

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler

With school coming to a close, activities within A.D.H.S. have become limited to field trips of various classes and groups.

The prefects and librarians were given a well-deserved trip to Niagara Falls last Friday (Head Prefect for the year 1969-70 school year was Don Powaduk, a grade 13 student).

Due to the travelling time required, the group had about three hours to view the beautiful gardens and see their choice of exhibits. Several students walked over to the United States. They enjoyed standing between the dividing line of both countries and not being in any land. Others stayed in Canada and saw Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum, went up the Skylon Tower or voyaged under the falls in "Mad of the Mist."

The bus arrived back in Acton before four o'clock to unload a group of weary travellers. Mrs. K. Ott and Mr. J. Sansom were chaperones for the trip.

The grade nine Science classes of Mr. Beers and Mr. Eastwood visited the Science Centre in Toronto, last week. After a short

guided tour the students were free to see the exhibits of their choice. Among the rooms seen were Communications room, Hydro, Life and Space Age rooms. There were several computers available for the students to test by asking questions.

In the Hydro room, one volunteer's long hair stood straight on end as an example of static electricity. The Disorientation Room was of interest to all. Here, the floor, walls, etc. were all placed on a slant. After struggling to get through this chamber, the students were dismayed at finding they were being watched on a TV screen all of the time.

Mr. Beers and Mr. Eastwood were chaperones for this trip which fascinated the entire class.

Under the direction of Mrs. Shields approximately 20 students from various grades canvassed for the blind. Volunteers from the Lions Club drove the students to the regions to be canvassed. Over \$500 was donated by Acton residents.

When the group reassembled at the high school, they were given refreshments of doughnuts and hot chocolate.

Competitive festival remains Full approval given to committee study adding creative arts to music festival

The North Halton Music Festival has been re-created as an association to promote the performing arts and the creative arts in North Halton. The detailed proposals, prepared by a committee, were adopted completely and unanimously at a special meeting of the association last Thursday evening in Stewarttown school.

The 23 at the meeting included the present executive, county consultants, co-ordinators, music teachers, principals, parent and group representatives.

It was decided the present executive would continue until the fall. By then, the principals in North Halton will have appointed three of their number to serve on the executive, and act as liaison to the three areas involved, roughly including the three towns and schools in the near neighbourhood of Acton, Milton and Georgetown.

A competitive music festival will again be held for the elementary schools in the North Halton education area.

In addition, the three area executive committees will meet to discuss suggested programs involving fewer schools in programs such as drama night or variety night.

These area programs could include the high schools, and suggested numbers included solos, folk groups, instrumental music, readings, dances, gymnastics, lation twirling, comedy teams anything

approved by the principal and area executive. Art work could decorate the lobby and students would improve their public speaking by introducing the numbers.

The central executive will consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, three principals or vice-principals representing their own areas; three parent representatives and three service club representatives. Co-ordinators and consultants will act in an advisory capacity.

The area executives will consist of one principal or vice-principal (from the central executive) and one representative from each school.

The secretary-treasurer will be appointed at the annual meeting and paid an honorarium of

\$250.

The central executive will receive funds and assistance, as in the past, from interested service clubs and individuals.

The North Halton music festival association has been promoting vocal music in the schools of Ayr, Acton, Milton and Nassagaweya for the past 39 years. Georgetown schools dropped out of the festival about 15 years ago.

With the formation of the Halton board of education and realignment of the education areas, this area now includes the Georgetown schools, as well as Percy Merly, Sniders, Kilbride and Fairview.

The committee established to prepare the feasibility study on

Classes contribute to Caribbean school

Well-known Canadian broadcaster Betty Kennedy sent letters to Miss Suzanne Sinclair and Mrs. M. Masales, Grade 3 teachers of the Robert Little school, and Mrs. H. Vadeika, grade 3 and 4 teacher of the M. Z. Bennett school, to give thanks for a contribution received for "Project Schoolhouse".

The funds will help build a school in the Commonwealth Caribbean Island of St. Vincent as Ontario's International Education Year project. The United Nations designated 1970 as I.E.Y. year, to help promote better understanding between peoples of the world.

Mrs. Kennedy is Chairman of The Minister's Advisory Committee on Educational Assistance which was established by the Hon. William Davis last year.

Drug program over till fall

The current drug instruction program is now over, with about 45 at the last discussion session. They have decided to wait till the fall for follow-up programs. There was enthusiasm for some kind of follow-up program. The various people from the program expect to go back to their own groups in the community better informed about drugs and the reasons people take them.

Chairman Rev. Harry Dawson explains that the emphasis during meetings has gone from drugs themselves into family life development.

Paul Martindale president District Teacher Federation

Paul Martindale of Acton was re-elected president of Halton District of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation at their annual meeting in Oakville Thursday.

The only other new man elected to the executive was Vern Browne to the board-staff committee.

In his report Mr. Martindale said the Federation's greatest strength was that they are 825 in number. He defended the idea of one Federation for consultants, principals, vice-principals and teachers.

In his address he noted five areas where the Federation might be improved and said he felt the goals of the Board and of Halton Division O.S.S.T.F. were identical (1) to create the best possible educational

environment for the students, and (2) to make the advantages of a large system outweigh the disadvantages.

He noted poor communications from O.S.S.T.F. to the teacher members, the lack of co-ordinators and consultants involved and a need for greater teacher involvement as goals to reach.

Both Mr. Martindale and Bill Jeffries of Oakville who challenged him as president agreed teachers should have the right to strike but both opposed any thought of strikes or letting their Federation become a union. Both felt there were many more beneficial avenues to be explored before going out on strike.

Guest speaker ends up subject of monologue

Clair Perry, an executive of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation was guest speaker at the annual meeting Thursday for Halton Division, O.S.S.T.F. When he finished talking he asked for a dialogue but ended up on the wrong end of a biting monologue.

Al Hebert, an Oakville high school teacher blasted Mr. Perry on different counts, charging that the former principal was 35 years behind the times. Hebert said principals should not be allowed in the teachers' Federation and Perry had said without one, the other would be weakened.

Mr. Hebert said the principals were more interested in pleasing their superiors than what goes on in the classroom. He said come what may, the principals would cut the cloth to keep the superiors happy and while teachers wanted a bigger piece of the cloth, they were being sold out.

Halton teachers deplore response to moratorium

Halton County Division of O.S.S.T.F. has sent a telegram to the Provincial Executive saying they deplored the weak response to the Trustees' Council moratorium on the May 31 deadline for resigning and urging provincial executive to take positive steps to combat what they called an injustice to teachers and students all over the province.

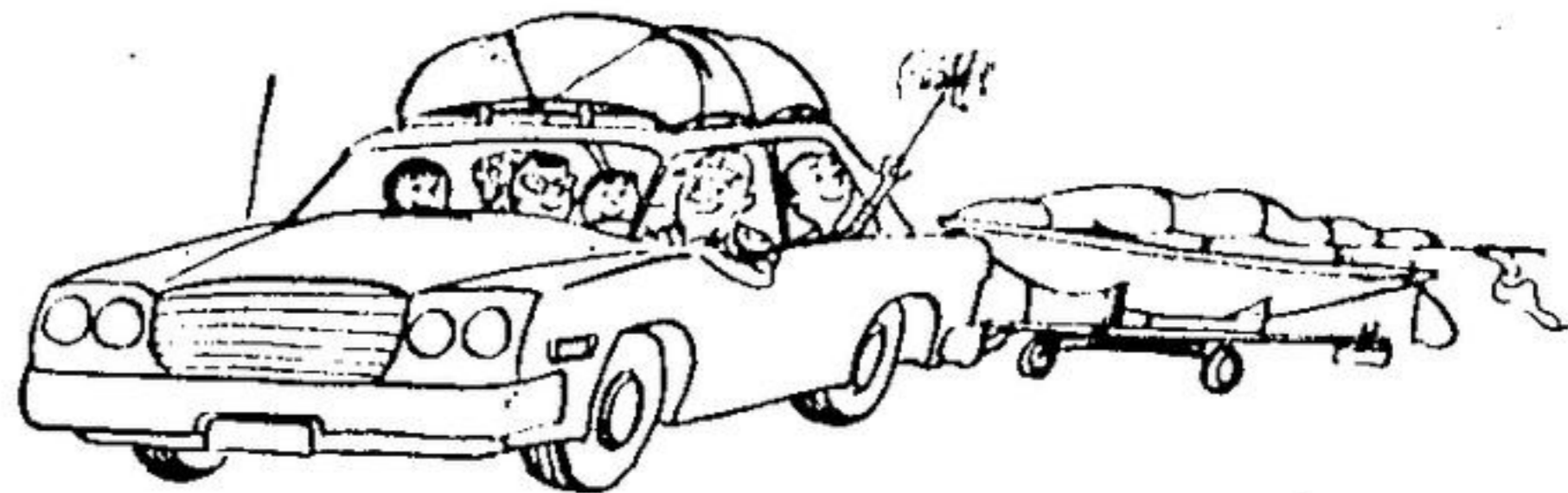
He said principals were given a job to do by a big organization and told that if it means putting the squeeze on the teachers to go ahead and squeeze, because if they didn't there would be someone else who would.

Mr. Hebert argued about the policy in secondary schools to have a certain number of students per class pass and fail. He challenged the Toronto principals' decision to recommend teachers accept the board offer even though the body of O.S.S.T.F. had voted against it.

Offering a mild defense or rebuttal Mr. Perry said the principals were speaking as individuals and had thought it to be the best thing to do.

He countered Mr. Hebert's charge concerning principals being a tool of the board by saying he felt schools should have the right to make their own decisions. He believed in more autonomy for the schools and said Mr. Hebert's statement was a denigration of the situation.

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At the Legion hall Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

Construction Men captured the championship of the Legion dart league. Team members are D. Dawson, P. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, I. Elliot and F. Bennett.

Playoff champions were Hotspurs, including M. Davis, K. Lumbers, I. Treval, W. Gentles, I. Kilby and E. Kentner.

Doubles champs were D. Dawson and H. Lambert. Runners-up were K. Lumbers and J. Zaac.

W. Nicolak won the singles championship and I. Kilby placed second. Gord McCutcheon recorded the high score 168.

Helen Yatsman's 65 won her the streaks in the women's division of Saturday night's mixed euchre. Molly McHugh copped second with 64 and Lois Gordon won the bacon with a hidden score of 41.

In the men's division, Frank Winters won the streaks with a 69. Ron Dalton was second with 64 and Lloyd Boyd won the bacon with a hidden score of 42.

Sick Bay: Norm Morton is still a patient in Freeport Hospital, but friends will be happy to know he is improving.

Public school field days

Robert Little senior field day was held Tuesday; results next week.

M. Z. Bennett's junior meet is Wednesday (today) and the senior meet next Thursday.

On June 17 the inter-school meet will be held at the high school with Acton, Speyside, Limehouse and Brookville participating.

Sgt. B. Bennett now detective

A former constable on the Milton OPP Detachment, Bill Bennett of Streetsville has been promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant with the Ontario Provincial Police Anti-Racket Division, as a plain clothes officer.

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