

1980 - THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

Some ballooning hopes put on hold



Egon Madsen was on the dance floor for 24 hours himself during last January's 29-hour charity dance-athon at Jake's Disco in Georgetown. Fourteen dancers started the marathon and ten finished, all honoring pledges from sponsors interested in helping buy a fetal heart monitor for Georgetown hospital. Co-sponsored by Jake's and the Michael Boynton Dance Studio, the marathon raised about \$1,250. Opened the previous fall, Jake's closed early last year, but is expected to re-open shortly.



April's Crazy Boat Race, sponsored by the Jayceers, helped raise \$2,500 for community projects. It requires a certain amount of insanity to launch one's favorite yacht into the icy flow of the Credit River between Terra Cotta and Glen Williams. But 417 sailors (captains and crew) turned up for the event, probably because they were refused mooring rights at the Ontario Place marina.



Actario, the ambitious lottery scheme launched in June by Acton's Save the Town Hall committee, deserves special recognition this year-end, in The Herald's view, as Community Project of the Year. For ongoing excitement, Actario offers weekly draws with good chances to win; for community spirit, Actario holds the promise of putting the campaign to restore Acton's old town hall over the top financially; and for sheer visual impact, Actario has prizes as amazing as this balloon ride aboard Rainbow Airlines. Kay James (that's her receiving pre-flight reassurances from Actario organizers Alma Sweetman and Carl Rosenquist) was the lucky winner of the silent flight aloft, grand prize in the first draw, held last July.



Little NHL hooster, teacher, volunteer community worker, Karen Harrison became Georgetown's eighth Citizen of the Year last February. Presented with the commemorative plaque by Dave Barrager (an unsuccessful candidate in the subsequent municipal election) of the sponsoring Georgetown Lions Club, Mrs. Harrison joined a growing list of honored residents who annually build the community through good thoughts and good deeds.



Arlie White (seen here with his wife) was honored as Acton's Citizen of the Year in 1980. Mr. White, a former employee of the Beardmore Tannery, has been active on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the March of Dimes and the Canadian Society for Crippled Children.

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The whole gang from Marywood Meadows in Georgetown assembled in the Mary Street parkette one May Day this year to protest the neighborhood park's proposed sale. Mayor Pete Pomeroy dropped by to reassure residents - and the many children who frequent the parkette year-round - that the proposed sale, as recommended in the town's new master parks plan, was a long way from being approved by council.



An armed bank robbery in nearby Alton prompted Snelgrove OPP officers to extend their dragnet as far as this Highway 7 roadblock near Silver Creek gas station last February.



Stephen Burns (left) and Jamie Harris, both 6, of Georgetown were prepared to zap anyone who tried to disrupt parade proceedings through Acton as the town recreation and parks program came to a close at the end of August. Floats and costumes made by the hundreds of kids who enjoyed a summer full of artistic and athletic activities offered by the recreation department passed down Acton's Mill Street toward a summer evening arcade at the arena.



Fourteen months of research at Georgetown's Varian Canada plant helped NARA perfect its Magsat satellite, now measuring magnetic variances in the earth's crust from outer space. Receiving special awards in September from NASA project manager Gilbert Ousely (centre) were Varian scientists Robert Yeung and Marie Szyjowski. At right are Connel Smith, Varian operations manager, and Clive Beale, Varian's Magsat project manager.



The Snow Queen pageant culminates each year's winter carnival at Georgetown District High School, and last March's competition was no exception. Succeeding Leanne Mackle this year was Chris Edwards (centre), chosen over 11 other contestants. Finalists were (left to right) Lisa Burke, Kara Mackie, Chris, Allison Ritchie and Laura Taras.



The coronation of Leslie Ann Stadden (centre) as the first "Junior Miss Halton Hills" during October's Georgetown Fall Fair finally ended a minor furor which had developed when the competition was conceived a few months earlier by Jim Barrett. But some of the attacks against the competition which had labelled it anything from sexist to harmful to the well being of the children, had subsided by the time Ross Milne (left), Georgetown Fall Fair Publicity Chairman Betty Ann Wellstead, Halton Burlington MPP Julian Reed and Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid crowned Leslie Ann.