

Music workshop for Paul Bray

An Acton youth has been selected to attend the seventh annual Band and Choral Workshop at Fanshawe College, London, from February 2 to 6.

Paul Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bray, Elizabeth Dr., was among 250 entries from across Ontario in the clarinet division.

"Because of the superior calibre of all applicants, I would like to suggest that you treat this membership as an honor and arrive for the first rehearsal with every note painstakingly prepared," says a letter to Paul from Martin Boudry of the College.

Paul, 13, auditioned for the workshop November 1, after filling in an application sent to Acton Citizens' bandmaster George Elliott. The grade

nine student sent in a recording of his music on the B Flat Clarinet, and was selected for the 60-person band. He has since been notified that at the college he will be playing the bass clarinet, which he played at the Ontario Youth Music Camp in the summer.

At six years of age, Paul started playing the guitar. Five years ago he took up the clarinet and can now play most instruments. Paul belongs to the Acton Citizens' Band and has formed his own band with his brother Mark, and friends Jim and Geoff Saxon, called the Dixieland Band.

Paul would like to pursue music as a career and hopes to further his education in the subject once he is finished high school.



PAUL BRAY, 13, has been chosen to attend the seventh annual Band and Choral Workshop at Fanshawe College in London in February. He is a member of the Acton Citizens' Band and has formed his own band called The Dixieland Band.

Robert Little News

By Sharon Bendicks

For the next week, Robert Little students will be preparing for the Christmas Concert to be held next Monday and Tuesday. Songs are being sung, plays practised and a variety of other festivities going on.

Last week, the grade seven and eight students went to Toronto to visit MacKenzie House and Fort York. The grade seven students went on Tuesday, the grade eight students went on Wednesday.

On ice

Children are playing and skating out on the ice at the pond and creek these days.

On duty

Extra police were on duty for the Santa Claus parade.

Recommends closing of Palermo school

Director of Education Em Lavender has recommended that Palermo school be closed this June.

If Halton Board of Education trustees back Lavender's plan, students living north of Highway 5 will be bused to Percy Merry school.

Shifting populations are being blamed for school closings over the past few years

throughout the region. Lavender told the board, Thursday, Palermo has room for 193 pupils but an enrolment of only 97 students. Enrolment is expected to

drop down further to a low of 44 by 1981. There is an average of only 13.9 students in each class and that figure will sink to 6.3 by 1981.

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Acton high notes

by Jennifer Rowe

Things are starting to settle down again at Acton High now that exams have ended. Grade 12 and 13 students breathe a sigh of relief now that this experience is over—at least for this semester!

Last Friday Harold Mahatoo took his grade 12 Urban Geography students to the University of Guelph library, where they were able to use the library facilities to help them in project research.

Also on Friday, teachers Rick Boychuck and Boris Shean took the grade ten data processing students along with the grade 11 and 12 computer science students to Lord Elgin where they used the computer to run their programs.

On Wednesday (today), Clare Henderson took interested English students to Toronto to see the play "Balloon". This was of special interest to his Canadian Literature course since it is a Canadian production.

Sport's Night Today was a short period day due to the Athletic Society's "Sport's Night". Starting at 2:30, they have a list of sports from swimming to hop scotch. These will run through until 11:00 p.m., ending with a dance. All for

only \$1.00. On Friday the Applied Leadership Class is running their first fund-raising activity. From 10 a.m. until about three p.m. they will be having a rummage sale in the auxiliary cafeteria. Come out and support this group for their communications work shop trip. Don't Forget Friday!

Last Thursday the Grade nine Home Economics students had their Christmas Turkey dinner. As if the tantalizing smell of roast turkey and all the trimmings wasn't enough last week, the other grade nine class plans to tempt and torture us with this delicious scent again! On Thursday they will be dining along with five teachers. Too bad you didn't take Home Economics!

On Tuesday the annual Christmas semi-formal will take place. The group this year is "E.L.I." and the price only \$3.00 per person in advance, \$3.50 at door. Be sure to pick up your tickets now! School will close on December 22, with an assembly. This assembly is being organized by the grade 13's and the entertainment provided by the various clubs and classes. Get in the Christmas Spirit—Get Involved!



LYNN AND Matthew Robertson talk over big birds... and balloons... and Santa! They were part of the crowd at the Y Saturday.

M.Z. Bennett news

by Adele Titan

With Christmas so close many activities are underway!

On Friday a Christmas tree was given to each classroom so that they may be decorated by the class. The Kindergartens were enjoying making decorations for their tree as well as filling the school with the pleasant aroma of baking!

Christmas carols are being learned by the choirs in the school and a Christmas Assembly is being considered!

M. Z. Bennet also entered a float in the Acton Christmas Parade. It consisted of a giant Santa Claus and a Christmas Reindeer named Flossy as well as elves which were hard at work making toys and presents ready to go! We would like to take this time to thank Miss McHugh for the organizing, also Mrs. Baker (art teacher) for her help in making decorations and Mrs. O'Rourke and Mr. Price for their help decorating, and to all the students who took part in some way, for without their help and co-operation the float would not have been the success it was! Our float also won first prize in the parade! Decorations are being prepared for the grade eight Christmas Dinner which will be held on December 22.

Now that the volleyball season has left there comes a new season of basketball and already the teams have started practicing and picking team members. The coaches for the teams are Mr. Bradshaw, who will be coaching the senior girls and Mr. Boycott who will be coaching the senior boys. Congratulations students on a fine volleyball season! and good luck with the basketball season!

Hot dog day will be held again on Friday. Hot dogs will be 30 cents, doughnuts 15 cents and milk, both white and chocolate, 20 cents.

Police have revolvers that may blow up

Revolvers will be taken away from a number of Halton police officers since there is a chance they can blow up.

A report filed with Halton Police Commission Thursday stated a number of officers are carrying the Victory Model of the Smith and Wesson Model 10 and the firm, which has a plant in Mississauga, has advised the new ammunition the force is

using "is too strong for these guns. The model was made in the area of 1940 and steel used at that time is not as strong as that made now. There could be a good chance the gun would blow if too much of this ammunition was used."

"Move with all haste to replace any which are suspect and any others which may come to light," commission chairman Glenn Magnuson said.

Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who supported my election as DEPUTY REEVE of Eramosa Township.

Thank you very much and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Henry Holman Jr.



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This Christmas, Winter Wonderland is in Milton Mall. Milton's only enclosed shopping area lets you relax in climate controlled comfort and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Yuletide season. Delight your children with a visit to Santa's sleigh.

Good 'ole Saint Nick will be giving out free candy and chatting with the kiddies. Just a reminder that Santa's personal photographer will be snapping shots of your favourite little elf.

Remember! Milton Mall is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. including Saturday for your shopping convenience.

Enjoy Christmas entertainment by residents of Halton Manor Wed. Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

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