. W.G.C. Kenney—Mansel Nellis; 4. Madelaine Gibbons—Tom Gibbons; 5. John Goy Sr.; 6. M.Z. Bennett—Mary McKenzie; 7. Billy Middleton—Helen Middleton; 8. Fred Wright; 9. George Musselle—Bessie Musselle; 10. St. John Ambulance—George Hargrave; 11. Charlie Thomson—Vic Bristow; 12. Steve Papillon; 13. Ted Tyler Sr.—Ted Tyler Jr.; 14. Dave Dills; 15. George Elliott; 16. Les Doby—Alice Doby; 17. Acton OPP—Constable Bruce McArthur; 18. Isabel Watson; 19. Frank Oakes—Betty Oakes; 20. Acton Firefighters—Alf Doby; 21. Rev. Andy McKenzie; 22. Arlie White; 23. Ron McKnight; 24. Peg Coon was to receive the award for her late husband, the fourth Citizen of the Year, Bill Coon, but wasn't on hand.



Ron McKnight gets more than a certificate from MP Otto Jelinek.



Arlie White is honored.



Rev. Andy McKenzie came from Perth for the evening.



Alf Doby accepts on behalf of the Acton Volunteer Firefighters.



Betty Oakes accepts on behalf of her husband, Dr. Frank Oakes.



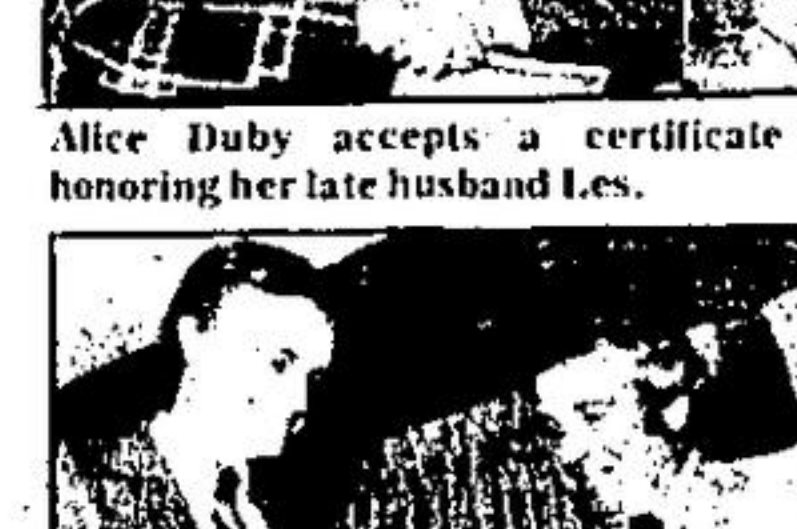
Isabel Watson gets a kiss from Otto Jelinek.



Bruce McArthur accepts OPP certificate.



Alice Doby accepts a certificate honoring her late husband Les.



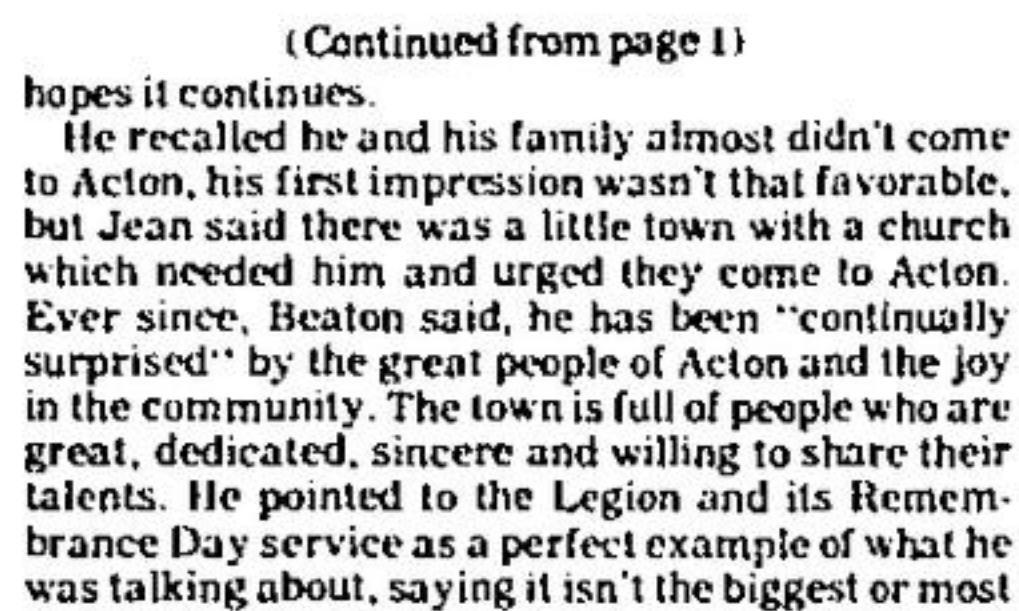
George Elliott looks at certificate.



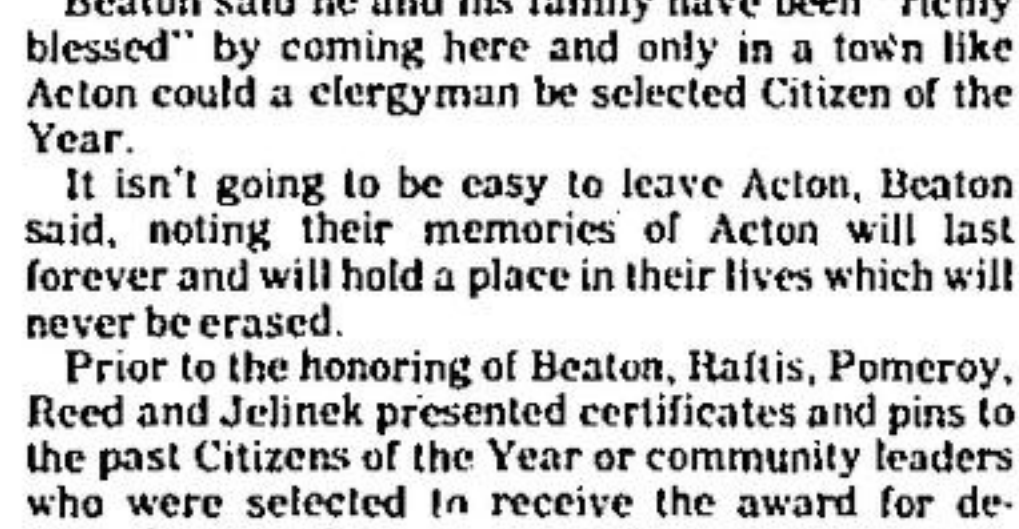
Dave Dills was honored.



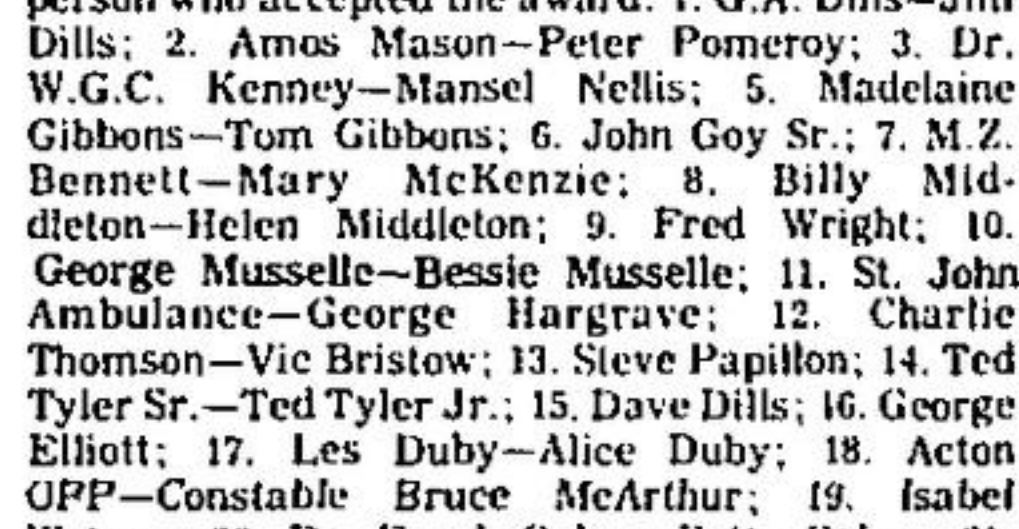
Ted Tyler accepts on behalf of his late father Ted Tyler Sr.



Julian Reed presents George Hargrave with a certificate for the St. John Ambulance Service.



Steve Papillon is congratulated by Julian Reed.



Vic Bristow accepts on behalf of Charlie Thomson.



Bessie Musselle accepts for her late husband George.



Helen Middleton was on hand to accept for her husband Bill, who was unable to attend.



Regional Chairman Jack Raftis presents Chuck Beaton with a plaque.



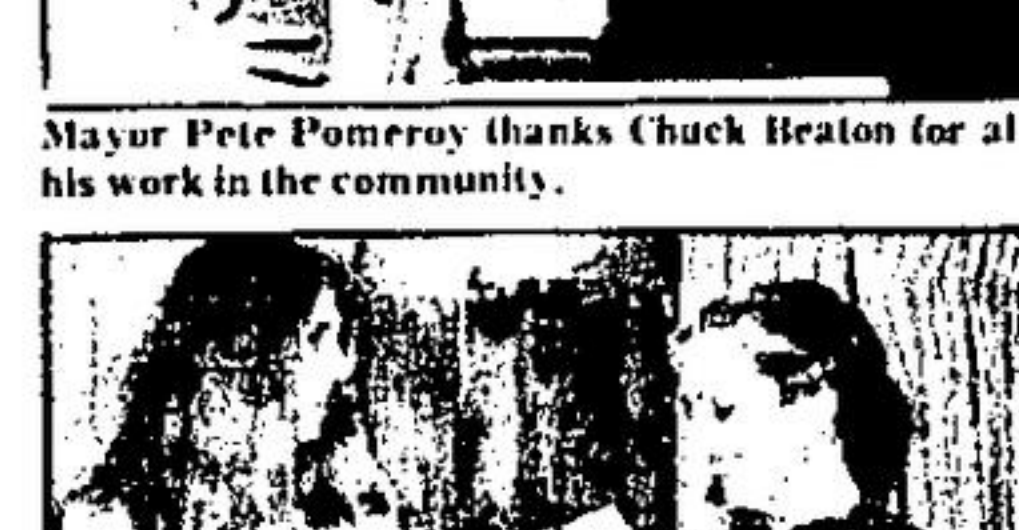
MPP Julian Reed honors Chuck Beaton.



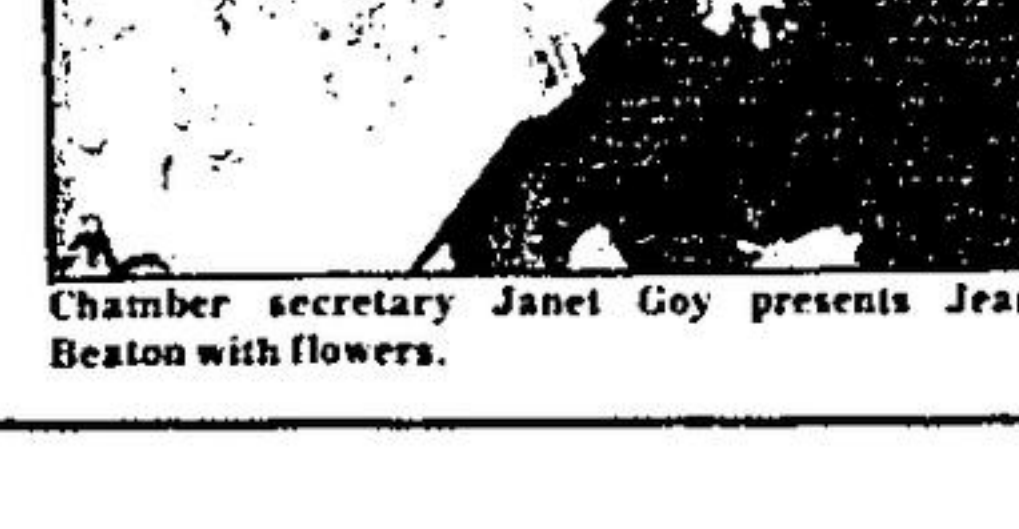
MP Otto Jelinek congratulates Chuck Beaton.



Chamber president Dave Whiting shows off plaque.



Mayor Pete Pomeroy thanks Chuck Beaton for all his work in the community.



Chamber secretary Janet Goy presents Jean Beaton with flowers.



Mary McKenzie accepted for Miss Minnie Z. Bennett.



John Goy Sr. was honored.



Thomas Gibbons was presented with a certificate in memory of his sister Madeline.



Mansel Nellis accepts for Dr. W.G.C. Kenney.



Pete Pomeroy accepts on behalf of Amos Mason, Acton's first mayor.



Jim Dills accepts on behalf of his late father G.A. Dills.