

M.Z. Bennett news

by Adele Tilton

It's not whether you win or lose it's how you play the game. That saying applies to many different things. For example last Friday was track and field at our school. There were a lot of events involved but not everyone came in winners, some had to lose but giving an effort and trying just for the fun made it worthwhile. I'm sure that all the grade six, seven, and eight students who participated, enjoyed the day.

This saying also applies to the Halton Music Festival which was held yesterday (Tuesday). Other schools as well as our own were involved and competed for various trophies. Our choirs whether

they win or lose, we know they have put forth great effort to represent our school, to the best of their ability.

School trip
On May 25 to 28 the grade eight students will be going on an educational trip to Ottawa. Half of the money for the trip has been raised by the students on different fund raising activities and the rest will be paid by the students going. It should prove to be quite educational.

The kindergarten to grade three classes are studying a unit on the circus. Many activities and films relating to circus events are being used.

Next Monday will be a holiday due to the celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday.



Help needed for drinking teachers

Halton Board of Education has been asked to support a program to assist Halton teachers who have alcohol, drug or emotional problems.

Halton Hills Councillor and Addiction Research Foundation official, Peter Marks, told trustees Thursday that using the rule-of-thumb yardstick for the community, six per cent of Halton teachers are likely either addicted to alcohol or drugs or drink to the point where it affects their work. Since teachers work in a stress situation probably more than six per cent have a problem, he added.

Marks said the proposed program is similar to many others in business and industry and noted it was in the board's interest that such problems be solved.

Superintendent of Special Services John Graham said principals and other teacher supervisors would need some in-service training so they could spot symptoms and

refer teachers with alcohol, drug or emotional problems to the Addiction Research Foundation and other agencies for help.

Trustee Bert Hinton said the board shouldn't get involved if it was going to cost "even one nickel". He suggested it is up to the teacher federations to help members with these kinds of problems.

Marks said it wouldn't cost the board a cent to participate in the employee assistance plan.

Trustee Bill Herd said even if it did the problems cost the board more money than the program ever would.

Treat

Ducks and geese from the lake have been enjoying fresh spring salads in gardens all over town.

Robert Little news

by Sharon Bendicks

Last week at Robert Little was quiet except final Hot-Dog Day.

The final Hot Dog Day was a success. Thanks are extended to all members of staff, students and customers which made this project possible.

Coming events
The North Halton Track and Field meet is to be held May 31

at E.C. Drury School, Milton.

The North Halton Relays are scheduled for June 1, at E.C. Drury school, Milton. Robert Little's Inter-House Spring Track and Field Day will be held on May 25. The Junior Track and Field Day will be held May 26. Good Luck to all participants.

FASTERS AT Acton high school were allowed only ice water last Wednesday in an attempt to raise money for OXFAM. Students were asked to go without lunch and donate the money they would have spent. A dance was held at night. Chris Conroy took time out from the dance to sip some water as he helped raise \$330 for the worthy cause.

Scout and Guide news

Scouter George Henderson reported on the "explorers hike" for the district.

Friday night 67 boys and 24 leaders met at Georgetown and camped the night on the outskirts of town. Saturday the hike took them on a trail south of Acton, the old radial rail line. About 4:30 p.m. Saturday the boys reported a fire blocking the trail and the fire dept. was called. Saturday night the "Ponderosa" owned by Mansell Nellis was used to camp. Sunday morning the boys had their "Scouts Own" (church service) and projects till 11 a.m., then hiked 2 1/2 hours finishing at the Railway Museum at 3 p.m. It was reported that the ability of the boys has greatly improved in the last few years.

Win trophy
Winners of the explorers hike trophy were: first place—Fifth Georgetown—Andrew Frazer and Bobby Martin; second place—First Georgetown—David Latimer and Andy Timleck; third place—Fifth Georgetown—Mike Dehueck and Charles Cutrara.

The Excelsior Award for highest troupe average went to (1) First Georgetown, (2) Fifth Georgetown, (3) First Acton.

Highest Acton points went to: (1) Frank Goulding and Jock Garton who placed ninth; (2) Tony Saxon and Yves Sevard who placed 14th; (3) Calvin Robinson and Michael Henry who placed 15th; (4) David Fuller and Mark Dawkins who placed 22nd.

Weekend camp
First Acton Cubs had a weekend camp with 28 boys, five cub leaders, assisted by four Beaver leaders and two parents who helped cook. The boys hiked to the "Ponderosa" next to Blue Springs Scout Reserve Saturday morning.

Upon arrival they were divided into five tribes named after Indians with a chief in charge of each tent. The requirements for the woodsman's badge were covered during the weekend. Five sessions covered building a lean-to shelter, survival, fire lighting, compass and skits for the campfire to which parents were invited Saturday night. District Commissioner Murray Harrison visited for the campfire and mug-up.

It was late to sleep and early to rise for the boys. Sunday morning found basins of water frozen solid and frost on the ground. Shortly after breakfast several parents arrived to take the boys back to the scout hall where lunch was served and the boys rested until pick-up time at 4 p.m. Cubs and leaders are very grateful to Mrs. Linda Nellis and an unknown C.B. man who helped with our one problem of the weekend.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were given kits for "Willing Work Week". The boys will do small jobs for friends and neighbors in return for a financial contribution to help scouting in Acton. Please assist them when they call by finding a job. Thank you.

By Patricia Henry
On Monday, at the beginning of the Second Acton Guide Company meeting, we had a short "Fly Up" for one

of the Brownies who missed the "Fly Up" as she was on holiday in England.

We also had a badge presentation.

The people who earned the Home Nurse badge are Cindy Pettibone, Gerry Dunciff, Monica Mussel, Lesley Kenney, Patricia Henry, Carol Chappel, Linda Dunciff, Nadine Ewart, Donna Evans, Beverly Le Clair, and Sandra Le Clair.

Fire Prevention Officer Larry Brassard helped 11 girls pass their Fire Safety; Dawn Cook, Gerry Dunciff, Monica Mussel, Sandra Ferth, Lesley Kenney, Jaye Gerth, Carol Chappel, Linda Dunciff, Lisa Mason, Donna Evans and Beverly Le Clair.

Citizen badge
Councillor Les Duby very kindly gave up a night to pass girls for their Citizen Badge. We would like to thank Mr. Duby very much for taking

his time to help us.

People earning their Citizen Badge are: Cindy Pettibone, Monica Mussel, Theresa Conroy, Lesley Kenney, Jaye Gerth, Patricia Henry, Linda Dunciff and Nadine Ewart.

Other badges: Collection and Pet Keeper were earned by Monica Mussel and the Aquarist badge was earned by Lisa Mason.

Friendship pin
The following Patrol Leaders received a Friendship Pin from the company to show their appreciation. P.L. Cindy Pettibone, P.L. Nadine Ewart, P.L. Patricia Henry.

Theresa Conroy was Patrol Leader for half of the year (and received a pin last year) so we gave her three post cards.

Ruth Alexander was a Patrol Leader last year (and this year) so we gave her a comb and finger nail file.

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