

High school boosted in community news letter

Another volume of the Acton High School Community letter has gone out to families of students at the school. Editors are Clare Henderson and Boris Shean, illustrator Jim Goring and cartoonist Dan Warren. The editorial asks What is a School?

Dean Fink, the principal, writes about Teachers and the Extra-Curricular program citing the dedication and interest of the teachers on his staff here.

Bruce Andrews writes on extra-curricular activities, showing learning isn't all in the classroom. Special activities include intramural sports, interschool teams, Student Assistance Program, Duke of Edinburgh award system, school band, the Closet, student council, Athletic Society, yearbook, contests, and the Family Life Education program.

Under the heading of Clubs he lists Outers, chess, drama, scuba diving, library, crafts, skiing, travel, curling and poetry-writing workshop.

Keith Black writes on the Student Assistance program. Boris Shean reports on a survey which asks what students do with their free time. (He concludes their choosing wisely.)

Sherri Ferguson writes her impressions of moving to "friendly" Acton and tells how quickly she felt accepted.

Dave Piehl has a poem. There are articles on the mini-school in May and the paper-back contest. Important dates of the rest of the year are listed. The next volume will be on the budget.

Teacher negotiator receives time off

Halton Board of Education decided Thursday to allow the teachers' chief negotiator, Jim Teague, time off from now until a new contract is settled Thursday.

The Halton Teachers' Federation requested Mr. Teague be relieved of classroom duties until the end of this August but it was decided by the board this would indicate an assumption negotiations will last a long time.

"All we are hearing these days in education are arguments about salaries and we are losing the emphasis that used to be on education but now we are going in the wrong direction," Bodnar said.

He said he wanted to see teachers connected with the various federations either in the classroom all year or not at all.

Trustee Richard Goodin said negotiations shouldn't last too long this year. "We don't have any money so we'll just tell the teachers that," he said.

full time for the teachers and forget about teaching. The chief negotiator has been the same person for two or three years now so they might as well take him out of the class at the start of the school year instead of part way through," Bodnar said.

He said he was sick of negotiating all the time and didn't like the idea of negotiations turning into year-round marathons.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar suggested instead of letting the chief negotiator leave the classroom part way through the year the board might as well have him out working on negotiations throughout the school year.

Bodnar noted the board seems to be just finishing one session of contract negotiations when it is forced to plunge into another. "These people should work



MARVIN McNABB AND Ford Alton attempt to break a balloon between their bodies without using their hands at the high school's Rainy Day Carnival held last Thursday. Once the balloon was broken, a piggy back ride to the end of the gym and back again in a wheelbarrow race, all before the other two couples in the race, was in store. Many games were played during the carnival.

Win awards at Sheridan

Awards donated from business and industry were presented to 21 business and secretarial students for outstanding academic achievement at the Oakville campus of Sheridan college, Wednesday, March 17.

Several Acton students were honored.

Louise Harmsma, who is in the Medical Secretarial course, won the \$100 award from Oshawa Wholesale.

Bonnie Bristow, who is in Legal Secretarial, won the

\$250 award from Bell Canada. Rob Ellerby, who is in Finance and Accounting, won the \$100 Premier Concrete Award.

Rick TeBoekhorst, Moffat, in Senior Business Administration, won \$250 from Xerox Canada.

Awards were presented to the students, most of whom are in their graduating year, following a brief address from Rudy Zabel, dean of the School of Business and Secretarial Studies.

Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

The first North Halton District Scout chess tournament was held last Saturday at the Acton Scout Hall.

Due mostly to short notice, attendance was very poor. But players had good competition. First place went to Brian Milliere of fifth Georgetown Scouts. Second place was won by Peer Semma of Acton, followed by Antony Saxon also of Acton.

Other players were Tom Leupolt, Chris Bottomley, Charlie Cutrana, Frank Gouling, Eddie Blaser, Jock Garton and Chris Wood. It was an enjoyable day spent exercising their minds. Let's hope it will continue.

Earn badges
On Monday, the first and second Guide companies enjoyed their annual skating party at the arena. Five girls earned their skater's badges. Most Guide leaders also took advantage of the opportunity to brush up on their skating. Thursday morning (tomor-

row) both companies will be going to the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. They will spend the day exploring the various worlds of science. Guides are asked to meet at the Acton Scout Hall by 8:30 in the morning. Leaders are planning to return to the hall by 5:30 Thursday evening.

Friday afternoon, the Scouts will start their third annual sleepover at the Scout Hall. Scouts are to meet at the Scout Hall at 2:30 in full uniform. Failure to appear in full uniform, on time, will result in a severe loss of points. Scouts are holding their regular meeting on Thursday night.

The date for the Venturer Rummage Sale is drawing near. The sale, planned for April 3, will depend on articles donated by you. If you have any old clothing and general resaleable goods, call Dave Berry at 853-2068. The Venturers will come around and pick the goods up.



PET CARE instruction at M. Z. Bennett school resulted in a mouse joining the class one day. Making friends are Paul South, Tracy Collett, Wendy Calver, Brian Nelles and Sara Holmes.

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Sheridan students offer free tax advice

As part of a course the third year business students at the Oakville campus of Sheridan college are offering free taxation advice to the community.


The school's Tax Days are on March 30 from 9:30 to 4:30 and in the evening from 7 to

9:30. On the second day the hours are between 9:30 and 4:30.

People are advised on how they may complete their tax forms. However, the students may not have enough time to complete the full tax forms for interested citizens.

New teacher at Robert Little

Halton Board of Education officially approved the hiring last month of a new teacher at Robert Little School. Alice Mintern joined the staff at Robert Little on February 23.



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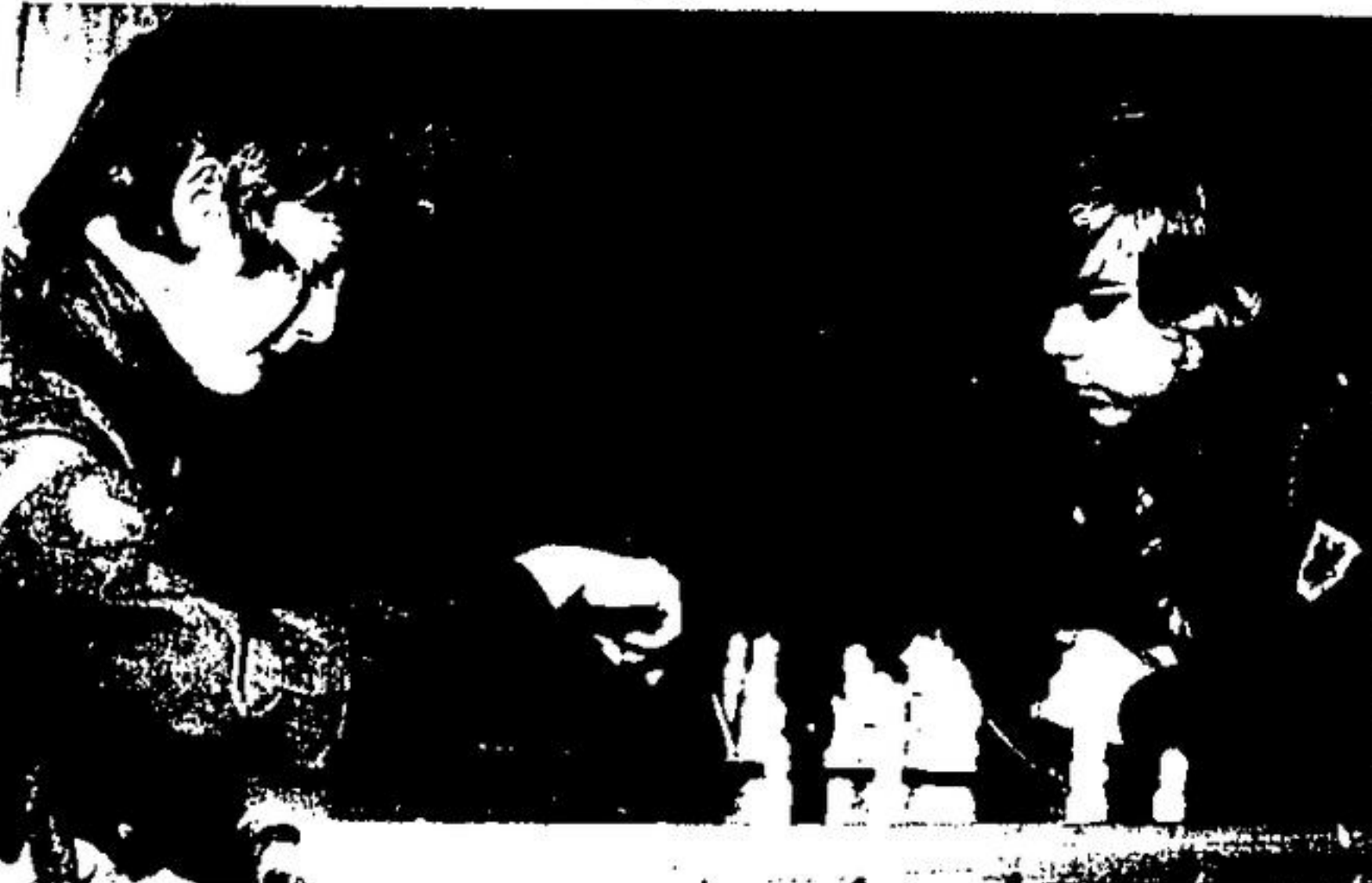
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CHRIS WOOD moves up one of his black players against a white defence prepared by Ed Blaser during one of the opening rounds of the North Halton district chess tournament held at the Scout Hall Saturday.

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Posters, essays shown at Robert Little School

The grade three students at the Robert Little school all heard about Celly, the character who warns against smoking, lately. Pauline Leslie from the local branch of the Cancer Society told the children about smoking and they followed up the talks by making posters and writing essays. Some of these creations and essays are on display in the library for a couple of weeks.

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