

Happy times recalled at Shillington graduation

The graduation of grade 8 students of Shillington Senior Public School took place in the gym on June 18 with a large crowd in attendance.

The program opened with O Canada under the direction of music teacher Mrs. N. McGinn. Chairwoman was student Brenda Simon who introduced Mr. B. Jones, principal of Joseph H. Kennedy Public School in Matheson and a co-ordinating principal with Cochrane-Iroquois Falls Board of Education. Mr. Jones told the graduates he was pleased to be asked to their graduation.

Brenda Simon introduced Mr. P. Saylor, Black River-Matheson councillor from Shillington. Mr. Saylor said he had watched most of the graduates come to school and leave each day for some time. They always had smiles on their faces, so he believed they did enjoy their stay at Shillington. On behalf of the Black River-Matheson Township he wished the graduates the very best.

Student Barbara Van Luven introduced the guest speaker, Miss Joanne Barber, a student of Laurentian University in Sudbury. Joanne is from Shillington and a former graduate of Shillington Senior Public School in 1969-70. She recalled some of the things she had enjoyed in the small Shillington school: her classmates, her trip to camp, the trips to the different places with her teacher and the rest of the class. She told the graduates a few things that will happen when they start high school. She advised the students to take part in the many activities and wished them the very best.

Sandra Lea Smith thanked Miss Barber and presented her with a gift.

Bruce Sells called on a fellow classmate who was chosen valedictorian: Susan Barker. Susan said she was honoured to have been asked to speak. She also recalled the many fun things the class has done together. She then turned to Mr. Ed Pupich, principal, and directed her next few words of thanks to him personally, on behalf of all her classmates. The graduation diplomas were then given out by Mr. Pupich assisted by Mr. Gord Phillips. Under music teacher Mrs. N. McGinn the Grade 8 choir sang 3 selections.

Presentation of school crests were given out by teachers Miss Joan Barclay and Miss Gail Kullas. Miss Kullas explained why each student received a crest and Miss Barclay presented them. They were awarded to Susan Barber, Kelly Gervais, Lorraine Shields, Brenda Simon, Sandra Lea Smith, Barbara Van Luven and Alfred Van Luven.

Presentation of Trophies

A trophy donated by Northern Star Women's Institute for the most improved student was presented by W.I. President Mrs. Mary Saylor to Lorraine Shields. The Ross Bastien Memorial Trophy was given to the best camper. This year there were two winners, Sandra Lea Smith and Arnold Montague. Accepting for Arnold was his sister Patty Montague.

Trophy for the boy athlete was Arnold Montague, his sister Patty accepted the trophy. Trophy for the best girl athlete

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was Barbara VanLuven. Barbara's sisters Margaret and Esther had both won this trophy before.

Plaque for the highest academic standing was won by Susan Barber whose sister, Joanne won the same award in 1969. The Plaque for the all around student went to Brenda Simon.

Mr. Pupich, the principal spoke, saying it was both a happy and a sad time as his graduates and he himself would be leaving - students to high school, and he to Joseph H. Kennedy School. On behalf of his wife Karen and himself he wished the graduates the very best.

At the head table were guest speaker Miss Joanne Barber, Mr. Gord Phillips and Mr. Ed Pupich. Before the ceremonies started, graduates got their class rings from Mr. Pupich. Miss Kullas, Mrs. Pupich and Mrs. Wendy Phillips helped graduates pin flowers. The Grade 8 choir under Mrs. McGinn sang "Emblem of Canada" to close the program. Refreshments were served.

Graduates for 1976 were Gwen Barber, Susan Barber, Richard Brelinsky, Wilson Bridgeman, Laura Carle, John Doey, Vangie Doey, Virginia Doey, Greg Ellis, Kelly Gervais, Ellen Lalonde, Cheryl Huet, Ken Lanthier, Rita Mitchell, Arnold Montague, Judy Montague, Bruce Sells, Lorraine Shields, Brenda Simm, Sandra Lea Smith, Alfred VanLuven, Barbara VanLuven, Nancy Wilder. Graduates unable to attend were Arnold Montague and Richard Brelinsky.