



THE OUTERS is a very successful club at the high school. They raise their money by paper and bottle drives on the first Saturday of each month. The youths participate in the great outdoors with vim and vigor which is a part of us all, but they make use of their desires. Left to right, Steve Brunelle, president, Lena Larsen, treasurer, Suzanne Kamel, secretary, Wade Knight, vice-president and Dave Cann, equipment manager, unload a truck full of papers from their most recent drive.

Nature oriented students have self-supporting club

The Outers is a self-supporting, nature oriented group of students who go out on outdoor activities throughout the province. These trips which include canoeing in Algonquin Park, hiking on the Bruce Trail, rock climbing on the escarpment, back-packing at Cataract etc., usually are three or four days long. This year the group has over 100 members, most of these being "novices", grade nine or inexperienced Outers. There are 40 "experienced" students who go on more advanced trips. The Outers own six White Water canoes, 20 pair of snowshoes, four two-man tents, two four-man tents, and 20 frame back packs. Lifejackets, which are mandatory on the canoe trips, are borrowed from different people throughout the school and the community, as are the paddles. The group hopes however, to purchase some

paddles of their own in the near future. Steve Brunelle, president of the club is in charge of the club. He makes sure there are enough teachers for a good student-teacher ratio. Eight to 12 students per teacher is the preferred number. The members each pay a membership fee, but even this is not enough to pay for the outings. Independent of the school, they must raise their own funds which is done through paper drives. On the first Saturday of every month, members of the group knock on doors and ask for old papers. If the resident has any, the group picks it up later in the day. These are sold to recycling companies. Non-returnable bottles are also picked up and sold to Dominion Glass in Brampton. The group is lucky enough to have the use of teachers' vans, pick-up trucks and other outside company vans.

They also have the free use of the Hills Printing Press Ltd. bundling machines and receive scrap paper three times a week from this same company. Objective Steve's main objective as president is to be a liaison officer between the club's members and the executive. He mainly wants to keep everyone informed on the activities. Dave Cann, equipment manager, is in charge of all the club's property. He looks after the repairs and replacements, and sees to it that lost or broken articles are replaced. If a student breaks an item, he is responsible directly to the Outers for the cost price. The group has been in operation for three years, and now have all their equipment paid off. They started making money last January. For a self-supporting club this is a very good record.

School enrolments down from projections

Enrolments in both elementary and secondary schools in Halton Region were down slightly from projections. A report filed with the Halton Board at the meeting Thursday indicates the projections for elementary schools was 32,446 while the actual number enrolled was 32,169—a difference of 277. At the secondary level the projections called for 5,979 and 5,944 enrolled. Director of Education Jim Singleton noted the lack of housing sites in recent weeks contributed to the shortage of students.

He suggested the homes would likely be sold later in the fall. He said either the developer or the buyers would suffer the bite and the homes would be occupied. He cited one development in Milton where there still hasn't been a sale.

Will sell He explained that with the sale of the homes will come more students. The number of kindergarten students increased by 94 this year. The increase is attributed to the rapid growth in the region. Many regions show a decline in enrolment and attribute that to the declining birth rate. The rapid growth in Halton more than makes up for the decrease in the birth rate.

The kindergarten enrolment in Halton dropped from 3,962 in 1969 to 3,888 in 1971 and then made some slight gains and now stands at 3,197. Several staff changes have been implemented to cover changing enrolments within the schools. The board has hired 1,308 elementary teachers and approximately 1,060 secondary school teachers.

For students

The Youth Page is a special area set aside from the regular news items. This page is strictly for the schools in Acton and surrounding area. If you wish anything publicized, or have an interesting story, please contact either Marg Jongasma at the high school or Helen Leavell at the Free Press.

Sheridan display

Sheridan College will be represented at three different locations during the International Plowing Match in Georgetown from Sept. 24-28. The main exhibit, located on an 80 by 100 ft. lot in "Tented City", will feature a mobile trailer, information centre and 10 individual island exhibits pictorially representing all schools and divisions within the college. In this area, Sheridan will feature continuous college slide presentations, student photography and general program information. In a further effort to show the public what Sheridan has to offer several students from the Child Studies Department have volunteered to organize and operate facilities for a Children's Activity Centre.



AHS Notes

by Marg Jongasma

This past week at the Acton High School a new project was introduced by the Chairman of the Arts and Science Program, Roy McMillan. This project involves the Grade 12 Shorthand class and the Grade 11 Secretarial Practice class. The main purpose of this is to give these two classes experience in secretarial and office work. The students, all girls, will be expected to take part in this program as part of their course. The work will mainly consist of typing assignments the teachers will want done.

Computer The Student Guidance Information System is also opening for the use of the students. This system allows students to find out about different careers and occupations by use of a computer. The total cost involved is a mere dollar and forty cents. Many students are going to be taking advantage of this device now available at the high school.

The dance held on Friday night was a great success for the staff and students at the High School. Several more dances are planned for this school year. On Friday September 13 a Muck Walk was planned for

the Outers but was postponed due to rain. On Saturday September 15 the new Outers enjoyed a hike at the Bruce Trail. The more experienced Outers were involved in a bush trek at Hilton Falls. Both new and old outers enjoyed their outings very much. On Monday September 16, a Parents' night was held for the grade nines. This was starting Thursday Sept. 19 a group of parents of the grade nine students will be invited into the school. The reason for this is because high schools have changed greatly. This way parents will become more involved in what their children are doing at high school. Hespeler trip On Friday September 20 the grade nine, ten and eleven Home Economics classes are going to Hespeler. They will be making a tour of Dominion Mills and Artex. After seeing the material being manufactured they will choose some to take back with them, for class projects. On Wednesday Sept. 18 there will be a Cross Country competition—Milton at Acton. Our Cross Country Team comes from all grades. The team will be competing together rather than individually since this is their first competition of this year.

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ROY McMILLAN is one of the new high school teachers this year. Mr. McMillan came to Acton from Guelph and has been appointed chairman of Arts and Applied Sciences. He will be teaching grade 13 Economics and General Business next term.

McMillan is co-ordinator

One of the new teachers at Acton High this year is Roy McMillan. He has come to accept the challenge of co-ordinating the department of Business Education, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Art and Music. He has been appointed chairman of Arts and Applied Sciences and hopes to broaden his administrative experience at our school.

Mr. McMillan is currently teaching General Business and typing. In the next semester he will be teaching Gr. 13 Economics and another course of General Business. Before coming to Acton high school, Mr. McMillan majored in Sciences at the University of Guelph. He has lived in Guelph for 15 years and has had eight years teaching experience at John

F. Ross in Guelph. He has been with the Halton County Board for three years as Assistant Co-ordinator of Business Education. Roy McMillan is married and has two children. He likes to read fiction and history and participate in school sports in his own school. We wish to give a hearty welcome to Mr. McMillan and we hope he enjoys his stay at Acton high school.

Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe The Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides reported a good response to their general registration nights last Monday and Tuesday. You may still register by coming out to the meetings. Cubs meet Mondays, Brownies meet Tuesdays and Fridays, Guides meet Wednesdays and Mondays (at Robert Little School) and Scouts meet on Thursdays. About 7 p.m. is a good time to come down to the Scout Hall. At the fair This weekend is the Acton Fall Fair. We hope to be there in full force. The Brownies and Guides are planning a float for the parade. The Scouts may be marching. At the grounds the Scouts are putting up an exhibit with Acton Scouting's history and plans for this year. A feature of the exhibit will be the names and some pictures of Scouts from 1922 till 1973. Cubs may be participating as well as the new Beavers of Canada, who will be handing out information on their program.



MARG JONGASMA, a grade twelve student at the high school is busy writing her column. She has been chosen by her teachers to represent the school in the Free Press.

School participates

This year AHS plans to have a display at the fall fair. The school has purchased 250 square feet on the main floor of the arena. Involved will be the Art, Industrial Arts and Home Economics departments. Acton High's Outers will also participate in the display. The fall fair activities this year are being co-ordinated by the Student Council. Council president Yvette Leroy explained that art done by last year's and this year's

classes will be displayed. This will include oils, water colours, pottery, ceramics and sculptures. The Industrial Arts department will be displaying two spinning wheels and a small wooden train made by grade 9 girls. Meanwhile, on the midway, the Athletic Association will be sponsoring a food booth. So satisfy your appetites at the Association's booth and help support the inter-school sports program.



THE GRADE THREE class at Robert Little School has spread out to one of the portables located behind the school. These youngsters are busy enjoying an arithmetic game in the class of Jack Pausner.

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