



CONSTABLE VINCE BURNETT

### Constable honored for role in four arrests

A rookie police constable in Acton has been named policeman of the month by the Oakville Kiwanis Club for his part in capturing a car believed to contain four suspects from a store robbery in February.

Twenty-eight-year-old Vince Burnett, a constable with the Halton police for only ten months, was honored by the club at a dinner March 29.

Halton police superintendent Floyd Schwartz told the assembly that the apprehension of the four persons, who have been charged and will appear in court, "was a collective operation between the public and the police."

"We can't do our job without the assistance of the people," Superintendent Schwartz said.

He said a citizen with a description of the getaway car was able to call police only moments after the robbery. A radio dispatcher in Oakville broadcast the description which Constable Burnett received. Within minutes Constable Burnett having spotted the car, was in pursuit.

He was first on the scene although followed by several other police cruisers, Superintendent Schwartz said.

Other officers would have done the same, the superintendent said, but "the point is that (Constable Burnett) was alert, doing his job checking suspicious vehicles—the job he's paid to do which resulted in the apprehension of people who are a possible threat to our society."

The modest Constable, who holds a Bachelor of Science, received a free dinner and a handsome scroll from the Kiwanis club.

"I was only the first involved in the apprehension," he said. "Several other cars arrived on the scene almost immediately." He described his job and that of his fellow police officers as "the first line of defence on the road. I'm here but really there should be a lot of others who deserve it more than I do."

The Police Officer of the Month is an honor of the Oakville Kiwanis Club began in January as part of an International Kiwanis program to show the way to safeguard against crime, club president Bryan Bennett told the Herald in an interview. Constable Burnett is the second constable honored.

Honoring a police officer once a month, on the recommendation in this case of Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett, is only one small token of the Kiwanis project, he said.

There will be 12 awards and perhaps an overall award although that has not been decided. Mr. Bennett said the Oakville Kiwanis club celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1976 and has 33 members.

## Actress, teacher, mother and now columnist plunges into writing Canadian theatre history

By Maggie Hannah  
Herald staff writer

"Perhaps it's just as well I don't have formal training in writing," jokes Nancy Erb Kee, actress, teacher, mother and now columnist for a local publication, *Early Canadian Life*. "That way I just plunge in and do it."

Although actual formal training may be lacking as she says, the informal training gained from experience is abundant.

Over the years she has spent in performing circles she has found herself doing press releases and reviews of amateur productions as well as writing scripts for children's television shows. She is to write a column on the history of the performing arts in Canada for Joyce Beaton's newspaper, *Early Canadian Life*, which is published every two months.

Her first column appeared in the April-May edition and deals with a Toronto man, John Withrow, and his memories of early Toronto theatres, actors, and vaudeville performers.

Future columns will deal with such subjects as the history of Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre, the career of actress Jane Mallet, and histories of the CNE grandstand show and Eaton's Santa Claus Parade.

The columns are excerpts from what Mrs. Kee hopes will eventually become a book on the history of the performing arts in Canada. At the moment her research is very much in the beginning stages.

"All the facts are there," she declares. "It's just a matter of digging them up and tracking down the people to interview."

Involved as she is in her acting career and the rearing of her three children, Mrs. Kee feels that the book will probably take several years to produce. She has been working for a lengthy period on a children's adventure series for CBC television and judges her



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90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Congratulations to Pere Cleave on his 90th birthday tomorrow. A party to celebrate the occasion was held at the home of one of Mr. Cleave's granddaughters, Mrs. Don Burt, last Saturday. Three Mr. Cleave and one of his great grandchildren, three-year-old Trevor Elmsky, kept guard over the delicious looking cake they will be passing out to the guests later in the afternoon.

pace on that basis.

It disturbs Mrs. Kee to see how ignorant Canadians are of their performing heritage. Unless a performer is recognized outside this country Canadians hesitate to accept his worth.

Mrs. Kee recalls an incident in her own past when she fell into conversation with her seatmate on a Toronto streetcar and admitted that she was an actress. The woman immediately asked what roles she had played. When Mrs. Kee held her, the woman looked sceptical and asked if she had been in Hollywood. Mrs. Kee said no and the woman mumbled "and you say you're an actress?"

Even well-known, supposedly well-informed Canadian figures are not aware of the background Canada can offer young performers. One time Mrs. Kee saw Fred Davis admit on an American television program that Canadians have to leave the country to learn their craft.

"I jumped up and beat the television with my fists screaming 'Fred, you clod, what about the National Theatre School in Montreal!'" she chuckles.

"It just shows you how ignorant we are of what we

have here in Canada," she says. "The National Theatre School is unique because it offers both the English and French theatre traditions under one roof. English graduates come to Stratford to work and French ones go to France. And yet someone like Fred Davis doesn't even know it exists."

Asked why such a lack of knowledge persists Mrs. Kee could only speculate that possibly it stems from Canadians' "reluctance to do the publicity thing."

Mrs. Kee, nee Nancy Erb Lewis, was born in Toronto and began acting at the age of five. She was 11 when she moved to Montreal. She continued working by going on a weekly radio show, *Calling All Children*. She studied theatre background at McGill University and worked with the Montreal Repertory

Theatre. After the Lewis family returned to Toronto Mrs. Kee had roles in several National Film Board productions. She also worked on shows like *Cross Canada Hit Parade*. She worked in England for a time and was angered by how much that experience did for her prestige in the eyes of Canadian producers.

After her marriage to George Kee she returned to Montreal where her two sons and one daughter were born. Mrs. Kee continued to do lead roles on Montreal CBC late, late shows as well as working for Screen Gems and the National Film Board. She also worked with an amateur theatre group and taught them a bit of acting when necessary.

The Kee family returned to the Toronto area about four years ago and now own a home near Hornby.

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By ELLIE DUYDEN  
Herald Correspondent

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Each month for their shows, different judges officiate and this month judging was done by Vivian Brown from Mississauga, assisted by Louie Barlett.

One hundred and sixty entries were involved in the Hackney, Hunter, Jumper categories for both ponies and horses. Contestants entered travelled from as far as Burlington and Oakville to compete.

Each entry must be familiar with all class divisions and rules of the show which are simple, straight forward and a protection for all participating. First rule is hard hats are compulsory. Second, proper attire requested.

Third, no Martingales in the Flat Classes. Fourth, fall from horse means elimination. Fifth, refusal is faults. Sixth, knock down is 3 faults. Seventh, no dogs allowed. Eighth rule, ribbons given to 5th place.

Although only the top awards are mentioned here, all contestants are to be congratulated for their effort. This month's results being: High Point Pony - "Bambi", owned and ridden by Lisa Maumder. Reserve High Point Pony - "Jonars Beau Toy", owned by Jonars Stables,

ridden by Miss Gogrek. Champion Hunter "Bambi" again owned and ridden by Lisa Maumder. Reserve Champion Hunter - "Nipper", owned and ridden by Kathy Suroy. High Point Jumper - "Jonars Frosty Morn", again owned by Jonars, ridden by Mary Bayes. Reserve Jumper - "Questionnaire", owned and ridden by Ted Wood who also placed same in the High Point Horse category. Reserve Horse - "Whistle Down Valley", owned and ridden by Cheryl Spence.

The upcoming show on April

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