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Second Section.

Students hike 27 miles for U.N.I.C.E.F.



TEACHER DONNA RISEBOROUGH rests momentarily with a hot drink from the car of Mrs. Andrea Broostad and Beth McCutcheon wait to get trudging again. (Staff Photo)



ARRIVING IN ERIN this group of walkers showed plenty of spirit although they still had many miles more to go. From left, Roger Swan, Adrian Van Opstal, Glen McKenzie, Steve Van Fleet, Rick Bonnette, Alex Gray and Stanley Collett. (Staff Photo)

U.N.I.C.E.F. funds will be over \$150 richer as a result of Saturday's marathon walk by students and one teacher from the Robert Little public school.

Starting out from Orangeville at 8 a.m., 30 of the 31 who started out finished the 27-mile hike through snow, rain and cold.

First to arrive at the Robert Little School portals, the designated finishing point, was diminutive John Van Dam. Time?—3 p.m.—seven hours after he started.

Right on his heels were Charles McGinn and Robert Speaker who accompanied John on the hike. Charlie only on the last stretch, which for many was the hardest.

From that point on the students kept arriving in groups until Miss Donna Riseborough brought up the rear echelon at 7:45, 15 minutes shy of a half-day. Six other girls accompanied Miss Riseborough who brought up the vanguard purposely so she could assist the slower marchers.

King-size blisters forced one lone boy marcher to give up within a few miles of Acton but he was very reluctant to quit.

Many of the marchers feel they were able to complete the long course because of the large number of parents and friends who plied them with hot drinks and snacks along the route.

Mrs. Cliff Ashley with an identifying sign on the rear of her car provided a shuttle service between Orangeville and Acton, now and then stopping to urge on weary walkers or provide some needed refreshment.

Vice-principal Doug Copeland kept encouraging students with words and advice as he drove back and forth along the route, gaps between the first and the last stretching until it almost reached 10 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorson Frizzell, Mrs. Carl Timbers and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson were out time and again exhorting senior graders. The first mentioned opened

up the trunks of cars and cooked hot soup on small stoves right on Erin's main street.

First to tumble out of cars at the outskirts of Orangeville were the boys who got a head start.

First place finishing John Van Dam and Robert Speaker put on a burst of speed and the other walkers claim they ran the first 10 miles. Not too far behind were Charles McGinn and Garth Taylor.

Hardest part of the march? "Orangeville to Acton," said grade eight teacher Miss Riseborough. "I thought I was the only one who thought that way but others told me that, too."

Exhaustion and blisters threatened to end the march for some from Ballinacree down No. 7 highway to Acton but they persevered.

Only grades six, seven and eight from the Robert Little school were involved in the walk conceived to help U.N.I.C.E.F. Merchants, parents and friends donated money to the tune of from five cents to 25¢ a mile.

Big netters were Karyn Manes who collected over \$32 for the project and Mary Watson with \$30.

Some mothers who claimed they had trouble urging their offspring up the school lane some mornings were pleasantly surprised to find themselves forking over pesos for every one of the 27 miles.

"I'd never have believed it,"

said one proud mother of her daughter.

Tired and hungry the students might have been out at least two and maybe more showed up for skating at the arena Saturday night. Others were there Sunday and by Monday only a few were limping painfully on large blisters.

It was the second Olympic jaunt for Acton students this year. Project Acton, composed mainly of high school students, did a 40 miler this spring to aid the cancer society.

As in the previous hike, encouragement was also supplied on the last legs by brothers and sisters walking along.

Mary Frances Marcoux and Steven Van Fleet were chairman and manager of the walk. Both finished.

Taking part in the walk were: Steven Van Fleet, Adrian Van Opstal, Janet Van Dam, Janet Gidman, Charles McGinn, Jim Frizzell, Garth Taylor, Chris Eling, Glynis Johnson, Deborah McGilloway, Donnie Bristow, Beth McCutcheon, Alex Gray, Dianne Timbers, Cathy Ashley, Robert Speaker, Joanne Ancker, Andrea Broostad, Richard Bonnette, Larry DeForest, Sandra Crispin, Mary Frances Marcoux, Karyn Manes, Glen McKenzie, Patti-Ann Marchmont, John Van Dam, Corle Maxwell, Mary Watson, Stanley Collett, Miss Riseborough, Roger Swan.



BONNIE BRISTOW and Dianne Timbers get energy from nature's toothbrush as they trudge along the seventh line. (Staff Photo)



MARY FRANCES MARCOUX, Janet Van Dam, Glynis Johnson, Sandy Crispin, Janet Gidman and Pat Marchmont are well bundled against the cold in Saturday's walk for UNICEF. They all finished the 27 mile hike, showing no ill effects but a few blisters and stiff and aching muscles. (Staff Photo)

Young violinist to appear on TV

James Edward O'Rourke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Rourke, will be playing the violin on the TV program Tiny Talent Time this Sunday afternoon.

The program, a very popular one, originates from channel 11, Hamilton and starts at four o'clock.

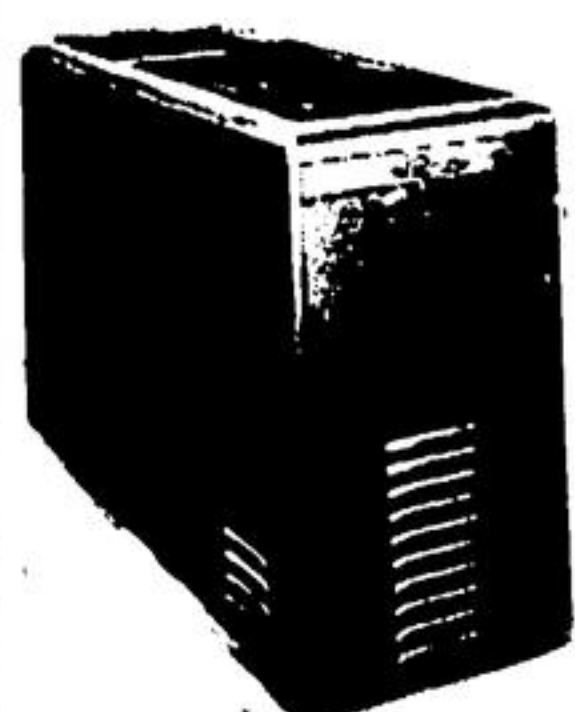
Invitation

The Rev. R. McMurray is inviting United church young people to join with the Anglican young people at the 9 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, and for hot chocolate buns and a movie afterward.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 10.15 A.M.—Formation of Parade for Legion and all Other Organizations — Acton Legion
- 10.45 A.M.—Service at Cenotaph
- 11.00 A.M.—Church Service — Trinity United Church
- Haltonville Service — Nov. 5 — 2.45 p.m. at Cenotaph
- 3 P.M. — Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church
- Rockwood Service — Nov. 12 — 11 a.m. at Cenotaph
- 11.15 A.M. — St. John's Anglican Church

REMEMBER TO WEAR A POPPY ON POPPY DAY FRIDAY and SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 3 and 4



PROCLAMATION POPPY DAY

WHEREAS, several men of this town gave their lives in defence of Canada and the democratic world;

AND WHEREAS, the memory of their service and sacrifice is a source of inspiration to all citizens as our nation faces new difficulties and dangers;

AND WHEREAS, their memory is kept ever bright by the annual wearing of memorial poppies in their honor and the honor of all other Canadians who died in war service;

NOW THEREFORE, I, L. A. DUBY, Mayor of the Town of Acton, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 4, to be Poppy Day in the Town of Acton and do urge that all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy of the Canadian Legion.

L. A. DUBY, Mayor.



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT for Charles McGinn and Garth Taylor is given by Robert Little vice-principal Doug Copeland during a break in Saturday's walk for UNICEF this side of Erin. Students raised over \$150. (Staff Photo)