



LEAPING HIGH to return the ball during last week's game against Burlington Central, Kathy Turkosz of the Acton High junior girls' volleyball team receives support from teammate Nancy Shorthill (25). Other Acton players shown are L. to R.

Maureen Gerth (34), Maria Pataky (33), Kathy Van Der Eyken and Theresa Synnott. Burlington Central won the match in straight games. On Monday the Acton girls travelled to Aldershot and lost once again in straight games.

Student poll

# Is marriage obsolete?

by Sue Brooks  
The general trend in topics being discussed these days is changing. Students at Acton High are quite naturally, also involved in the discussion of topics of current interest. One such subject is legal marriage versus common law living.  
In the second of our student surveys for Grade 12 marketing we asked the following:  
"Do you think that marriage is a dying institution? What are your opinions on living common-law?"  
Some of the answers—  
**Marriage great**  
Wendy Hannah (grade 12)—"I think marriage is really great and the best thing, for some people."  
Janice Drinkwater (grade 11)—"It depends on the person, really. I think I would get married."

Mrs. Freuler (secretary)—"I believe in marriage, and I wouldn't live with someone. If you are old enough though, then it's up to you."  
**One way street**  
Glenn Lee (grade 12)—"I don't think marriage is a dying institution. Common law is a one way street, which doesn't look out for the future. Maybe it's alright if there are no children, but otherwise it's not, because both parents have the responsibility of bringing the child up."  
Cindy Hayes—"A lot of marriages are dying out, but then again a lot of people are getting married because their friends are. Marriage is a lifetime thing, but by living common law you have a chance to find out what it's like to live with the other person, and discover the responsibilities involved, but the ones who suffer are the children."  
**Meaningful**  
Barbara Pratt (grade 13)—"I'm generally against common law. It all depends on what you want. If you want someone to sleep with, common law is just the thing but if you want someone to share your life with, marriage is the answer. Being together is more meaningful if you're married. Common law relationships are less stable."  
Irene Fiedler (grade 13)—"I think it's okay if people live together so long as no children are involved. But it all depends on the people!"  
Mrs. Burns (teacher)—"Marriages, as we know them, are dying out, but I think that people will choose to live together under a contract. I think that the roles of "man" and "woman" will be different, too. But there should be some agreement between the two people and if children are involved, there should be some legal commitment made."  
Mike Albano (grade 12)—"I think marriage is dying out, and I agree with the idea of living common-law as long as there are no children because you get a chance to know the person before marriage."  
**Practical reason**  
Miss E. Taylor (librarian)—"For practical reasons alone,

without considering romance, love and the rest of the old sweet song, marriage is the answer to a maiden's prayer if she hopes for a home and family. The official lines ideally ensure protection, a roof and a meal ticket for herself and her brood, if the union is blessed with children. Holy matrimony was evolved to protect the female in a world of male predators. Although times and conditions have changed, for

women at least, strong case for marriage, but common law living is certainly preferable to promiscuity."  
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We would like to thank the people who co-operated and gave us their opinions. We are sorry that we couldn't print them all! If you are interested in reading young people's ideas about any topic, write a note to "Student Opinions" Acton High School.

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## Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson  
School is back into the full swing of things as we start our second semester. We are welcoming back a few old faces that haven't been here for a while.  
Several students graduated at the end of this last semester. Honour Graduates were John Fuchs, Harry Lawson, David Lee, Yvonne Le Roy, Carol Schrieber, Craig Weldon and Hank Wissensz. Secondary School Graduates were Randy Bould, Nick Gould, Christine Hiscock, Bob Howson, Lynn Neilson and Sandi Patterson. Good luck to all of you!

**Thing called love**  
This Thursday we are having a guest speaker for an assembly. Bernie Smith, a free-lance youth worker, is in demand by both youth and adult groups as a conference speaker, song leader and counsellor.  
Since the fall of 1969, Bernie has spoken in over 35 high school assemblies in Ottawa schools. Mr. Smith's topic will be "This thing called Love". We are all, I'm sure, looking forward to it.

## 18 attend first Cub meet

Eighteen youngsters met for their first Cub meeting at the Eden Mills community hall last week under the leadership of Akela Charlie Barnes, Ronnie Marshall and John Uudriks.  
Getting off to a great start the group is mostly composed of Eden Mills boys with a few from outside areas.  
In conjunction with the new pack, a Group Committee Council has also been established to assist in all phases of Cub, Brownie, and Girl Guide organizations. At a meeting held last Monday at the home of Anna Maria Bell of Eden Mills the parents met to establish the purpose of group committees and to discuss ways of raising funds for equipment and other requirements.

Equipment procurement and upkeep, arranging transportation for travelling activities, and catering to pack banquets, were considered some of the requirements of such a committee. Heading up the officer slate were: chairman Anna Maria Bell; vice chairman June Barnes; treasurer, Helga Schilke; secretary Sariot Rakky, and publicity, Gisele Beupre.  
Meetings for the group committee will be held on the last Mondays of each month with an open invitation for all parents to attend the February meeting at the home of Helga Schilke at 8 P.M.  
The newly formed cub pack is being sponsored by the Eden Mills Community Club providing free housing with the February 22 established as investment night.

## Wellington Jr. Farmer honored at festival

Approximately 1,400 young people from all parts of Ontario gathered at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto for the weekend of January 19 and 20 to participate in the 1973 Junior Farmers Talent Festival.  
Wellington County was especially honored during this year's Talent Festival when Dave Wooddissie from R.R. 1, Moorefield, won the top honour for a Junior Farmer member with a trip to the United Kingdom as prize. From 24 applicants, six were chosen to represent Ontario for the six week summer in England and Scotland.  
An active member on the executive of the Junior Farmers of Wellington, Dave is a farmer and a 4-H Club leader in Maryborough township. He is a popular member in his community and club contemporaries are certain that his representation of Wellington County and Ontario will be commendable.

## Midgets nip New Hamburg

Acton CFAW midgets closed out their regular season Waterloo-Wellington league schedule by knocking off New Hamburg 5-4 here last Tuesday night. The same two teams meet in the first round of the OMHA midget "B" playoffs.  
Steve Brunelle paced the CFAW attack with two goals. George Artem, Russ Van Fleet and Charlie McRae netted single goals.  
John McAdam contributed a pair of assists to the Acton cause as did defenceman Allan White. Single helpers were picked up by Terry "Moochey" Holmes, Russ Van Fleet and Kent Kentner.  
Facey scored twice and Halfner and Schwende counted once each for New Hamburg.  
Acton wound up with a record of nine wins and 12 losses.

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## Free Press Youth page

## Meet the AHS athletes



**KATHY TURKOSZ**  
**Debbie Rippon**  
Knits president

The first 4-H meeting for the Dublin Junior Double Knits was held in the home of assistant leader Mrs. Ismond. Mrs. McCarron is leader. All the girls repeated the 4-H pledge and chose the officers as follows: president Debbie Rippon, vice-president Jean MacLeod; secretary Teresa McCarron; treasurer Kim Vander Eyken and press reporter Sherry Ismond.  
Topic was the different knits, cotton knits, nylon, wool, double knit and polyester knits.  
They picked styles from pattern envelopes and a pattern book.  
The name "Double Knits" was a great hit with the girls. Orange and black are the two colors chosen for the record books. Meeting was adjourned by newly elected president Debbie Rippon.

**400 winners**  
Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, J. McHugh, T. Browning, M. Sprowl, J. Graham and G. Moore.

By Judy Thibodeau  
Kathy Turkosz is a 14 year old, grade 9 student at Acton High School. She was born in Guelph, July 11, 1958 and has lived in Acton since then.  
Her favourite sport is volleyball and she is a member of our senior team. In public school she has played other interschool sports such as basketball, baseball and field hockey but volleyball interests her most.  
Comparing Acton athletically with other Halton high schools, Kathy says, "since we have such a small school, there is little participation in interschool sports, and because of this we have not been in competitions for very long". She adds "To solve this problem, we should try to get more co-operation with the students of the school and base our team on the support of interested students."

Kathy's other hobbies are skating and outdoor sports. After finishing school, she intends to become a guidance teacher. Before she sets her mind to a long life of devoted marriage, Kathy intends to travel. This March, she intends to go on the Spain trip.  
Good luck, Kathy!

By Jeff Cooper  
Bob Vinski is one of Acton High's top athletes. He is 16, 5'8" and weighs 153 lbs. A native of Yugoslavia, he came to Canada in the winter of 1959.  
He has played a lot of different sports in his life, but one of his specialties is basketball. He played in the Etobicoke summer league last year and is presently playing for the A.D.H.S. Juniors.  
One of his answers to our queries was that he finds Halton County schools play a very high calibre of game and that we don't compare to the rest of the schools, because we are smaller and thus at a disadvantage. He is a very interested student and devotes a lot of his time to school life.



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