



**STEWART SHACKLETON, 13**, of RR 7 St. Marys was the winner of the Perth County Educational Association public speaking contest held in Milverton recently. A grade 8 student at Downie Central School, Stewart was judged top of ten students with his subject "American Influence on Canadians".

He emphasized the need for Canadians to think Canadian; to study extensively the history of Canada; to be aware that we are a great nation with a fine history and promising future.

Stewart's class teacher is Mrs. Margaret Mountain, and his school principal, W. E. Beckett. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shackleton.

David S. MacKay, former township reeve, and president of the Perth County Educational program was chairman for the evening — and commented on the excellent quality of the students' presentations.

As winner, Stewart is allowed to keep this fine trophy for one year, plus a book of his choice.

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## Brown's Corners

### A Successful Sale

Mr. Danny Troyer who resides on the old Leadman farm, held a very successful auction sale last Saturday. Brown's U.C.W. ladies had a booth, selling hot-dogs, sandwiches, pie and coffee, all of which was most welcome on such a cold day. Danny and his family have made many friends in this community, and will be missed around here. He and his family have supplied pop-corn for the skaters on Friday nights. We are grateful to our Amish friends for the interest and participation which they take in the rink each year.

Several ladies from Brown's attended the World's Day of Prayer at the Union Church last Friday.

Mrs. Marion Munro and Mrs. Merle Kirk returned last week from Florida where they spent seven weeks, having motored down with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kirk of Toronto. All enjoyed a pleasant holiday.

Several parents and grade 7 and 8 students were at Wildwood Park School last Thursday night to hear Mr. Creech and Mr. Blackmore from the St. Marys Collegiate explain the various courses available to students entering high school in the fall.

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There's many a girl who got married because she didn't like to spend her evenings alone . . . and then got a divorce for the same reason.

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A Surprise W.I. Meeting

A glow of colour and style greeted the members of Browns W.I. when they assembled for the February meeting in the school house. Mrs. John Hawkesworth and Mrs. John Conway, leaders of the course "The Knack of Sewing with Knits", were on hand to direct the ladies in this most fashionable parade of pant suits and dresses. Much credit is due the leaders and to the following ladies who successfully completed and modelled the popular garments made from the Knits: Mesdames Helen Conway, Alice Hawkesworth, Marj Martin, Annie Uren, Florrie Kingdon, Clara Taylor, Susan Towle, Dorothy Taylor, Edythe Howe, Joyce Tate, Evelyn Arthur and Miss Ruth Gill.

Mrs. Murray Kingdon, vice-president, presided for the business period. The minutes of the January meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Dan Conn. The members were reminded that each group is responsible to raise funds for a yearly donation to the treasury.

Challenging two-minute reports were given by Mrs. John Howe on "The Whirlpool Bath" and by Mrs. Geo. Martin on "How a small Town got smaller."

Mrs. Fred Arthur gave a very informative and interesting account of the 75th Anniversary F.W.I.O. noon luncheon meeting at the Royal York, Toronto. A highlight of this meeting was the part played by two members of the Langford Institute, Brant County. The members were invited to attend a similar noon luncheon at Tavistock in April. The musical selection by Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Jackson will be repeated at that meeting.

Mrs. Doug Metcalfe, convener of Citizenship and Education, presided for her part of the program. She read a poem. The roll call was answered by "Quotations". Mrs. Herbert Schutt commented on the motto: "Pleasure is like a tooth-ache, you have it all to yourself. Happiness is like measles, you cannot have it without giving it to others."

The achievements of the Leadership course were commented on by Mrs. John Conway. A discussion followed re: the cost, care and washing instructions of the many different materials classed as Knits. Two contests were to name the present Provincial Premiers and the 15 Prime Ministers of Canada since Confederation. The winners were: Mrs. Geo. Martin, Miss Freeda Conn, Mrs. Fred Arthur, Mrs. John Howe, Mrs. Hubert Uren. Lunch was served by the group in charge and the meeting closed with the Queen.

## Optimistic Mood Prevails In The Mink Ranching Industry

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According to mink breeders in St. Marys and area, prices received at recent fur auctions were considerably better than last year's disappointing low level of prices. One breeder ventured that they were generally 15 to 25 per cent higher.

Mink pelts marketed from St. Marys and area ranches generally include the dark species, brown (pastel), sapphire and the new demi-blush. Many of the pelt bundles were bought at the Montreal auction by purchasers from West Germany and Italy. The United States market is considered not as lively as it has been in the past.

### Optimistic Mood

The executive of the Canada Mink Breeders which directs the promotion and sale of mink pelts produced in Canada held their January meeting in Montreal and found a mood of optimism concerning 1972. The

C.M.B. will again participate in the Frankfurt Fur Fair.

The Canada Mink Breeders feel that over the end of the year the fur market made a very good recovery. Retail sales are up and natural fur is gaining in popularity. Buyer attendance at sales has been high. They also feel that with higher prices, ranchers who considered "pelted out" will now be encouraged to remain in production.

World Mink production for 1972 is estimated at 22,390,000 of which 49.9 per cent will be Standard Mink, 18.9 per cent Pastel, and all other mutations will represent 31.2 per cent.

At Canadian sales so far top prices realized by ranchers have been as follows (female prices are in brackets): Darks, \$40. (\$22.50); Demi-buffs, \$47.00 (\$28.50); Pastels, \$25.50 (\$13.75); Sapphires, \$26. (\$13.50); Violets \$28. (\$13.75); Aleutians, \$26.50 (\$10.50).

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