



KIM McCRISTALL

SKATING CLUB PRESIDENT Garry DeBruyn made presentations to members who excelled through the year, during Saturday's show at the community centre. The awards based on achievement, co-operation and hard work, went to Kim Jackson in Novice, Jennifer Dupuis in Juvenile, Kim McCristall in Junior and Gerda Seiz in the Senior class.

(Photos by Jim Jennings)



JENNIFER DUPUIS

KIM JACKSON

GERDA SEIZ

Invited to Amherstb'g Will continue using controversial spray

One surprise outcome of Saturday's figure skating show was an invitation for the entire cast to stage the show at Amherstburg, with expenses paid.

Unknown to skaters, the club professional from Chatham was in the audience to scout the show and advise the Amherstburg people if the show was the type of entertainment suitable to increase interest in figure skating in their new arena. He was impressed.

Since one of the Acton club's professionals—Nancy Skuce—comes from Amherstburg, there is a dual interest. The flattered executive of the Acton club is endeavoring to make necessary arrangements for the trip but nothing definite has been decided up to press time.

Pet sheep mauled by dogs

Erin township council passed a motion at April's meeting, to pay \$89.50 to township residents for damage to sheep.

Almost half will go for veterinary bills for care to the two pet sheep of Mrs. Sue Inch, which were badly mauled by two dogs.

The two Suffolk's were exercising in a small corral when the dogs jumped the fence and attacked them. A farmhand ran to the rescue, but both sheep were severely bitten about the heads. One's leg was badly chewed, and is now in a cast.

During council's discussion, it was suggested it might be better to request payment from the dogs' owners, or to direct dog control to shoot them.

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In spite of protests from the press and general public, Halton County Roads Committee will continue using 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T as brush and weed kill.

The chemicals became the subject of a controversy at County Council level when the Oakville Rod and Gun Club pointed out the warning on the container. The warning advises the chemical is not to be used on streams or open creeks because of possible damage to pregnant women.

Biologists have suggested no harm will come from the chemicals if used properly. County Roads engineer D. J. Corbett recommended another brand be used because of the adverse publicity. "If something did happen we would be wide open for criticism," he advised the committee.

Warden F. G. Oakes said he did not want to see a higher price paid for another brand if the brand now used is safe.

Committee chairman Reeve Jim Swanborough and Deputy Reeve Don McMillan voted against continuing the use of the controversial spray, but the committee decided on a majority vote to retain the two chemicals.



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Hillsburgh wages all-out dog war

Starting Saturday April 10, an all-out war will be waged on dogs running at large in the village of Hillsburgh.

Henry Wheeler, of the board of trustees, said that a crackdown in dog control has become a necessity due to the number of dogs

roaming the streets, and ripping open garbage bags. He continued that it isn't fair to those people who pay the dog tax and keep their animals tied up.

"Out of 43 homes in the subdivision, at least 30 have joined the horticulture Society. We're

proud of them, but they need our support in this."

The village trustees have been authorized to help the dog control officer in picking up the animals, if they are seen running at large without an attendant.

The dogs will then be impound-

ed, and a fine charged or the owner will be ticketed. The ticket cannot be ignored, as it has the same strength as a summons.

Mr. Wheeler finished by saying "We don't want to be nasty, but we must have some control."

Scotch Block dam nearly completed

Work is nearing completion on the Scotch Block Dam on Highway 25 north of Milton. Seeding and sodding, some work on the spillway and other parts of the dam have yet to be completed and are slated for completion in the spring.

Report 202 children adopted

CAS reviews year of change

"The year 1970 for our society has been one of considerable change," Halton Children's Aid Society president Dennis Toews announced, as he addressed more than 150 people at the annual meeting of the CAS held in Halton Manor auditorium Wednesday evening.

"This past year saw a move to a new office in Oakville and this move has meant that we are more involved in this community and as a result are providing better service, in the town of Oakville," he continued.

202 adopted During 1970 the CAS began the year with 110 children in their care. Approximately 153 children were admitted into care during the year, 106 children were placed in adoption and 86 children from outside Halton were also placed in adoption through the CAS.

Throughout the year adoptions for 89 of the society's children and 78 of other societies' children were completed; 25 children were returned to their parents and the year ended with 142 children in the care of the CAS.

The society also reported on 61 private and parent adoptions in 1970, assisted 243 unmarried mothers in plans for infants, completed 247 divorce reports, helped 702 children in homes through services to 293 families and gave 1,074 other miscellaneous services.

Psychiatrist speaks Emotional children, their parents, foster parents, social workers and proposed group homes, were the topic of guest speaker Dr. Paul D. Steinhauer, child psychiatrist and consultant with the CAS.

"Removing a child from his family makes him lose whatever security he has had," noted the speaker. "His dejection at home may result with him rejecting his 'new' parents, tantrums and even results for more serious."

"Then in the foster parents' home the family asks themselves, why can't he tell the truth or why does he sneak around and seem to love his own parents more, after all we have done for him?" "Many children have also been hurt this way in foster homes," he noted.

Use for supplement? Dr. Steinhauer also noted that group homes can't give each individual child the love they may need, but also pointed out that some foster parents are merely using the children as an extra room and board supplement.

"What really is needed is co-ordination between the social worker and the foster parents," he quipped. "Foster parents must not be allowed to keep a child for an indefinite period and have no plans whatsoever to adopt. Yet on the other hand some children respond more if

they know they are not to be adopted," he announced.

"I'm not saying this society does not make mistakes or at times falls short," he said. "We don't have all the answers but at least we are asking the necessary questions to get the results."

Low salaries "Until recently this agency had the third lowest paid salaries in the province, and to date salaries are still not up to provincial standards. Yet this agency is working to the highest standard of any in the province, and this costs money. But how does cost vary with rejections?" he asked.

"How do you put a price tag on the life of a child?"

Executive director Dr. Gordon Askwith thanked the staff of the CAS, "who have worked under most difficult and changing conditions this year." "They have done an excellent job under most upsetting circumstances," he noted.

He also mentioned the role of the foster parent in today's society. "More and more we see that our foster parent must be part of our professional team," he said.

Praise worker Both the director and president

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