Remembrance program brings varied reaction

# NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

auditorium. They were asked in advance to remain silent while in the gymnasium, in order to grasp the total effect of their message concerning Remembrance Day. There was no light save for a candle lit at the head of the room.

Three screens stretched across the walls; the two at the ends with still shots; the centre one showing moving pictures of the war. The war dead of Acton were stated. Taking turns, the Lord Elgin students expressed different views of the war, all in Search of an Author". Most found relationship to the pictures on the the evening entertaining and

Touching

Perhaps the most touching scene of the slides was that of pictures drawn by children in war dominated countries. These violence, bombs and harm.

At the completion of the assembly, the students filed Remembrance Day and its High School. meaning to them. Surprise shower

Thursday was a busy day at the school. Our school nurse, Susan Sale, was given a surprise baby shower after school. The event was planned by students, while

By Mary Ann Freuler \* any girls interested chipped in to Students from Lord Elgin High buy a lovely gift. Mrs. Sale was School in Burlington should be very pleased with the high chair. commended for their per- Several grade eleven girls made formance last Tuesday. Classes the cakes which were served. The from A.D.H.S. assembled in the Student Council provided

See play

Thursday evening the Creative Drama Class and a few other interested students travelled to the University of Guelph to see the play "Six Characters in worthwhile.

Mr. Sansom, English teacher, was chaperone for the excursion.

sketches constantly showed Friday. The prizes are on display in the cabinet in the main hall. Why not come out and try your luck at Bingo, Monopoly, the silently from the auditorium. Crown and Anchor, Rumoli, and Most classes were given the all of the other games provided following class period to discuss for you. It starts at 8:00 at the

The following Friday, Nov. 27, dance. The theme is "Sadie Goes best couple. Cheshire Cat will supply the music. Why not come

# Adult volunteers, students at school

By Carol Patterson

Have you ever wondered what It would be like to be a high school student again? Have you ever wanted to try? This year at ADHS some adults have been given the opportunity.

Not long ago it was made known to the public of Acton that there were a couple of openings in a grade nine typing class, for adults wishing to learn this skill. Principal Mr. David Katz, introduced the idea, which seems to be working well for all con-

Only a few people inquired about this, and therefore only a couple were turned down because 'the spaces' had already been filled. Mrs. Peggy DeBruyn and Mrs. Betty Cheyne are now enrolled as adult students in a grade nine typing class taught by

Mr. B. Shean. Mrs. DeBruyn explains that she needs experience for jobs. She finds the class interesting, and the younger students friendly, although "they maybe don't appreciate having adults in the class." But "We're all students," as one of the other

members of the class said. In typing class, a regular rotation from machine to machine takes place to help students get used to using different machines. There is not much chance for discussion, so the adult students are just like the others in that respect, says teacher, Mr. Shean.

#### Ram banquet

(Continued from Page 4) special awards to coach Howard Dwyer, manager Alan Hall and trainer Bruce Murray. Coach Dwyer had a special thank you for minor officials Dan McGilloway, Harry Barens and Jack Holmes as well as the fans who supported the team so faith-

fully over the season. "We took 75 fans on a bus to a game in Midland and that's more than some of our league opponents were drawing for home games." the Ram coach commented gratefully.

Team president Ron McKnight said it was a privilege to serve as president and thanked sponsors for their donations.

On behalf of the team Stu McCulloch presented a gift to Mr. Roberts as a token of their appreciation.

#### **Employee** aids venturers, scouts

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of town works employees Don Swackhamer and acouts and venturers the problem of surface water accumulating on land adjacent to the Scout Hall will

soon be one of the past. Mr. Swackhamer donated his time Saturday operating a packnoe to only a cutch for drainage tile. Venturers and scouts under the direction of leaders Kevin Conroy and Murray Harrison then laid tile down as far as the creek behind the hall.

· Venturers and scouts also completed a wholesale clean-up of the inside of the building and shingled the back roof.

"Nursie" with a jolly jumper.

Our sincerest wishes go with Mrs. Sale as she was quite popular with the student body. Her bright smile and cheerful disposition will be missed by the

SPECIALEVENTS "Las Vegas Nite" is this

there will be a Sadie Hawkin's Twin" and there's a prize for the

Mrs. DeBruyn is gaining her

experience for jobs right in the

high school. In the morning until

it is time for her class, she has

volunteered to type and file, and

do general office work for Mr.

Skerrett in the Guldance office.

Last year, grade twelve typing

students worked on a rotation

basis in Mr. Skerrett's office.

This year, however, it is much

easier for Mr. Skerrett, as he

doesn't have to explain the set-up

every week. Mrs. DeBruyn finds

the high school system changed

since she last attended, but still

Mr. Katz explained that having

adult students in the school

presents no difficulties in the

office. Opening other subjects to

such a system is something that

ADHS has had a few adults

come back to take grade thir-

teen. In fact, Mrs. Krul

graduated this year, after

coming back to obtain her

Besides Mrs. DeBruyn working

with the Guidance department,

there are some adult volunteers

working in the high school

library. Mrs. Paton and Mrs.

Nielsen help Mrs. Ott and the

library club to type, file and do

general clerical work. Teacher

and librarian, Mrs. Ott, explains

that students borrowing books

are looked after by other students

Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Paton

have many new books and

magazines to record and prepare

for the shelf. This keeps them

very busy. The ladies take turns

going in to work - while one

works three afternoons a week,

the other works two afternoons,

and vice-versa. They enjoy their

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for ADHS, and it is hoped that its

success will open up a whole new

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Remembrance Day Service, and each year I leave it behind me, out to both of these events? forgotten until the next year.

I can't tell you what the meaning of Remembrance Day is, because I really don't know. It is just another day in year, another day off school.

## Snowmobile club ready

The Acton Snowmobile Club has been well underway for the season snowmobiling since early summer, when the officers of the club were elected.

Another day

By Barb Browne

Last Tuesday, November 10th a

few students from a Burlington

High School held an assembly

Remembrance Day. Rather than

the traditional services, they

horrors of war. They read poetry

and played records on the topic of

During the film I was in-

terested but the reason we have

Remembrance Day never really

dawned on me. After it was over I

began to think, what is the

meaning of Remembrance Day

anyway? Why do students get the

day off, when the people who

Just names

more or less just another holiday.

How can we concieve the idea of

death or freedom or cause, when

we've always had freedom, and

never felt death. We've never

seen a friend or loved one die in

battle, never received a telegram

telling us of someone's death. To

us the names on the cenotaph are

just that-names, just like the

names we read in history books

Watching the films was just

like watching war movies, and

knowing it happened, but not

really being able to connect it to

our lives. Each year we have a

or even the bible.

To children November 11 is

fought the war are working?

showed slides and films of the

to commemorate

off school

Holloway unanimously chosen president with Wynn Hartlin as treasurer. A corn roast was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Venn to allow everyone to get acquainted and meet new members. A few other meetings were held to finalize plans for the float in the Fall Fair parade and this past Thursday a meeting to introduce new members to the constitution and discuss further winter activities among which to include cook-outs, safaris and other adventurous outings for the

The club is a non-profit organization whose objective is to combine fun and safety for the snowmobiler in the Acton area. Members have already enjoyed a very successful and safe season of snowmobiling.

## Hespeler bests bantams

whole family.

Hespeler bantams downed Acton Firefighters 4-1, here Saturday afternoon in a Tri-County league game.

The visitors led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 4-1 after two frames. The third period was

Laurence, Haightling, Van Strepon and Chittock were the Hespeler marksmen. Terry Holmes scored the Acton goal on

War . . . what is it good for?

# Lest we forget

In the darkness a lonely candle flickered . . . A drum beat . . . and between its rolls, the names of Acton's war dead were heard.

Screens became ablaze with color, depicting war, death and suffering. A voice spoke of war and the attitudes to war - to some 'tis an honor to give one's life for his country . . . to others It's a job, a duty to be fulfilled . . . to others It's a monster, robbing wives of their husbands, stealing children's fathers.

The rhythm of a rock melody crashed through the loud speakers with the words "war . . . what is it good for? Absolutely nothing!"

Meanwhile, before us flashed pictures of Hitler, and Churchill with his "V", and armies marching, and bodies lying motionless.

the Atom Bomb . . . and there before our eyes hung that reddish mushroom over a devastated land. From Vietnam we saw what some children draw in

A voice spoke of Pearl Harbor and Its aftermath . . .

school . . . not toys and pets . . . but helicopters and soldiers, guns and death. WAR ... "I'm proud to serve" ... "It's my duty" ...

"war . . . what is it good for? Absolutely nothing!" -- so ran the theme of Acton High School's Remembrance Day Services for 1970.

## Foster child develops pride, happiness

For the past four years the Student Council at Acton High School has been supporting a Foster Child in the Philippines.

Auturo is now eleven years old and in grade five. Although he is now learning to construct letters, his mother Mrs. Obispo, has written religiously monthly for these years. Her letters are awaited anxiously.

As the town has helped in its support of Auturo in the past by means of chocolate bar sales and other such schemes, we would like to share his letter of progress and photo with you.

Dear Foster Parents, We appreciate your continued interest in extending help to Arturo and his family. Four years of support certainly proved fruitful and rewarding to all of them. Arturo can surely look back to these years of his life with pride and happiness.



Arturo is presently in the fifth grade. He has remained diligent and conscientious with his studies. He has also taken interest in joining the Boy Scout Organization. We believe his participation in this organization will give him the opportunity to show his talents and exploit his potentialities as a leader.

The family resides in the same address, Mr. Obispo doubles his efforts in earning a livelihood as he is aware of the growing needs of his children. He works as a

farm helper and nets about 50c a day. Mrs. Obispo augments the meager income of her husband by selling vegetables in the

community where they live. Your assistance has gone a long way in helping Arturo and his family. Your foster child is deeply grateful because your aid is instrumental in his schooling. He hopes however, to hear from you often. He is eager to hear more about your organization and activities.

The health needs of the family are absorbed by the Plan's Medical and Dental clinic. They come regularly to the clinic for check-up and proper medication. Assistance is recommended for an indefinite period of time.

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## War - right or wrong?

Remembrance Day By Karen Ashley

Remembrance Day took on a different outlook this year at Acton High, Students from Lord Elgin in Burlington put on a presentation of a unique nature.

As one entered the gym, the names of those Acton men killed in war echoed in the silence. Narrators alterately read poetry and presented diverse views on war while scenes of war flashed on two movie screens and two slide screens.

This assembly created a well of controversial opinions. The following are views expressed by students at Acton High.

Can't explain

-"I can't explain what I saw. It wasn't a real Remembrance Day service but it got across what war was and they wanted you to remember those who had dled. It should have helped you to remember those who fought in the war, but the feeling of sympathy was lacking for those who had something to remem-

-"It did bring up emotions. It brought up a point-war is here now; be aware of it now. Present wars should be brought to the attention of those who don't have anything to remember."

-"I saw pictures flashing on the screen. People were just reading material about war." Feeling of nothing

-"I just came out with a feeling of nothing and went on to my next class."

-"I felt like walking away and just not saying anything to

The overall impression was that the Lord Elgin students wanted us to think about war in the world today whether right or wrong. Whether you liked the service or not, it did make you

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## It came — and went

Remembrance Day

Chris Brunelle

Remembrance Day has come and gone again. For some that is exactly what happened-it came and went. For others, it stopped and became a time to think of those lost in the wars and thank them for their sacrifices.

Some of the students of A.D.H.S. were in the latter group for on Tuesday afternoon we had our usual Remembrance Day service-but it was different Instead of the traditional Last

Post, eulogy etc. we had a run-

presented as a contemporary experienced. We saw films of man, Vietnamese fighting and pictures by Vietnamese children; we heard poems by Donovan and Dylan. By using these things familiar to youth of today, the students from Lord Elgin hoped to make Remembrance Day

meaningful.

Succeed?

Did they succeed? This can only be answered individually. Some came out, "Wow, it was really neat!" Others "Hey, let's take extra long getting to next class!" It made some depressed and sad as they realized the hurt war causes. It made still others angry as they realized the sen-

selessness of war. And what did it make me? It left me waiting, left me with an unfinished feeling. And afterwards it made me feel guilty because I could not definitely define the emotions I felt. I do ning commentary complete with know however, that this program films and slides on war. It was did not inspire in me the humility which I believe necessary on view so as to be relevant to those Remembrance Day. I also am for whom war is just an illusion, a sure that it made me ashamed to nightmare-discussed but not belong to such an animal race as

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