

Home ec head likes A.H., country living

By Corie Maxwell

Mrs. Linda Skoropad, who is the head of the Home Economics Dept. of Acton High, has been teaching for eleven years. She graduated from Macdonald Institute in Guelph, but can't really say her "aim" in life was to be a teacher. She has always been interested in Home Economics and she mentioned that her big interest in life is creative crafts. Besides teaching Home Ec. Mrs. Skoropad has taught science, English, and is qualified as a guidance counsellor. Her hobbies are weaving and handicrafts of various kinds. She is also interested in a number of types of creative needlework. She says that she is not overly attracted to traditional techniques though. Mrs. Skoropad now lives on a farm in Rockwood but was born in Learnington. She has two brothers who are both in business in Toronto.

Enjoys country
Mrs. Skoropad says that everyone has a philosophy of life, but that it can't always be summarized in one statement. She is interested in naturalism. She said maybe that's one reason she lives in the country—she likes

animals, trees, plants, etc. She says that she is not a nature trail hiker type, but deals with naturalism as a whole concept in design and this is something she applies to her work. She likes pottery, wood, leather, fur skins, natural colors, browns, golds, russets, greens—everything which is natural. She says that is one facet of her philosophy.

Need resources
Mrs. Skoropad feels that Acton High needs more resources. She says "As an outsider coming into this school, I am really impressed with what the staff and the administration and the students have done with such limited resources that they have here." She has seen so many different types of schools with fantastic assets and she feels that they are valuable.

She is amazed at the accomplishments of the students and staff under these circumstances. She is very impressed with what the high school is doing educationally. She calls this "extra human effort".

One-to-one best
Mrs. Skoropad thinks the semester system is a "good thing" because it allows more flexibility of timetabling and therefore a school can provide, in

a limited set up, more subjects for more students. She finds though, that the classes are large and it is hard to give individual student instruction when the student needs it. Mrs. Skoropad also feels that the best education goes on in a "one-to-one basis" and this is quite often not possible.

When asked about the school dress, Mrs. Skoropad said that the students dress well and most of them are clean, neat and tidy. She thinks blue jeans can look interesting and likes wearing them herself, but not necessarily to school. She thinks, however, that girls can look much more attractive in skirts.

Since coming to A. H. Mrs. Skoropad has noticed that the high school is really the "community centre"—that is, not only students use it, but it is also used for adults' clubs, night school, election campaigns, etc. She feels that some adult members of the community should contribute to the school to help increase its facilities, since it is used by the whole community.

With all her work, Mrs. Skoropad has found it more relaxing, here, because life lacks city pressures.



LINDA SKOROPAD is the new home economics head at Acton high school, and lives near Rockwood. —(Staff Photo).

Remembrance Day

Slides show war's aspects

By Corie Maxwell

The highschool was honored last week to have had at the Remembrance Day Assembly not only the students and staff but a member of our community. The following is a letter sent to us by said person;

Dear Mr. Katz and staff:
I was proud to be part of the Remembrance Assembly. The conduct of the students was number one. This is one of the things we never hear about at home. Also congratulations to the teacher who put together such a moving program.

Sincerely,
(Name withheld)

What is war?
What is war? Is it a product of politics—of man's inborn savagery—of man's stupidity? "What the world needs now is love sweet love,"

No, not just for one, but for everyone.

This one of the songs which accompanied slides shown at the half hour program.

As students and staff filed into the gymnasium, the music prelude began, and silence settled over the audience. The slides showed all aspects of war.

Such slogans as "Your country needs you", "For Humanity's Sake enlist", "Dad is on the Front Fighting—What are You Doing," and "Uncle Sam Wants You", flashed across the screen. After "The Last Post" there was one minute of silence and then more slides, accompanied by such songs as "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah."

The assembly was dismissed while a poppy and the word "Remember" flashed across the screen.

Powder puff lacrosse?

By Cathy Ashley

You've heard of girls playing football, well how about lacrosse?

Under the supervision of Bruce Andrews, Phys. Ed. Dept. Head at Acton High, the grade 11 and 12 girls were taught the basic fundamentals of lacrosse. As stated by Mr. Andrews, "My intention was not to make lacrosse players out of the girls but rather to give them appreciation of the skills involved in playing lacrosse." The girls learned how to handle a lacrosse stick and throw the ball. He was quite pleased with the results after only a week of learning. Here are some opinions from a few students who partook.

Opinion poll

Beryl McEnery - I've learned a new sport that I didn't know too much about before. I thought that Mr. Andrews was very patient with the girls.

Margot Matheson - It was a lot of fun! We should have played it longer because we were just beginning to understand and enjoy it.

Virginia Swindlehurst - It's alright. It's too rough for girls. After lacrosse for a week, orientation (which is the use of the compass) was suggested but factors such as bad weather and inefficient equipment prevented it.

Guidance head attends conference

By Corie Maxwell

Counselling for students is becoming more difficult all the time due to the accelerated rate of change, and the guidance staff of A. H. are quickly realizing this problem.

To aid him in his work, Brian Skerrett, Head of Guidance, went to a three day conference last week, in Sudbury.

The Ontario School Counsellors' Association was holding its 7th annual meeting with over 350 delegates from Ontario and northern United States in attendance. The aim of O.S.C.A. is to act as a voice of guidance personnel in matters such as training. The specific theme for this convention was career development and planning.

Takes tours

Some of Mr. Skerrett's time in Sudbury was spent on a tour of the nickel mines and of the N.O.R.A.D. station in North Bay. The purpose of this was to give the counsellors a better knowledge of the working world.

On Saturday, the counsellors were allowed to attend two "workshops" from a choice of twenty. Mr. Skerrett did not feel this was wisely organized. The big question at this conference was whether counsellors should be doing personal-social counselling or educational-vocational counselling. "In counselling, such divisions are arbitrary and unrealistic," according to Mr. Skerrett.

He said, "It is not a matter of personal versus vocational counselling, it is a matter of competence versus incompetence. In other words, a competent counsellor will interview students who have a variety of difficulties and he will refer cases which are beyond his scope."

As for the conference itself, Mr. Skerrett was not enthralled with it since he thought the time was not well apportioned. He did, however, feel that it was worthwhile to the extent that it gave the delegates the opportunity of discussing their mutual problems.

Dr. Harley promoted

Dr. Harry C. Harley of Oakville has recently been promoted to the position of Associate Medical Director, Crown Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Harley was Halton MP for six years and was succeeded by MP Rud Whiting when he retired from politics four years ago. He has been with Crown Life since leaving the political field.

ACTON HIGH

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agony for about 30 Acton High students. For these unfortunate few, complaints of sore legs, stiff necks, heaviness in the arms and the inability to laugh without excruciating pain was not uncommon. The instigator of such severe after effects was Judo expert Pat Bolger, who held his first Judo class on Sunday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

In this class the participants began with 40 minutes of exercises, which went from wheelbarrow races, Japanese push-ups and leap frog, to running on the spot, back arches and leg limbering.

The first step the class went through was the art of falling. There is a right and a wrong way to fall and after an hour of practising, most of the class found the proper way. Besides being beneficial as a sport and a good self defense method, it seems that this judo class will be lot of fun.

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The walls of the new resource centre are up! That's right! The bricks have been laid and now the workmen are patiently waiting for the arrival of the steel in order to continue. The weather on a few mornings has been quite cold and in order to work, one man told me confidentially, they had to heat the sand and boil the water to mix with the cement.

Monday morning was sheer

NOTICE

TO DOG OWNERS

Due to the increased number of claims resulting in the killing of livestock by dogs, the Eramosa Township Council have decided that the provision of the Dog Tax and Livestock and Poultry Protection Act shall be rigidly enforced.

Provisions of the Act applicable to dog owners are:

- (a) Dog may be killed if running at large or is found injuring or killing poultry or livestock.
- (b) That the owner of the dog that kills or injures livestock or poultry is liable for damages incurred.

L. T. Hindlay, Clerk.

Oakville poster artists top fire prevention contest

Two Oakville students have been awarded first prize awards in the 15th annual poster contest sponsored by Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau. Anne Marie Wouters of St. Vincent's School and Dennis Gagne of St. Ann's School in Oakville were chosen top boy and girl in the county-wide contest for grade five students.

Honorable mention prizes went to Michel Jones and Shelly Bayes, both of Holy Cross School in Georgetown; and John Cairns and Lucy Cifani, both of Holy Rosary School in Milton. This year only separate schools in Halton participated in the Bureau's contest—firefighters were invited to conduct a poster activity program in the county's public schools, but the posters were not entered in the competition.

Honor at banquet
Anne Marie and Dennis and the four honorable mention prize-winners will be honored by the Bureau at a dinner in Milton Fire Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 30. All will

Guest speakers

Under the apt leadership of Mrs. Sharon Johnston and Mrs. Betty Phillips, thirteen 4-H girls met at No. 8 school for the past seven Saturday mornings.

These people called themselves the Rock-a-long Lazy Loungers. They have been studying 4-H. Carol Thompson held the presidential office with Nancy Milson as vice-president and Evelyn Cason holding the secretarial seat.

This time, the club's topic was "Being Well-Dressed and Well-Groomed."

Guest speakers
During two of the meetings, the Loungers had guest speakers. Mr. Vern Dubs of Lawson Cleaners in Guelph, spoke on Caring for Our Clothes, the latest in materials and helpful hints for dry cleaning.

Mrs. Betty Elliott of Fashion Two-Twenty from Acton, spoke and demonstrated skin care and the proper use of make-up.

To complete this club, the girls were required to sew a dressmaking gown.

These creations will be fashioned during the club's presentation of the skit, Making the Most of Our Clothes, at Achievement Day, November 20, at Centennial C.V.I. in Guelph.

—By Anne Dales

receive a certificate of merit and the top two poster artists will also receive engraved desk pen sets plus a trophy their school will retain for one year. Banquet speaker will be James L. Arnott, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

Parent-teacher interviews held

By Susan Patrick

The halls of the A.D.H.S. were quiet on the afternoon of November 9. Soon the parents would be here to talk to the teachers. Yes, this was the day that every student dreaded, (in case the teacher said some bad things.)

The parents started arriving at 3.50 to keep appointments that were at 4.00 p.m. Each parent was given a sheet with the teachers' names they wished to see and each, a designated time at which to see them.

The appointments were 10 minutes long. Each teacher had a secretary outside the door who directed people to rooms and timed the interviews.

Real estate sales near Halton record

Real Estate sales in Halton County should reach a record this year, according to a survey by A. E. LePage Limited, Realtor.

A regular monthly survey of Registry Office figures shows that the total dollar value of real estate sales in the Halton County area was \$23,534,376 for 639 sales in September this year compared to \$13,633,303 for 444 transactions in September last year. This is an increase of 73 per cent.

The cumulative four-month volume of sales (June, July, August and September) is \$81,772,948 for 2,309 units sold this year compared to \$57,397,909 for 1,738 units sold in the corresponding four-month period of 1970.

Will increase
David N. Senst, senior vice-president and manager of the Oakville Office of A. E. LePage Limited, estimates that Halton County real estate sales, spurred by a backlog of demand and increased home building, will

increase at least 15 per cent this year.

In addition to other regular surveys, A. E. LePage Limited releases this detailed monthly study of the real estate market in Halton County. The report covers Acton, Burlington, Esqueping, Georgetown, Milton, Nassagaweya and Oakville. The figures, which usually lag 30 to 60 days behind actual contract date of purchase and sale, are gathered from the Registry Office and compiled by A. E. LePage Limited.

The survey covers every registered real estate sale in the Halton County area.

AT Petawawa, a hospital was named for Guelph's Col. J. McCrae on Remembrance Day this year. It is one of few memorials to the creator of the what may be the world's best-known English language poem, In Flanders Fields.

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