

Penny Kirton hosts Knots fourth meeting

by Julie Pierce
The fourth meeting of the North Halton Dublin French Knots was held on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at the home of Miss Penny Kirton.
The meeting was opened with the 4-11 pledge. The roll call was taken and then it was decided the next meeting would be at the home of Mrs. Anne Dodds.
The girls then handed in their books to Mrs. Hunter.

She checked to see if they had their notes up-to-date. After that members showed their sampler piece on which different stitches were done. The rest of the meeting was spent tracing patterns onto placemats and wall hangings. The girls also redid the stitches on samplers which were done incorrectly.
Then when the meeting was over at 9:30 they ate their snack and discussed what else could be made.



DAN WEBSTER GIVES Acton High School principal Dean Fink, standing beside coach Rick McArthur, the trophy won by the Redmen junior basketball team at the Stayner Institute's Invitational tournament. The Redmen defeated Westview High School from Downsview, Stayner and Burlington Central on their way to the annual championship.

Acton high notes

by Jennifer Howe

"Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo..." this was the production that 46 grade 11 English students attended last Wednesday. This enjoyable afternoon was spent at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto. Students who have already taken Romeo and Juliet, found this play most interesting and I am sure those who will be taking it later on this year will find that after seeing the play they will understand it that much better.

On Thursday Beverly Rowley took her grade 12 interior design class to Meadowvale where the 24 students went on a bus tour and studied the design and planning which has gone into this housing development.

Better temperatures
Thursday afternoon Dr. Paul Tamblin left with his grade 12 Outdoor Environmental Science class for Algonquin Park on their winter camping trip. The 11 students who went found it was more wet than cold. Quite a change from the last trip by the Outers who experienced -35 F. temperatures.

Thursday night was the disco-jockey dance put on by the student council. It went over quite well and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time.

Yesterday (Tuesday) Johan Wilkinson and Anne Lepik took eight girls to T. A. Blakelock high school, Oakville to the Halton East gymnastics competition. Three girls from Acton High participated in this competition. Kathy Barber, Lisa Near, and Leslie Carter did floor routines. Due to an injury, Jocelyn McMillan was not able to attend. A few weeks ago Janet Saxon, Jutta Thiel and Michele Field participated in Georgetown in the novice division.

To Toronto
Yesterday was the opening day of a three day program called the Canadian Educational Showplace. It is in Toronto at Exhibition park in the automotive buildings. Here teachers and others who are connected with education are able to attend seminars,

workshops and see exhibits that will bring them up to date with all the wild and wonderful new things which are happening in our educational technology.

Today (Wednesday) Dean Fink, our principal, will attend the North area principals' meeting—one more step towards the bettering of our school system.

Another trip
Another Outers trip is being planned for March fifth, sixth, and seventh. This group is planning on camping at Tobermory for the weekend.

The Drama club at the high school is working hard on two productions that they are planning to perform by the first of April. Intense rehearsals began on Monday and Geoff Sansom, the head of this group, is once again playing the part of the rough, tough, director! The plays to be performed are "Final Dress Rehearsal" and "One Spring Morning."

Another activity to look forward to is Casino Night planned for March 12. This is once again hosted by the Athletic Society. The fee is \$1.50 and if it is half as good as last year you are sure to have the time of your life.



PNOLAN
Guest: Does the chef have pig's feet?
Waiter: I don't know, he has shoes on.
—Paul Mohan cartoon



NEITHER Rain nor sleet nor snow shall deter these determined joggers—Paul Murr and Dave Ryder—from their course. The athletic pair were photographed on Bower Ave.

Drinking legislation topic of MPP's day

Drinking and Youth is the subject for discussion Thursday, March 4, when MPP Terry Jones spends the day in Halton. He will be visiting various high schools and speaking at Sheridan college in the evening.
Mr. Jones is seeking feedback from the community on the province's liquor regulations and asking suggestions for changes for the present legislation.
Assessment of effects of the lowered drinking age from 21 to 18 will be a main topic.
Mr. Jones will speak himself and then join a panel which will include Halton Region police chief Ken Skerrett, provincial family court judge James Fuller, Peter Marks of the Addiction Research Foundation and a student.

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Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

Friday night was a very enjoyable evening for thirty Wolf Cubs. They met at the Scout Hall at 8 o'clock and brought sleeping bags with them. The program was that they were spending the night there. After songs, games and a delicious mug up, the boys prepared for bed. Leaders, helpers and boys alike, bedded down in the two halls. They slept on mats.

Early awakening

The boys were aroused about seven, Saturday morning. After cleaning up and singing a few verses of "Here we sit like birds in the wilderness," breakfast was served. It was a delicious meal prepared by parents.

The boys were split into four groups and one by one left the hall. They were to search for Akela. Each group had a leader and a Scout to help them. Meanwhile back at the hall, the Cubs did crafts. At lunch time everyone cooked their own lunch outside on a barbeque

borrowed from the Acton fire fighters. Ten Cubs went home about two.

The leaders of "A" and "B" packs would like to thank everyone who helped, especially Don and Linda McDonald, Pat Wood, Ann Norton, Joan Kroll, Stu, Bottomly, Ken Chappell, Bob McKee, Kathleen Alder, Herb Dobbs, Jane Ellis and the five Scouts. Thanks also to M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little School.

By the way, they found Akela.

Group Committee will be held on March 9, next Tuesday at 8:30. Please try to attend. Remember that anyone who has their son in Scouting, from Beavers to Venturers, may attend and vote on the issues.

All nine and ten year old Cubs are asked to keep next Saturday open. The resources conference will be held at George Kennedy School in Georgetown on March 13. The conference will start at ten in the morning.

M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Sherry Halladay and Denise Paton

On Monday there will be a holiday for M. Bennett. Soon their will be a March break.

The grade sixes are forming a volleyball team. The school is going to start girls' and boys' softball teams.

Last week the students of M.Z. Bennett received their school pictures. M.Z. Bennett is participating in the skate-athon on March 14.

Last week there was a hot dog day at M.Z. Bennett. It was successful.

Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering



Many thanks to all those parents and friends of the synchronized swimmers who pledged money for our synchrothon last Wednesday. A rough estimate of the money pledged indicated we will have enough for costumes for our two routine numbers. One of the swimmers, Debbie Geberlein, swam 11 units or 88 lengths in the one hour time limit. Many of the girls received well over \$30 for their efforts, including an expectant mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper.

As mentioned last week, a percentage of the money goes to Synchro Canada to support our national swimmers.

Clinic

A very successful synchro examiner clinic was held at the pool Sunday. Twenty-one women attended, coming from as far away as Meaford and Woodstock. Those participating from this area were Cathy Ashley, Lynn Charlebois, Karen Brading, Lynn Vrag and myself. The course conductor, Leslie Taylor, is the coach for the Hamilton, Oshawa, Whitby club. She brought two of her young swimmers with her, Margaret Ann White and Sarah Haynes. Margaret is the Ontario solo champion in the 16 and under age category. Participants who passed the written exam were given their probationary examiner's card.

Swimathon
We are now planning a swimathon sometime in April to raise money for the necessary equipment in the pool to have a full swim meet. Lane markers and starting blocks are needed. The equipment would be used by both the Board of Education and the Recreation department.

There was another drowning in Ontario this weekend as a result of a careless snowmobile accident. The snowmobile crashed through the ice and the man drowned. Please keep off the ice, whether snowmobiling or walking if you're not sure of the thickness, especially at this time of year when thawing is occurring. Remember ice must be 4-6" thick before it is safe.

Keep Saturday afternoon, April 3 in mind as that is our next swimming registration. This is your last chance to learn to swim before the summer, so take the initiative to dig out your bathing suit and come down to the pool.

Free Press Youth page

Students see play now offer comments

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Grade 11 English students from Acton high school went to see a production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto. Although the lines were the original, the costumes and set were a blend of medieval and modern which made for an interesting perspective. Here are some comments by the students themselves:
"Romeo and Juliet" was the most beautiful play I ever did see! (Karen Bollert).

The setting used in the play was a solid material painted white. There were stairs and platforms, plastic arches and glass screens. Some of the set could move back and forth when necessary. (Cliff Britton).
Half the cast was in modern clothes and half in old-fashioned clothes. The acting on the most part was superb. (Laurie Pierce).
I found the half modern and half old costumes and set very effective for the play. The director hinted that the same scene could happen today. (Ford Alton).
I had always thought that "Romeo and Juliet" was a very serious play, but it was performed as a sort of a comedy. (Sue Thomson).
The sword fights did not look real, for they had no fake blood to make it look real. (Leslie Collett).

The actress portraying Juliet can be commended for making her death seem so real. This play will be quite helpful for those studying "Romeo and Juliet" later on, as it gives you a basic understanding of the plot. (Laurie Pierce).
I totally enjoyed the play and would go to any other show of that type if it was shown. (Cliff Britton).
All in all, it was an educational and pleasurable experience for everyone.

You

by Darinka Moskun
arrive unexpected
Like a grey hair,
Precise
as a finely carved tool,
Confined to bald statements
Intimacy rides low.

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as a hollow moon,
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than a cat's tongue,
God-like, as an ancient myth,
Armies have crumpled
at your feet.

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