

### Y.M.C.A. News and Happenings

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At a recent executive meeting it was decided to resume the bus service for the Friday night swimming class. Even though we will have to absorb a heavy loss it was felt that we were obliged for the safety and protection of the children and the parents who had volunteered to drive, to resume service during this inclement weather.

When we offer the next class at the end of March if there is not enough people interested in sending their children for swimming lessons, we will cancel the program until such a time as there is a call for a safety swimming program again.

**Craft class**  
We are still looking for interested ladies and teenagers to join our Wed. night Craft Class. There are many fascinating subjects available and the class operates from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at a minimal charge. Ted Newman is away on

business this week in sunny Acapulco but will be running the fencing class on Wed. and Thursday nights next week to make up the lesson. I hope some interested adults and teenagers will make the effort to come down and try the fencing class.

None of the YMCA's in this region have a fencing class to offer, so we have invited them to participate in ours. Dave Whitaker would like to see more girls and teenagers take an interest in the gymnastics class on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

**Need leaders**  
The girl's Saturday morning 3F club are in need of a leader for alternate Saturdays. Someone who can put the girls through a few simple exercises and organize them in games.

We would also use some young men or older teenagers to assist with the Mon.-Tues. youth club from 7 to 9 either or both nights.

### Meet the A.H.S. athletes

By Lillian DeVries

Susan Matthews is a 15 year old Grade 10 student at Acton High school. She was born in Hagersville in 1957 and after a

short stay in Hamilton now lives in Acton.

Her favorite sport is volleyball, which she is now playing for the junior girls' team. Comparing Acton teams to those of other schools, she feels our teams can improve their skills.

Susan's interests are not confined to sports. She also enjoys travelling, shell collecting and entertaining her friends with her guitar playing. At the moment Susan has no definite plans for the future, but she intends to finish high school.

Glenn Lee plays basketball for the Acton High junior team. He is also vice president of the student council at Acton.

Glenn is 16 and in grade 12. He is 5' 11" and weighs 145 lbs. He was born in Acton and has lived here all his life. Glenn used to play basketball for M.Z. Bennett Public School.

Besides volleyball, he isn't interested in many activities outside of school. He says "Our schools teams are not very competitive against schools

which have double the enrollment of ours, as a small school. As the smallest school of Halton county, we have a smaller amount to choose our teams from.



SUSAN MATTHEWS



GLEN LEE

### Name Bonnette to board

Lou Bonnette was appointed by council to parks and recreation committee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ian McGillivray. Mr. Bonnette is also a member of planning board. Asked councillor Coates: "I'm happy to see him - but are we so short of concerned citizens we have to double up?"

An advertisement appeared in the Free Press asking for interested persons to fill the two vacancies, but only one man replied, Mr. Coates was told. Ed Wood was appointed a couple of weeks ago.

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### Notes from Acton High

**By Janice Gibson**  
Slave Day at the High School was a success. Students and teachers were auctioned off by a professional auctioneer. The student council made just over \$100. The next day, February 15, the slaves went to work.

**Planes and suckers**  
A paper airplane contest was held on Thursday. Some of the airplanes flew the full length of the auditorium, and the winner, Pete Pavil landed his on the stage.

Following this, a Charms sucker eating contest went on. The contestants were to lick their suckers for five minutes without biting them. Those unfortunate enough to bite their "charms" were "taken care of" by Acton High's Angels, (sometimes known as the Christmas Angels). The Charms were then weighed and Sean Aherne won \$5 for having the lightest one.

**Crown queen**  
Brutus played at our dance in the evening. It was a great success and I feel this may be

somewhat attributed to the fact that we were also crowning our carnival queen, Kathy Fuchs, a grade nine student, was chosen from the five finalists. The girls and the three judges, Denis Gibbons, Mervin Barber and Leslie Pickles had dinner Wednesday evening at the Royal Cafe.

We would like to thank the judges and also the stores that contributed gifts for our Queen.

**Parade Friday**  
The parade left the High School, Friday night, and ended up at the park. There many different activities went on.

**To Toronto**  
Although Friday was Professional Development Day in Halton County, several students went to the O'Keefe centre in Toronto, to see Ecstasy of Rita Joe. Last year, when we had the Theatre Hour Company to the school, they did a short excerpt from this play. It was very good at that time and encouraged students to want to see the performance in its entirety.

### Warden promoting county art contest

Halton County should hold a contest and present a prize for the painting or piece of art work that best depicts a part of Halton, Warden Anne MacArthur told the county's administration committee last week.

The warden outlined ideas on how a contest could be held with displays set up in the corridors at the administration building. She suggested the county could buy the winning entry and hang it in the regional headquarters. Noting that there would likely be entries from all parts of the county, the warden wondered if municipalities would be interested in buying paintings for their administrative buildings.

Pleased with the activities during Halton County Week last year, the warden suggested that the event should be continued. She indicated Halton County Week would be an excellent time to hold the contest.

The matter will be discussed further at future administration committee meetings.

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AUCTIONEER Jack Holmes presided at the slave auction held last Wednesday in connection with the Acton High winter carnival "Ookpik 3". Up for auction is Grade 13 student Corie Maxwell. (D. Gibbons photo)

### Free Press Youth page



AMONG the torch bearers in Friday night's Ookpik 3 torch-lite parade were Lillian and Irene Devries. (D. Gibbons photo)

### Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The Opportunities for Youth program is again being offered for 1973 to help provide youth and student employment this coming summer. The deadline for applications is the end of February and the Ministry has indicated that it will adhere strictly to this time limit. If you are in the process of applying or organizing a project and require help, please contact me or your nearest Canada Manpower Centre.

As we all know, a number of last year's projects were nothing short of a rip-off of the Canadian taxpayer. But we should remember that most projects were worthwhile and provided much needed summer employment to many students. Unfortunately the bad ones get the

publicity and the whole program suffers. In an attempt to run things better this year the Government has appointed citizens from each community to provide advice on the acceptability of programs. If the OFY staff is prepared to really listen to citizen input, this step should help rid the barrel of the few bad apples.

**Initiative from youth**  
Prospective applicant groups should keep in mind that structured community organizations, like the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Town Council, etc. cannot sponsor a program. The initiative must come from youth and the accent should be on ideas which materially benefit the community or some group of disadvantaged persons in the community and which provide

practical experience for young participants. Projects cannot compete with existing businesses and they must be labor intensive. Attempts should be made to offer new services to the community or new approaches to existing services.

The program hopes to provide jobs for nearly 34,000 young people. Maximum earnings will be about \$90 per week for post-secondary students and about \$70 weekly for secondary school students.

This column is prepared about a week prior to publication, thus at the time of writing I have not seen the Government's Monday budget proposals. I apologize for being unable to provide my usual incisive, cogent analysis of this important aspect of government.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, 844-0222.

### 18 collisions 13 injured

Officers from the Milton detachment of the O.P.P. were kept busy during the week investigating 18 motor vehicle collisions, involving 24 vehicles. Thirteen persons were injured in nine of these collisions and property damage was estimated to total \$14,600. Seventeen drivers involved in these collisions have been summoned to appear in Provincial Court in Milton due to traffic violations directly relating to their respective collision.

**Collision causes**  
Causes of the collisions have been attributed to: inattentive driving, careless driving,

impaired driving, vehicle parked on the roadway, fail to yield right of way, following too closely, improper and unsafe turns, speed too fast for road, weather or traffic condition and driver losing control.

The younger driver is way ahead in driving ability this week. Drivers aged 25 and under involved in these collisions numbered only seven, while those aged 26 or over numbered 16.

During the week Prov. Const. J. H. L. Redpath, Milton detachment accident prevention officer, spoke to students at Brookville Public School about hydro safety.