

Rick McArthur a busy teacher

Rick McArthur comes from the small community of Creemore, Ontario. After graduating from Stayner high school, Rick enrolled at the University of Western Ontario where he graduated in 1973 with an honours degree in Physical Education.

position here at Acton high school after completing his teacher training at Althouse College in London, Ontario.

Long day

Living at the Maria Street apartments Rick's school day begins very early. Rising at six o'clock he heads to school for a seven o'clock practice

with the junior boys' basketball team, there he teaches two Geography and two Physical Education classes. Rick completes his day with another coaching session, this time with the midget boys basketball team.

Keen interest

Rick's keen interest in sports is also apparent in his outside sport activities. As a member of the Creemore baseball team, he is helping his team to a berth in the Ontario senior C baseball finals.

Rick McArthur is a welcome addition to the Physical Education Department. If just some of his enthusiasm and desire rubs off on his teams then we are in for a very interesting sports year.



RICK McARTHUR is a native of Creemore, Ontario and came to Acton high school to teach physical education and geography. He attended the University of Western Ontario and graduated in 1973.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe
After many weeks of preparation, the Acton Boy Scouts had a successful exhibit at this year's fall fair. The display consisted of an actual campsite which included a tent, a patrol box, a campfire, a tripod, a hiker tent and snowshoes.

The Girl Guides and the Brownies not only had a very good float but also marched in the parade. Unfortunately lack of numbers prevented the Cubs and Scouts from marching. All in all the groups were well represented.

Our flags were supported by a sturdily built entrance gate. The Scouts also built a monkey bridge which children and adults alike enjoyed.

The Cubs displayed their badges and their Indian costumes. The Beavers displayed their uniforms and gave out information. District Commissioner Gordon Douglas and A.D.C. Murray Harrison were in attendance.

New section
The newest and youngest addition to the Acton Scouting family are the Beavers of Canada. This program is designed for boys 5 to 8 years old. On October 10 all interested parents are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Acton Scout Hall, on School Lane. This meeting will provide you with information on the new program. For any other information please phone Mrs. Andrea Sharples at 853-1966.

Acton 4-H results

The Acton 4-H Calf Club held Achievement Day at Acton Fair on Saturday, Sept. 21, with all of the 31 members showing their calves. Results in the various classes were as follows:

Beef Showmanship—First, Marie Parker, Campbellville; second, David Lasby, Rockwood; third, Tom Parker, Campbellville; fourth, Marie Parker.
Junior Dairy Heifers—First, Marie Murray; second, Kim Ottaway, Acton; third, Donald Buchanan, Moffat.
Senior Dairy Heifers—First, Johanna Popp, Rockwood; second, David Brown, Milton; third, Bob Murray. The leaders of this club are Russell Murray, Cathy Lasby, Nino Balda and Bob Lasby. The judge was Neil McCannell from Orangeville.

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Rhythmics is exercise

Rhythmics was introduced as an extracurricular activity last year. It's continuing this year by attracting girls from a variety of different sports. It also serves as a form of exercise for those who do not particularly care for other sports. Added to balls, hoops, scarves, ribbon and ropes, this year there will be jazz dance.

The girls practice twice a week for an hour before the regularly scheduled gymnastics practices. This year's group consists of twelve girls.

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AHS Notes

by Marg Jongma

On Monday, September 23, two English teachers, Sue Baker and Ken Ellis went to Brampton. There they toured local book shops and reviewed some newly-published paperbacks.

On Thursday, September 26, a Family Life Program will be held. Student Services Chairman Brian Skerrett is responsible for this new offering now at the high school. This family life program is a first for the high school. It includes ideas for parent effectiveness training. The evening meetings will include parents, students and teachers. The first class starts Thursday September 26.

There was a good turnout for night school registration this year. Check the ad in this paper for details about courses that are being offered. Registration is still open for several of the classes.

At grade 9 parents night this year slides were shown describing the Student Guidance Information System. Vice principal, Ian Downie reported that 65 parents attended.

Next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, a workshop at Dorset will be held. Communicating and working with each other is on the agenda for this year. Brian Skerrett, Dave Jones, David Katz, Val Walters and Louise Gatenby are the teachers going this year. Thirty-five students will be accommodated. The cost for the three days will be \$24.

North Bay
Roy McMillan, chairman of the Arts and Applied Sciences Department, went to North Bay on Thursday and Friday. He was on a panel discussing the changing role of the

Early start for basketball

Basketball at Acton high school is off to an early start. Forty midgets and junior players have signed up for their respective teams. Due to their enthusiasm, Rick McArthur feels if everyone continues to attend practice, a successful season will be in store.

Both squads will meet with plenty of action this year. Exhibition games, tournaments and regular scheduled games should provide plenty of competition.

A portion of their season will also be spent viewing higher calibre basketball. For instance, the players will be attending an N.B.A. game between the Buffalo Braves and the Detroit Pistons at Maple Leaf Gardens, this Thursday. Other similar excursions will be arranged later.

Many girls show interest

At a meeting that was held the first week of school, 18 girls showed interest in gymnastics. Gymnastics at Acton involves the recreational and competitive aspects. The girls work out twice a week. A competitive team is chosen in late December.

The coaches of the team this year are Anne Pool and Johan Wilkinson. Mrs. Wilkinson's background in ballet helps a great deal in creating flowing movements in both floor and beam routines. Last year Acton High competed on the junior level for the first time. This year there will be three levels of competition: novice, junior and intermediate. Novice competitors will compete in an invitational meet to be held in Halton County in the spring. Juniors and intermediates will compete in the Halton East meet on March 6, 1975.

department head. The topic with which he was concerned was program development. There were 60 business education directors at the conference. Those present came all the way from Sault Ste. Marie to Mattawa.

This Thursday will be school photo day. Black and white pictures will be taken of all students. Color pictures will also be taken for those students who wish them. The \$2.50 required for the color pictures will have to be paid in advance. Pictures will have to be paid in advance.

First Assembly
Our first assembly of the year will be held this Friday. The Soul Survivors will be there to entertain the students. A dime collection will be taken to pay for the assembly.

The displays put on by the high school at the fall fair were a great success. Much thanks should be given to Anne Poole, Bruce Andrews, Rick McArthur and the many students who worked at the food booth. With the Fall Fair and all the other activities going on it's been a busy week at Acton High. The money we made there at the food booths goes to such things as referee fees, track meets, etc.



WHAT A MOUTHFUL for such a little girl. Sharon Archibald, a grade three student at Robert Little School, enjoyed the fair, but had to admit the popcorn was the best part.

Old age loses players

The girls' basketball team this year will be Junior. Since most of the team from last year is unable to play because of their age, the team this year will be primarily made up of a "new breed".

The girls have been practicing three nights a week for the past three weeks and are preparing for their first game next Tues. Oct. 1 against Georgetown. This year's team is coached by Anne Pool and Maureen Greth. A former Acton High student, Jack Holmes, has come out to assist in team tactics.

On Tues. Sept. 24, four team members from high schools in Halton and Peel are attending a basketball clinic at T. A. Blakelock for a quick brush up on tactics. Bob Bain, coach of York University's team, along with members of his team are running the clinic.

The members of this year's team are Karen Chapman, Val Irwin, Carol Jordan, Sue Lehn, Lisa Near, Pat Nesset, Maria Pataky (assistant captain), Heather Reed, Carol Sales, Jean Shortall, Sue Thomson (captain), and Kim Van Der Eycken (assistant captain).

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