



KATHY HINTON of the Robert-Little School was named the second place winner in the annual Halton County Weed Control Essay competition. The awards were announced Friday night at the essay competition awards night in Milton. Oakville Reeve Herbert Merry is shown presenting prizes to Kathy, while W. D. Taylor, District Weed Inspector for the University of Guelph, looks on. She received \$5 for finishing first in her area and \$15 for finishing second in the county competition.

**Brookville girl champion**

**Weed essay winners honored**

Lendra Kenney, a grade seven student at Brookville Public School, was named winner of the annual "Weed Control Essay Competition" on Friday evening.

The dark-haired 11-year-old was declared the winner over 116 other entries in the popular competition sponsored by Halton County Council and interested industries.

"Weeds are expensive" was the topic of Lendra's prize-winning essay. She received \$5 for winning first prize in her area and \$25 for being named county champion. Action area winner Cathy Hinton of Robert Little School was the runner-up in the county competition and Colleen McGillivray of St. Joseph's School, Oakville, was third in the county competition. The second prize county winner received \$15 and the third prize winner received \$10.

Lendra is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lendrick Kenney of R.R. 2 Campbellville. H. Mahatoo, her teacher, was awarded a pen and pencil set.

Over 250 competitors, parents and guests attended the "Weed Control Awards Night" at the Milton District High School on Friday. Guest speaker for the evening was Robert Bateman of Burlington, a director of the Ontario Federation of Naturalists, a member of the Bruce Trail Committee and a noted lecturer. Mr. Bateman gave an illustrated lecture on "Wild Africa".

W. D. Taylor, District Weed Inspector for the University of Guelph, was in charge of the judging and commented, "all the essays were of a high standard".

D. G. McDowell, Inspector of Public Schools for Halton No. 1, congratulated the winners.

**Mock elections Tuesday at both public schools**

Pupils at both the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools went to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in a mock election to name candidates of their choice for council.

Results of grade six, seven and eight elections at the Robert Little school had principal G. W. McKenzie heading the polls with 116 votes.

Other results were Earl Masales, 110; Mrs. Doris Fryer, 103; E. Tyler Jr., 100; Earl Walker, 90; Charles Perry with 89 votes.

Unsuccessful candidates at the school election were Robert Drinkwater and William Williams with 76 votes apiece, Robert Louit, 65 and Brendan Aherne with 48 votes.

At the M. Z. Bennett school 77 grade seven and eight pupils cast ballots and placed Earl Masales in top spot with 63 votes; Robert Drinkwater, 59; E. Tyler Jr., 57; Brendan Aherne, 51; William Williams, 48; and Robert Louit with 38 votes to fill six council seats.

Unsuccessful candidates at the M. Z. Bennett school were Earl Walker with 35 votes; Mrs. Doris Fryer 32; and G. W. McKenzie and Charles Perry with 26 votes apiece.

**85th birthday for Mrs. Jackson**

Mr. George Grundy entered Toronto Western Hospital on Friday, where he will undergo surgery later this week.

Friends here, were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Dr. K. B. Walker of Rockwood, last week. A number attended the funeral on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mann of Toronto spent the weekend at their farm on the 2nd Line.

Mrs. M. Jackson quietly celebrated her 85th birthday last week. Several neighbors and friends called to offer congratulations. Mrs. Jackson enjoys good health and is able to look after her large garden and numerous flower beds, which are a credit to her. She enjoys company and is an avid euchre player.

Mrs. Doris Pines, who has been a leader of 4-H Home-making clubs on numerous occasions and her niece Linda Ferguson who was awarded her provincial honors in 4-H Clubs, attended the banquet in Guelph last week, for leaders and members of 4-H Clubs whose numerous awards were made.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. William Barden, Hillsburgh.

**"Fun funds" defended**

**Vote confidence in '65 Warden**

Spending on travel, entertainment and convention expenses by the 1965 Halton County Council was defended on Monday afternoon at a special meeting of County Council.

Alleged over-spending on travel, entertainment and conventions by the members of the 1965 council was noted in the county auditor's report for that year. During the past month however (the report was released in March) the alleged over-spending has been subject to considerable criticism in the press and by Oakville Council which "deplores the over-expenditure."

Lashing out at charges made by Oakville Mayor MacLean Anderson, Burlington's Deputy-Reeve Frank Rogers stated, "the man who is making these charges is either running hot for mayor of Mississauga, or for representative of Halton East."

During the discussions which lasted for close to an hour, members hastened to suggest the figure referred to council expenses in the auditor's report was actually a lump of several totals which included councillors' expenses, expenses for public receptions and expenses for industrial promotion, all of which are provided for under effective provincial legislation.

Reeve William Coulter of Nassagaweya explained that convention expenses actually include the per diem rate which is paid to each official county delegate at a convention. Many other counties pay councillors on an annual basis so the total for their convention expenses naturally wouldn't be as high. Reeve Coulter said the current method of paying county councillors should be revamped, and he also recommended that a limit be placed on the number of conventions that any one county councillor could attend.

Warden H. H. Hinton, Reeve of Action, defended county councillors going to conventions. He suggested conventions were a form of education

for the councillor, and allowed them to keep pace with the changing times.

Reeve Gordon Gallagher of Burlington stated the province now recognizes that antiquated legislation regarding county promotions is now in use. He said legislation should be based on so many dollars to be spent for so many people represented. He said a county with 160,000 people should naturally spend more than a county with 28,000. He also pointed to the fact that in 1967 all limits have been lifted, due to the fact that it is Centennial year.

Reeve Herbert Merry of Oakville, Warden of the County in 1965, said some press reports of the alleged over-spending were scandalous. He said he didn't see why the blame should be pinned on the Warden of that year. He suggested, "maybe some conventions were over-expended, but the accounts were passed by the whole council." He asked that council back him up on this point.

Deputy-Reeve Charles Menoffy of Milton made the motion backing Mr. Merry. It stated, "we give to Reeve Merry our absolute and utter vote of confidence for his work of 1965." It was approved unanimously.

**Witnesses plan circuit assembly**

Jehovah's Witnesses in Action will attend a three-day semi-annual circuit assembly in Guelph, January 6-8. It was recently announced by Henry Loewen, presiding minister of the local group. A peak attendance of more than 1,000 is expected.

The entire membership of the Action congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses is expected to attend.

**Wellington county may be college site**

Appointment is expected shortly of a board of governors whose duty will be to select a possible site for the proposed college of applied arts and technology that is proposed for Guelph area.

The area college is to serve Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington counties. Since the other counties border on Wellington it is considered likely that this section might prove to be more central.

Board of directors for Halton-Peel was announced last week. A site for this area has yet to be chosen.

**Christmas programs, boys' club shower, meeting in area's news**

A boys' club has been organized at the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Kennedy and Rev. D. Nicholson, B.A. B.Th. The boys are showing a great interest in these meetings.

The C.G.I.T. under the leadership of Mrs. Don McMillan are planning their annual Christmas service to be held in the church on Dec. 18 in the evening. Their 1967 project is to take the library books that are in Sunday school room and repair them and then canvass the congregation for more books to get a good library started. We wish them success with this project.

The annual luncheon meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid was held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the home of Mr. Earl Kennedy. A Christmas program followed the luncheon.

About 30 relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Ron Cannon on Wednesday night to honor Mrs. David Dennison (nee Betty Lou Freeman). She was presented with a lot of beautiful and useful gifts.

The bride was seated in a beautifully decorated rocking chair and was taken completely by surprise.

Mrs. Ruth Stokes was in charge of contests and games. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Dennison were recently married. Congratulations.

Plans were made for the congregational and Sunday school supper. The Sunday school will supply the program. The supper will be held in Nassagaweya church on Dec. 16.

The Ladies' Aid has just completed 30 years of work for the church, and on looking over the past records, they have raised a lot of money and did a great deal of work over the years. There are a few charter members still active in the organization.

The shut-in folks are to be remembered at Christmas time again.

Mrs. P. Vatt and Mrs. Ed Dredne were in charge of the Christmas program and Mrs. V. Morris was hostess.

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