

M.Z. Bennett news

by Adele Tilton

The new principal at our school seems to be a promising one. Mr. Magwood is looking forward to being principal of a kindergarten to grade five level school. It would be a new experience as he had been principals for schools with all public school grades. He hopes that when the senior students are no longer with M.Z. Bennett that many sports and activities will be directed towards the smaller grades, as now most of them are mainly pointed toward the senior end. His first impression of our school was that it was quite large in size. In his first two weeks here, he knows all the staff members and hopes to know many of the students before the end of the year. When dealing with the punishment of children he feels that one should be fair but firm, but he is always ready to talk to either a teacher or a student who has a problem or an idea which may be useful to the school.

Last Monday the speeches were held in the gymnasium.

All the speeches were very well written and contained a lot of thought. The winner of the junior trophy was Lori Epp, and the winner of the intermediate trophy was Steve Saxon. Congratulations to these two fine speakers. All the contestants received a gift certificate from the music store in Acton.

The girls basketball team is doing very well and have managed to defeat Brookville and Robert Little teams and are still going strong. The boys on the other hand are trying hard but have been defeated in their past two games against Brookville and Fairview, both times just four points behind the victorious teams.

The grade two's had a successful bake sale on Thursday just for the kindergarten to grade six classes.

Wednesday is Carnival day at school with such activities planned as an obstacle course, the long ski race, tug of war, toboggan races and many more. Grade 4-8 will participate in the fun!



MURRAY HARRISON, left, gives the scout sign along with newly-invested beaver leaders Joan Phillip, Earl Gillies and Ina Boyle. Leaders were invested Thursday.

Acton High notes

by Jennifer Rowe

With only three weeks left until the first reporting session, students and teachers busily work towards completing the assignments at hand. March 17 is the "special date." Get busy!

Last Friday, students who are participating in the Total Immersion Program this year, came to speak to interested applicants for next year.

This Thursday, the Harlem Diplomats Basketball Team will be performing at Acton High. This team has all the glitter and comedy of the well-known "Harlem Globetrotters." However at Acton High there will be an added comic effect. Our own talented staff basketball players will be taking on the "Diplomats." This event is sponsored by the Athletic Society and the cost is \$1.50 in advance. Get your ticket today and may the better team win. Good luck!

Last week the Student Association had elections for two executive positions that were open. The new Chairperson is Jennifer Rowe and the new vice-chairperson is Lee Robinson.

The drama club has started rehearsals for their production in May. "The Mad

Show" is being organized by Geoff Sanson and "Fiefers People" by Clare Henderson. Dave Sale is co-ordinating the music for the show. This will be the first musical production at Acton High, perhaps a lead-in for bigger and better things at the new school in years to come.

On March 18 two students will be leaving for Europe from Acton High. Tricia Ensign and Beverly Anderson will be spending 15 days in France. This trip is organized by the French Department in Halton County. Sixty students will be attending from various schools in the county.

They will stay in French homes in Saint Brieve for ten days and go to school there for five. After that they will continue on to Paris where they will go sight-seeing for five days and stay in a hotel.

This event is not only a tourist trip but a valuable learning experience for French students. Au revoir!

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Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

We are now in the middle of Scout and Guide Week in Acton. The week is celebrated nation wide in memoriam of Lord Baden-Powell's birthday and that of his wife the Lady Baden-Powell.

The Acton Wolf Cub pack held a sleepover at the Scout hall on Friday night. They met at the hall about 8:30 and enjoyed games and a campfire. They also had a chance to race their "Kubkars" on the track leaders had built. After mug-up, everyone went to bed, if not asleep.

Scout Hall in full uniform at 1:15 Sunday afternoon.

If you have any criticisms or ideas about this year's format and presentation of Scout and Guide Week we warmly welcome you to attend the next Acton Scout Group Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8 at half-past eight in the evening at the Scout Hall. All sections and groups will hopefully be represented.

Head for woods

Early Saturday morning the Cubs were awakened to the delicious smells of breakfast on the stove. After a hearty meal they all loaded their packs and headed for the wilderness. Actually they went out to the Sixth Line, Nassagewega where they cooked lunch. They arrived back in Acton late Saturday afternoon, much the worse for wear. The pack Scouters would like to thank all those wonderful parents who gave up their time to help out.

Brownies camp

Twelve Brownies of the First and Second Acton Packs spent the weekend at Camp Wyoka near Clifford for our first winter camp experience. We all enjoyed the beautiful weather and had a terrific, fun-filled weekend with tobogganing, hikes and crafts. The girls worked on their Pack Holiday, Jesters and Canada badges. Our theme was "Winter" with Pat Vander Eyken as Snowflake, Heather Homer as Crystal and Heidi Coleman as Rudolph. Brownie groups were the Oopkiks, Jenny McDonald, Jackie Roden, Marie Jocque, Lisa Cadenhead, Jack Frosts were Lisa Toth, Tracey Patterson, Sherry Evans and Lisa Mitchell; Bonhommes were Nancy vander Eyken, Suzanne Pendergast, Darci Thornton and Tracey Dunbar.

Meanwhile all the Beavers from both Acton colonies gathered at Blenn-Sam Farms at ten o'clock Saturday morning. The winter carnival began with tobogganing at the farm. The young lads enjoyed a ride on the Scouts' Klondike sled being pulled by a snowmobile. Everyone stopped for a good Scout-type meal for lunch. By three o'clock the boys and their snowball-bruised leaders were going home. It was a most enjoyable winter carnival.

Cookie Day on May 7?

On that same busy Saturday morning some Scouters and Guides got together to tell Acton that this is Scout and Guide Week. Thanks to Pete's Barber Shop, we were able to erect a considerable display. This year's theme is, "Thanks for helping us grow."

The town is willing to proclaim May 7 Brownie and Guide Cookie day, but if they want the proclamation published, the Brownies and Guides will have to pay for it themselves.

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Robert Little news

by Sharon Hendicks

Last week Robert Little was humming along at its normal working rate with extra curricular activities squeezed in.

Music

Last Thursday and Friday, the "Robert Little Singers" performed two African American concerts for an appreciative audience.

Thursday, February 10 Robert Little girls' basketball team journeyed to E.C. Drury. A large gym and the skill of the E.C. Drury de-

feated the hard fighting Vikings 24-5 Wednesday, February 16. M.Z. Bennett was hosted by the girls' basketball team. Robert Little dropped the game 28-25 in a rough penalty-ridden game. Friday February 18 Stewarttown journeyed to Robert Little for a catch-up game. Robert Little dropped the decision 37-13. Michele Jones had to leave the game with a sprained ankle. Connie Youmans left when a hard thrown ball broke her glasses.

Various stitches

by Bev Metheral

The Dublin North 4-H Homemaking Club held their third meeting on Monday Feb. 14 at the home of Mrs. Chalene Smith.

We started the meeting with the 4-H pledge and attendance was taken. The roll call questions were "What is meant by the nap of the fabric?" After that Sherry Kirton read her last meeting for the group. Then Mrs. Hunter read to us about grain and staystitching, gathers, darts, French seams and topstitching seams.

CO-OP Horse Clinic

The Co-Op will hold a horse clinic on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the HORNBY TOWERS GOLF CLUB in Hornby. Hear 'Liz Ashton,' Horsewoman of the Year, speak on horse training and horsemanship. 'Gerald Proverbs' will speak on equine nutrition.

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Thank you The Acton District Guilders, Guides and Brownies would like to take this time to thank the teachers of our Acton schools for their time and help with all the badge work that is done through the school. The Acton Scout Association would also like to extend the same vote of thanks.

Scout and Guide Week was officially opened with Sunday's Baden-Powell Service.

Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides and Venturers gathered at the Acton Scout hall from which they marched up Main Street to the Knox Presbyterian Church. We were welcomed by the Rev. A. McKenzie to his church. The various colours were presented during the following hymn.

Two lessons were then read, one by Guide Thesesa Conroy and Scout Frank McGrath read the other.

An address was given by Frank Patrick. Religion in Life emblems were presented by the ministers to Andrew Ferguson and Sean McVeigh, Heath Norton of the Cubs and Melanie Johnstone of the Brownies.

All the sections then reaffirmed their promises. The Rev. Ron Struthers then said a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

After the national anthem, the Rev. Father Jim Smye gave the benediction.

The groups were dismissed from the church.

The annual district church parade for all sections of the Scouts and Guides will be held this Sunday at two o'clock. Parents may attend. Everyone is to meet at the