

Promising future for talented M.Z.B. student

A great career in art is in the future for M.Z. Bennett grade eight student John Bartolac, predicts art teacher Marlene Titon.

John was the object of a one-man art show on display in the school's foyer yesterday (Tuesday). More than 100 examples of his best work from grades six to eight were shown to students and parents coming to see the grade eight graduation last evening.

During the graduation exercises, the Student Council presented John with \$25 worth of oil colors for his fine work.

Mrs. Titon was particularly pleased with the presentation as she said an art student has never had anything like this. She said presentations are usually restricted to athletics or for academic achievers.

All proud

The staff of the school is all particularly proud of John. A few have wondered what he will be like when he is 30, since he is so good at 13 years old, Mrs. Titon said.

The last of his work done this year was while studying the techniques of artist skater Toller Cranston. The class studied Cranston's work, and John was very

interested.

Mrs. Titon said that she feels John is a very gifted person. Most artists, she says, are good in one particular area whether it be in sketching, lettering, portrait painting etc. She boasts that her student is very good in all areas of art work. She has worked with John for eight years, and has seen his progress throughout the years. John heads for high school next year, and Mrs. Titon gives up her career as an art teacher for the duties of a

kindergarten teacher. She said that she still wants to help her talented student in any way she can, and will always be behind him.

First sale

Just recently, John sold his first picture for \$10. He was asked by a teacher to draw one of the houses in the nearby subdivision, as she and her husband had just built one very similar.

At the Acton fall fair, he won first prize in the art competition.

Girls model own handmade clothes

Grade seven and eight home economics students at Brookville school and Acton's Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett schools put on a fashion show at Robert Little on Thursday evening.

The pupils modelled clothes they had made throughout the school year. These included jumpsuits, jackets, jumpers, slacks, shorts, skirts, blouses, vests and caps.

Parents and friends came to see the 130 girls walk across the stage decorated by Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett art teachers, Paul Kirby and Marlene Titon.

Assisting

The evening was arranged

by Robert Little teacher Mrs. Marjory White, with the help of Marilyn Ottaway from Acton's Village Boutique. Marilyn helped the girls with their make-up and taught them how to model. Robert Little teacher David Mashinter played the piano as the girls walked across the stage.

Other teachers also proved to be very helpful, according to Mrs. White.

This was the third such show put on jointly by the three schools. The last one was two years ago at Brookville school. Mrs. White said she hopes to repeat the event next year.



BROOKVILLE SCHOOL home economics students Andrea Hyde, Susan Schrader and Leslie Whatmough were part of a fashion show at Robert Little school, Acton, Thursday evening. Grade seven and eight students modelled clothes they had made throughout the school year.



MODELLING BLOUSES they made as part of home economics projects are Robert Little students Cathy Kennedy and Charlene Summerfield. 130 girls from Robert Little, M. Z. Bennett and Brookville schools were part of a fashion show held Thursday evening at Robert Little school.

4-H Calf Club
by Brenda Brown

The third meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club was held on Tuesday, June 15th at Ken Murray's.

Mr. Murray introduced his family and his hired man, Jeff Nurse showed us parts of the Holstein cow and told us how to judge them. Everyone judged a class of mature Holsteins and gave reasons.

David Brown and Marie Murray gave oral reasons before Jeff Nurse gave the official placing. We split up into three groups and toured the buildings. Then we went back into one group and discussed the housing of cows and heifers. David Lasby thanked the Murrays.

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M. Z. BENNETT grade eight student John Bartolac had a one-man art show yesterday at his school. The show displayed more than 100 pictures John had drawn since he was in grade six. Art teacher Marlene Titon has great hopes for John's future as an artist.

Free Press Youth page

Bodnar says Leftist politics better known than democracy

Students seem to know more about left wing political and economic systems than they do about the Canadian political and economic system, Trustee Ernie Bodnar says.

A report was submitted to Halton Board of Education Thursday, by a committee of teachers in response to concerns expressed in February by Bodnar that Halton students weren't learning enough about the free enterprise system and democracy.

Democratic principles and the free enterprise system comprise at least 60 per cent of the content of programs like consumer studies, economics, history, law, people and politics, commercial subjects and marketing and retail merchandising, the report said.

Many courses include a study of socialism and communism and the two systems are compared to Canadian economic and political systems. Business education stresses the value of the free enterprise system, the desirability of competition, risk-taking and competition.

The report stated 53 per cent of all Halton high school students took at least one course emphasizing the free enterprise system and democracy.

Bodnar wanted to know if there was one single course offered in Halton which answers the basic questions of the free enterprise system of how much is produced, who produces, what is produced and how it is distributed. He added he wanted to know what course compares all types of economic systems and how they deal with the basic questions.

The committee of teachers said grade 12 and 13 economics and politics best answer the basic questions of production.

Trustee Fred Armtage said he was pleased to see competition is viewed in courses as a good thing.

Trustee Tom Watson jokingly wondered how teachers explain the egg and milk marketing boards and Trustee Richard Gooding said he

was happy to see this subject had been investigated.

"Youngsters seem to be better schooled in left leaning systems than they are in the ways which have made this country strong.

"With aspects of the free enterprise system and how hard it is to make it work being explained along with other systems, why is there creeping socialism?" Bodnar asked.

A business teacher said he tries to persuade left-leaning

pupils at least to neutrality.

Another said he was biased to the right but noted students are also exposed to teachers whose economic and political thinking is right of centre.

A teacher said he believes no teacher should be teaching political values and not express views saying one party is better than another. At the same time he said Canada is pluralistic society so students should be taught about all political and economic thinking.

Scout and Guide news

The Brownies of the second Acton Pack enjoyed another camping weekend May 28 to 30 at North Halton Park.

This weekend was spent under canvas with an "Animal" theme. Mrs. Heather Homer as Bucky lead the Beavers; Melanie Johnston, Lisa Toth, Jackie Roden and Jenny McDonald; Mrs. Linda Morell as Pinky lead the Panthers; Tracy Dunbar, Kelly Bogart, Jeannette Krystine and Nicole Morell; and Judy Pink as Spot lead the Cheetah's; Kim Weir, Tracey Patterson, Darcy Thornton and Manika Schumeth.

The girls earned their Pack Holiday, Explorer and Jester badges during the two day camp. It was a very exciting time enjoyed by all, with a surprise visit from Madam Commissioner, Mrs. Dian Hwart, to our camp fire Saturday night.

The first Acton Beavers proved that they can do their bit for conservation just as well as a Cub or Scout. The five to seven year olds went to Blue Springs Scout Reserve on Saturday June 12. Their mission was to plant wild flower seeds at the reserve. They were welcomed by district commissioner Gord

Douglas who helped them in their venture. The young gardeners ate lunch there and toured the training facilities at the Scout reserve. It was certainly an enjoyable day.

The Beavers are having a day camp next weekend to finish off their year.

End of season

Cubs, Venturers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers meetings have all ceased for the summer. The Scouts will continue to meet until the 15th of July when they will close for four weeks. They will reopen on Thursday, August 19. Other groups will reopen after this date, the majority beginning after school has resumed in September.

This column will also stop during the summer. Have an excellent holiday but remember that even though your uniform is in the closet, you are all still Scouts and Guides living by a promise.

Reading athletes have Olympics

Summer Olympics for reading athletes are being held here in Halton Hills at considerably less expense than the event in Montreal. In fact, it's free!

The Junior Library staff in Georgetown and Acton are accepting entries from readers up to and including the age of 14, right now.

Qualification is ridiculously easy - just go in and sign up. Earning a medal is another thing however. So is earning a place on the bus that will take the successful athletes to view the Rothman's Grand Prix horse show at the Ex on Aug. 28.

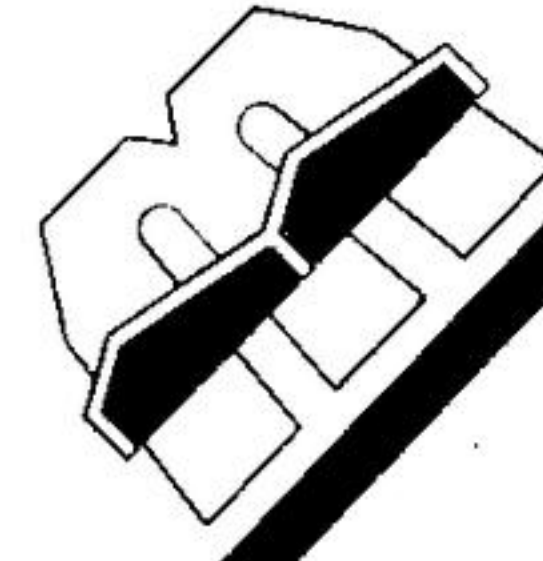
In order to complete this

Olympic event, readers will be required to read and report on at least 12 books during the summer. The books must be chosen from a level suitable to their age and ability and they will have to make a substantial verbal report on what they have read to one of the Junior Library staff members.

For each book completed the registered athlete will progress through one event on the route to the twelfth and final spot. Successful completion of all twelve will earn reading olympians a seat on the bus plus a ribbon and medal symbolic of real reading prowess.

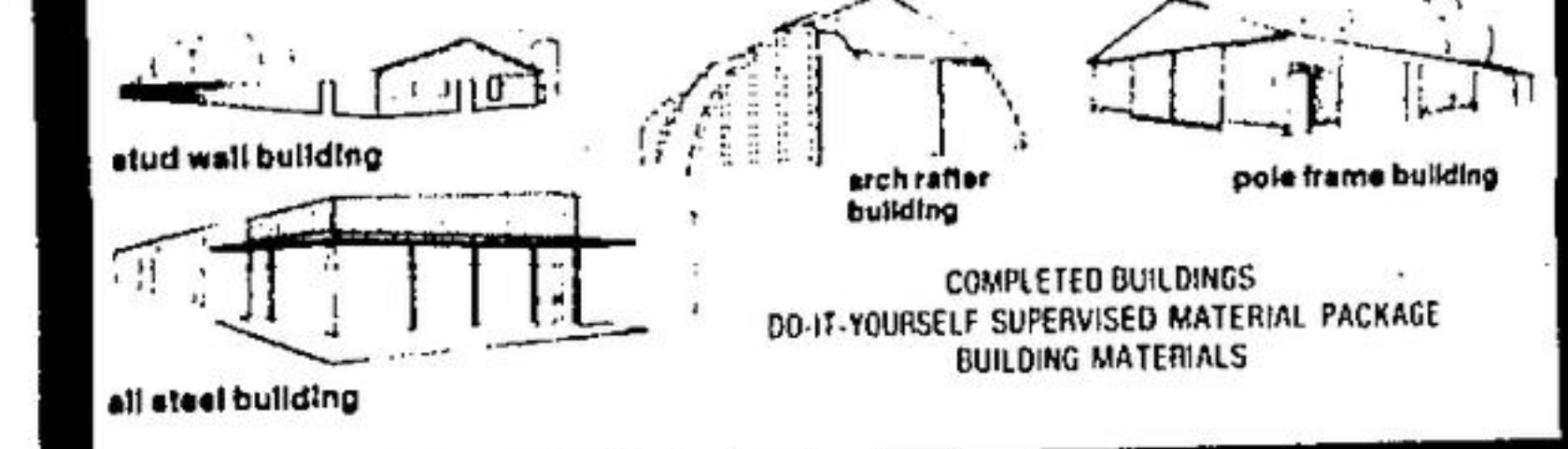
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