

## Sunshine students strong at Olympics

A total of 11 Sunshine School students journeyed to the Mentally Retarded Olympics in Winnipeg late last week. They were accompanied by Sunshine School vice-principal Jean Mitchell, Marilyn St. school teacher Graydon Petty and North Halton Association recreation director John Packer.

Students included Charles Aldwell from the ARC Industries workshop, and Sunshine students, Paul Smith, Gary Elliott, Paul Elliott, Tom Cramer, Mark Birun, Bruce Armstrong, Donna Cannon, Gayle Caves, Amanda Humphreys, and Frances Leben.

Though the North Halton participants came away with no medals, they won a number of ribbons for strong finishes in heats.

The Sunshine representatives were among 1,500 participants from across Canada—each province was represented. Students from Oakville and Burlington were also at the meet.

Students were paraded to the site of the meet to compete in swimming and track and field events. Students were also given some time to see Winnipeg and to socialize with students from other provinces.



GARY ELLIOT of Acton, a student at the Sunshine School in Hornby, practices the broad jump for the Special Olympics held in Winnipeg



THERE WILL be enough work next year in the student services department to keep these three people busy. Sue Burns, Audrey Pandleton and Brian Skerrett will be concentrating on the needs of the students in regard to life planning.

## Student services focus on life

Although it is the close of the school year at Acton High, definite plans and changes for the upcoming semester have been made, especially in the areas of counselling services, now called student services.

The High School will have fewer departments.

Dr. P. Tamblin will be in charge of the pure sciences, which includes math and science.

In charge of communications will be Ken Ellis. The chairman for arts and applied science which includes business, music, home economics, industrial arts and art will be Roy McMillan. The physical education areas will be controlled by Bruce Andrews and social sciences will be headed by Keith Black.

**Student Services**  
Working under the heading of student services will be Sue Burns, Valerie Waller, Brian Skerrett and Audrey Pandleton.

The focus of the student services department will be on life planning. That is, a program which entails the life skills, such as learning about life insurance, job applications and resumes, marriage, and family planning to name a few. The major emphasis will be on the involvement with the community and its needs in relation to the students at the school.

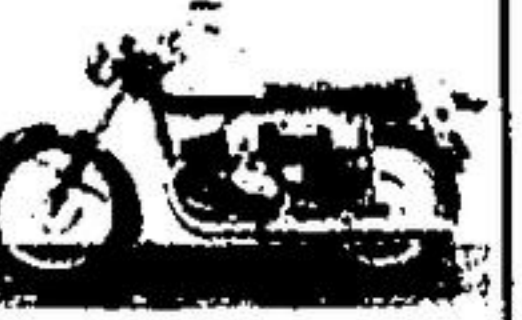
**Counselling**  
Some of the ways in which these things can be determined and therefore ac-

complished will be by evaluating the students to discover their needs. There will be ability and aptitude testing, trips in the community and to various industries. Individual and group counselling could be extended to residents in the community and there is a possibility of peer group counselling for the students. This type of counselling has been found to be very effective, says Brian Skerrett.

Also planned for the upcoming year will be mini-courses lasting from one to 20 sessions including a variety of subjects such as decision making, values, transactional analysis, human relations skills and smart buying.

skills, experiences trust and the interaction of himself with others. The workshop is an emotional experience and in actuality deals with experiential learning.

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## Acton High Notes

**By Janice Gibson**  
This is our last week of school and so not a great deal is happening. Thursday is the last day and an assembly will be held in the morning. Mr. Gny's and his guitar club will be a part of the assembly.

A year-end raffle is being sponsored by the Closet. All proceeds are being con-

tributed to the pool fund. The winning ticket will be drawn at the assembly on Thursday.

Over the past weekend some of Mrs. June Levy's art students worked very hard painting the cafeteria. The walls are now a nice, bright white and the windows and cupboards in contrasting colours of orange and yellow.

## Mrs. Gamble, students unite



It was quite a reunion for the former grade one students of Mrs. Jane Gamble. After 23 years of teaching at the Robert Little School Mrs. Gamble is retiring.

Last Saturday a great number of her former students attended a reception in her honor at Robert Little.

Arranged on one wall of a hall were pictures from Mrs. Gamble's first class to her last class. A message to Mrs. Gamble tacked on the wall from her students read, Mrs. Gamble, We Never Promised You A Rose Garden.

Whether it was a rose garden or not, Mrs. Gamble still says, simply, "I've taught long enough."

**THIS YEAR Kim Break** was chosen from the High School as Young Voyageur. She will travel to Rosethern, Saskatchewan.

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## Festivities at R.L. include Greaser Day

Tuesday at Robert Little School was Greaser Day. In honor of this event, students from grades six, seven and eight dressed themselves in

clothing typical of the '50's. Celebrations lasted all day including a sock-hop in the afternoon.

Also adding to the festi-

ties was an assembly in the morning sponsored by one of the grade five classes. Don't forget, this is the last week of classes!



ONE OF THE groups who performed in Robert Little's grade five assembly last Tuesday. From left: Bev Taylor, Brenda Spielvogel, Paul Lucer, Ron Murchison, John Nolan, David Hunter and Paul Marchment. This was one of the festivities held on Greaser Day.



WENDY TITUS and Jim Saxon were the winners for the best costumes at Robert Little School's Greaser Day.

## Rain affects graduation

The local grade seven and eight students who attend Stewarttown public school are holding their graduation ceremonies tonight (Wednesday). If it rains on Wednesday evening, graduation will be held on Thursday evening, since it is outside.

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