

Sunshine help faltering now

For the past several years, high school teachers and students have been taking an active interest in the Sunshine School for Retarded Children. Located just off Trafalgar Road, north of the 401, many people are unaware of the school's existence. But it does provide a valuable contribution and deserves the support of the communities it serves.

The high school has tried to offer some of the assistance needed by sending student helpers on a regular basis. This year, however, the program has faltered due to a lack of transportation. If you are interested in working with the trainable retarded, contact Mrs. Gwendolyn Jeffares at the Sunshine School (878-8572). If you are willing to provide transportation for student helpers, call Keith Black at the high school (853-2820).

At present, new teachers at Acton High School are making their first visit to Sunshine. Here is Mrs. Johan Wilkinson's report of her trip to the school.

A visit to a school for the retarded is very exhilarating for anyone who can empathize with the children. There is a tremendous group feeling amidst these children; they mix joyfully with their friends and help each other. Despite their difficulties, they seem to have a remarkable desire to learn and a great appreciation for those who love and help them. A smile and a hug for a sixteen year old girl who is deaf and retarded, and has just mastered the word "baby" will be returned and treasured all day.

We watched some of the seniors do square dancing and prepare songs for a Christmas concert, with voices perhaps not in tune—but with an enthusiasm that certainly made up for it. Also, some of the younger children were observed in their beginning academic skills of speech and numbers.

Retarded children are capable of so much more than we give them credit for. Many can learn basic academic skills, progress to a job. Even some children with double handicaps—a child that is crippled or deaf, as well as having mental disorders—can acquire fundamental knowledge and



HELPING HANDS are needed at the Sunshine school for the retarded. High school students would like transportation from Acton to the school so they can help.

Lord Elgin computer finally operates

By Willie Buffett and Rick Van Fleet

On November 29, a group of students from Acton High School participated in a field trip to Lord Elgin's computer installation. The two classes that were on the trip were Mr. Downes' Computer Science and Mr. Shean's Data Processing.

We arrived at Lord Elgin at 10 and were upset to find that the computer was not in running order.

What was supposed to be a short delay, turned out to be 1 1/2 hours. Finally we got our hands on the machine. The programs which took us so long to prepare were processed by the computer at lightning speed.

Students have been working on programs for

several weeks now, sending them to Lord Elgin to be processed. But this was the first time most of us have seen the actual processing.

Same name

Erin district high school will retain its name, the Wellington board of education decided last week. Area trustee Gord Gregson said the board adopted unanimously the recommendation of a local group that the name be unchanged. Grades 7 and 8 are now included in the enlarged premises and the technical curriculum has been expanded.

Principal Peter Druksen chaired a special meeting on its name when the student council, representing 340 members, opposed a change.

Youth bowling

By Rick Becker

Dec. 1: In our first shift of bowlers the Octopus remained in first place by whipping the Seals in all three games. Steven McDonald of the Octopus was "pop" for his team by bowling 43 pins over his average. The Dogs chased the Cats right up the tree outside the bowling lanes with a one game and total win. In the meantime, the Whales crushed the Rabbits who were fighting for second place. The Whales won both their games due to their consistent bowling.

Second shift: The heat didn't seem to bother the Penguins at all today considering they defeated the Kangaroos in both games. Kevin Boussfield bowled a 321 double which was a big asset to his team's victory. Bowling in Kangaroos' losing cause was Sharon Archibald who bowled 50 pins over her average to win "pop" for her team. The Crabs seemed to pinch the Sea Horses in their second game to win one game and total. The Donkeys were so stubborn today that they didn't let the Teddy Bears win any games. Leading his team to victory was George Warner with a 275 double.

League standing, first shift: Octopus 21, Whales 22, Dogs 17, Rabbits 16, Cats 15, Seals 12.

League standing, second shift: Penguins 21, Sea Horses 18, Kangaroos 17, Teddy Bears 14, Donkeys 14, Crabs 14.

Top Ten: Kevin Boussfield 321 (172), Kevin Archibald 308 (176), George Warner 296 (181), Bobby

Felker 285 (163), Peter Hurdle 287 (184), Lynda Knight 270 (157), Eddie Blanchard 267 (135), Steven McDonald 263 (151), Carrie McCristall 250 (151), Kitty Payne 257 (135). The other two bowlers winning "pop" for their teams were Aritha Grein with 38 pins over her average and Richard Bieden 38 pins over.

JUNIORS

Bobsacs pounced on the Hot Shots, winning two games and total. Theresa Synnott with a 335 and Rob Boussfield with 514 triples, bowled well for their team. The Snowpokes were stumped by the Stampede who won two games and total. Great team bowling. Stampede: The Snowpokes should stop poking around which will enable them to move up in the standings. The first place Wipe Outs were completely demolished by the Trailers who shut them out for the three games. Quite an accomplishment.

League standing: Wipe Outs 36, Hot Shots 26, Bobsacs 24, Stampede 17, Trailers 17, Snowpokes 11.

Top Ten: Steve Blanchard 389 (181), Susan Thomson 371 (167), Terry Bateman 335 (230), Theresa Synnott 333 (201), Karen Van Der Eyken 330 (190), Gary Pickles 329 (208), Bert Post 322 (212), Rob Boudin 314 (184), Norma Bateman 287 (176), Peter Nielson 281 (179).

SENIORS

The Blowers took advantage of the fact that the Oryx Amies were missing two of their bowlers to win three games and move closer to the fifth spot in the



TREMENDOUS GROUP feeling is evident at Sunshine school as children work cheerfully and eagerly help each other. They are preparing now for a Christmas concert.

Acton High Notes



By Janice Gibson

With just two and one half weeks of school left until Christmas, preparations for the Christmas assembly are well under way. This last week, students were urged to participate in the Room Decorating and the Choir Contests. So far, response has been good, but we are still hoping to have more entries. Students are also involved in getting skits together. It is the enthusiasm of the students that makes the Christmas program a success, so the more students involved the merrier the Christmas.

A new interest has taken hold in the school lately. The student body has had the opportunity to design a wall for a Centennial project. The wall to be decorated is in the hall running parallel to the main office of the high school.

Twelve student volunteers from the Art department have been enlarging the designs and working out color schemes for them. This is in preparation for the judging, which will take place this week. The judges will consist of a committee made up of staff, students, and administration.

The second report cards of this semester were issued yesterday. Just six weeks are left in the first semester and the third and final report card is sent home in January.

Presentation

George Wheeler was honored for his involvement in minor sports at a presentation at Hillsburgh. He was presented with a plaque and a portable television on behalf of the people of the community.

Field trip on land use

By GG400

Our Grade 12 Geography class, under the watchful eye of Keith Black, set out on an all day field trip to Toronto on Wednesday, November 14. The purpose was to find out what the different land uses are, in the Toronto downtown area.

We found that industrial sites are popping up in the residential areas off Highway 401, outside the main core of Toronto. When we got right downtown, on Yonge Street, it

seems that there is no elbow-room whatsoever in the entire downtown area. The majority of the stores we entered were well filled, with the exception of the odd store that looked to be having a poor day business-wise.

The general picture of the downtown area received by our students is that Toronto has all necessary living and entertainment facilities for the support of people, while it lacks enough room for them to have homes and fresh air.

A.H.S. chess

By Ann Vanderlaan
The battle of the boards was on! Noise was forbidden. Tension filled the air. It was a tough match and Acton High School lost to Oakville-Trafalgar 4-3. The games were touch-and-go till the very end and the winners for our team were Ian Coats, Eric Dubuc and Alec Pitt. This was Tuesday, Nov. 27. On Thursday, November

29, the chess men went to Georgetown High School where they sustained their second loss, a very poor showing, 5 1/2-1 1/2. Our only point-scoring efforts were by Eric Dubuc who won his match, and Ian Coats who played to a draw.

This leaves Acton with a record of 1 win 2 losses as they go into their fourth match today at White Oaks.



CONCENTRATION is vital at chess club meetings at Acton high school. Acton plays a fourth match against another school this week.

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