

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler
After months of planning, saving and money raising the grade 12 geography class left for Washington. In spite of the drizzling rain the students said farewell to Acton High last Thursday evening.

The students worked hard for the enjoyment of this trip. A car wash, bake sale, money draw and slave sale were only a few of their fund raising attempts.

The class, plus chaperone, Paul Martindale, will return to Acton early Thursday morning.

A successful dance was held by the student council last Friday. Many young adults danced to the music of the "Crabby Appleton". Thanks is extended to the chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Drankwalter, Mr. John Cristello and Mr. Brent Turnbull. Proceeds from the dance will be used for future student council projects.

Our annual Walk-a-thon for Cancer is coming. In the past the Cancer Society has shown great gratitude for the amounts of money the students of ADHS

have donated. Let's try to make them as proud of us this year.

As many walkers were eager for a change of scenery, the route this year has been changed. Leaving from Primrose, through Orangeville and Erin via highways 136, 10 and 24. The students will return to the school. Previously, the walk began at Thornhill.

At most of the Family Life Education meetings the parents say that they want to help the students but have never been asked. Well, here's an opportunity for you to do just that. Anyone wishing to sponsor a hiker would be greatly appreciated. Also, food and drink must be supplied. Most of all, cars and drivers are needed to pick up the weary walkers and deliver them to their homes. If you are interested in filling one of these positions please phone either 853-1795 or 877-3771. The date of the walk is Saturday, May 2. All proceeds from the walk will be donated to The Cancer Society for research and betterment of knowledge on the subject.

Elect new officers for Scotch Block W.I.

The annual meeting of the Scotch Block Women's Institute took the form of a pot luck luncheon held at noon in Lgny Hall followed by the meeting at 2 p.m. There were 14 members and four guests present.

The president Mrs. C. Service welcomed all and opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect followed by an In Memoriam for a former life member Mrs. T. F. Chisholm who recently passed away. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The roll call was responded to by the paying of our membership fees.

Mrs. J. Hapkin then presided for the election of officers resulting as follows: president Mrs. C. Service, first vice-president Mrs. J. Irving, second vice-president Mrs. H. Davis, secretary-treasurer Mrs. E. Chisholm, assistant secretary-treasurer Mrs. S. Murray, district director Mrs. C. Wilson, alternate Mrs. J. Hopkin, branch directors Mrs. D. Robertson, Mrs. W. Harris, Mrs. C. Brown, auditors Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs. H. Davis, District

Annual delegate Mrs. C. Service, Mrs. C. Rowney, Mrs. C. Wilson, Miss Elva Chisholm, alternate Mrs. J. Hopkin.

A committee of five ladies was appointed to look after the April card party. The ladies were reminded there were still some tickets to be sold for the Tender Fruits Demonstration to be put on by the Ida Burns Associates in Lgny Hall on May 5 at 8 p.m. \$50 was voted to the Cancer Society.

Mrs. J. Hopkin brought a splendid report from the District Directors meeting. Mrs. D. Robertson demonstrated a floral arrangement which was quite attractive. It was decided to have a euchre party in May of this year.

The regular May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. Harrop, Ferguson. Following the adjournment of the meeting a cup of tea was enjoyed by all.

EDEN MILLS
Softball league meeting Sunday
By Mrs. R. Wright
The Empire's school Tri-County Softball League met in Eden Mills Community Hall Sunday with Cecil Dunn instructing. 55 attended from surrounding areas and were served a luncheon by the Ladies' Aid of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings have returned home after spending 3 months in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Snowmobiles go on wheels
One of the features of the Guelph Camping and Recreation show will be a simple conversion kit that will put wheels on snowmobiles. Other innovations and new ideas will be found at the show which opens Thursday, April 23, in Guelph's Centennial arena.

Band dance
Acton Citizens' Band held a very successful dance last Friday evening in the Music Centre. Purpose was to raise money to send younger members of the band to band camp at Beaverton this summer.

Hints for proper care of hedges outlined

By H. J. Stanley
New hedges that will be planted during the next two months will need initial trimming. Deciduous hedges should be cut back to a point just two or three inches above the base of last year's growth. This will result in a thicker hedge.

Before growth starts the second season, level off the tops of the plants and shear the sides. Another pruning should be made after the first flush of growth is complete (late June).

After the second year, prune the deciduous hedge in late June and as many times after this as necessary. Avoid fall pruning as this encourages new growth that might be winterkilled.

Evergreen coniferous hedges like pines, spruces, junipers, cedars and hemlock need an entirely different treatment. With these plants it is especially important that you select good bushy ones right down to the base. It is difficult - and often impossible - to induce basal branching with most evergreens. At planting time, level the tops of most evergreens. One

trimming a year is all that is necessary. This is best done in June after the first flush of new growth has formed when about one-half of the new growth should be removed. With some hedges like cedars and junipers, the pruning can be done before growth commences in early spring. In this case, about one-half of the previous year's growth should be removed.

All hedges in areas where heavy snow is expected should be sheared with their sides sloping, so that they are wider at the bottom than at the top. This also allows more light to reach the lower foliage and helps to keep the hedge healthier. The hedge should be rounded or pointed on top to further assist in shedding snow and ice in winter.

Hedges, like other shrubs, should be fertilized every two years to produce thick vigorous growth. A good complete fertilizer such as 10-6-4, or 10-10-10, may be used at the rate of from two to four lbs. for twenty-five feet of row applied at the same time as well-decayed leaf mold or pulverized peat moss.



A STRONG EFFORT by local girls just couldn't compete with opposition from Burlington's Fairview School as they bowed out in the final game in the North Halton elementary school basketball league by a 45-1 score. Coached by Mrs. C. Sanford, team members include front row, Heather Wilkinson, Roberta Strange, Colleen

Spielvogel, Vicki Taylor; back row Marylou Pendleton, Beth McCutcheon, Pat Kelly, with Donna Drew as marker. Robert Little was one of six teams entered in the North Halton division.—(Staff Photo)

Fairview, Martin St. win basketball

This year for the first time on record a North Halton elementary school basketball league was formed. Both boys and girls competed in their own division vying for the winning pennant and crests. Teams included Fairview, North Burlington, Martin St. and OSD, Milton; Brookville, Nassagaweya Township; M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little Schools, Acton.

In the boys' department Martin St. finished first, Fairview second and OSD third. For the girls it was Fairview, Martin St. and OSD.

"Next year we hope to expand the league," said Fairview girls' coach Mrs. C. Yuzwa. Mrs. Hilda Clark, physical and health education consultant for North Halton, presented the crests and pennant to the winner of the girls' division.

New executive Nassagaweya W.I.

The annual meeting of Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. David DeBlauw on Wednesday evening, April 15. The president Mrs. J. Pyott opened the meeting with a poem, An Irish Blessing, followed by the Ode and Collect. Roll call was answered by payment of fees and some new members answered the call.

A complete financial report was given. Several matters of business were dealt with and a report given by Mrs. B. Young regarding the placing of village sign names. The payment to the Ethel Chapman Bursary was voted on and \$5.00 per member will be sent to the fund.

The election of officers was carried out and the following officers installed for 1970-71: past president, Mrs. D. DeBlauw; president, Mrs. J. Pyott; first vice-president, Mrs. W. Freeman; second vice-president Mrs. G. Pearce; secretary, Mrs. John Henry; treasurer, Mrs. D. DeBlauw; public relations, Mrs. J. Roberts; district directors, Mrs. D. DeBlauw, Mrs. B. Young; cheer convener, Mrs. W. Freeman; agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. Herst,

Mrs. Ferrer; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. H. Price; citizenship and education, Mrs. A. Norrish; historical research, Mrs. J. Henry, Mrs. McLaren; current events, Mrs. F. Edwards; resolutions, Mrs. B. Young; safety conveners, Mrs. DeBlauw, Mrs. McLaren, branch directors, Mrs. A. Norrish, Mrs. V. Mullen; life member, Mrs. A. Padbury; auditors, Mrs. V. Mullen, Mrs. J. Roberts.

Another movie

Flushed with the success of their last movie, students at Acton district high school have arranged another showing of a film in the high school this Friday night.

Herbie the Volkswagen is the name of this Friday's feature and it stars Fred McMurray and Buddy Hackett. Starting time 8 p.m.

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Education as fun as you want it! test teacher's maxim in Washington

After months of excited anticipation and detailed planning, grade 12 urban geography students left last Thursday for Washington D.C. The basic aims of the trip: as drawn up and presented by their teacher, Paul Martindale:

1. To understand the factors which have influenced the success of Washington over time.
2. To map sub-region and show graphically Washington's growth of population.
3. To find the relationships between the city of Washington

and its urban regions.

Jackie Lemon and Joe Petric have both written pre-trip reports which describe the aims of the group.

Some of the questions the young people will be trying to puzzle out answers to are: What does a city with the highest crime rate in the U.S. look like during the day and night? How will we react to encounters with colored people? Is the city's heart as beautiful as the National Geographic magazine portrays it?

Joe Petric writes "Of course, free time is just as important because here we can learn individually by meeting people and talking to them.

"This trip is a fulfilment of a common saying always on our tongues, instilled by our teacher-geographer-demagogue Mr. Martindale, 'Education is only as fun as you want it to be.'

Jackie Lemon points out Washington is also a historical city and they hope to see the Smithsonian Institute, Washington zoo, the White House, Congress, Arlington cemetery and the Lincoln memorial.

She says "It's a sad thing to know that you are going to be hated by some just because of the color of your skin. They may open our eyes concerning the race problem and make us take action to prevent it from occurring in our country, instead of just ignoring the issue."

Since the 34 people on the trip will soon be leaving school, she expects their friendships will be cemented by the experience of this week together.

Acton donations for McDougalls

A collection in Acton for the McDougall family, whose home was burned, has raised \$100, according to John Coniglio who was in charge.

Those who donated money are Sidney Lamb, Mrs. Sweetman, Watson's Music Store, A-B supermarket, Fabric Centre, Watson's restaurant, Hinton's Store, Free Press, Sports Corner, Family Store, Smoke Shop, Eaton's, Symon Hardware, Acton Home Furnishings, Holland shop, Dominion Hotel, Hurst barber shop, Royal Cafe, Holiday cleaners, Custom cleaners, Simpson-Sears, IGA, Acton Pharmacy, Gordon's hardware, Blue Springs flower shop, Grant Usher, Lorna Marshall, Manning Electric,

White Oak Ceramics, Mr. Elliott, GAC Finance, Ross barber shop, L. Cloke, Mrs. Vivian, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fabian, Mr. Shoemaker, Pete's Barber Shop, Milady Hairstyling, H. Coles, Acton Motors.

The R. R. 1 family lost their home and possessions in a fire that raged out of control before Acton Firefighters arrived. Neighbors, friends and many generous strangers are rallying to help them.

Another roadblock

Again this week Acton police were called to man a roadblock, following an armed robbery in Toronto.

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