

## AHS Notes

by Marg Joangama

On Saturday February 8, a glass and paper drive was held in Acton. Mr. Sale and the band members were those collecting the articles. A good outing was reported by all of those that took part.

On Wednesday February 12, Miss Paula Curran and Geoff Sansom will be attending an individualization workshop in Toronto. This will be a professional development workshop that will be taking place all day.

Tuesday was Valentine treat day for students of the Ospringe public school. They were transported to the Acton arena



CLEANING HER teeth with dental floss is Debbie Geberlein of Robert Little school. "Floss-In" was presented at her school by the Health Unit and part of the program included the proper cleaning methods.

## Dental floss in at Robert Little

Grade seven and eight students at Robert Little school took part in the annual "Floss-In" last Friday. "Floss-In" is put on by the Health Unit during Dental Health week at different schools throughout the county.

Mrs. E. Garrett spoke to the students about plaque, gums and gum disease. She also demonstrated the proper brushing methods and how to use dental floss. A film was also shown.

Mrs. Garrett is a teacher in Dental Education and has been with the Dental Health Unit for four years.

## News from Robert Little

By Merle McNabb

It is election time again at Robert Little. Grades kindergarten to eight are participating in activities such as knitting, crafts, cooking, yoga and many more, every Thursday for six weeks. These activities are enjoyed by students, teachers and parents.

The public speaking contest was held on Monday. Congratulations Debbie Luppert. Debbie will compete in the Halton Championship.

All the speeches were interesting but remember the judges could only pick one winner.

The coaches of both girls and boys basketball teams are pleased with their progress. The annual Red and White Basketball Tournament was held Sat. at the High School. The girls were tied for third place in the "A" division. The boys are doing well winning two and losing one. Keep up the good work.



ROB PATERSON, on the floor, receives the royal treatment from fellow scout Dave Bell before he was invested to Venturers.

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## Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

The high school rink was put to good use on Saturday February 1 by the third Acton Brownies.

Twenty-four Brownies and four Guides went skating to earn their skater's badge. They were examined by Mrs. M. Couture, Mrs. June Payne, Mrs. June Gerth and Mr. Wayne Scott. Brown Owl, who even dared to put her skates on, wants to thank these testers and the assisting mothers. That was an outdoor activity everyone really enjoyed.

### Investiture

Registration in the Acton Scout Troop remained stable Thursday night, as we lost one member and gained a new one. The new Scout was Peter LaBelle. He was invested jointly by assistant district commissioner Murray Harrison and Scoutmaster John Sharples.

It was then time for Scouts to give Troop Scout Rob Paterson a fond farewell. After four years in Scouts it was time for Rob to leave. He was put through the mill by Scouts and leaders alike.

The leaders, on behalf of the troop, then presented the Troop Scout with a full Venturer uniform. Rob, who restarted Venturers in Acton, received the unexpected gift with gratitude. Rob will wear the uniform to the 14th World Jamboree in Norway this summer. The former Troop Scout then joined his peers in the Venturer company and were all invested into the senior section of Scouting by district commissioner Gord Douglas and advisor Harold Saville. Parents were also in attendance at the meeting.

### Church parade

Colours were raised, the drums began beating and the Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts marched from the Scout hall to St. Alban's Church. The occasion was an inter-denominational church service organized by the priests and ministers of Acton. During the service two Cubs and three Guides received their religion in life emblems. The groups were led by the Robert Little School choir in singing. After the hour long service, Cubs

and Scouts marched back to the hall to the beat of the drums which were played by Geoff and Jim Saxon.

We would like to thank all the parents and leaders who attended last night's group committee meeting.

Are you going to the banquet on February 18 with your son or daughter? If your forms and money are not in this week you will not have a seat. Leaders please send your money in to Barb Murchinson as soon as possible.

Scouts going to the electric railway on Saturday are reminded to bring in their parental permission forms Thursday.

## News columnists write for public schools

Two new columns will soon be seen in the Free Press when students from both public schools, M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little will write about school events from

sports to class programs. The columns will be run weekly and will keep parents and friends of students informed of activities.

News reporter for the Robert Little school is 12-year-old Merle McNabb of 47 Cobblehill Rd. Merle is a grade seven student who was chosen for her creative writing ability. Outgoing and popular with her school-mates, Merle says she also enjoys comprehensive reading. Her column appears this week as the first of a series for the Robert Little school.

Next week's paper will include the report from M. Z. Bennett school. A reporter is being chosen this week.



MERLE McNABB has her writing debut in this week's paper. She will be reporting news from Robert Little school.

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Fire Prevention Bureau selected the winners.

Usually the winners are honored at a banquet but the Committee ran short of funds last year and the banquet was cancelled. In place of the banquet, the firefighters took the winning students and their parents to the Regional Council meeting in the region's Burlington headquarters Wednesday.

### Students enter contest

Hundreds of grade five students in Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills (Acton and Georgetown) entered the 1974 contest. The Burlington Firefighters were unable to arrange a local division of the contest in time to participate in the 1974 Halton contest, but a separate contest is being conducted at the Burlington Library.

Sheila's and Russell's winning posters will go on to an all-Ontario competition sponsored by the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association.

### Local, regional

The 1974 contest was open only to students of grade five in Halton and was conducted through the five local fire departments in Halton. Winners from each local division went on to the regional competition. Guelph

## Honor six winners fire poster contest

Halton Region Council helped honor the 1974 winners of Halton Region Fire



FIRST PRIZE winner in fire prevention poster contest is Russell Laffin of Acton.

Prevention Committee's 18th annual fire prevention poster contest, during the meeting of regional council Wednesday.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill presented trophies and certificates of achievement to the top girl and boy in the contest, Sheila Cannon and Russell Laffin, both of Halton Hills. Sheila is a student in St. Francis of Assisi Separate School, Georgetown and Russell is from Robert Little Public School, Acton.

Honorable mention prizes went to Tammy Gould of Robert Little School, Acton; Lenore Chisholm of Brookville School, Milton; Andy Shoemaker, St. Michael's Separate School, Oakville and Christopher Crozier, Holy Rosary Separate School, Milton. They were each presented with a certificate and desk pen set by Mayors Hill, Anne MacArthur of Milton and Harry Barrett of Oakville.

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DEMONSTRATING TO students how to use dental floss is Mrs. E. Garrett, a dental health educator. Mrs. Garrett was at Robert Little school on Friday speaking to grade seven and eight students about proper dental care.

## Norway-bound

## 20 boys, two leaders to attend Jamboree

A contingent of 20 boys and two leaders from Halton Hills will be among the 550 from Ontario who will attend the 14th World Scout Jamboree "Nordjamb" to be held in Lillehammer, Norway, from July 29 to August 7. There will be 1,200 boys and leaders attending the jamboree from Canada. The boys' ages range from 14 to 18 years.

The Canadian boys will be away from July 19 to August 14 and will travel through Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway on their trips as well as attending Nordjamb.

The jamboree theme is "Five Fingers - One Hand" and stands for the five Scandinavian countries working together in close co-operation to make the event a success, and for scouts from five continents meeting together in the summer of 1975.



VENTURER ADVISOR Harold Saville welcomes new Venturer Rob Paterson into the group on Thursday evening.

## Middle school concept subject of meetings

Halton Home and School Council and its affiliated Home and School Associations have, in the past month, arranged informative meetings for parents who wish to find out more about the middle school concept which has been approved in principle by the Halton Board of Education since 1969. Present at these meetings

were many of the trustees as well as A. Nichols, assistant superintendent, A. Bell, assistant superintendent and G. Heaver, area chairman. Mr. Nichols gave a detailed yet succinct summary of the concept of the three tiered system consisting of a junior school from K to 5, a middle school from 6 to 8 and a senior school from 9 to 13.

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