

Teacher profile: Jennifer Mills

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Falling leaves...

WHEN MAURICE CHEVALIER crooned the words to the falling leaves he sent surges of nostalgia through his audiences remembering many pleasant hours. Bared when the leaves are gone in Acton are the neat architectural lines of Acton Baptist Church, upper left, while the waters of Fairy Lake denuded of foliage look cold, upper right. Falling leaves also create work. They must be raked and put in bags for collection, middle left, although it was noted some Actonians indulged the time

honored custom of burning them despite the urgings of Government. And the leaves in the playground corner of the park make a lattice screen of the wire fence, middle right, while below they dance merrily along Victoria Avenue for grim-barked maples, stripped of autumn finery. The leaves are gone now and snow has already covered the ground. Nature's cycle will repeat again next year and we will still wonder at the unending pattern.—(Staff Photos)

Miss Jennifer Mills always thought she would be a teacher and is now the girls' physical education teacher at Acton High. Miss Mills was born in Toronto and now lives in Guelph. Her parents live in Georgetown and she has two sisters, (one married and one in grade seven) and one brother who is studying to be an architect at the University of Waterloo.

Before becoming a teacher, Miss Mills travelled in Europe for eight months. In her travels she bicycled a thousand miles with a friend from the University of Western Ontario. They rode through England and across Denmark on 1948 bicycles. She said they had knapsacks on their backs and a guitar down the back of the fender and were lucky since they didn't have any flat tires! She also worked in London before returning to Canada. Miss Mills did social work for nearly a year before going to O.C.E. in preparation for becoming a teacher. This is her second year of teaching and she previously taught physical education in Kapuskasing.

Her favorites

Miss Mills likes music, sports, especially skiing, and reading as hobbies. Her favorite foods are avocados and crabmeat and her favorite color is orange (she hates purple). She was born on May second and is therefore a Taurus, but as far as age goes she is "as old as my tongue and a little older than my teeth."

Miss Mills believes that "a person should fulfill as much of your own innate potential as you can. I believe you should lead a balanced life in doing that, and I think you should be happy." Her favorite word is "terrific" and she finds herself using that word quite often.

Miss Mills has a definite pet peeve; Dick Smythe on CHUM at 8.05 with his news commentary. She doesn't like him because he seems so crabby and is always complaining about something or someone.

More time

This is the first time Miss Mills has been on an hour period semester system, and she finds that she has more time to do activities such as canoeing and bowling. She finds, also, that there is not as much rushing, but she is waiting to get through the year to be able to really make a fair judgment.

Miss Mills doesn't particularly notice the student's dress — it doesn't bother her, but she sometimes gets sick of seeing girls in blue jeans all the time.

Expect more

If Miss Mills could change the school in any way, she said she would simply demand more—not meaning to run it like an army—but expect more and get it! She finds though, that the students are nice and pleasant to be with, but if they would take more of an interest in the activities it would be better. Miss Mills has found that Acton High is a "pleasant, smallish, relaxed school with nice people" and we hope this attitude prevails.

Frank Danna, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance for the Halton County Board of Education, has been chosen to work with a provincial committee studying the costs of education in Ontario. He joins John Ronson, vice-chairman of the Halton Board on that committee.



NEW PHYSICAL Education teacher here, Jennifer Mills checks lists of teams. She always wanted to be a teacher and enjoys it here.—(Staff Photo)

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Halton M.P. Rud Whiting has been appointed vice-chairman of the House of Commons' most unique and powerful bodies—the Public Accounts Committee.

The committee, with an unpartisan membership of 10 Liberals and 11 from the Opposition benches, deals with matters in which the Auditor General or his staff find money has been unproductively or allocated to places or projects which are not in the taxpayers' interests.

A recent example of the committee's work was the investigation into the refitting of the aircraft carrier Bonaventure. Subsequent disclosures rocked the Commons.

All Hales chairman Chairman of the committee is Wellington M.P. Alf Hales, a Progressive Conservative.

Mr. Whiting will act as chairman when Mr. Hales is not able to be present as well as chairman of a sub-committee and part of the steering committee.

The Public Accounts Committee meets twice a week—on Tuesdays and Thursdays, making it the most regular committee in the House. Mr. Whiting has been on the committee for the past two years. He follows M.P. Tom Lefevre of

Pontiac, Quebec, as vice-chairman. Incidents like the Bonaventure? "We have tightened up the operation and another episode like that

shouldn't happen again with all the safeguards we have now," said the Halton M.P. The committee is the only one in the House which does not have a Government majority.

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