

Kings, queens, valentines are assembly features

by Pam Sheldon
The Queen of Hearts made her debut at the Speyside Valentine Assembly held this past Friday morning and staged by Mrs. Paquette's Grade one class.

Tauni Sheldon, who wore the Queen's crown, busily baked her famous tarts, while The King, portrayed by Craig Weaver, looked expectantly on. Then, ah! along came the naughty knave, aptly acted by Jamie Mitchell, and right from under Her Royal Highness' eyes, he stole the tarts away.

The short play continued along the original story line

as The King chased and chastised the naughty knave who, upon learning his lesson promptly returned the delicious tarts to The Queen. Of course, it goes without saying, that the play ended with them all living happily ever after.

Steven Toyota performed the duties of master of ceremonies for the entire Valentine assembly and after the play he introduced the Grade one class. They gave a recitation, sang two lovely Valentine songs and dazzled the audience with a well-choreographed square dance to the music of My Valentine Song.

When you consider that none of these children knew how to read or write just five short months ago, it was exciting to hear David Paul, Doug Hall, Rosemary Finlay, Bonnie Watson, Andre Wilson, Carolyn Laver and Glen English individually read poems they had composed and written about Valentines Day.

The show was well attended by parents and siblings as well as the rest of the student body and from the round of applause afforded these young performers, I sense they enjoyed it every bit as much as I did.

Pingpong champs
When the Grade six class

recently found out that the school had a ping-pong table housed in its gym lockers, nothing would do but they organize a class ping-pong tournament. Their first task was to separate the class into three groups according to ping-pong proficiency. The hot-shots, intermediates, and the beginners. Trophies that were homemade by the kids, were awarded to the three winners at an assembly in their honor. The happy recipients, are: Ingrid Schubert, hot shot; Richard Joyce, intermediate, and Vera Van Item, beginners. The homemade trophies were the work of Ian Finlay, hot shot; Jackie Gignac, intermediate; and Lisa Pierce, beginners. Being an old ping-pong champ myself, I challenge the new champs to a lively game at their convenience.

Dangerous water

I'm really not optimistic enough to believe this recent thaw means "Spring is here", but the fact remains that from now on we'll be experiencing numerous thaws. This, of course, means more water lying around which is an open invitation to the young fry. Now would be an appropriate time to start the yearly re-education process with your children about the dangers of open water.

her school studies in London. She is now learning the sign language, and her parents are also learning it, so they can communicate better.

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Robin chose bad year to test winter living

By Doris Fines

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bruce of Coleville, Sask. are visiting for a few days with Mr. Bruce's brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce, and their families.

Kim Ballantyne is a patient at the Crippled Children's Centre, in Toronto, for two weeks for treatments, after which she will be returning to

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ballantyne, Cheryl and Mark, spent the weekend with Jim's parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ballantyne, at their cottage at Clearwater Lake, near Port Sydney. His brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ballantyne of Bramalea were visiting also.

Mrs. Thomas Fines and her family send their grateful thanks to all those who came to wish her a happy birthday, and for the cards, flowers, and other gifts she received. She had a beautiful day. The

Robin tale
The sight of a robin will not be a sign of spring around the first line corner this year, as the Walmas, Fishers and Bruces have been seeing one all winter. If he was testing the weather for winter livability in these parts, I'm afraid he picked a rough one. Or perhaps he was hoping for a free ride south, like those Canada geese at Warton, HM, that might be a yearly occurrence. Why fly if you can get a free ride down?

Dr. and Mrs. Garth Bruce, Kim and Dean, of Toronto, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dudnik of Toronto are spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dearing, keeping the home fires burning while the Dearing's are enjoying a vacation in Barbados.

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Churchill

Piano honors reunion news

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur
Churchill community church was filled for the service on Sunday morning (see other story)

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr entertained by holding a reunion of the ten past provincial presidents, husbands or wives and families, of the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario at their home in honor of Carm Hamilton accompanied by his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris and sons of Comber stayed overnight and had a longer visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kenney and four children of Michigan spent the weekend with their dear friends of past

years, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr.

Congratulations to Miss Helen Kockx for receiving an excellent honor mark in her grade two piano examinations from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dobbie of Toronto were up to visit at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allan of B.C. visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and attended the centennial carnival held at Hobcaygeon.

A valentine party was held by Debbie and Ross Charles in St. Marys for friends and relatives.



PING PONG CHAMPS and the people who made the rare trophies all smiled for the photographer at Speyside school. Front row left to right Vera Van Item, Richard Joyce, Ingrid Schubert; back row Jackie Gignac, Lisa Pierce, Ian Findlay.

Our land

By David Cohen
Look far and wide across the world,
Where changes cause new flags unfurled
And strife-torn nations strive to live,
When freedom has but nought to give.

Turn now your gaze upon our land,
Where wealth abounds at every hand.
Freedom of speech our legacy,
Our forefathers made these laws to be.

Often we grumble and object,
To new changes that may affect,
Our choice of doing things our way,
But these are little price to pay.

Our land is strong, and all must strive,
To keep it powerful and alive.
And always at its weakest hour,
Work harder for its peace and power.

It matters not who holds the rein
Of power to grant, or to abstain.
What matters is wisdom in command
Which brings peace and strength to this,
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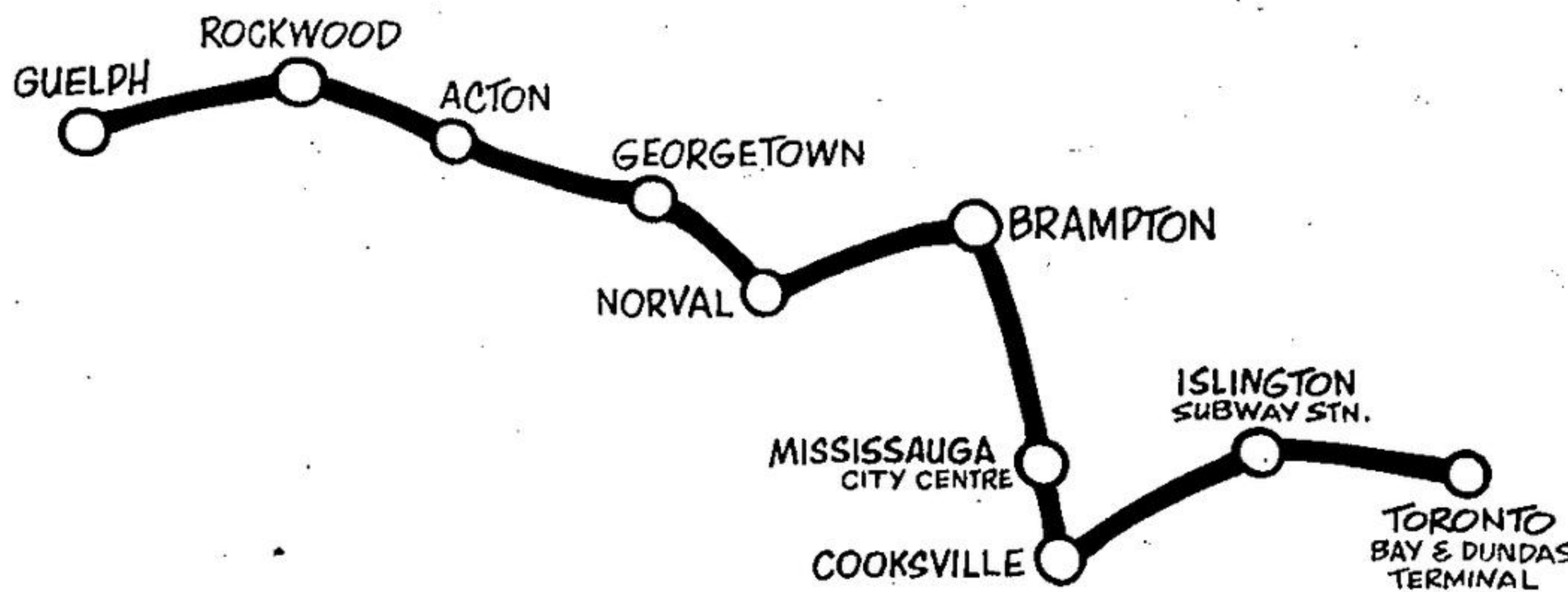
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