

M.Z.B. news

by Adele Tilton
Well, the last week of school has arrived. Report cards are being written and will be given out on the last day of school. This ends a very wonderful year for all the students throughout the school in its last year as a K-8 school.

The finishing touches are now being added to the decorations for the graduation on Thursday. Based on the theme of a "Rose Garden" the students have been making hundreds of red, pink and yellow roses to decorate bushes and trellises. The decorating committee has been working long and hard to get things ready for our important night.

The grade 1, 2 and 3 classes went to Rockwood for 3 consecutive days. The trip proved to be enjoyable and educational. Grade 7 and 8 students accompanied as group leaders.

Kindergartens enjoyed a morning at the Mountsberg Conservation Farm. Mothers and two grade eight students accompanied on the trip.

The Junior playday was held last Friday which provided a lot of fun. The Primary grades will have their playday this coming Wednesday and it should provide enjoyment as well. Kindergartens are having their playday on Friday morning.



COOKING WAS left up to the students themselves as 61 M.Z. Bennett grade 7 students went on a camping-historical tour trip of the Georgian Bay historical area. The girls preferred to use stoves. Left to right, Anita Civiero, Bobbie Collerton, Lori Drysdale, Linda Paton and Patti Dawson.

Free Press Youth page

Former principal visited

It was a morning of reminiscing for Miss Minnie Zimmerman Bennett as four grade 8 students from the school which is named in her honor visited her on June 14. Elizabeth Lynch, Julie Mellor, Andy Ellerby and

Dave Rennie along with M. Z. Bennett, school principal Doug Magwood, teacher Gail McHugh, and former principal Gary Dawkins travelled to Central Park Lodge, Kitchener for the event.

With camera and tape recorder in hand, the seven had a pleasant chat with the elderly former principal of Acton public school. They met her in her room, so she would be more comfortable for the visit. The group presented Miss Bennett with flowers and cookies baked by Mr. Magwood's wife.

The former principal told the visitors she was sorry she would not be able to attend the final grade 8 graduation of the school named after her. She made a short speech into the tape recorder, which was planned to be played Thursday (tomorrow), at graduation, but unfortunately the tape malfunctioned and cannot be used. However, there will be pictures on hand.

Remembers students Miss Bennett spoke of youngsters she taught years ago, who are now grandparents of some of the children in the schools today. She asked Miss McHugh how her parents were, and shared a private joke with former student Gary Dawkins, who will be principal of the new middle school, McKenzie-Smith.

Mr. Magwood was having his first meeting with Miss Bennett. He found her to be a fascinating person and in good spirits throughout the visit. He was very impressed with the lodge in which she lives also, and thought the nurses took especially good care of everyone there.

The students will share their visit with other grade 8's during tomorrow's graduation ceremony.

Robert Little news

Student outlines history of Robt. Little school

by Sharon Bendicks
Since today is the last time the Robert Little News will be printed this year, Robert Little's past has been dug up. In 1869 the original Robert Little Public School was built. It was a three room, stone complex, considered the most modern school in North Halton at that time.

Prior to 1951, Field Days were held in Acton, Georgetown and Milton with different schools participating. Some principals of the different schools were Edgar Foster (Milton), Howard Wrigglesworth (Georgetown) and G. W. McKenzie (Acton).

In 1951 the first new addition opened. Eight hundred to 1000 parents and children attended the opening program. Premier Leslie Frost was guest speaker at the opening. The new addition included the only large auditorium in North Halton in which North Halton Music Festivals were held for a lengthy period of time. Dr. Frank Oakes was school board chairman at this time.

Before the new addition was built, graduation banquets were held in the YMCA and Anglican Hall. Also before the new addition many operettas were presented. These operettas were acted out by the students in the town hall. Some of the operettas presented were, The Pied Piper, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Tom Sawyer.

In 1956 there was a fire at noon when six rooms of the old part of the school and \$2,000 worth of operetta costumes were destroyed. Two teachers, Mrs. Switzer and Doug Davidson were supervising lunch students when the school was hit by lightning. The school was closed the next day and classes were held (after the weekend) in school basements, legion, scout hall, and YMCA.

In 1972-73 Robert Little's basketball team made the Halton finals. The coach that

year was J. Kavanagh.

An important aspect is the interesting and mature students who graduated from Robert Little and have been very successful in their chosen vocations. Some of the students are the Rev. L. Doby (Anglican minister), the Rev. M. Bennett (R.C. priest), Gary Dawkins, R. Parker (T.V. host), Mrs. K. Sanford, Mrs. E. Gibson, Mrs. B. Holmes, Mrs. S. Sheehan (Robert Little Teachers); A. Braida (lawyer), Dr. G. Elliott (university professor), Mrs. C. Gordon Burlington high school teacher; Mrs. B. Ashley (Robert Little secretary) D. Lindsay (store manager), T. Rachlin, Fred Euringer (Actor and writer in B.C.) and Dave Dills.

The staff at Robert Little will always try new ideas without sacrificing basic fundamentals. Some teachers who were with Robert Little's staff for a lengthy period of time are: Mrs. J. Gamble, Mrs. K. Alger, Miss I. Anderson, Miss Forster, K. Black, D. Copeland and Mrs. V. Smith.

The Ottawa trip tradition started in 1970. The last Robert Little Ottawa trip was extended to last for four days. Before the Ottawa trips grade 8 classes spent one day in Toronto, visiting the Parliament buildings, Casa Loma and museums.

In 1977 Robert Little's senior choir won first place in the North Halton Music Festival, 1976-77 was the first school year in which grade 8 students held a Hot-Dog Day almost every week. Over 10,000 hot dogs and 9,000 donuts were sold.

The final Robert Little graduation banquet is scheduled for Thursday, and is being held in the Legion. Our guest speaker is Mr. Marks, and valedictorian is

Miss Debbie Thornhill. Congratulations and good luck to all graduates.

In September the graduating students will move to the new Acton high school, the grade 6 - 8's will attend the McKenzie-Smith Middle School and the kindergarten-grade 5 students will attend the one and only Robert Little school!

My special thanks are extended to the Acton Free Press, to Mr. G. W. McKenzie for his help and information (without which this article would not have been written.) I also thank the many teachers of the Robert Little staff, especially Mrs. K. Sanford, without whose help and patience this article and the many others would not have been written. And now, when I look back, I will always remember this year, my last year at Robert Little.

Thank you!

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Acton High notes

Once again lockers are cleaned and books are packed away, however this year is different from any other. The same teachers and familiar faces will still be around next year, but after many years Acton High School is moving.

Teachers are busy preparing for the move to the New Acton High on Churchill Rd. North. The present building, where many students have spent four or five years completing their high school education, is where many friendships and long-lasting memories have been made. Special thanks should go to all those staff and students who have taken an active and enthusiastic part in the

"going ons" at Acton High. We are extremely lucky to have such a superior staff who take part in the creation of "school spirit". Thank you all very much!

I would also like to thank the Acton Free Press for giving me the opportunity to write the Acton High School column. From this experience I have decided to take journalism in college, and one day hope to write in this media.

To those who will be graduating and not returning to the new Acton High, Good Luck in the world! Have a safe and happy summer! See you in September!

Scout and Guide news

To end off the Beaver year, fathers and sons donned space suits on Saturday morning and blasted off for planet Ponderosa. The Pioneers in space camp had begun.

The space Beavers and their galactic dads spent Saturday and Sunday on the planet. They went on a space hike and played many inter-planetary games. After practicing flying (kites) they all built moon bases. When they were hungry they ate some space food. The 18 space Beavers and their six leaders would like to thank the four Scouts who helped and the two ladies who helped organize namely Betty Gough and Andrea Sharples.

That ends the Beaver program until September.

The Acton Scout Association is sad to announce that Beaver leaders Evelyn Cadenhead and Carole Saxon have swum upstream and will not be available next year. Many thanks for their help in the past.

All lads attending the Canadian Jamboree must attend an important planning meeting on Monday June 27 at 12:30 p.m. Final preparations are underway.

A very hearty welcome goes out to former Cubs Darren Edmundson, Donald McDonald, Gord Goulding and Brian Steckley. They were all invested as members of the first Acton Scout troop last Thursday.

All sections both the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are now finished for the season except for the Scout Troop. Scouts will continue to meet until July 14.

A very happy summer to everyone and we hope to see you in the fall. Look for news of reopening in the Free Press. Most groups will not restart until after school has done so also, Scouts however will reopen on August 18.



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• Torben Wirtup for 'News and Comments' 8 AM
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• Joe Irvine for 'Winter Road Reports'
• Peter Head for 'Recreation Reports' 7:45, 8:45 AM Fridays

• Pat Barry for 'Air Freight Reports'
• Henry Shannon, the 'Sky King', and his Twin Comanche for 'Traffic Reports' throughout the morning
• Charles Doering for 'News and Comments' at 7 and 10 AM
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More than two-thirds of the 30 entries placed in the hunt, which was organised by the Grand Gorge G.R.S. CBers from Hillsburgh, Fergus, Erin, Orangeville and Guelph took part.