Night School Display Fills High School Gym
Principal Explains Early Season "Experiment"

DISPLAY NIGHT schedule is checked before the program began Saturday evening at the high school. On the left is Mrs. Jack Creighton, night school committee chairman; high school principal and night school supervisor Ted Hansen; Mrs. Lorne Doberthein, committee member who helped supervise the fashion show and Mrs. W. L. Sproston who was the fashion show commentator. The night classes are under the direction of a committee of 25.

From earrings to big bulky chairs, articles made in the ninth season of night school classes in Acton ringed the high school gym Saturday night About 200 attended the annual Display Night held for the first time before Christmas In an experiment, the entire season was held before the holiday and the usual show at winters end was put forward to the first night in December

The work of 160 students from Acton, Georgetown, Rockwood, Erin and the district was attractively displayed around the room

100 Paintings

There were nearly 100 canvasses from the amateur artists of the two painting classes the elementary taught by Major H J Newman of Ballinafad and the advanced and sketching class taught by Frank Black of Georgetown The paintings were shown on makeshift easels and hung from the railings of the gallery to make an impressive display The quality here seems to improve each year

From copies of Christmas cards the painters have progressed to painting actual landscapes, working from slides, still lifes and even portraits Among the latter was a striking likeness of Rudolph Spielvogel, painted by Mrs J Whitham The paintings by beginners displayed talent and those by the experienced painters a growing mastery of techniques

Together in one section of the room were exhibits from the bookkeeping class, with an enrolment of 12 under Walter Pope of Georgetown, elementary and advanced typewriting, with an enrolment of 15 under commercialteacher William Mitchell, and Basic English which is also taught in the high school but not under the auspices of the night school committee

Karsten Paulsen's course in power mower and boat motor repairs was represented by a motor. There were seven men enrolled.

Two Tables of Metalcraft

The display of metalcraft was so extensive it took two large tables There were nine in the course Strikingly smart items included lamps, intricately worked bookends planters etc

Miss Jane Elliott demonstrated enamelling on copper at a small table She had a tiny hot plate for melting ingredients on precut pins and earrings Pieces of colored glass are swirled to form attractive designs

Ten Soft Chairs

The upholstery class of a dozen men and women was represented by 10 deftly recovered chairs Teacher is again T H Briggs of Georgetown

The 'hostess' class arranged a beautifully set table with fancy sandwiches and cakes Teacher was Mrs Allan McCrae, R.R. 3 with 13 in the group

Possible new courses were suggested at a table which displayed ceramics flower arranging enamelling on copper and leather craft

Other classes which did not exhibit included motor mechanics taught by Ron Burcombe with registration of nine and welding taught by Al Zeravlev with another nine

After everyone had strolled past the exhibits, a program began on the platform

"Fashion Show"

An annual highlight watched for with much anticipation is the "fashion show" when first time models the sewing students appear briefly on the platform Some mothers had made clothing for their children and the lots stole the show, as they generally do

The two elementary classes were under teacher Mrs G. H Edwards of Guelph The articles they had made by no means looked elementary and included afternoon dresses two-piece suits fitted skirts maternity outfits and smart children's clothes

The youngsters who came on stage were Margo Austin two wearing a skirt and weskit Kathy Eurkosz four brown cotton dress and weskit and Karen Cole by in a three piece suit of houndstooth suiting with a sleeveless vest

Class members who were on the platform included Mrs Joyce Buchanan, Miss Nella Van Aragon Mrs Joan Irvine Mrs I Cooke, Mrs W R Fountain Mrs Eileen Austin Mrs Robert Adams Mrs Douglas Anderson Mrs I Combe Mrs Bertha Poole Mrs Lois Eurkosz Mrs Glen Gibbs Mrs Bruce Lindsay and Mrs Jack South

The two advanced classes were under the direction of Mrs. Malcolm Sargent of Guelph Here again children accompanied their mothers One of them, tiny Joan Lindsay was fascinated by the audience and didn't want to leave the platform She was wearing a blue wool winter coat and leggings trimmed with white fur Her mother Mrs Donald Lindsay, modeled a brocaded taffeta dress. Miss Anne Golden showed corduroy shirts and a lined vest made by her mother, Mrs. Mary Golden who showed her cotton shirtmaker dress Miss Janet Holstede showed a wool jumper

Others on stage were Mrs Ray Arbs Mrs Shirley Allan, Mrs. Norman Braida Mrs Marion Diamond Mrs Joyce Masales, Mrs. I Holstede Mrs Noreen Wilson and Mrs Ruth Wood

Two Outfits

Several had two completed outfits to display Both teachers came on stage with their students to acknowledge the applause

Mrs W L Sproston acted as commentator this year The show was arranged by Mrs H Bessem and Mrs I Doberthein Mrs. Sproston and Mrs J Dowding did the make-up

There was no tailoring class this year due to the illness of the popular teacher Mrs E. Hartley

A film on handicrafts made at Fundy National Park, New Brunswick was shown by principal Ted Hansen

Principal Speaks

"The Acton Night School has now completed its ninth year and the committee would like to congratulate both the instructors and students on the high quality of work shown in the display," said Mr Hansen, addressing the crowd

"This term of the night school classes just completed has been more or less of an experiment We departed from our usual six lessons before Christmas and six after to a term of ten lessons before Christmas The attendance has held up much better, with very few absentees as compared to some classes which previously dropped more than 50 per cent in the after Christmas term By holding the term of 10 lessons before Christmas there was far less conflict with the curling activities, as well as bad road and weather conditions."

Change Dates?

"The committee would like an expression of opinion from the students as to the desirability of continuing on this basis next year

"We have completed this term of classes with a small surplus and hope to continue this in the future Our annual meeting will be held some time in January and we would like a good attendance and new ideas"

Coffee and cookies were served from the home economics room under the direction of Mrs Vera Matticks Mrs I Whitham, Mr Doug Manning Mrs I Inglis and Mrs Alec Johnson Tables were set up in the corridors

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ENAMELLING ON copper was demonstrated at the Display Night by Miss Jane Elliott, Toronto school teacher who is very adept at the hobby It's not a new one, she explains, but apparently was a craft back in the heydey of the Egyptians. Watching her place chips of colored glass on a pre-cut pin are Mrs. Keith Black and Peggy McCrae, six. The pins were fired in a small covered hotplate.

Mrs. Creighton Heads Committee

This year's night school executive committee included Mrs Jack Creighton as chairman, George Bowman as vice chairman, Mrs W Dubois as assistant, Mrs. I Dittrich recording secretary, Mrs Allan Lander and Mrs. Claude Cook as applications secretaries, Mrs J. Whitham as treasurer

On the publicity committee were Mrs D Dills and Mrs H Hewig Property committee members were I B Frank, Mrs J Inglis, Allan Lander and Henry De Vries On the general committee are Mrs H Bessen, Miss Bella Mae Roszell, Mrs. P. Dunham, Miss Doris Cripps, Miss Wanetta Smith, Mrs. L. Doberthein, Mrs W Dumaresq, Mrs C F Leatherland, Mrs Alec Johnson and Mrs. W E. Mattocks.

Principal Ted Hansen is supervisor and the Rev Dwight Engel the representative of the high school board

Firefighters Douse Blazing Straw Pile

Acton Firefighters rushed one and a half miles to the former Steritt farm at R.R. 1, Acton, now owned by a Toronto man, to extinguish a blazing pile of straw early Saturday evening

After emptying the 500 gallon booster tank on the rural truck firefighters used pike poles and shovels to turn the smouldering straw over while the tank was being refilled from a nearby stream

In the Glen

Believe it or not, as Ripley would say, half the gallon size cans of pie apples packed in the whole of Canada are packed, not in the Niagara Peninsula, not in the Okanagan Valley, but right in our own backyard, in the quaint village of Glen Williams Believe it or not

Copies of Halton's Pages of the Past, published only a few years ago, have now all been sold The volume was a smart term of interesting items here and there in Halton and couldn't be considered a complete history It was very popular.

Three Local Winners

Honor 27 for Weed Posters

The 27 first, second and third prize winners in Halton's recent weed poster competition were honored Nov 23 when the county council held an awards night in the new administration building, Milton

Twelve-year-old Ann Ross of Lakeshore Public School, Burlington, received the grand prize award She received $5 from the county council, and an additional $25 from Niagara Brand Chemicals The other winners three from each of nine school areas received $5, $3 or $2 prizes for first, second or third place wins in their district.

First Awards Night

County Weed Inspector V. E. McArthur of Lowville was in charge of the awards night It was the first awards night and the first poster contest held in Halton, as in former years the competition was held on essays.

Deputy Reeve H C Merry of Oakville was chairman for the program He was assisted with the presentation of prizes by Reeve R J Hargrave of Acton, F. I Ryckman of Burlington, F A Phillips of Oakville and J A Milne of Nassagaweya, Deputy-Reeve John Charlton of Milton, clerk Garfield Brown and Mr McArthur Ed Clutton of Milton represented Niagara Brand Chemicals and presented the $25 cheque to Miss Ross The chairman also made an award to G Hutchings teacher of the county winner Ann Ross

School inspector W I McNeil and Agricultural Representative I. A Francis also spoke briefly complimenting the students on the excellence of their posters

The contest was open to all grade seven students in Halton Awards were based on the quality of the art, and on the theme 'Weeds are a Health Hazard'

Robert M Bateman a Nelson High School art and geography teacher showed an interesting travelogue to the students and parents Mr Bateman recently took a trip through many foreign countries and brought back excellent colored slides of some oddities encountered by him and his roving partner

List Winners

Winners of the competition were

ACTON — Terry Dowding Harold Martin Brenda McKeown all from the M Z Bennett school

ESQUESING — Dora Dredge and Grace Kammings Speyside school and John Campbell Glen Williams school

GEORGETOWN — Robert Freeman Kennedy school, Nigel Gwyning Wrigglesworth school and Ronald Crocker Harrison school

NASSAGAWEYA — Lorne McIer, Brookville school Carolyn Mawes Campbellville school, and Richard Jarvis, Brookville

Mountain Union W I served refreshments in the cafeteria at the close of the presentations.

TWO-YEAR-OLD Joan Lindsay wore a blue winter outfit trimmed with white fur and thoroughly enjoyed her saunter across the high school stage during the fashion show She is held by her mother, advanced dressmaking student Mrs Donald Lindsay, R.R 1, Georgetown With them, reading up the staircase, are classmates Mrs Norman Braida, Mrs Owen Masales, class teacher Mrs M Sargent of Guelph and Mrs A Diamond, R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Plan Now

We believe "Do It Now" winter employment campaigns, a Plan Now fall drive encourages householders, businessmen and industries in Canadian communities to plan for winter employment

—Staff Photo

PAINTING, CRAFTS and attractive articles made in night school classes circled the high school gym About 200 admired the displays, watched a fashion show by students in the four sewing classes and saw a film on crafts made in Fundy National Park There were nearly 100 paintings on display from two classes and the group above admires them. Some were sold right on the spot.

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