



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS and a check up on cone placement are given by Constable Redpath who conducted Thursday's bicycle rodeo finals. "Remember to follow the rules for bike riding at all times, not just in this arena but on the streets afterwards," says the affable policeman who gained the children's confidence during the examination.

M.Z.B. school wins rodeo

Twelve aspirants lined up last Thursday to pit their skills in bicycle handling at the finals of the Acton bicycle rodeo held at the arena.

Constable Redpath, safety officer of the Milton OPP detachment, was the man in charge who explained to the competitors the importance of vigilance on wheels at all times. "You must take your knowledge of rules out and use them on the streets," he told the boys and girls from the M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools, explaining that the purpose of the rodeo was to keep them up on bicycle safety and learn to apply what they had learned to everyday riding habits.

Precision riding, manipulation, when to stop and go, looking out for traffic and keeping close to the curb were only some of the operating skills which had to be met at the Thursday rodeo.

Overall winner for the morning competitions was the M.Z. Bennett school. Last year's win had been made by the Robert Little bicyclists. The bike rodeo was held for

the first time last year as an Acton council venture. This year it was taken up by the Acton Rotary club and, according to president Bruce Cargill, "it looks as if it could be an annual one."

Competitors in the morning ride were Brent Vickery, Julia Bowen, Dianna Hickey, Allison Rennie, Paul Harding and Doug Jordan of the M.Z.B. school. For Robert Little, school riders were, Stephen Watzek, Lisa Thomas, Shirley Van Ryk, Barbara Wilson, Stephen Sojka and James Merrin.

Winners according to Constable Jim Redpath, "only just ousted the other finalists by a few points," were Dianna Hickey, Julia Bowen, Stephen Sojka, Allison Rennie, James Merrin and Brent Vickery.

The constable congratulated all the competitors for doing a fine job. Each one of the winners took home an individual trophy, with the larger one being kept at the M.Z. Bennett school for one year until next year's trials.



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS were won by Karen Tuffin and David McGilloway at the Robert Little school. The special awards are voted on by the staff with the final choices nominated by the students of each classroom.

O.F.Y. grants begin program

On Monday O.F.Y. group S.C.A.P. began their summer program. This is a service to help senior citizens with their odd jobs.

Also this Monday the band instructors with a grant will begin to teach children how to play the instrument of their choice.

ACTON 4-H CALF CLUB

By Carol Somerville
Anthony Acres, R. R. 1 Limehouse, was the location of the June meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club. Club President Rob Murray opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge.

Carol Somerville led a discussion of the various parts of a cow. Rob Murray gave a type demonstration of a dairy cow.

Members then judged a class of mature Holstein cows. Reasons were given by all members to Rob Murray, Bob Lasby and Carol Somerville. Rob Murray gave the official placing on the class.

Carol Somerville discussed each cow in the class, according to milk production, type classification, breeding efficiency and pedigree. Carol also described the Anthony Acres dairy herd management program.

Bob Lasby taught the lesson on the digestive system of ruminant animals.



THERE WERE SPECIAL awards given out at Speyside School to the grade six graduating students last Friday. In the back row Dave Chamberlain was awarded a trophy for sports achievement, and Pam Fitzpatrick received her trophy also for sports achievement. The little boy with the big smile, Norman Charette presented Judy Brown with the John Newell Memorial Citizenship award. In the front row Heather Gregson, Vera Vanitem, Wayne Elliot and Herb Walker were all top winners in sports of their age group.



CONSTABLE JIM Redpath, safety officer of the Milton OPP detachment, stands behind the winners of Acton's bike rodeo held last Thursday at the arena. Sponsorship of the rodeo, started last year by the Acton town council, has been picked up this year by the Acton Rotary Club. President Bruce Cargill is seen making presentations of individual trophies to this year's winners, Dianna Hickey, MZB, Julia Bowen, MZB, Stephen Watzek, RL, Allison Rennie, MZB, James Merrin, RL and Brent Vickery, MZB. Overall win was taken by M. Z. Bennett riders with the master trophy to be held at that school.

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BIG BOOST for the centennial pool came at year-end from the high school. Here Lion Tom Fountain happily accepts a couple of hefty cheques. Sue McPhail presents \$600 from the student council pig draw and other source, and Jeanette Hodgkinson \$232 from The Closet through a raffle and profits.

Hard work pays for Actonites

One big difference between this year's summer aquatic program and last year's, is the quality and ability of the swimming instructors.

Cathy Ashley, supervisor of the aquatic program in Acton and Susan Shoemaker, instructor guard in the program, have both recently received their Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Society Instructor's awards.

Intensive course
In order to qualify for these awards, both girls took an intensive two weekend course which began on Friday and ran until Sunday night.

The course started with

progressive valuation swimming, informal practice teaching, methodology, principles of buoyancy and ended with formal practice teaching, proficiency skills and dives, lectures and water safety. Each weekend the girls took 21 hours of in-water, out of water instruction.

The course was based at McMurphy Pool in Brampton, but special sessions were also held at Caledon Pool and Roselea Pool.

All passed
This was the first instructor's course to be held by the North Peel Red Cross branch and out of the 18 enrolled, all passed!



FINALS OF THE bicycle rodeo were held at the arena last Thursday morning and seen setting up the course are some of the participants who have already won in their respective school competitions. Constable Redpath from the safety branch of the Milton OPP detachment is measuring up the lines.

M. Bennett's pupils all outstanding

Wilfred Laurier University was the place to be last week, if, for instance, you wanted to meet the mathematics teacher of Premier Allan Blakeney, Judy LaMarsh's history teacher or even Toronto Police Chief Harold Adamson's teacher.

They were all in Waterloo at a convention at the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers.

The oldest member of the

Kitchener Waterloo host branch is our own 94-year-old Minnie Bennett, although she was unable to attend the convention.

Miss Bennett began teaching in 1898 and the local M.Z. Bennett school is named after her. Although many important people were taught by these women Miss Bennett insists that all her pupils were outstanding!

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