

Students trust librarian Harriet

With her year almost up, Harriet Knor, the high school librarian, will, when she leaves in June, be not only leaving a job, but many friends as well.

Harriet, as she is called by the students, graduated from the library technician course at Sheridan College last May, so is not that far removed from teenagers today, their problems, their likes and their dislikes. Because of the closeness of ages, the students are able to relate to her.

Stereotype of a librarian

She reads books just for the sake of being able to recommend them to students, and she knows almost everyone by name. The young newlywed is the student's friend, not some distant stereotype, bespectacled, mousy old maid librarian. If you can ever break the public's image and stereotyping of any one group, Harriet could do it.

When the students first filed into the school last September and confronted the new librarian, her name was Harriet Vanden Pol. She was only to be at the school for a year because Ken Ellis, the teacher-librarian needed some assistance while he taught other subjects.

She didn't wear glasses, which right there was something totally against the library-look book of ethics, her hair was not mousy, and the biggest breakthrough for the librarian reputation was that Harriet was engaged to be married.

In November she married,

denouncing any future ideas of getting in the librarian hall of fame.

Now that the high school has a stereotype breaking woman for a librarian, Harriet also has a few more qualities which defy the typical librarian image. She does not feel a library is a room to be whispered in. She allows the students to talk at a normal level, provided they are not a regularly scheduled class. These students must behave as in a regular classroom.

Students trust Harriet

She is called by her first name by the students and has shared in some personal confessions by students who have had no one to talk to. The pupil can trust Harriet not to tell anyone about their talk, which the librarian feels should not be taken past the room itself. She does not speak to the teachers about her students, and the teenagers realize this.

Harriet has a busy time

with the library as well as the student. She is busy cataloguing, organizing a vertical file of various news events and places, etc.

There are approximately 4000 books under her care, including paper backs, reference materials, magazines, newspapers and hardback books. Parent volunteers help Harriet out a lot as well as some students.

Harriet is also in charge of the audio visual equipment, film projectors, record players, cassette recorders etc. Anyone using this equipment, including teachers, must sign it out through Harriet.

The 1970's was labelled as a revolutionary period. Women libbers have proved it, as well as scientists and politicians. Now, with Harriet Knor at the high school resource centre, maybe the librarian's image may change. She will be missed next year by the students, but will always be remembered as the librarian who wasn't.



MARIE PARKER, a grade ten student, signs out a filmstrip projector as Harriet Knor, library technician, sees she does it correctly. As with almost every profession, the general public creates an image which, when proven wrong, seems to be disheartening. Harriet has proven that all librarians are not drab old maids.

Free Press Youth page

Values discussed at meeting

Parents and students are invited to attend a Values Clarification class on Thursday, April 24 during the evening at the high school resource centre.

The class, part of Brian Skerrett's Family Life program, is similar to what would be taught in a family life course at the school. It

helps the teenagers to determine what their values are going to be, with Mr. Skerrett helping them along.

"I do not teach them values," he emphasizes. "I am merely an aid".

It is hoped both students and adults will attend as it is an open meeting.

Anyone planning on going is

asked to call the Student Services offices at the high school so they may know how many are coming.

On May 1, there will be a reshewing of the film "Sexuality and Communication" for the many who have inquired about it and missed the first showing.

Juniors seek members

The Acton Jr. Farmers held their April meeting at the Ballinacree Hall on April 9. Several new members attended the short business meeting and the social recreation and lunch following.

Hamilton, Elaine Workman, Mary MacDonald and Judy Britton who won the Provincial Championship at the Spring Competitions in Walkerton on April 5.

Frances McLean will represent Ontario Junior Farmers on an inter-provincial exchange in July. She will visit Manitoba for two weeks.

On March 29, Halton's broomball team participated in the Dufferin County Broomball Tournament in Shelburne.

The team lacked the experience of some of the opposing teams, but everyone reported a good time and some bruises to show for their efforts.

Congratulations were extended to Halton's ladies' bowling team, Donna

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Scout and Guide news

By Mark Howe

North Halton District held a training session for the Scouts last Friday night and Saturday morning. This training was for the Scouts who will walk on the Explorers Hike on May 9, 10, and 11. The training was held at St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown. The 77 boys and 14 leaders present represented Acton, Ashgrove, Glen Williams, Norval and Georgetown.

Girls go hiking

The assistant district commissioner for Guides, Bea Ginger, led 14 girls of the first Acton company on a hike last Saturday. They walked up the fifth line to the property of the district commissioner, Dian Ewart. The hikers were joined by lieutenant Alison Gim who helped the Guides in fire building and outdoor cooking. Six girls

worked on their outdoor adventure badge. All the Guides gained valuable knowledge from the day's activities.

Scouters are reminded of Scouters Club tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 at St. Paul's in Norval.

Scouts are asked to send in their Explorers hike applications this week to Scouter George Henderson.

Junior Agriculturalist will work on farms

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food will again be conducting the Junior Agriculturalist Program in 1975. Young people 16 or 17 years of age from urban areas will be placed on selected commercial farms where they will perform regular farm work. The Junior Agriculturalist will also have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of rural life through living with a farm family and taking part in 4-H and other rural activities.

They receive \$16 per day, based on a six day week \$9.00 provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, \$3 provided by the farmer and room and board valued at \$5 per day.

Application forms are available from the Agricultural Office, 101 Main Street, Milton for both farmers and Junior Agriculturalists.

Nest time

The ducks at Fairy Lake are starting to cast their eyes around looking for good places to nest.

The young people are expected to remain on the farms from June 23 to August 23.

Places second

Jim Saxon of Robert Little school placed second at the Georgetown Optimist North Halton public speaking finals held in Fong's restaurant, Georgetown, on April 7.

Reopen Norval - Reed

Julian Reed of Norval has asked the Halton Board of Education to consider re-opening Norval School. In a letter to the board he cited crowded schools and crowded buses as reasons for the school to be opened.

It was closed a year ago after a great amount of heated debate and soul searching by trustees. The board took no action concerning the matter.

AHS Notes

by Marg Jongama

Robert Little News

By Merle McNabb

An error was made last week. The pancake breakfast is this week on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sorry again.

The Student Council have bought a sound system for their dances. This month's dance is next Friday.

Money for the Skate-a-thon has been coming in pretty quick. Half the money will go to the Rotary Club and the other half to the school trip.

The grade five went to Hamilton Places last week. They went there to see a puppet show. Leaving the school around 9:00 arrived back about 4:00. The puppet show was called "Pinocchio".

Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering



We are happy to announce the beginning of our new column dealing specifically with happenings at the area pools and aquatic chat.

It is our hope that through this column you will be kept informed of achievements, newscaps on special events and water safety knowledge.

We have just finished our first session of lessons at the Acton Indoor Pool, and the following is a list of people who were successful in their evaluations:

Leader Award: Cathy Masson, Murray Hall, John Halliburton, Rob Heaton, Steven Stanley, Earl Lince, Bronze, Sr. A.R., Dwight Zonnenburg, Dave Hannah, David Berry, Debbie Rippon, Tineke Vryenhoek, John Smith, Barb DeWolfe, Rolf Seiz, Anne Pool.

Beginner Red Cross: Ian Paul, Chris Wood, Tom Shannon, Peggy Anchor, Karen Elliott, Jane Sewell, Kathy Coats, Julie Parsons, Adela Rodrigues, Vera Van Item, Rhonda Parsons, Karen, Van Item, Lucy DeBoer.

Intermediate Red Cross: Lynn Fountain, Betty Ashley, Terri Flinders, Garry Lubbers, Laurie Sutherland, Kathy Reid.

Junior Red Cross: Heather Thatcher, Caroline Thatcher, Laura Brillinger, Kay Dues, Laurie Lee, Ross Rennie, Allison Rennie, Rory McDowall, Betty Lou Page, Cheryl Page, John Thompson, Diane Buckman.

Pre-Beginner Red Cross: Jannet Morrow, Todd Page, Tom McDonough, Scott McDonough, Kaz Lewandowski, Shirley McAdam, Renny Groenendyk, Margaret Thatcher, Sharon Sweeney, Catherine Sweeney, Michelle Himeshasthi, Victoria Rodriguez, Karen Gordon, Helen Synnott, Timmy De Boer, Yvonne Van Duijn, John Watts, Carolyn Sewell, Jamie Thatcher, Chris Lubbers, Micheal Schotsh, Tasha Lidkea, Tracy Patterson, Gregory James, Holly Cooper, Roberta Fleback, Danny Wood, Anne Grein, Bruce Shannon.

See you next week - and remember, summer is coming, so start getting Water Wise.

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