



MEMBERS OF Acton High School's junior girls swim team pause for a moment just prior to their 200-metre free style race during the tri-school

meet held here Thursday. From left to right the members are Val Graham, Anne Charlebois, Linda Shadbolt and Deborah Ruppert.

Tri-school swim meet leads to championship



CAUGHT AT the midpoint of a race, this swimmer was about to turn 180 degrees and head for the finish line.

One of a series of tri-school swim meets, leading to the Ontario championships, was held at Acton High School Thursday, November 27.

Although Acton swimmers finished third, the team scored more points than it had at previous competitions, swim coach Mike Simmons said.

Nelson Secondary School of Burlington took first place in senior and junior categories with 108 and 81 points respectively. Georgetown seniors were a close second with 100 points, while the juniors got 44. Acton senior swimmers put together 49 points, and the juniors had 20.

A bright spot in Acton's showing was the surprise first place taken by the senior girls in the 200 metre free style relay. "We didn't expect them to win," coach Simmons said. "They were very excited."

Linda Shadbolt, Tammy Beeler, Karen Chapman and Cathy Frizell are the senior girls first place team with a time of 2:41.5.

Every week the tri-school meets are held each week to give swimmers experience in competition, Mr. Simmons said. Swimmers must first qualify according to their times in the Halton and Halton-Peel Championships in February to earn a chance in the Ontario Championships

in March.

All 13 Halton high schools are sending contestants to the races in February. The qualifying times necessary to enter the championship races have not been set yet, Mr. Simmons said.

"I'm sure we will have swimmers who will qualify," Mr. Simmons said. Among others he named Dave Pendergas, a junior, and senior Steve Stanley as likely qualifiers. He also said Debbie Rippon and Dave Hannah, who both won trophies last year, as the

school's most improved swimmers, are probable contestants.

Acton swimmers travel to White Oaks School in Oakville Wednesday, December 3 to compete against Oakville-Trafalgar and Perdue high schools.

Milton and Georgetown high schools will be here in competition on January 9. The final pre-championship meet is January 22 when Acton hosts Lord Elgin and Queen Elizabeth Park high schools.



THRASHING through the water in AHS pool, contestants in the three-school swim meet held



POISED FOR A fast dive, AHS swimmer Tammy Beeler is about to start on a 100 metre race. Acton placed third behind Georgetown and Nelson secondary school in the three-school meet.

here Thursday head for the finish of a 100-metre race.

Crafts sale at Y raises \$500

Slightly under \$500 was raised at the crafts sale at the Y, to be used towards repairs for the gym. The Y board ran the sale, under the direction of Carol Clark, chairman of the ways and means committee, Saturday, Nov. 22. More craftspersons took tables than last year, making a completely interesting display.

The Y's Menettes also had a tea and bake sale in the Y's Men's room. Members of the group were cheerily dressed in matching red cobbler aprons.

Mrs. J. Paton, Main St., won the crocheted table cloth which had been made by Mrs.

Clark's mother. Tables with tables of beautiful crafts to sell included Hillary James, Mrs. McGinnis, Mrs. van Dijken, Del Howe, Mrs. Daws, Carol Clark, Flo Bowen, Mrs. Vicky Gudgeon, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bessem.

Margaret Brillinger had a table of articles made by Indians in Northern Ontario, she keeps a stock of these at her home.

The Oxfam group had a fascinating display of tradegoods from other countries. These are available by contacting Mrs. Elton Comfort

Got lots of time? The Chamber wants you

Retired people or those with spare time on their hands would be especially welcome as members of the Chamber of Commerce, president Mike Worthington pointed out this week. He says most of the Chamber's present members are working full-time and don't have the time required to make some of the Chamber projects really successful.

Mr. Worthington suggests anyone who fits this description, and would like to become involved in the challenging work of the Chamber, should drop a line to Box 415, the Chamber of Commerce, Acton, or phone Mike Worthington.

Panel discussion

The Halton Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children will hold a panel discussion Tuesday Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at General Brock High School.

The panel will provide information concerning a needs assessment survey in

Halton. The meeting is open to the general public.

The Halton Chapter of the council is about one year old. The goal of the council is to meet the needs of exceptional children whether they be very bright, slow learners or handicapped in any way.

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Local actors in movie filmed in area

Halton Hills residents have left their mark in the movie Recommendation for Mercy.

Members of the Georgetown Little Theatre helped make up the crowd of spectators in the courtroom drama which took place when a 14-year-old boy was on trial for the rape/murder of a 13-year-old girl in a small Ontario town. The story was according to its producers, based on the familiar Steven Truscott case, and filmed in Guelph using the Brampton court house for a few scenes.

In the summer of 1974, Pat Kentner, R. R. 1, Acton; Laurie Ryan, Limehouse; Pat Joyner, Isle McConnell; Joanne Grant, Paul McMulland, Mary Goebel and Donald Hill, all of Georgetown, spent a few days on the set making up members of a crowd. Peter Macdonald, also

of Georgetown, was on the jury.

100 extras According to Mrs. Kentner, there were 100 "extras" waiting for their scenes. They were cued when to laugh, to moan, etc. She said it wasn't hard to do the serious acting because the scenes were so intense and well acted, they felt as if they were in a courtroom with an actual case. Mrs. Kentner said each person reacted with their own personal feelings, whether sympathetic or hostile.

She said Andrew Skidd, the Guelph actor who played the role of the accused John Robinson, was a boost to all of them. He could be facing the camera, crying and moaning, turn around to the spectators, smile and wink at them, and continue crying seconds later, Mrs. Kentner said.

The camera, lights and actors were all exciting to the local people, and even though they were only paid \$8 a day,

and had to wait for hours for a scene which might take ten minutes, it was worth it.

To make the crowd seem even more believable, the extras had to change seats in the courtroom, for what in the movie, was a different day. In this way, they all got a chance to be directly in front of the camera at one time or another.

Mrs. Ryan said that when she went to see the movie, it was fun to pick herself out of the crowd.

She also emphasized the monotony of sitting around for four or five days to do a few scenes.

Mrs. Ryan was impressed with the actors and people behind the scenes. She thought the director had endless patience with everyone, including the amateur extras.

There were many unexpected little events which happened during the few days of filming, which contributed to a "good time" for the Hal-

ton Hills residents. Each achieved some sense of immortality having had their actions filmed in a movie.

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Tinkerbell welcomes 100 guests

Over 100 interested persons turned out for the open house at Tinkerbell Nursery Nov. 28. MPP for Halton-Burlington, Julian Reed spent the morning talking with the children and their parents and observing the program at the pre-school for mentally retarded.

Refreshments were served by the three local auxiliaries from Milton, Georgetown and Acton. The school, located at the Ernest C. Drury School in Milton, is part of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. It has been in Milton for two years.

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