

Sculptures, dance, games, skating contests highlight school carnival

By Corie Maxwell

Last Wednesday's pie eating contest opened Acton High's winter carnival for this year. The ten contestants included Bryan Robinson, John McMullen, Frank Houston, Alan Simoni, Hank Wissenz, Glen McKenzie, Mr. J. Goring, Steve Mellor, John Benney and Frank Oudelusys.

These competitors had a time limit of 20 minutes to devour one pie. The pie, which had no crust, consisted of canned filling in a pie plate, covered with whipped cream. The only stipulation was that they could not use their hands and they had to lick the plate clean.

The opponents began at 2:30 p.m. and a short five minutes later, Glen McKenzie had felled his rivals with a shiny platter. Very close behind Glen was Frank Oudelusys who had a tummy full of pie and a clean plate to show for his efforts.

Second heat

In the second heat, Denise Drinkwater, Susan McPhail and Cathy Prystaz were battling for first place. After only one lap Susan McPhail's tricycle broke down and she was given another. Due to this delay, Susan lost contention and the fight was between Cathy and Denise. It was almost a tie, for on the last half of the last lap, the two tricycles became tangled. Before reaching the finish line Cathy Prystaz made a quick breakaway to win the race.

hat trick and Dave Lee's goal (for the teachers).

After three periods the game finished with a score of 4-3 for the teachers.

Immediately following the broomball game was a tug-of-war between the four intramural house league teams. Unfortunately, it got off to a bad start with the rope breaking, resulting in a delay of the competition until a new rope was supplied. The first tug-of-war between the Juicy Lucies and the Jungle Bunnies resulted in the defeat of Juicy Lucies. Next was Underground and Thor and the Winder Squad, in which Underground won. The two winners competed for the final tug-of-war and after a heaving struggle, the Jungle Bunnies emerged victorious.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

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Early in February, four students from the high school entered a German contest. This contest, by The Ontario Modern Language Teachers Association, is organized annually and consists of two categories—one for regular German students and a special section for students with a German background. This week the results came in, and out of 37 participants in the regular category, Carolyn MacKenzie placed second and Robert Ellerby placed seventh. Out of 24 participants in the special category, Angela Pries placed third and Gertrude Maron tied for fifteenth.

The final contest will be held at McMaster University in May. Congratulations to these four students and good luck to them in the finals at MacMaster!

these social science teachers with updated views and recent interpretations of specific historical topics by different historians.

These teachers heard Mr. E. S. Tomkins, educator, geographer and co-chairman of The Canadian Studies Research Foundation, speak about how history relates to the anti-intellectualism of the day and about his work in The Canadian Studies Research Foundation. The teachers also attended a number of seminars which dealt with such topics as "Intellectual Dissent in the Soviet Union", "Social History in U.S.A.", "Communist China", "German History from Bismarck to Hitler" and "American Foreign Policy to the 20th Century".

The teachers thought it was a very good conference and extremely beneficial.



AL DAVIES of Galt drives his team on races here. —(Staff Photo) towards the finish line in Saturday's dog sled

Cliff Johnson wins dog sled event

Cliff Johnson of Grand Valley, a warrant officer in the Canadian Army, drove his team to a first place finish in the annual dog sled races, held on Fairy Lake here Saturday afternoon.

With his lead dog "Chimo" heading the pack, Johnson toured the eight mile course over Fairy Lake and adjoining land in a time of 28 minutes and seven seconds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marshall Sr. played hosts to competitors for a dinner and social time, following the races.

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After a brief break to clean the gym floor and to set up barrels, the tricycle races started. These races consisted of two heats; first the boys, then the girls.

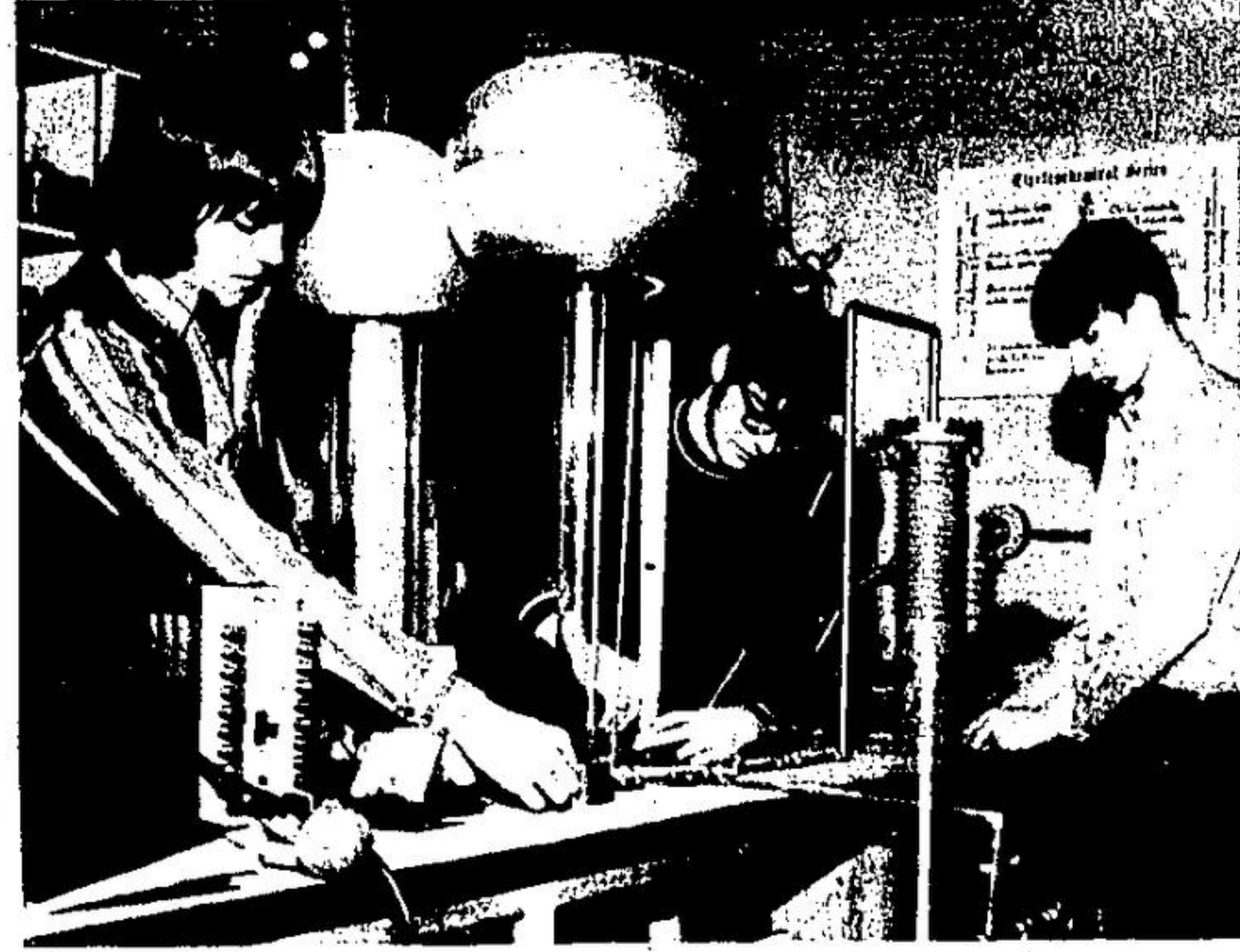
The boys who competed, John Ashley, Brad Martin, Charlie Thibodeau, Jim Frizzell and Scott Somerville had to circle the gym for ten laps. Even with all of Scott Somerville's practising, John Ashley put a tough fight which made the race close, but Scott won.

About 100 people attended the skating party on the ice behind the school. The circular rink was constructed by Mr. B. Andrews and the phys. ed. dept. and the area was illuminated by blazing torches in the surrounding snowbanks, which were very effective.

First prize in the snow sculpturing contest goes to the large dragon behind the school. The judges had a very hard time making a decision and a close second goes to the bear, also standing behind the school.

The group "Buster Crab" played at Friday evening's coffee house dance, which brought winter carnival events to a halt for the week. (This week the winter carnival is having a hobby show.)

Most classes were disrupted last Monday morning in order for the yearbook pictures to be taken. Students and teachers who participated in clubs or special functions, either this semester or last, were photographed in each of their activities.



PROBABLE ENTRY in the Hamilton Science Fair in April is this particle accelerator, researched and constructed by high school students Steve Van Fleet, John Hamilton and Roger McEachern. They've already spent over 300 hours at their project at an estimated cost of \$500.—(Staff Photo)

Students down staff in tourney

By Carol Somerville

The students of Acton High School are one up on their teachers, as they were victorious over the staff in the annual staff-student basketball game during the winter carnival. The score was 33 to 26.

The students led all the way, with the half time score 26 to 17. The students playing, were members of the 1971 inter-schoolastic basketball teams. The game was extremely well played, considering some of the students hadn't played for over a year (and the staff a little longer).

was Mr. B. Downes.

Other members of the staff team were Mrs. S. Fleming (complete with sunglasses and toque), Mr. I. McGillivray and Mr. B. Coats.

In rebounding, Mr. B. Skerrett had eight, followed by Mr. I. McGillivray with five rebounds.

Referees for this well-attended contest were Ian Campbell and Roger McEachern.

Scoring for the students were Jack Holmes, Steve Van Fleet and John Hamilton, each with six points, Maureen Gerth close behind with five, Susan Mills and Cathy Prystaz scored four points each, and Alex Gray put in two points. Students not in the scoring, but playing well were Glenda McKenzie, Denise Drinkwater and Donna Moore.

In rebounding, Jack Holmes and Steve Van Fleet each grabbed eight rebounds, followed by John Hamilton with six rebounds.



CLIFF JOHNSON of Grand Valley won the Acton Lions Club trophy for his first place finish in Saturday's dog sled races here. Doris Smilie of Milton, a veteran of 21 years as a judge and timekeeper at races, made the presentation. —(Staff Photo)

Particle accelerator entry for Science Fair

By Corie Maxwell

Have you ever seen a particle accelerator?

This is the apparatus which Steve Van Fleet, John Hamilton, and Roger McEachern have been researching and constructing since last May. They hope to enter it in the Hamilton Science Fair on April 6, 7 and 8.

A particle accelerator is a "atom smasher", that is, it changes the structure of hydrocarbons. A particle accelerator has about the same relationship to nuclear physics that the telescope has to astronomy. The accelerator

probes the microcosms, the telescope—macrocosms.

Perform experiments

Around 1932, two British physicists, J. D. Cockcroft and E. Walton did important work in physics with an 150,000 volt accelerator. The apparatus which these three students are constructing will allow them to perform several experiments, based on the ionization of target materials by electrons.

In the case of hydrocarbon targets numerous hydrogen atoms are dislodged from their sites in the molecule by the stream of fast moving charged particles. The majority of these

atoms will quickly combine into hydrogen molecules and escape through the system. Pairs of carbon atoms, so stripped, can then combine to cross-link the hydro-carbon molecules.

Profound effect

Such cross-linking has a profound effect on the physical properties of the irradiated substance. For example, when molecules of the plastic polyethylene are cross-linked by radiation the plastic becomes harder and melts at a higher temperature.

One thing that has hindered the boys with their project is the lack of co-operation shown, but they would like to thank the interested parties who have helped them.

Faculty scores

In the faculty scoring, Mr. B. Andrews was on top, with eight points, Mr. B. Shean with five, and Miss J. Mills and Mr. B. Skerrett with four points. Mrs. S. Burns, Mr. J. May and Mr. W. Rowley all scored two points. With a lone point on a foul shot

500 attend Scout-Guide church parade

An estimated 500 Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Venturers, leaders, parents and others interested in the Scout and Guide movement participated in the Georgetown district's annual church parade at Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, Sunday afternoon. The service marked the conclusion of Scout-Guide Week.

Two bus loads attended the folk service from Acton, including members of the 108th Guide Company from Mississauga, Clarkson, who were visiting Acton Guides over the weekend.

Father Pierre Wood of the host church welcomed visitors and introduced the clergy who took part including the Reverend Richard Ruggie, Norval, the Rev. Robert Gallagher, St. George's

Anglican Church, and the Rev. Walter Ridley, Norval, Diane Buckman of the Acton Guides and Peter Young, of the Georgetown Venturers read the Scriptures.

Third and Fourth Georgetown Venturers ushered, arranged seating and handed out programs as well as taking up a collection which will be divided evenly between the Guides' World Friendship fund and the Scouts' World Brotherhood fund.

The folk choir of Holy Cross Church led in the hymns under the direction of Ron Bourque, formerly of Acton. The service was arranged by Mrs. Terry Colter, Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs.

Among visitors was M.P. Rud Whiting.

Without the aid of Cenco in Oakville, who has lent them a \$300 oil diffusion pump, Mr. A. Eastwood of the science department and Mr. C. Rognvaldson in the shop, at the high school, this project would not have been possible. The boys have spent over 300 man-hours working on their accelerator and the approximate cost, so far, is \$500.

If these students win in their division in Hamilton, they will be travelling to Sarnia, to compete in the Canada-wide science fair!

Skaters pass tests in arena

Figure skating tests were taken at the Acton arena last Wednesday. Results follow.

Preliminary figures—Kathy Toth, Colleen McGilloway, Debbie James.

First figure—Colleen De Bruyn.

Bronze free skating—Robin Marshall.

Junior bronze dance—Fiesta tango—Cindy McGilloway; Willow Waltz—Cindy McGilloway.

Preliminary dances—Dutch waltz—David McGilloway, Tom

Rosenbersky, Kelly Buchanan, Jo Ann De Shaies, Debbie Turkoz.

Canasta Tango—Kelly Buchanan; swing dance Colleen McGilloway, Pat Gibson, Lorrie DeBruyn.

Season's end

The general meeting of the Figure Skating club is scheduled for March 27 in the arena, when a good attendance is hoped for.

Carnival date is Saturday, April 8.

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