

Ted Tyler is roasted at Citizen of Year dinner

by Helen Murray

He was a "miserable kid", but his bark is worse than his bite.

The annual Citizen of the Year dinner was more like a roast, but this year's honored recipient Ted Tyler took it all in stride, helping to make it one of the most colorful banquets the 106 guests had ever been to.

In the spring Tyler was named as the Acton Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year. However, according to his first-ever school principal, who looked surprisingly like an older version of Jack Carpenter, it took from June to November to find enough people willing to come to the dinner.

The evening was a fun-filled, joke-ridden event, which had the local businessman turning red more than once. The upbeat tone of the evening kept everyone in stitches for two hours.

Former Citizens of the Year present Saturday evening were also introduced by master of ceremonies Jake Kuiken. They were Isabel Watson, Ron McKnight, Dave Dills and George Elliott.

Kathy Sanford, a friend of Tyler's, set the tone of the evening as she made some startling revelations when she introduced him as "This mild mannered individual we are honoring tonight."

Sanford mentioned an eventful bus trip last Saturday to the Stouffville market, with the Tyler Transport president himself driving. He had problems changing gears on the bus. And then there was the time he was at a meeting for Tyler Travel and was impeccably groomed to impress his business contacts. During the course of the meeting he crossed his legs and to his horror discovered he had one brown shoe on and one black.

Wheeler and dealer

Tyler's penchant for bargain hunting did not go unnoticed during Sanford's research for her speech. Seems he has five years worth of paper cups which do not fit his machine, and numerous light fixtures, not to mention a truck full of Hallowe'en candy.

Sanford discovered his employees have found out his bark is worse than his bite. One story from the travel end of the building has

Tyler growling at one of his employees for booking a certain gentleman on a trip. The more Tyler growled, the more apprehensive the employee got. Turned out, Tyler thought she did a good job and the man decided to become a regular customer.

The Tylers have a family business, Sanford noted, with himself, his wife Dolores, his mother Gwyn and daughters Tracey and Angela, and two dogs. Ted sent the Actario participants away in droves when he announced one of the dog's pups were going as a bonus prize.

Sanford told the crowd of 106 that Tyler wasn't the one who deserved the honor of Citizen of the Year. It actually should have gone to his wife, "for putting up with him all these years."

Part of her job as a school teacher, Sanford said, was to make up report cards. She wanted to do the same for Tyler, with his friends helping with the grading. For Independence, he received everything from an A to an F. For co-operation with others, he got an A and a "how low can you get." In

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Ted Tyler and his family. Left to right, Angela, Ted, Dolores, Gwen and Tracey.

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Lynda and Paul Stade are glad to be back home in Canada after almost four years living in Bolivia. Their children, five-year-old Eliza, two-year-old Judson and seven-month-old Timothy are quickly adjusting to Canadian life. The family brought back many souvenirs of their stay, many of which are pictured.

Missionaries share their Bolivian experience with Baptist Mission Circle

by Helen Murray

Adjusting to life back home in Canada has been more difficult than becoming accustomed to life in Bolivia for a Georgetown couple.

Rev. Paul and Lynda Stade (nee Peck) returned in May after spending three and a half years as missionaries in Santa Cruz and Montero, Bolivia. They're glad to be back, but admit it took a while before they stopped being surprised at being able to drink water from a tap, or to know the light switch worked when they flipped it.

The couple were taking part in the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board (Cbomb) and were helping to introduce the Bolivian people to a relationship with God. Their job now is to convey to Canadians their experiences. Speaking to groups such as the Acton Baptist Church Mission Circle last week is one way they are continuing their own work.

Lynda, the daughter of Doug and Bessie Peck, grew up in Georgetown. She is the great niece of Acton's Marjorie Landborough. She went to the Baptist Leadership Training school in Calgary where she met Paul. He was born in Yellowknife, NWT, but being a preacher's son, he moved all over. After they married, Paul obtained his Masters of Divinity at Acadia University, Nova Scotia, where their first child, Eliza, now five, was born.

The couple and their child spent their first year abroad in Santa Cruz attending school to learn Spanish. After that they headed 50 kms north to Montero, which was to be their home for the next two and a half years.

In their time in Montero, labelled the cocaine capital of Bolivia, they joined their Bolivian Home Missionary Partner. During their time there the congregation increased from 15 to about 44. Weekly attendance varied in the rented room where they taught religion and also proper nutrition showing the people how to take proper care of themselves.

There were no rich people in the congregation, but skilled people including a wide variety of trades, from bricklayers to small businessmen and carpenters. Wages were not high. One man, the equivalent of a teacher, made about \$2,000 a year. Most

were educated with at least grade school and many with some high school. Today's generation is better educated, Paul points out.

The people there lived in everything from one room with six or seven other people, to plywood homes with grass roofs. They ate mainly rice, potatoes, onions and eggs.

For the Stades (pronounced Stawdee), life was indeed different from at home. Water had to be boiled before it could be used for cooking or drinking. Electricity was undependable. Temperatures varied from 95 to 115 degrees with a humidity factor of 95 per cent. This posed a problem for Lynda during two pregnancies while there and she developed high blood pressure. Judson, now 2, and Timothy, seven months, were born in Santa Cruz in a medical clinic.

As time went by, the Canadians got used to the heat and the language, but Lynda

says, they never got used to the dangers of poisonous snakes, or tarantulas and other spiders. Cockroaches and tiny pesty ants were also a constant problem. They had to sleep with mosquito nets over their beds to keep out unwanted pests.

Inflation is horrendous in the country, Paul points out. They were paid in American dollars, so the worse it got for the Bolivians, the better it was for them. Twenty five pesos was worth \$1 when they arrived. That same 25 is now worth \$8.50.

Paul blames organized crime for inflation. He points out Montero was a good place to launder money. Those involved were willing to pay anything for American money, which faced the value of the peso down.

But it was not the lifestyle, nor the natural dangers that bothered the Stades most. It was the fear for their children's safety from humans.

Eileen Draper depends on wood and skill

by Helen Murray

If you told Eileen Draper she had a hobby, making furniture for her relatives, she wouldn't feel insulted. Matter of fact, she would probably agree.

About seven years ago she admired a picture of a wine and cheese cart. Eileen recalls wondering if she could make it herself, but her family told her not to bother. Well, she tried, and conquered, and hasn't looked back.

At first, her carpentry business was just a hobby, making furniture for her relatives. Now however, she takes orders and makes furniture on speculation.

In the past seven years, Eileen has made just about everything. Wine carts made by her hand are all over Canada, as are bedroom suites, cedar chests, gun racks, dry sinks, mirrors, benches, anything she sees in a picture and likes.

It is all made in the basement of her RR 3 Acton home. She has just about every tool imaginable and has somehow managed to take over most of the level. And upstairs, while there are no tools, her finished products are proudly displayed.

She will make just about anything, she says. No challenge is too great. And her prices aren't too great either. Naturally she asks for the price of materials and just a little bit extra. She isn't really making any money on anything, she pointed out, because by the time she set a rate of pay, the item would be far too costly and she wouldn't have any business. Her husband Len figures she makes about 25 cents an hour on most items.

While she prefers to work in pine and barnboard, Eileen had made items in mahogany and cherry which can cost up to four times more. She gets all her materials from Mackenzie Bulldall in Acton where she has also received invaluable advice, mainly from former employee Jack Waterhouse.

Eileen can whip a cedar chest up in two days, she says, and usually has two projects on the go at the same time.

Len is her number one fan, he admits. Even though he works full-time at Indusmin, he does the housework on Saturdays to help his busy wife. He's allowed to

NEC says no to peace camp

International Peace Camp (IPC) will appeal their case to build a major multi-ethnic cultural-recreation centre on the old Twin Lakes property near Speyside.

Thursday Niagara Escarpment Commission, pointing to the opposition stance of Halton Hills and Milton councils, rejected the IPC proposal.

Head of the IPC, Father Alberto Cunha, said afterwards the group will appeal the decision so they can have a hearing.

They claimed the municipalities and the NEC were judging their proposal based on past problems with other rural recreation centres rather than the merits of their proposal. The "implications" of their development rather than their proposal itself were being rejected by government bodies.

Cunha noted the lands are for recreation and so should be used, but they were being told "this corner of Canada is special, nothing is allowed." He added IPC has been trying to "satisfy" concerns and would have been willing to make further modifications to their proposal.

Cunha and another official, Hermeno Inacio, again said there has been considerable vandalism and "sabotage" at their property and suggested a fire on the land in the spring wasn't set by IPC workers who were on another area of the 240 acre site at the time. They suggested the fire was also sabotage.

They questioned what IPC had ever done to make neighbors oppose their development.

Cunha claimed they have spent \$100,000 on the property so far and 25 jobs for local people would have been created at the recreation centre this summer if it had been allowed to proceed. Local people have already been hired for different jobs at IPC, they claimed.

NEC planner Keith Anderson reviewed the IPC tale, building of roads and other development on the site without permits.

He said the legal status of Helena Rd., the road across Twin Lakes hadn't been determined yet by the courts.

Most of the development would be 2,400 feet from the Town Line and there would only be about a 30 acre activity area.

He said the proposal meets criteria for a recreation development on the Escarpment, but there were other concerns which had to be considered.

Anderson explained even with just 750 cars coming to the centre at the most the traffic would still have a significant impact on Halton Hills and Milton. The region was also expressing concerns. Among the comments from municipalities were calls for traffic studies on 15 Sideroad and the Town Line and an environmental impact study.

NEC member Leo Bruzese said the impact of traffic on the roads shouldn't be that great a concern since there is a licensed, but not operating, quarry in the area and that too would produce traffic.

Staff noted the reports from the Town were comprehensive and the municipality complained about a lack of information from IPC. The municipality was quite concerned about the "compatibility" of IPC with surrounding land uses.

Chairman Ivor McMullin told Dave Whiting, Halton's representative on the NEC, that they had received a petition from about 30 to 40 neighbors, not over 70 like the one sent to Halton Hills.

Planner Anderson noted the Ministry of Natural Resources also raised concerns about the IPC development.

Some of the size and compatibility problems connected with the IPC development could be controlled by the Town through site plan control, but not all concerns would be satisfied that way. He said the number of people coming to the IPC, noise, traffic, parking, trespass, etc. were all concerns.

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Economic recovery is collecting the deposits on the bottles.

Inside this week

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Horoscope, Recipe of the Week, and Community Calendar are in Real Estate.

The region is cleaning water pipes next week in older areas of Acton. Details on page 9.

The municipal complex was a topic of some interest at Saturday's Citizen of the Year dinner. More on page 6.

Bill Smiley is in Real Estate.

Former Acton school board trustee Betty Fisher has been selected as the new chairperson of the Halton Board of Education. See Newsmakers.



Eileen Draper