

# Former football star talks to A.H.S. students

By Ann Cluley

On Dec. 13, Acton High School welcomed John Michaluk, former Hamilton Tiger Cat linebacker and center.

John told the students he gained his experience playing

for Central High School, The Burlington Braves, Kent State University, and then for the Hamilton Tiger Cats. He started playing for the Tiger Cats in June of 1966. In 1967, he was on the winning Grey Cup team. In 1969 he gave up pro-football for a position as

manager of a Royal Bank of Canada.

His job now is to train incoming people to become tellers, stenographers, personal loans managers, and as bank managers in general. He stressed heavily the importance of maintaining the "people" side of banking.

**Predictions**  
He made some future predictions as to who was going to win next year's Grey Cup (Montreal), and where certain players would end up, etc.

Mr. Michaluk was accompanied by a former Acton High student, Gary Dobbie, who is an accountant trainee.

Gary spoke about his high school and university days and his experiences with the Royal Bank.

Both Gary and John praised today's young people as being more knowledge-

able, more aware and more capable than young people were ten years ago. John said that if he had to make a suggestion to today's youth it would be to get off their seats, get out and get busy—discover things—don't wait for things to happen to you—make them happen. He also stressed the importance of setting personal goals for oneself.

**Invitation**  
John invited Mr. Skerrett to come in to the head office with some students and go through the bank with him for a day. He said it would provide both Mr. Skerrett and the students with some insight in to the banking business.

The sessions seemed to provoke interest and were genuinely appreciated by the 50 or more that attended. John Michaluk's honesty and sincerity were particularly well received.

## Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson

The school is busy this week with Christmas preparations. Last Friday, the room decorating contest was held. Three home rooms were chosen as the finalists.

Mr. Swallow's room came in first with their Santa's Universe; second, Miss Menifee's grade 11 French class; and third, Mr. Downes home room Santa's Saloon. Many thanks to the judges Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Symes and Denis Gibbons.

Monday afternoon, the choir contest was held. Nine choirs competed and prizes were given for comic and serious recitals.

**Dance**  
"Steel River" play at the semi-formal on Thursday night. This is the first semi-formal of the year and students seem to be looking forward to it.

Finally, Friday the Christmas assembly will make up the program for the day. The Year Five students have been working very hard to get together a suitable program, but they could not have done it without the help of the other students.

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the group was formed. On Monday, the band had a performance at M. Z. Bennett in the afternoon and evening. Wednesday, they will perform at Sunshine School and Thursday, at Robert Little. The band will also play at the assembly at the high school on Friday. The group practices twice a week. Their band leader is volunteer, Ginny Bliss, a former music teacher from the States.

## Visits here

by Janice Gibson

We had some visitors in the school from South Porcupine, a town about four miles outside of Timmins in northern Ontario. The principal of Roland Michener High School, Karl Webb was accompanied by another member of his staff, John Campbell. Mr. Campbell is related to one of our own teachers here at Acton High School, Ian McGillivray and Mr. Campbell are brothers-in-law.

Other teachers from Roland Michener School attended Lord Elgin High School and St. Thomas More High School in Hamilton that day. The next day, they went on to two schools in Toronto—Thistletown and Newtonbrook.

Roland Michener High School is presently on a program called Flexible Modular Scheduling, a system similar to ones operating in some of the Quebec schools. They hope to adapt their program to the semester system, thus obtaining the advantage of both types.



TOTING TURKEYS won in the YBC bantams second shift are front row Jeff Bousfield, Brenda Bastell, Kim Walker; back row Peter Hurdle, Bobby Felker, Brian Patterson. The annual event was Saturday at the bowling lanes.

## C.G.I.T. vesper service

Girls of the C.G.I.T. group called on eight shut-ins last Wednesday night, singing carols and giving them gifts. The girls had made the gifts themselves, pasting nativity scenes in frames made of popsicle sticks.

Before going out carolling the girls had a potluck supper in the United church. Afterward they went back for hot chocolate and doughnuts.

The girls are preparing for their annual vesper service, a very impressive program which is held each year in the United church. The date is Sunday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. The girls hoped their date would not conflict with too many other events this year.

**Three skits**  
They use a prepared form that is being given by C.G.I.T. groups across the country. Called Because of the Life the service includes three skits which show the forgiveness, concern and love of Jesus - what the Christmas story is all about. They have prepared large nativity scenes of cardboard for the front of the church and will act as the choir themselves. The church will be lit by candelabra down the centre aisle and the girls also carry

candles. Their presentation is a highlight of the church services of the season. They hope for a large congregation.

Although the C.G.I.T. meets in the United church the 16 girls come from six churches as well. Leader is Mrs. Joyce Ribey.

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AWARDS AT THE 4-H Achievement Day at Stewarttown Saturday included the Leadership Award to Mrs. Paul Henderson, left, for her five years' of leadership with the Bannockburn club; County Honors went to Marlene Hume of Ashgrove and Beverly Leitch of Ballinafad, centre; and

Advanced honors to Doris Burt of Ballinafad. Missing when the photo was taken were Helen Dunlop of Norval who earned County Honors and Heather Kirkwood of Ballinafad with Advanced Honors.

## Trailer damaged

For the third time damage to the Sheridan Trailer was reported to Acton police. Elaine Foote reported on Tuesday broken windows and the oil cap removed with the possibility of damage to the heater.

The trailer will be leaving Acton Saturday. It has been parked behind the Robert Little school while classes were held. Several instances of damage were reported during the several months it was here.

Jack Holmes also reported a window broken at his office on Thursday. The C.G.I.T. Christmas card sign at the United church, erected Monday about 3 p.m., was damaged by 10 p.m.

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