

1300 jam arena to see Acton Figure Skating Club's annual ice spectacular

Following an afternoon performance attended by 500 people, the Acton Figure Skating Club drew 800 to pack the arena for their end of the year extravaganza Saturday. The ice carnival matched the theme "When I grow up I wish to be..." with the Olympics.

Guest appearances were Kevin Parker, 1976 Canadian Novice Men's Champion and Heather McGrigor and Richard Rooke, 1976 Bronze Medal Winners and Canadian Novice Pairs Champions.

Frequent bursts of applause from the packed house greeted and encouraged the 150 members of the club ranging in age from three to 16 years. With coloured spotlights following the costumed skaters making intricate patterns across the ice, the audience saw nurses, doctors, millionaires, miners, models, mothers among others.

The eye-catching costumes were designed and cut by Carol Campbell and Pearl Sawden who then left it up to parents to sew together the

pieces. The Halton Hills Fire Department in Acton loaned its men to the event, said Sally Leatherland, in an interview, who along with Pat Craiker and Sharon Dwyer, is a club pro.

Because the club was lacking in sufficient manpower, the firemen took tickets at the door and policed the aisles, said Mrs. Leatherland. That help was much appreciated, she added.

At the end of the evening performance presentations of

trophies were made to club members for attitude, achievement and over-all co-operations.

Laura McGraw earned a trophy in the juvenile category, Lisa Gillis in the novice, Sharon Turkosz in the junior and David McGilloway in the senior.

Gifts to guest stars, Heather McGrigor and Richard Rooke and Kevin Parker, who first started skating with the Acton Figure Skating Club and did until he moved to Campbellville three years ago, were

also given at the end of the evening.

A gift was also given to Anne Smith, who performed a sparkling dance solo, because she is leaving the club, said Mrs. Leatherland. Puns were given to 19 club members who coached the junior members and to the club's three pros.

The kids did an "excellent job," Mrs. Leatherland said. "There's so many names, you can't mention them all."

"We had really good performances."



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The stars of the show.

Gray claims PC's favored closing Norval school

Turnout at the annual meeting of the Progressive Conservatives in Acton last Wednesday night was "rather disappointing" said outgoing president, Bob Jones.

Of the 21 people present more were from out of town than from Acton he said.

Nevertheless a new slate of officers for 1976 was elected by acclamation after nominations were opened by Gail Maltby.

Fred Dawkins was elected president; Bert Hinton, first vice-president; Don McDonald, second vice-

president; Ross Ballentine; Esquising vice-president; Donna Aitken, secretary and Marie Shadbolt, treasurer.

George Gray of Georgetown, who recently won the nomination for PC candidate in Halton-Burlington, told the handful of people that he had written "a real blood and thunder speech for a large gathering" but had toned it down for a "friendly gathering."

After paying tribute to Gary Dawkins who lost the riding to Julian Reed, a Liberal, in last

September's provincial election, Mr. Gray went on to criticize MPP Reed's record in the legislature.

Mr. Gray said he had referred to his copies of Hansard (the official report of what each MPP says in the legislature) for MPP Reed's maiden speech which he said dealt with the closing of the school in Norval and solar and wind energy research.

"Not one Tory in the riding supported keeping the Norval school open," Mr. Gray said, adding that parents of students

who are bussed to Georgetown are "delighted" that their children can participate in a full athletic programme.

As for solar energy, "it has a terrific place in Arizona, California and Texas," Mr. Gray said where there is more sunshine in December, January and February. In Canada solar energy is "of limited use."

In Prince Edward Island there is an experimental house

trying to utilize wind energy. Mr. Gray said, but pointed out that it backed up by a wood stove and a propane heater.

Windmills in Toronto, "would not be useful", he said.

Mr. Gray also said that MPP

Reed has never spoken out on land use, future food requirements, jobs for those under 21, the trade deficit or the auto trade pact.

Mr. Gray referred to two copies of Hansard he had

brought with him and read to the tiny crowd MPP Reed's remarks as recorded on March 15 and Dec. 8. One statement by MPP Reed was a three-word statement and the other was a four-word question. Mr.

Gray read no other copies of Hansard containing MPP Reed's statements in the legislature.

"Reed has charisma and personality," Mr. Gray said, "but is not unbeatable."

Gray hasn't read my speech replies Reed

"If Mr. Gray said that, he has not read my speech," said Julian Reed referring to remarks made about him at a meeting of Progressive Conservatives in Acton last Wednesday by George Gray, the PC candidate.

Mr. Gray had said that MPP Reed's maiden speech in the house was on the closing of the

Norval School and solar and wind energy. He said, too, that MPP Reed did not speak out on the issues of land use, future food supplies, jobs for people under 21 years, trade deficit or the auto trade pact.

Replied MPP Reed: "If he had any knowledge of parliamentary procedure, he would know the opposition only

get to ask questions the government makes statements."

MPP Reed went on that because the question period amounts to only 45 minutes only questions of public urgency get asked. "I'm surprised he would not know that," said the MPP.

Don't feed the ducks CVCA tells Halton Hills

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is not pleased with the efforts by the town of Halton Hills in providing food throughout last winter for the waterfowl at Fairy Lake.

Commenting upon the town's efforts last winter the CVCA noted that they do not encourage the feeding of

waterfowl during the winter months and will be carrying out a small campaign through the press late this summer explaining "the detrimental effects of the feeding of waterfowl during winter months."

Providing food for the fowl destroys the bird's natural instinct to fly south for the

winter, a spokesman for the authority explained, breeding with local ducks, the flock will increase producing an ever larger number of birds that

are totally dependent upon handouts from humans for their food.

The Metro Toronto Region Conservation Authority has

run into serious problems providing food for ducks on Toronto Island that have completely lost the natural instinct to fly south.

Young PC's form own organization

A Young Progressive Conservative Club has been formed in Halton-Burlington it was announced at the annual PC meeting in Acton last Wednesday.

Dave Baker, an 18-year-old high school student at Georgetown District High School, told the small gathering of PC's that the club was conceived about two weeks ago.

"It was a rush job," Mr. Walker said, "but now we're slowing down to get a bigger

base."

The fledgling organization had no contacts in Acton or Milton at the time, Mr. Baker said, but the founders had decided to have a fund raising draw and dance in the near future and elect a full slate of directors.

The two main purposes of the club are to get youth involved in the Canadian political process and to help elect the progressive conservative candidate in the riding, Mr. Baker said.

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Terra Cotta salesmanship

Georgetown businessman Dave Kentner is trying to bring a little of the showmanship that has turned the Toronto Islands into a profitable tourist operation to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

Kentner, who operates the concession booth at Terra Cotta, has met with the authority's parks and recreation board to present some unique ideas for the park.

One idea that the authority is

considering, at Kentner's suggestion, is having bike paths in Terra Cotta with bikes available for hire from the concession booth.

Mugs, pennants and other souvenirs all carrying the CVCA crest might also be available.

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