



Fund-raising for hearing research

Armed Forces Central Band plans gala Acton Arena concert

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visit to Ottawa last month and pumped out the first "official" chords of Canada's revised national anthem a couple of years ago — is bound for Acton for two concerts June 5.

The Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces is one of nine military bands in the country, the band's information officer, master warrant officer Donald Laver, told The Herald Thursday, and plans

everything from "Bach to Broadway and Bach again". Its Acton visit wraps up a tour of southern Ontario and is being sponsored by the Credit and Friendship Masonic Lodges of Georgetown, Walker Lodge in Acton and Erin's Wellington Lodge.

Funds raised from the evening adult concert (there's also a performance for schoolchildren that afternoon) will go to the Masons' Foundation of



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Ontario and will be used for hearing research.

Joining the band for the Acton performance for

which tickets are rapidly selling, will be Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, John Black Aird.



JACK CARPENTER

Warrant officer Laver a featured vocalist in the band while on tour, said the band is looking forward to performing in a smaller community and keenly appreciates Acton's interest in the concert and the preparations which will soon get underway at the Memorial Arena to provide a stage for the band's 80 members.

Because the band has such a wide-ranging musical repertoire, its flexibility

and numerous parts have amazed audiences all over Canada and earned it international acclaim as well.

Forming the Central Band under the direction of Major Derek Stannard are the Serenade of Strings, the Ambassadors Stage Band, The Heraldic Fanfare Trumpets, the Symphonic Concert Band and the Ceremonial Marching Band.

And, as one breaks down the band into even more components, there are a number of top-notch instrumental soloists and the "The Diplomats" vocal group.

"We'll play the traditional overtures and marching music," W-O Laver said, "and we'll also have a salute to the music of the big bands."

In addition, the band's "staff arrangers" have selected a number of contemporary band pieces popularized by such groups and performers as Weather Report, Manhattan Transfer, Corea and Chuck Mangione.

Everyone in the band is a full-time serviceman, and the men and women have gone through basic military training. The forces' bands are of such importance to the military establishment, they warrant having a special music school of their own in Nanaimo, B.C.

Plans at the arena have placed the band in the centre of one side of the rink area and there will be room for 1,200 people to greet the band and special guest Lt.-Gov. Aird at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased by writing to the Show Band Committee, P.O. Box 331, Acton, L7J 2M4. Tickets for the floor area are selling fast on a first-come, first-served basis. If there are any left, they'll be sold at the door.

Jack Carpenter, an area television newsmen and radio personality who is helping organize the Central Band's visit to Acton, suggests that ticket buyers

enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their orders to ensure speedy delivery.

Additional information on the show and ticket sales is available by calling 877-7225.

School board scrambles to meet unexpected costs

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It's not enough that the Halton board of education has to deal with the grumblings of chambers of commerce and municipalities over its March 18 budget; trustees must now accommodate an unexpected, unbudgeted cost thrown in their lap Thursday night.

The unexpected expense of \$435,000 was tossed in the board's lap by provincial treasurer Frank Miller, who raised Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) premiums and added a seven per cent sales tax to a variety of school supplies previously exempted.

Area finance superintendent Ron Warren told The Herald the sum would have been \$470,000, but the board had acquired some supplies before May 13, when the new Ontario

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Ministry, trustees scrap

School trustees had a chance Friday to vent their frustrations to provincial ministry of education officials.

The Association of Large School Boards' annual conference turned into an angry exchange between trustees and ministry representatives, Halton board of education representative Betty Fisher told The Herald.

"Frustrations came out and turned it into a shellacking of the ministry," Mrs. Fisher said. Deputy minister Harry Fisher had been invited to talk with trustees representing large school boards in Ontario. He came, Friday, with a

troupe of 13 officials to talk to 74 delegates gathered at the Bristol Place Hotel in Toronto.

"We wanted to tell him the frustrations we feel as trustees. We weren't there to be educated about programs we already knew about," Mrs. Fisher said.

One ministry official said he was going to advise education minister Bette Stephenson to "wipe trustees off the map", Mrs. Fisher said.

"It was ludicrous to us to have 13 bodies float into the hotel for the afternoon. We can't afford to have 13 trustees from our own board leave their jobs to go out and talk like that," she said.

Reports expected on second proposal

Permit awaited for nursing home

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital's administration isn't concerned about a private proposal to build a nursing home on Mountainview Road North; instead, it's eagerly awaiting the provincial health ministry's permission to build a new wing, providing additional residential and extended care to the community's senior citizens.

Contacted by The Herald last week, hospital administrator Fred Morris said GDMH hasn't concerned itself with the private nursing home plan submitted to council by Southrim Developments Ltd. of Toronto two

weeks ago.

Situated between the Varian plant and the railway tracks, Southrim's proposed nursing home would be a 50-bed nursing home as well as a 40-bed retirement lodge. The area is currently zoned for industrial use, which developers would like to change in order to build a retirement facility.

The hospital's own proposal calls for a 50-bed nursing home and a 30-bed retirement dormitory. The ministry's decision on the licence application is expected shortly. According to ministry officials, private and public-

ly-operated nursing home proposals need ministry approval.

Southrim's application for the zoning change, the town's planning department, Halton's health department and the town's fire and engineering departments. Following the 30-day circulation period, planners will prepare a report and will either recommend that the town hold a public meeting to review the proposal or suggest that council deny the application.

Georgetown graduates

Two Georgetown residents were among the 800 students who graduated at three spring convocations Friday and Saturday at Hamilton's Mohawk College.

Craig Shorten graduated from Mohawk's broadcasting (television) course, while Alan Clive Vernon has completed his studies in computer electronics engineering technology.

Highlighting the convocations were the presentation of medal awards to outstanding students by board of governors chair-

man Earl Scarrow and college president Keith McIntyre's farewell address to graduating students.

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