

Max eulogized and roasted at Citizen of Year dinner



Mayor and Max buddies

Tributes from all walks of life from Prime Minister Paul Martin's office to fellow citizens were heaped on Acton Citizen of the Year 2004 Max MacSween last Thursday evening, May 6, at the Acton Legion auditorium.

The diminutive Master Gardener who has done so much in spearheading horticulture in the community was lauded by over 130 people who sat down to dinner and applauded as honour after honour was awarded and his work extolled by two speakers, Susan Allen and Belinda Gallagher.

Susan's talk which is reproduced in part on another page was followed by a humorous off-the-cuff soliloquy from fellow gardener Belinda Gallagher, who runs a nursery near Georgetown and is active in horticultural circles.

Her reference to Max and his methods convulsed the audience.

Max is always moaning about Acton people being second class citizens in larger Halton Hills, Gallagher said, pausing before she crowed he should be used to it he comes from the Maritimes. An aside: "And you probably all agreed with

him?" she chortled.

Max has a typical Down East philosophy sharing his plants with everyone. It didn't stop there. He shared my plants with everyone too, Gallagher said, all camouflaged under that Maritime whine.

But don't get me wrong, Gallagher told the rapt audience. "I have a profound respect for Max and Diane. He's truly Citizen of the Community and since this is the of the midget he's "Midget of the Year."

Councillor Jane Fogal took a more serious vein referring to the leading role Max played in the Communities in Bloom competition and his passion for Acton. "He's a role model with a positive attitude," she said

Awards presented included:

The Acton BIA presented by chair John McNabb and coordinator Josey Bonnette.

The Rotary Club of Acton presented by President Ed Lawson.

The Town of Halton Hills presented by Mayor Rick Bonnette.

The Region of Halton recognition presented by Regional Councillor Clark Somerville.

The Province of Ontario awards presented by Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh.

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce recognition presented by president Norm Paget.

The Government of Canada plaque was presented by MC Brian Robertson since the Liberals couldn't seem to agree who should make a presentation.

Acton Citizen of the Year recognition was initiated by the now defunct Acton Chamber of Commerce in 1958 and later taken over by Acton Rotary Club. The award is presented to a citizen (or citizens) who contributed to the betterment of the community. Max MacSween's award is the 47th, the first in 1958 went to Arlof Dills, owner and publisher of The Acton Free Press.



PRESIGIOUS COMPANY: Former Citizens of the Year present at last Thursday's Citizen of the Year dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion auditorium to honour Max MacSween, sitting, were, left to right, George Henderson (1996), Steve Papillon (1970), May Hoare (1997), Jon Hurst (1992), Janis Fread (2001), and John McNabb representing Acton Firefighters (1978).

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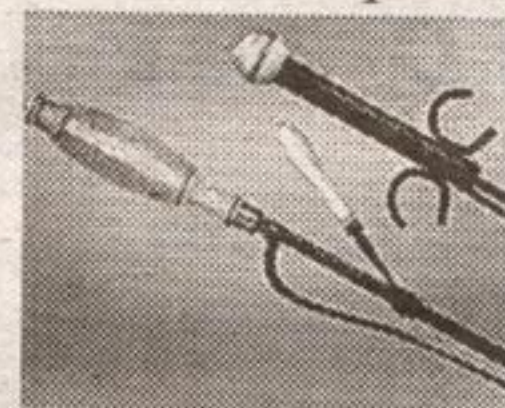
When a tooth develops a cavity, the decayed tissue must be removed. The earliest devices for doing this were picks and enamel scissors. Then two-edged cutting instruments were designed, they were twirled in both directions between the fingers. The father of modern dentistry, the Frenchman Pierre Fauchard (1678-1761), described an improved drill in 1728. Its rotary movement was powered by catgut twisted around a cylinder, or by jewelers' bowstrings. A hand-cranked dental drill bit was patented by John Lewis in 1838. George Washington's dentist, John Greenwood (1760-1819), invented the first known "dental foot engine" in 1790. He adapted his mother's foot-treadle spinning wheel to rotate a drill. Greenwood's dentist son continued to use the drill, but the idea went no further.

The Scottish inventor James Nasmyth used a coiled wire spring to drive a drill in 1829. The first "motor-driven" drill appeared in 1864, the design of Englishman George F. Harrington; hand-held, it was powered by the spring of a clock movement. In 1868 the American George F. Green introduced a pneumatic drill powered by a pedal bellows. Fellow American James B. Morrison patented a pedal bur drill in 1871. A further improvement of the Nasmyth-Merry design, it featured a flexible arm with a "hand" piece to hold the drill, plus a foot treadle and pulleys.

In 1874 Green added electricity to the dental drill; powered by electromagnetic motors, it worked well but was heavy and expensive. Plug-in electric drills became available in 1908; by then most dental offices were electrified.

Once efficient, mechanically-driven drills became widely available, teeth could be properly and accurately prepared for well-fitting crowns and fillings. American teeth blossomed with gold. Modern dental drills are turbine-powered; they rotate at speeds of 300,000 to 400,000 revolutions per minute. The Morrison drill, by comparison, operated at 600 to 800 r.p.m.

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