

## Parents get into act electives are offered

In an effort to offer a wide variety of interesting experiences to the students, M. Z. Bennett public school has been undertaking elective or interest programs.

All the grades of six, seven and eight are involved in the project which commenced on October 15 and ends December 16.

The lessons last from 2.30 to 3.45 and take place every six days. Both parents and teachers are the instructors of the classes which vary from cooking to pottery. If enough students signed up for a particular course, that subject was offered.

### Pottery

Pottery is taught by Mrs. S. Gudgeon. Students learn how to make various items out of clay. It is glazed and then fired at the high school kiln. From pots, to medallions, jewellery and cookie jars the pupils design their own item.

A Dry Sailing Class is taught by an interested mother, Mrs. Kathy Woods invented the game which was designed to help students learn their wind directions. The name of the game, according to Mrs. Woods is "Over the Ocean Blue". The first person to reach paradise wins.

### Movies made

Animation class is taught by a regular teacher, Mrs. Marlene Titan. She teaches the class how to make movies and do their own editing. She may not produce any Roman Polanski's, but her youngsters are eager and willing to learn. A trip to the animation department at Sheridan College is on the agenda for next week's class.

Another mother, Mrs. Roz Hahn spends her time at the school passing on her cooking skills to a class of girls. In the past, they have made stroganoff, pepper steaks, pizza, short bread, brownies, sour cream coffee cake, tortillas and lasagna. Mrs. Hahn is interested in teaching the girls about cultural cooking and they are hoping to make a

cookbook with their recipes in it.

Mrs. D. Bradshaw teaches the candle making class. Different sizes and colors of the wax figures are produced and are patiently looked after.

### First aid

The first aid class, taught by volunteer Marie Hargrave, shows the children how to treat fractures, sprains, chest punctures and do artificial respiration. The different types of bandage are also shown.

The class also has to go through a series of tests which will help them in a case of emergency.

The hiking class is taught by the energetic Ed Leatherland. Until the recent snow-

fall, the students taking this course, took walks and did general hiking. Now that the snow is here, the school's snowshoes are being put to good use.

The stamp collection class is taught by vice principal of the school Al Zanatta. Then students learn how to take care of them, how to remove them from an envelope and how to make a stamp album. They also are taught about the Canadian postal system and have the opportunity to exchange stamps.

With only one class remaining, each student must decide if he or she wishes to stay in that particular class or choose another elective.

The new classes start after Christmas.



UMMMM, THAT'S HOT but good says Sandee Allonby as she tries out the lasagna her cooking class made on Friday.



## AHS Notes

by Marg Jongema

Next Friday, December 13, Brian Skerrett and Sue Burns from the Guidance office will be going to Alderwood Collegiate, where they will attend a group guidance program for all the students of Alderwood. Every student from the high school was assigned to a group of ten students at the beginning of the year. Some of the information learned from the groups may be used at our high school.

On Wednesday, December 11, Louise Gatenby with 30 grade 11 home economics students will be travelling to Pioneer Village. The students will take part in the Pioneer Life program. They will attempt to do many of the things that pioneers did in years gone by. Some of the items planned are making candles, bread and churning butter. There is also a women's and men's program where different chores are done. One of the chores, which the students will try, is making an implement. On

Thursday, December 12, Bev Rowley with twenty grade 12 home economic students will do this same sort of activity.

### Toronto trip

Also on Thursday, December 12, Stefan Gnyas with twenty-eight grade 12 urban geography students will be going to Toronto to study the Toronto Transit System. They will investigate specifically the GO-Train System, from Union Station to Oakville. They will also study the subway situation from Union Station to Finch Avenue. The main objective of this outing will be the commuters—those people travelling the Transit System daily.

Ken Ellis and Sue Baker will be attending the course "Like Reading". This continuing course will have its meetings at Milton high school. The teachers will be observing students who are being worked with by Dr. Hildred Rawson from The Ontario Institution for Studies and Education.

## 35th annual vesper service

Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island will hold their 35th annual Christmas Vesper Service in December.

Trinity United, Acton will be holding their service Sunday, December 15 at 8 p.m.

The services held in hundreds of churches across the country will this year follow the theme "The Light of God's Love". Central to the service is a candle-lighting ceremony symbolizing "the light received from Christ—the light of kindness, mercy and love which serves as a model for CGIT members."

This year's service was written by Helen Goggin, director of Christian Education, Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville, in co-

operation with the CGIT department of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham.

Offerings received at the services are the only regular source of income of the national CGIT Committee which serves groups across Canada by providing program resources, Bible study and other resources for camp councils. The National Committee also maintains liaison with provincial, regional committees. Some 35,000 Canadian girls between the ages of 12 and 17 belong to CGIT groups sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), The Baptist Federation of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada.

## Chief praises young people

Young people who have returned lost property to the police office received special words of praise Tuesday from Cons. Bob Arbour. In the past months at least a dozen instances of lost money have come to police attention, through the youngsters coming into the office with what they had found.

Three months unclaimed it was returned to her.

Recently a young man brought in a wallet containing \$67, which was returned to its owner.

In the past four weeks, Corp. Arbour thinks seven wallets must have been turned in.

"It's really very commendable on their part," he said.

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## Students make arts and crafts

M. Z. Bennett public school was the scene of hustle and bustle last week as more than 180 grade one, two and three students had a week-long arts and craft class.

The children were placed into six different groups and rotated on a daily basis to other classrooms. The grades intermingled. In each classroom they spend a day making different items related to Christmas.

Such things as Christmas cards, placemats, Santa Claus, candles, pencil holders, bells, angels, chains and styrofoam Christmas trees were made by the busy little hands.

The project started on the Thursday of November 28 to December 5.

Teachers  
There were two classes of each grade participating in the week-long program. Mrs. Helen Vadeika and Miss Cindy Blades were the two grade one teachers involved. The grade two teachers were Mrs. Anne Usher and Mrs. Chris Shean. Mrs. Ann Mulder and Mrs. Shirley Garrett were the teachers of the grade three classes.

However, now that the sticky glue, the paper scraps, the paper doilies and the macaroni are put away, the students are working on different programs involving several various subjects. Languages, reading, phonics, math and science are in workshop forms with the children studying each one at his or her own speed.



COLLEEN WINTERS in grade one at M. Z. Bennett cleaned up her mess after she finished her arts and crafts last Thursday.



BUSY LITTLE HANDS keep youngsters out of trouble. Heath Norton, grade two and Melanie Hughes, grade three prove that while making arts and crafts at M. Z. Bennett school.

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MARGARET HUXLEY was on hand to help bundle papers on Saturday. The papers were collected by the high school Outers club on their monthly paper drive.

## Thin ice —beware!

Residents around Fairy Lake continue their concern for children who may wander out onto the thin ice these days.

Police have issued warnings.

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## R.L. sell trees

Top quality spruce, scotch and Austrian pine Christmas trees will be sold at the Robert Little public school starting this Saturday.

Grade eight parents and students initiated the project to raise money for the grade eight trip and graduation banquet next year.

At reasonable costs, a fine selection of trees will be available from Dec. 14 until the weekend before Christmas. Sales will be made on Saturdays, Sundays and evenings.

Many of the trees on hand were cut last weekend.

## Service

A candlelight service will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7.30 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church when Calvetties, Cadets, Sunday School pupils and members of the church Young Peoples' group will conduct the service.

The Youth Council of the church have organized the program and members of the Calvetties and Cadets will present a Christmas pageant.



CANDLEMAKING CLASS is a good way to get Christmas presents. Mrs. D. Bradshaw shows pupil Elizabeth Lynch the final steps in her masterpiece.



A NEW CAMERA is the latest thing on these young lads' mind as teacher Mrs. Marlene Titan shows students the basis of using the equipment. Pupils in full view are Andy Ellerby and Eddie Blazer.



BARB HOGENEIBIRK makes a coil pot in her pottery class at M. Z. Bennett. It may be messy, but it is worth it.

## Goal is \$250,000

The Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children announced this week it has reached the \$160,000 mark in a campaign to raise \$250,000. Cash and pledges are being used to help finance a new treatment centre for crippled children from Halton and Peel regions, to be built in the Erin Mills Development.

Secretary Donald E. Kennedy of Milton reports construction is slated to begin in 1975, with the opening in September of 1976. The building will cost over \$1,000,000.

Officials expect the centre will serve the special physical and educational needs of 750 children. The board of directors includes 20 men and women, all volunteers. Speakers are available for organizations' meetings. The association is presently encouraging citizens to give personal donations, perhaps in lieu of Christmas gifts.