

New country stars to appear Thursday

A new Canadian country star was discovered on April 24, 1984. Kim Atkins won the "You Can Be A Star" Country Talent Contest with two outstanding original songs, "Goin' Down to Nashville" and "Back Door Man." The contest, sponsored by Maclean Hunter Cable TV and The Nashville Network, was held throughout Ontario in 11 communities served by Maclean Hunter Cable TV.

Kim Atkins, a resident of Mississauga,

has been performing for two years in the Toronto area. Her performance in the "You Can Be A Star" Contest won her an all-expense-paid trip to Nashville. While in Nashville, Kim will appear June 6 at 9 p.m. on "Nashville Now," a nightly, live talk and variety show on The Nashville Network.

The Nashville Network is a discretionary service offered by Maclean Hunter Cable TV. It features entertainment with a country flair, including sports, music, variety

and the popular "Nashville Now." Currently, The Nashville Network reaches over 20 million homes across North America.

The contest was introduced to recognize aspiring Canadian country and western talent. Competitions were held in eleven communities served by Maclean Hunter Cable TV, and the winning entries were videotaped and sent to Toronto, where the Grand Prize winner was chosen.

Judging the event was Heather Sym of the Canadian Talent

Library, Mary Healey of The Nashville Network and Tom Hawley of Group W Satellite Communications.

"Pearl City" from Collingwood placed second in the event, while Harley Renaud, who won the competition in North Bay, placed third in the overall contest.

In the eleven communities where the competitions were held, there were over 150 entries for a total of over 300 musicians. The number of people in the audiences at the live events totalled over 4,000, which was far exceeded when the events were replayed on local community channels.

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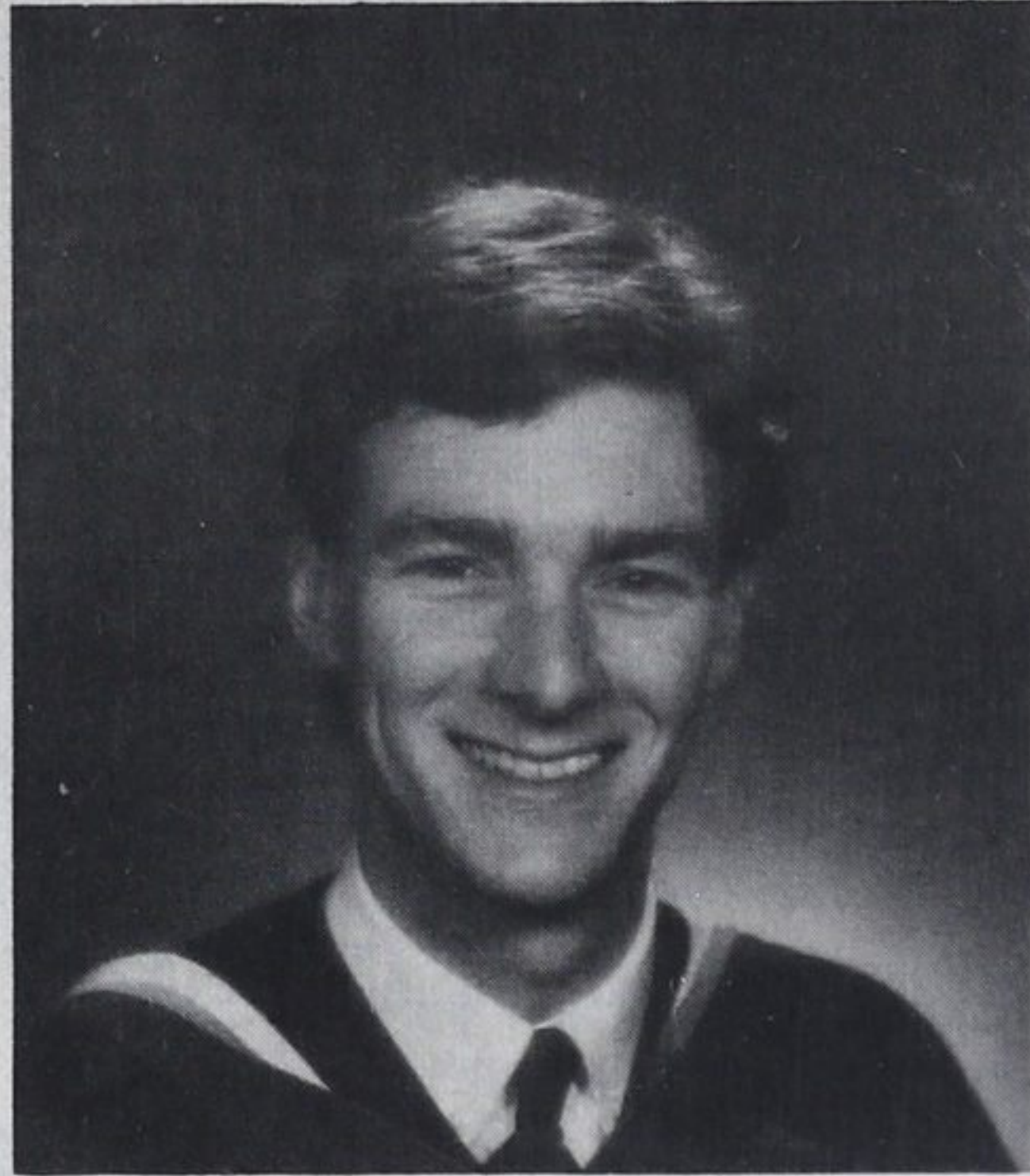
377,000 Cable TV subscribers throughout Ontario. Through activities such as the "YOU CAN BE A

STAR" Country Talent Contest, Maclean Hunter Cable TV is active in the promotion of Canadian talent and

is striving to provide subscribers with the entertainment and informational services they demand.

Recent graduate

D.G. (Greg) Taylor, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Taylor of Midland, has graduated from York University with a Master of Business Administration (Dean's Honour List) degree. Greg received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto and is a 1979 graduate of Midland Secondary School. Greg is employed at Clarkson Gordon, Toronto, where he is pursuing a professional accounting (CA) designation.



Fond farewell for a piece of history

His name may be Ralph Ladouceur, but he's been owner of the 93-year-old Parker's Variety business, on King Street in Midland Town Centre, for four years. Early Friday afternoon,

Ladouceur said goodbye to this vintage Coca-Cola sign, which was removed after 48 years, to make way for a colourful new lottery theme storefront.

This Week in Canada

On June 3, in 1799, the Island of St. John was proclaimed as Prince Edward Island, and in 1909, W.L. Mackenzie King became Canada's first minister of labour.

On June 4, in 1843, Victoria, B.C., was founded, and in 1917, Prime Minister Borden

asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to join his Union government.

On June 5, in 1876, the first session of the Supreme court of Canada was held, and in 1940, Nazi, fascist and communist groups were declared illegal in Canada.

On June 6, in 1813, American forces were repelled at Stony Creek, Upper Canada, and in 1891, Sir John A. Macdonald died.

On June 7, in 1887, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was elected leader of the Liberal party, and in 1904, Lord Dundonald, the last Imperial officer to command forces in Canada, was dismissed as commander-in-chief.

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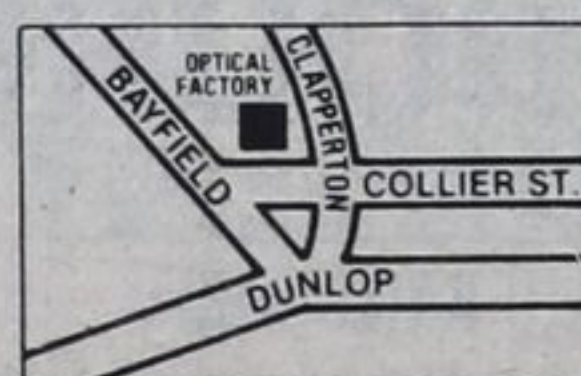
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