Diplomas, awards to 200 AHS graduates

The Acton High School cafeteria was again jammed with more than 600 friends and relatives gathered to see some 200 students receive the secondary school graduation diplomas at the school's annual commencement.

The program included a lively 10-minute valedictory address by Chris Sales and presentations of scholarships, awards and bursaries to about 40 graduates.

University of Guelph entrance scholarships worth $2,000 each were presented to Monika George and, in absentia, to Hesty Ann Koehler, who is currently visiting Germany.

Other special presentations:

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Scholarship—Value $100 Christopher Sales; **The Beardmore Award—Value $200** Hesty Ann Koehler; **The Beardmore Award—Value $100** Edward Wong, Brian Martin, Farid Khan; **The Building Products of Canada Award—Value $200** Christopher Sales.

The E.G. Tyler Award—Value $100 Christopher Lobsinger; **The Acton High School Staff Scholarship—Value $200** Leslie Dobisz; **The Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship—Total Value $200** Steven Matheson, Kenneth Kavanagh; **The Halton Board of Education Achievement Awards—Total Value $175** Paul Smith, Karen Hawes, Sandy Civiero; **The Broostad Memorial Art Award** Laura Brillinger; **The A and B. Foodland Award—Value $50** Kenneth Kavanagh.

The John McHugh Jr. Memorial Outers Award—Value $100 Katherine Johns; **The James B. Ledger Proficiency Award—Value $150** Edward Holtman; **The Acton Home Hardware Bursary—Value $50** Kenneth Kavanagh; **The Halton Hills Furniture and Appliance Award—Value $50** Jean Wong.

The Teen Cuisine Award—Value $300 Susan Wilson; **The Human Interest Recognition—Value $100** Beverley Glenn; **The Acton High School Year 4 Technical Award** Brian Nelles; **The Knox "R" Fund Marketing Award—Value $100** Victoria Vincent; **The Knox "R" Fund Citizenship Award—Total Vlue $200** Susan Auty, Laura Brillinger; **The Commercial Shearing Improvement Awards—Total Value $400** Naomi Donat, Albert Peterson.

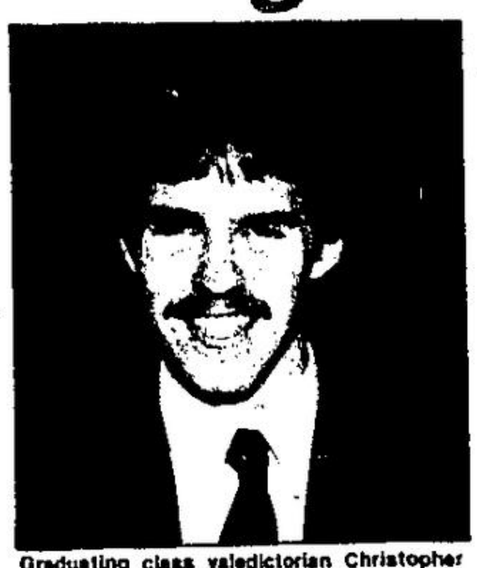
Ontario Scholarships, signifying grade averages of 80 per cent or better in Grade 13 studies, were presented to Naomi Donat, Hesty Ann Koehler, Ken Kavanagh, Monika George, Jacqueline K. Jennings, Steven Matheson, Albert Petersen, Annette Poot, Christopher Sales, Jean Wong and Peter Wright.

The following students receive secondary school honor graduation diplomas:

Miriam Alexander, Christopher Andrews; Jennifer Arbic; Susan Auty, Timothy Baker, Catherine Beecham, Carole Blake, Lorelei Buscher, Jodi Clow, Ian Corson, Dawna De Vries, Tara Dewdney.

Leslie Dodisz, Naomi Donat, Gary Dunn, Mark Duval, Karen Elliott, Monika George, Carolyn Gibson, Esmond Gidman, David Glenn, Norman Harris, Kimberley Heaps, Edward Holtman, James Hunter, Jacqueline Jennings, Kenneth Kavanagh, Kelly Kennedy, Farid Khan, Hesty Ann Koehler, Christopher Lobsinger, Brenda Looyenga.

Tracey MacFarlane, Guy Maltby, Steven Matheson, Scott McDonough, Jennifer McLean, Barry McNabb, Laura Moore, Jill-



Graduating class valedictorian Christopher Sales, now attending university in Waterloo, was this year's recipient of both the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Scholarship and the Outstanding Grades13 Scholar award.

Anne Morris, Caroline Mott, Albert Petersen, Annette Poot, Jacqueline Pries, Gregory Puncheon, Anna Querques, Mae Robinson, Christopher Sales, Joanna Scott, Erik Seiz.

Amanda Silcock, Jerome Smith, Sandra Smith, Stephen Sojka, Paul Stables, Christopher Stansbury, Daniel Tremblay, Karen Vanderlaan, Mark Walker, Susan Wilson, Donald Wong, Jean Wong, Peter Wright, Michael Yalowica, Joseph Zenga.

The following students received their secondary school graduation diplomas:

Glenn Aldridge, Jill Allen, Scott Allonby, John Andres, Andrea Arbic, Glenn Archer, Gillan Armes, Jackie Bahr, Karen Bailey, Jeffrey Balkind, Deborah Baum, Ronald Beaton Susan Beeler, Sandra Bendicks, Brian Bollert, Kimberly Boose, Sally Briggs, Karen Brill, Laura Brillinger, Shelley Burke.

David Buzzin, Steven Byres, Paul Cargill, Guy Carroll, Marion Case, Rhonda Case, Grace Ceccotti, Brenda Chafe, Dennis Champagne, Sue-Lin Clegg, Katherine Coats, Jacqueline Coltson, Shannon Corson,

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Gathered to see Acton's 197 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets receive their official charter last week were (left to right) Air Cadet League Ontario manager Jack Donnelly, League area representative Rod MacDonald, sponsoring committee chairman Harry Norton, commanding officer Capt. Jack Seeler, Lt. Col. R.E. Gilbank and Lorne Scots Lt. Col. R.E. Hesler.

Air Cadets chartered for high flight

A host of special guests joined proud parents last week for the Royal Canadian Air Cadets 197 Squadron Charter Night.

Officially launching the new squadron with the help of the marching band from Mississauga's 845 Squadron, special guests included OPP Superintendent Colin Cousens, a former Commanding officer of the Georgetown Air Cadets, Air Cadet League of Canada representatives Joe Poirier, Jack Donnelly and Rod MacDonald, Area Cadet Staff Officer Capt. Brian MacDonald from CFB Downsview, Legion Dominion Command president David Capperauld of Georgetown, and sponsoring committee chairman Harry Norton.

Col. R.E. Hesler, commanding officer of Georgetown's Lorne Scots regiment, served as reviewing officer during the ceremony at the Legion Hall.

The evening began with Second in Command Lt. Tom Jerrard falling in the officers to take command of their respective Flights. Commanding officer Capt. Jack Seeler accompanied Col. Hesler into the hall and assumed command, then followed Hesler during the inspection. Hesler made serveral comments to the troops before the formal charter presentation.

Seeler called up Rod MacDonald to present Summer Camp awards to 13 Cadets: LACs Vranic, Kerkhof, Crawford, De Jong, Fabian, Feletto, James, Gold, Jennings, Mahal, Rabstein and Rulton and Corp. Ng.

Supt. Cousens then stepped forward to present Canada Fitness awards to 12 of the same cadets and one other: LACs Feletto, Rulton and Vranic received gold awards, LACs De Jong, Gold, Mahal and James silver awards and LACs Crawford, Fabian, Jennings, and Rabstein and Cpl. Ng. bronze.

Capperauld, a longtime member of Acton Branch 197, formally promoted eleven cadets to Acting Corporal: LACs Crawford, De Jong, Feletto, Gold, James, Jennings, Kerkhof, Mahal, Rabstein, Rulton and Vranic. He then promoted Sgt. Schotsch to Acting Flight Sergeant.

Lt.-Col R.E. Gilbank presented a commission to Officer Cadet Jerrard and Jerrard follwed suit for LAC Estelle Rulton.

Bicentennial medals await three Actonians

Three of Acton's busiest community boosters have been duly rewarded for their efforts with Ontario's new Bicentennial Medals.

Heart Fund chairman Vic Bristow, former Town councillor and librarian Esther Taylor and Scout and hockey organizer John Toebes are the Actonians among Ontario's 1,984 medal recipients.

Also named as medal winners this week are Linda Parker of RR 1 Limehouse, Ted and Evelyn Barden, Betty Marshall and Wilda MacDougall of Eden Mills, Lloyd Dyej of Rockwood, Ella Alexander and Evelyn O'Sullivan of Erin, and Lloyd Lang, Maureen McFee and Fred Overland of Hillsburgh.

Focusing on volunteerism, the medals will be presented in a series of ceremonies across the Province Dec. 9, bringing often overdue credit to citizens active in sports, the arts, recreation and health. Organizers sifted through a mountain of nominations submitted throughout 1984 by friends, acquaintances and co-workers of the winners.

Picking the recipients was "a moving experience" for members of a special selection committee headed by Margaret Birch, a former assistant to Premier Bill Davis.

"While the Province is honoring 1,984 volunteers this year," she said, "they are truly representative of hundreds of thousands of other volunteers who share our appreciation for their valuable work."

The medals, made early this year of nickel and gold, feature the Ontario coat of arms on one side and the Bicentennial symbol on the reverse, as well as the words "For Servece to the Community." A solid gold replica of the medal was presented to Queen Elizabeth II during her recent visit.

Members of the selection committee were former Ontario Lt.-Gov. Pauline McGibbon, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Claude Bennett, Patricia MacKay and Arthur Gelber.

Acton's recipients were all surprised and delighted to receive letters recently announcing the awarding of medals.

Chairman of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Acton campaign for the past 20 years and head of the Heart Fund drive for 15 years, Vic Bristow has also been involved with the Cancer Society, the Lions Clubs of Acton and Georgetown, the former Acton school board and a variety of church activities.

Retired this year after 25 years with the post office, Bristow discovered that his

daughter, Bonnie Whittaker of Toronto secretly nominated him for the honor after reading about the program.

"It sure was a surprise," the Elizabeth Dr. resident laughed. "I had no idea."

Credited in a Provincial press release as a library board member and a school crossing

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Town to set meeting on old Stone School

Town staff will meet representatives of the Halton Hills Public Library Board and Acton's Legion and branch service clubs concerning the future of the former Stone School.

Council Monday night agreed to set up the meeting as recommended by its Municipal Owned Property Committee.

"All of us knew that sometime or another we will have to have a detailed study of the school," Mayor Russ Miller said. "Our initial step will be to see if the people of Acton are still interested in the building as they indicated to us earlier."

Concern over the structural state of the historic building on School Lane was raised by Councillor Pam Sheldon, who suggested the Town's recreation budget may be able to finance a structural analysis.

"How can you take this before any special interest groups when you don't know what kind of shape the building's in?" she asked.

The vacant building, adjacent to both the Acton Public Library and Robert Little Public School, has been the subject of lengthy negotiations between the Town and Regional school board, its current owners. The sale is expected to be finalized soon, and the Halton Hills library board and some service clubs have expressed an interest in using it.

The Stone School was also mentioned recently as a possible home for a youth centre.

Book deposit at library by year's end

The Acton Public Library is hoping to have its after-hours book deposit installed before the end of the year.

Chief librarian Betsy Cornwell told the Free Press last week that the Ottawa-made book drop is on order and a Georgetown glassworker is ready to modify the library's front window to fit.

Faced with perennial complaints from patrons who are unable to return their books during regular library hours, the Halton Hills Library Board ended several months' deliberation in September by voting to install book drops at both the Acton and Georgetown libraries.

While the lay-out of the Georgetown library demands a special exterior deposit vault with steel casing, Acton's will resemble an oversize mail slot in the large window pane to the left of the front door.

TALLY-HO!

A blast of the trumpet signalled the start of another colorful fox hunt Sunday at Mountain View Farm in RR 4, Acton. Another photo on page B1.

Time to remember at three area cenotaphs

A Lorne Scots honor guard and the young members of Acton's new Air Cadets squadron will make their first appearance at the Remembrance Day service on Mill St. East this Sunday.

Representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, will participate in Acton and Rockwood observances of the Armistice at 11 a.m. and at a ceremony in Haltonville at 3.30 p.m.

Acton

The central service at the downtown cenotaph outside Trinity United Church will see some 34 wreaths laid in memory of Acton's 42 war dead. The Legion parade featuring special guests forms at the post office on Bower Ave. at 10.15 a.m. and marches to the cenotaph.

Most participants will attend a Remembrance Day service inside Trinity Church following the laying of wreaths and a moment of silence. Harry Norton is in charge of arrangements.

The Lorne Scots honor guard and band and 197 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets will join the Acton Citizens Band, area Scout and Guide groups and government representatives to hear the names of the war dead read aloud by John McHugh. Trinity's Rev. Don Matheson will deliver the benediction and Citizens Band director George Elliott will play "Last Post."

A dinner is planned for veterans at the Legion Hall later.

Twenty-one young Actonians lost their lives in each of the world wars, but none in the Korean conflict. One serviceman killed in the line of duty is not mentioned on the cenotaph: flight officer R. Rolston was killed in a peacetime training accident.

Rockwood

In Rockwood, newly-elected Wellington MP Bill Winegarden will be guest speaker at an inter-denominational church service at Rockmosa Community Hall following the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Hwy. 7 cenotaph.

Max Storey is organizing the 11 a.m. ceremony to follow a march from the old firehall. Eramosa Township Reeve Murray Cox will join veterans, guests and dignitaries, along with local Scouting groups, to pay their respects and hear vocalist Gordon Burnett and a local bugler.

Haltonville

Nassagaweya Township focuses on the Guelph Line cenotaph in Haltonville, just south of Brookville, to honor its 28 war dead. A contingent from Branch 197 will lay a wreath at the 3.30 p.m. service, as will Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz and a provincial representative. Brookville schoolchildren will join in for prayers and observe a moment of silence.

POISE PLUS

With toes pointed and arms ready at her side, Rachel Hagett imitates the graceful moves of her ballet teacher Susanne Keith. She was enjoying lessons at the Acton School of Ballet and Dance last week. See page A6.