

Bodnar's plan

Move teacher activity days school opens September 13



NEIL DAVIES OF Speyside school was the first place winner in the Acton Rotary Skate-a-thon held on March 14. Principal Norm Howell was on hand when Rotarian Gary Dawkins presented Neil with a television set for his efforts.



SECOND PLACE winner for the second year in a row for the Rotary Skate-a-thon on March 14 was Don Brouillard of Robert Little school. Last year he was presented with a tape recorder, and this year a radio, by Rotarian Gary Dawkins. Vice principal Gary Bateman was there for the presentation. The originally advertised second place prize was a tape recorder, but because of the circumstances, Don had his choice of the recorder or the third place prize of the radio.



M. Z. BENNETT STUDENT Schon Feld placed third in the Acton Rotary Skate-a-thon last March. For his hard work, Schon received a radio and the congratulations of his principal Gary Dawkins, a Rotary member, and his teacher, John Murphy. Schon's class raised the most of any individual classes for the Skate-a-thon.

If a plan Trustee Ernie Bodnar has hatched is endorsed by Halton Board of Education, elementary school students won't start school this fall until September 13 and will get out of school on June 24.

During a discussion Thursday dealing with the scheduling of professional activity days for teachers, Bodnar suggested four of the nine days be held at the start of the school year, another four at the end and another on January 31.

Noting that many parents are upset with professional activity days he said "the problem is it is a day here and a day there. People just aren't prepared to have their routines altered for what many consider is just a day off for the teachers." "It would be good public relations for both the teachers and board if we moved the days together. Principals and teachers could then work together over a space of several days on program development," Bodnar suggested.

He called for professional activity days to be held September 7, 8, 9 and 10, January 31, and June 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Trustee Rev. Garry Morton was also concerned about plans to have professional development days held on September 7 and 8, October 8, and November 29.

Morton said the combination of four professional activity days, nine days of holidays and a late school start caused by a late Labor Day "means there is only one occasion when the students will be in classes every day for two weeks without getting at least one day off in the fall semester."

Morton complained there seemed to be too heavy a load of days off during the first half of the year and wondered how practical it was to have school ending on a Tuesday.

Trustee Jim Clelland said Halton should follow Peel's lead in responding to adverse public opinion concerning professional activity days

and reduce the number permitted in Halton.

Superintendent of Program John Bolch said the professional activity days are important because that is when teachers learn about the core curriculum which they are expected to implement during the 1977-78 school year. He said since it is hot in June most teachers feel it is better to learn about core curriculum during the year.

He said Bodnar's plan would be tough to pull off since there are only so many consultants available and noted professional activity days were scheduled for different days throughout the region so the experts could be spread out better.

Bodnar thought the experts should work with the principals and then the principals could teach the teachers about core curriculum.

Bolch said in the long run that is what has to be done but thought it wasn't feasible right now.

Clelland complained that principals make over \$30,000 a year and work only 10 months of the year and should be learning core curriculum during the summer. Bolch responded that most principals spend time at their schools during the summer.

Director of Education Em Lavender said Bodnar's plan was attractive since it was "neat and acceptable."

He said the plan could prove to be ineffective use of the days-off and complicated or it could be quite successful. He said the administration just couldn't properly appraise the plan because it hadn't considered it.

Trustee Bill Lawson said if the teachers find it hard to learn about core curriculum during hot weather then it must be just as uncomfortable for the pupils.

He suggested the item be tabled and the administration bring back a report on the feasibility of Bodnar's plan for this Thursday's meeting.

The board endorsed Lawson's suggestion.

Unless changes are coming at the high school level too, semesters secondary schools will have professional activity days the day after Labor Day, January 27, 28, and 31 and June 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

At non-semestered high schools professional activity days will be held the day after Labor Day, January 31, and June 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30.



SENIOR CHOIR OF M. Z. Bennett school closed the music concert at the school on Thursday evening. Students and parents turned out for the event when the various singing groups within the group performed.



M. Z. BENNETT students sang the Farewell Song before an audience of parents and peers at their school's music concert. Thursday evening.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

The excellent weather last weekend was matched by an excellent camporee. Scouts from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Norval gathered on private property on Highway 24 and the Credit River near Orangeville. The camporee was run by the fifth Georgetown Rover Crew.

Events for the weekend included rifle shooting, archery, canoeing, axe and knife, silk screening, orienteering, radio controlled airplanes, citizens' band radio and an obstacle course.

In Attendance First Acton had two patrols present headed by patrol leaders Edward Blaser and Geoff Saxon. Included in the patrols were Steven Matheon, Mike Henry and Jim McVeigh who joined Scouts a mere two weeks ago.

After lunch on Sunday, the troops had to transport their Scoutmasters across the Credit River. Very few made it in dry clothes. After that quite a few other Scouters felt the cold water as they were thrown in. A tug-of-war across the river followed with the same 80 Scouts pitted against the Scouters, Venturers and Rovers. The Scouters won twice while the Scouts were victorious once, although the rope was found tied to a stout tree.

At the final horseshoe, first place trophy went to the first

Georgetown Scout troop. They also captured the Excelsior award. As the horseshoe was dismissed the warning drops of rain were felt.

So ended the 1976 North Halton district Scout Camporee. Most Scouts had a chance to silk screen a T-shirt as a memento of the camp but they will still be receiving a crest in the near future.

All Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venturer leaders are reminded of the final Scouters Club of the year. It will be held on Wednesday at 8:30 in the new Acton Scout Hall. Please try to attend and bid farewell to your fellow Scouters for the summer.

Release pheasants

Again this year, Halton Region Conservation Authority will have ringneck pheasants available for release to private landowners. There are 400 birds being raised for this program and each landowner who meets the requirements and specifications as set down by the Authority will receive 25 pheasants.

CVCA runs student program

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is again running a student summer program called Program 130, one part of Experience '76, the name given collectively to all the student programs administered by the Ontario Provincial Government's Youth Secretariat.

Purpose of the program is to supply employment for students undertaking work projects different from that which the normal staff can accomplish during the summer months.

One, a technical crew, is doing research work at Rat-tray Marsh and the other

three crews will be working through the Credit Valley watershed on various projects.

Control of pornography not supported by trustees

Halton Board of Education decided Thursday not to support a request made to the federal and provincial governments to force all outlets selling hard core pornography to be licensed.

The Wellington County Board of Education is seeking support from other boards, councils and teachers' federations throughout Ontario for its plea to Queen's Park and

Ottawa to control the distribution of hard core pornography. In its letter to Attorney General Roy McMurtry Wellington asks for federal and provincial legislation "to con-

rol the distribution of hard core pornography by permitting only licensed outlets to sell such literature." The board decided to simply receive and file the Wellington board's letter.

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12 Noon - 7 P.M.	GA (3,4) A	GA(3,4)	MP	JG GA(3,4)	JG GA(4)	JG	MP(1-5) GA(4)
7 P.M. - 11 P.M.	A	GA(4)	MP		JG	GA(4)	GA(4)

MP=Moore Park * JG=Joseph Gibbons * GA=Gordon Alcott * A=Acton