

Free Press Youth Page



AHS Notes

by Marg Jongasma

On Monday, November 25 Jim Goring left for Chicago to attend a week-long National Social Studies Conference. This conference will look at a lot of the problems that happen in teaching history and geography. Jim will be involved in two presentations given by this county. Teachers from all over the United States will be attending.

Year books
Last week the year books arrived at the high school. Those graduation students who have not picked up their year books yet, will find them available at the office. Books that have not been picked up by Friday will be mailed.

On Saturday, November 23, Rick McArthur was with the midget boys' basketball team in Milton. On Monday, November 25 the Junior and midget boys played against Erin in a home game. Today the Junior and Midget boys are at T. A. Blakelock.

The Junior girls basketball team have finished all of their scheduled games. They are proud to announce that they have won 11 out of a 12 games possible. Yesterday November 26, the girls played against T. A. Blakelock in a sudden death play off game. The game took place in Oakville.

Reports
On Friday, the second report of the semester will be sent home with the students. Will all parents please sign them as soon as possible and send them back with the students to be returned to their home room teacher.

Workshop
Brian Skerrett and Valerie Walters from the Student Services Dept. attended a Communication and Sexuality Conference and Workshop, last Saturday, at Victoria College, in Toronto. This conference attended to all factors related to this topic such as values, birth control, abortion, venereal disease, and counselling of teenagers. A lecture was given by Dr. Sol Gordon.

Dr. Gordon believes that it would be preferable to have sex education taught at home, rather than at school. However, schools should work more with parents concerning sexuality, so that, in turn the parents may explain this to their children. He believes that there is a need for open discussion and other topics related to sexuality. Dr. Gordon quoted to all that were present at the conference that pregnancy is the second most common reason for suicide among teenagers. He also disagreed with the notion that if sex is discussed openly, it leads to irresponsible sexual behaviour.

Prizes
The senior student selling the most subscriptions will receive an electronic calculator. A camera goes to the student in each grade who

subject. The topic will be entitled Communication with Kids. This will take place November 28 at 7:30 in the Resource Centre.

Special breakfast
On Wednesday, November 20, there was a Pancake Breakfast with Brian Skerrett and the students who participated in the workshop at Dorset. This provided a chance for these teachers and students to get together once again and discuss communication skills in the school. Plans for a club were considered. At this time, it was felt to be best to begin with a Rap Room, open to any students or teachers during the lunch hours on Tuesday, Room 1 will be used.

On Saturday, November 16, The Royal Winter Fair opened in Toronto. Rick McArthur and Keith Black, with 100 students, attended this annual fair. This was a learning experience for all of those that were involved.

Also Dave Sale with 36 grade ten and eleven students went to Guelph for part of the day to see the Sinter Wind Quintet.

The pool is being used by many students and adults. The teachers are also taking advantage of the new pool by having early morning swims on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

On Wednesday photo retakes were taken. Black and white pictures were taken for the year book and color photos were taken for the students not yet pleased with their original snapshots.

Also last Wednesday the Junior and Midget basketball teams were at Milton. On Thursday, November 21 the boys teams played against Shelburne in a home game. Second and third year art students, accompanied by June Levy, braved the fog last week to travel to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Money raising underway

The high school students' council currently is undertaking a fund-raising program with the pupils selling name-brand magazines. This is unique to Acton.

There are 112 publications for sale by subscription and are all supplied by the Maclean-Hunter organization. It is hoped \$1,800 can be raised for the school in this way. If each student sells one subscription of 22 specified magazines, they should reach their goal. The school gets 50 per cent profit from these magazines.

These contests are on a daily basis and will only be the one day. A neon thermometer has been erected in the school showing the goal, and where in relation to the goal the actual amount is. Profits from this fund raising program are to go directly to the Students Council for such things as athletics and dances.



HAVE YOUR photo taken with Santa, ask these scouts, cubs and beavers. The groups are raising money by providing the photo service Friday nights and for two hours Saturday afternoons, in the former Dills stationery store. Showing just how dandy a picture with Santa can be are Rob Patterson, Robert Lambden, Jason Sharples and Jim Saxon.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Howe

Parents had as much fun as the scouts on Thursday night as three scouts were invested. The investiture of Patrick Jacobs, Bev Baker and John Toebes was carried out by scout John Sharples. The enrolment was followed by an evening of games which combined learning with fun.

Santa Claus visited Acton children at his headquarters, the former Dills Stationery store on Friday evenings and Saturday. Assisting Santa were scouts Bev Baker, Pat Jacobs and Leonard Miller. Colored pictures may be taken at this place with Santa

Claus by Bob Dye of Acton. The proceeds go to the Acton Scouts. Photographs may be picked up at Santa's headquarters within a week.

Mothers are reminded of the Scout and Guide Mothers pot luck supper at the Scout Hall tonight at 7 p.m.

The second Acton Brownie Pack had enrollment Tuesday night at the Scout Hall. It was a very interesting evening. Friday night the third Acton Brownies practised mouth to mouth respiration and first aid. All groups are now preparing to move into the Christmas season.

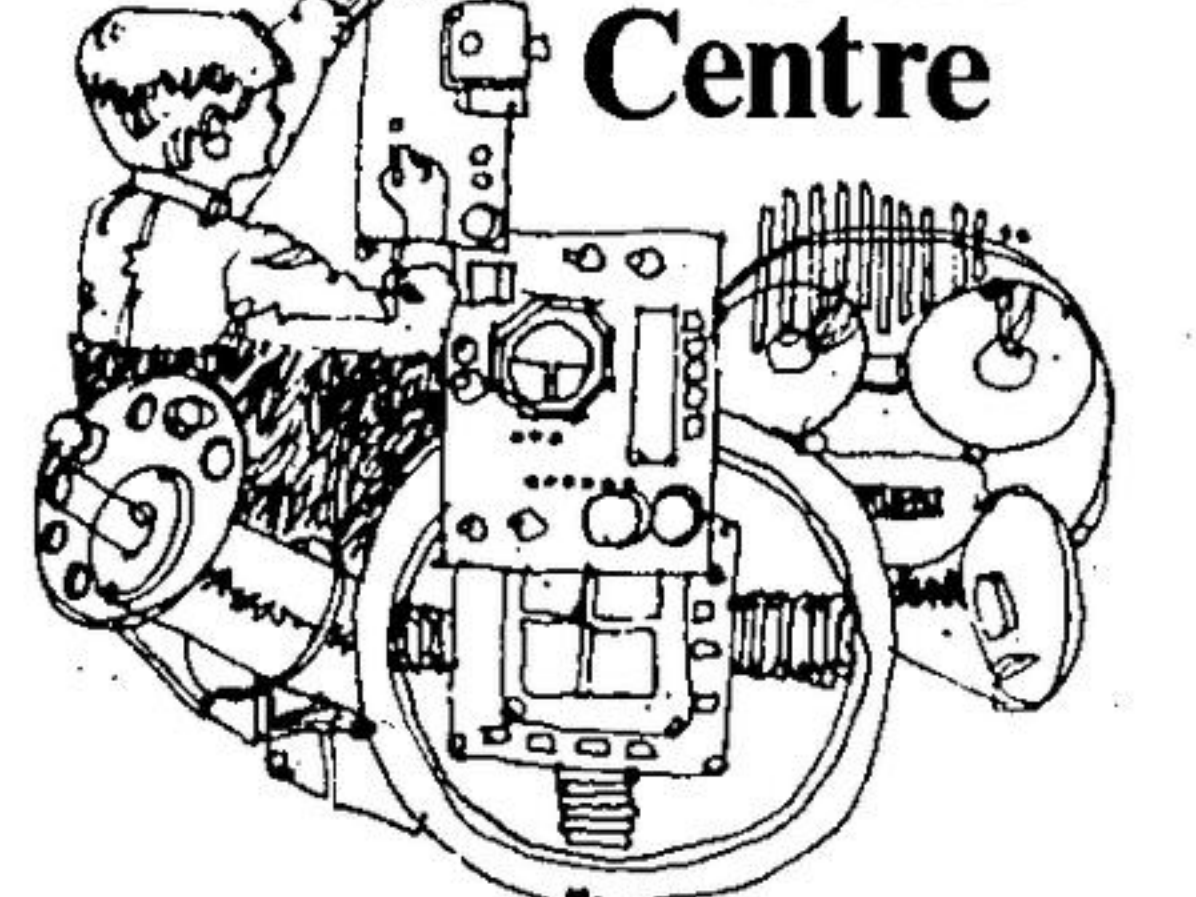
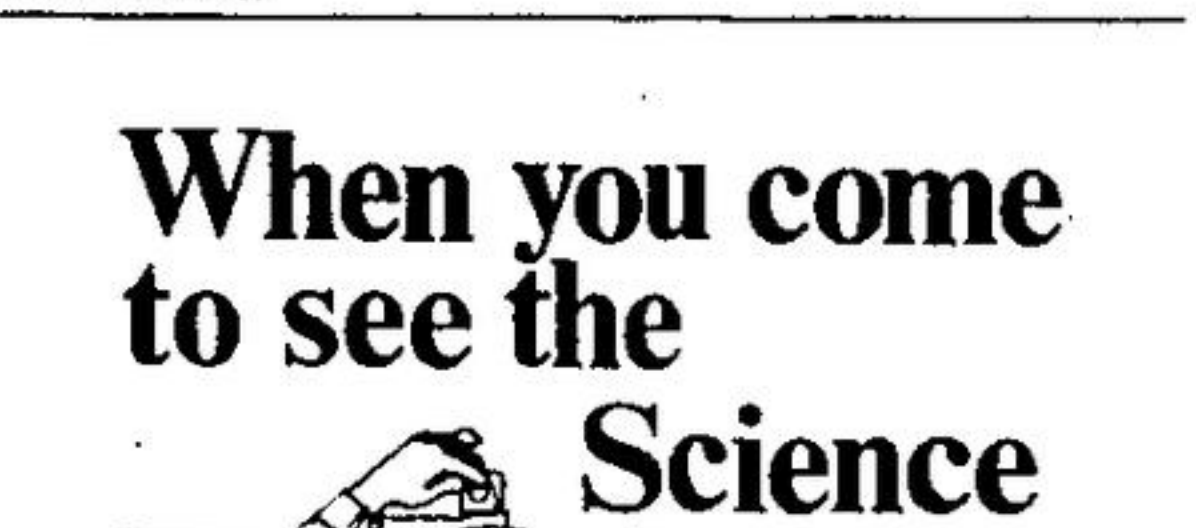
Grads not ready to learn trades

Too much emphasis is placed on academic training and not enough on preparing the students for trades, according to Halton Renaissance Committee. The committee recently released a brief concerning apprenticeships and trade

schools. The committee feels high schools tend to downgrade practical potential in students. This potential in technical subjects should be encouraged rather than looked down on, according to Renaissance.

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Students to enter Sheridan in January

Sheridan College is launching a pilot program for business and secretarial students who wish to commence their post-secondary education at mid-year rather than the traditional September starting date.

This January-entry policy has been developed to integrate with the semester system becoming increasingly popular in Ontario secondary schools. Up until now students who complete their high school in January have had to wait until the following autumn before enrolling in Business Administration and Secretarial Studies at Sheridan.

The School of Business and Secretarial Studies will welcome entries to these programs commencing Jan. 20, 1975. Secretarial Studies incorporates intensive training in shorthand, typing English and office practice. At the end of this concentrated one semester in May, 1975, successful students will be eligible for entry into the second year legal, medical, executive secretarial programs.

The program has been designed to take students with widely differing backgrounds and qualifications and bring them to the uniformly high proficiency required for entry

and Dora Coles, and began his education at Robert Little public school. He is now attending the University of Waterloo.

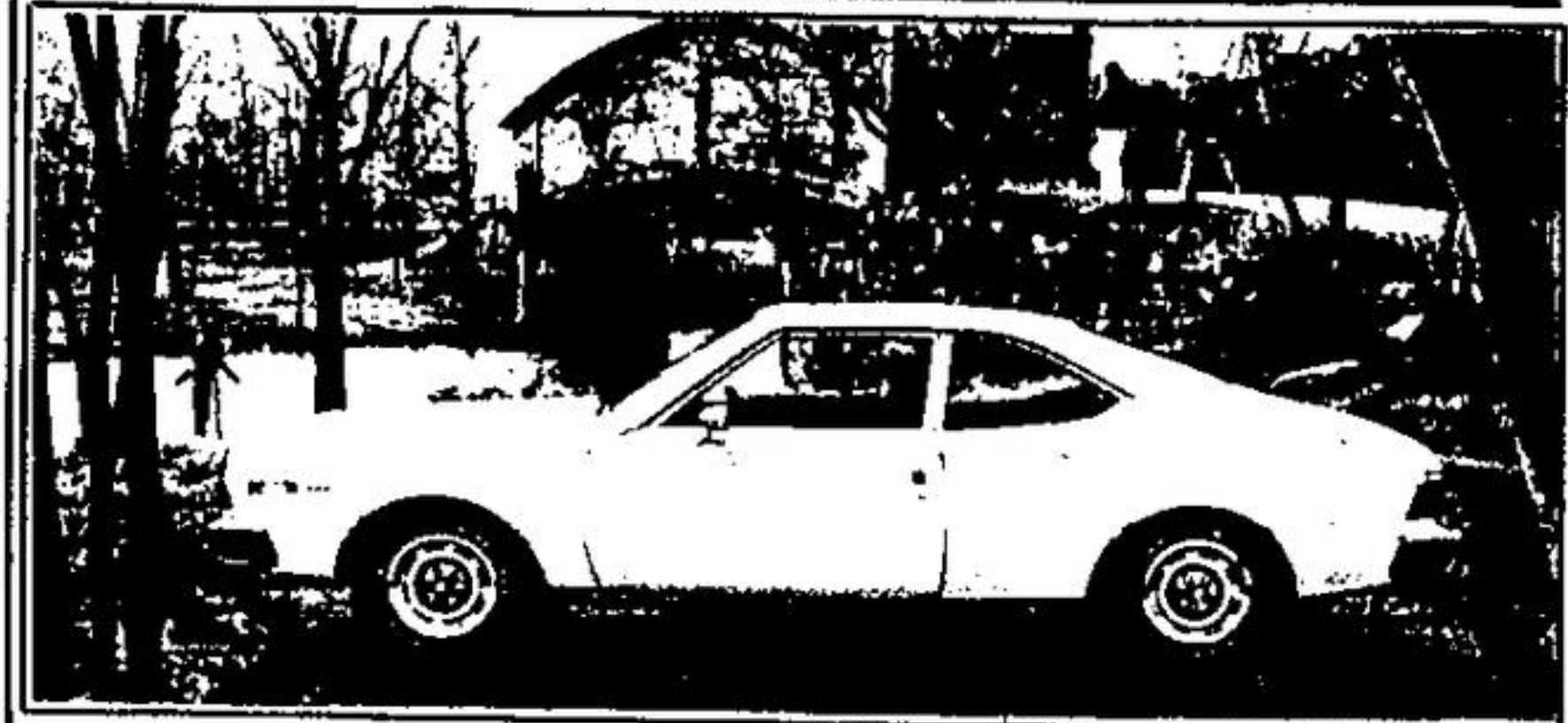
Les Coles is graduate

Lesley Coles, formerly of Acton, was one of the five-year graduates at the recent commencement exercises held at St. Marys and District Collegiate Vocational Institute.

In addition to an Ontario Scholarship, he received a plaque for proficiency in grade 11, as well as one of the three five-year proficiency medals awarded.

Les is the son of Howard

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