

Evan Macdonald new auto teacher

This week's featured teacher is Evan Macdonald, the auto mechanics teacher at Acton High School. He is originally from Toronto and now lives in Hillsburgh.

Mr. Macdonald worked for nine years with a G.M. dealership in Toronto, a year in Muskoka with G.M. and then went to O.C.E. in Tor-

onto to study before teaching at Georgetown High School. Mr. Macdonald is very impressed with the facilities at the new high school and feels they will be a great asset to students in Acton.

He is interested in hunting and fishing and spends much of his spare time at his cottage in Muskoka.



EVAN MACDONALD is the new auto mechanics teacher at the high school. He lives in Hillsburgh.

At high school

Four trips planned by new travel club

"Travel is an experience which broadens your awareness and helps you to become more tolerant of cultures which differ from your own."

These words help to express the feelings of Miss Aileen Spencer, teacher advisor for the newly-formed travel club at Acton High School. Miss Spencer would like to form a club which can offer students the chance to travel at affordable prices.

The club has 38 members at the present time and is planning four trips this school year. The first trip is to Quebec for one weekend in February. The trip will allow students to visit the annual

Winter Carnival and to do some sightseeing in Quebec City.

Two trips will be available in March. The trip to France, on which two students went last year, involves living with a French family, attending school, and sightseeing in Paris.

The other trip is to Greece for 11 days. The tour is organized by Canada-Greece Educational and Cultural Tours Limited and will include a five day stay in Athens as well as other famous and beautiful Greek cities.

The fourth trip is a bilingual exchange between Ontario and Quebec. It in-

volves one month, two weeks in Quebec and two in Ontario. The student lives with a family and takes part in everyday activities as well as organized fun days. This program is designed so that students might develop a better understanding of the French and English speaking people of Canada.

The club has started their fund-raising campaign by selling garbage bags and offering to do odd jobs for people in the community. They also plan to sell baked goods at the monthly high school dances.

With a dedicated teacher adviser like Miss Spencer and interested students, this club will be "going places".

McKenzie-Smith news

by: Chris Baglinski
Carole Lovell

Today is the annual opening of McKenzie-Smith middle school. It's a special night for the school because of the generous people such as Mr. Bert Hinton, Mr. Julian Reed and Mayor Tom Hill. Presentations will be made by Mr. Pat McKenzie, and Mrs. Beer, formerly Mrs. Smith. There will be remarks from Mr. E.S. Lavender and Mr. Dawkins. The master of ceremonies will be Mr. Tom Watson. The Acton Y's men will also be making a presentation.

Tuesday. In Girls' Inter-House European handball, the red team defeated the brown team, and blue defeated green team. Mrs. Boycott has been working hard with the girls' volleyball team. She had a hard decision on Friday to pick 12 girls for the team. The girls are Yvonne Kociak, Nancy Allan, Shirley Van Ryke, Mardi Phillips, Michelle Noble, Sue Kinal, Michelle Scott, Teresa Dunn, Marlene Jordan, Marina Warhurst, Lori Drysdale and Kelly White.

An outstanding field hockey play was seen by Lori Drysdale, Kelly White, Michelle Noble, Sue Kinal, and Anita Civiore. Although it was a tie game McKenzie-Smith dominated play. There was a game against Stewarttown on

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Guide and Brownies

Have you ever tried to draw your feet with the wrong hand? That was one of the challenges the First Acton Guides had last week. After a few games and challenges a company-in-council was held. Karen Steckley showed some pictures and mementos from Doe Lake, and told the

Guides about the camp. The meeting ended with some skits based on the Guide Laws and a very short campfire. This week (Wed.) the girls will be choosing their patrols and temporary patrol leaders will be appointed. Elections for permanent P.L.s will be held later this month.

M.Z. Bennett news

by Victoria Rodriguez

It was a busy week at M.Z. Bennett, and here are our highlights.

We are proud to say that M.Z. Bennett won 108 prizes in the Acton Fall Fair. The prizes were delivered last week.

The Pro Musica String Quartet from Hamilton Musicians Guild played for half an hour, to grades one, two, three and the special primary class. The instruments they played in the concert were violins, viola, and the cello. The concert was entertaining.

The two grade four classes visited Mountsberg on Thursday. They hiked in the morning and had a film in the afternoon which led to meeting an owl named Oscar. They had an enjoyable outing though at first they were

afraid it would rain, but Mother Nature was on their side and it didn't. They also had "oodles" of fun, besides learning a great deal, by playing games and going on a wagon ride.

Our principal attended the annual Principals Conference, at Deerhurst Lodge in Huntsville.

Mr. Murphy is taking care of cross-country running at lunchtime and after school. They run one mile and a third. They are training for the cross-country competitions at the Halton region meet. In house league the Canadians severely beat the Expos in soccer 5-0 Better luck next time Expos!

The news just keeps piling up at M.Z. Bennett so there will be a lot more new happenings to read about next week.

St. Joseph's

by: Tatjana Jansen
and Susan McDonald

On September 7, St. Joseph's school made history as the first Catholic school in Acton. There are 115 students from kindergarten to grade eight. We have five teachers, Mrs. Maronese, Mrs. Munkacsi, Mrs. Graham, Mr. McGeragle, Mr. Lipp, and Mr. Briggs (also our prin-

cipal). Our secretary is Mrs. Lenizky.

Sports teams have already been formed and practices are after school. Mrs. Scott from Robert Little school supervises cross country and track and field teams. Mr. McGeragle supervises our volleyball team and also the soccer league with the help of Mr. Briggs.

On October 7 children will be participating in the first school mass at St. Joseph's Church. Father Smye will be conducting the mass at 9:30 a.m.

Between 42 and 48 students take the bus to school. Robert Little school shares their library and gym with us as well as the yard during the school breaks.

We will be having a meeting shortly to see which students would like to volunteer as safety or blue patrolers.

All of our school supplies are in by this time and students are prepared for another year of school.

Exit plan for fires

By Larry Brassard
Safety Officer

You toss and turn in bed and suddenly, if you're lucky, you wake up. You smell smoke. Quick, what do you do? Your first thought - get the kids out! But what if you can't make it to their room because of the thick choking smoke? Do you get yourself out and hope and pray that the kids get out? or are you and your family prepared for just such a situation.

Advanced planning is the key to the prevention of just such a tragedy. Chances are most people, including you, wouldn't know what to do if a fire were to strike your home.

Children, however, are all too often the victims of fires and for this reason the Halton Hills Fire Department is offering operation EDITH at the town's two public libraries. The name Edith is short for Exit Drills In The Home. The program will be held in the Georgetown Library at 10 a.m. on Oct. 8/77 and later that day at 1:30 p.m. in the Acton Library. The children will be shown the importance of the exit drills and be encouraged to draw their own escape plan.

The children will be asked to return the following Saturday (Oct. 15) with their completed plans and upon completion will be awarded Junior Firefighter Cards and a Fire Prevention Crest. The important thing here, however, is learning. If our children know what to do, then we can assure ourselves of their protection against fire and its inevitable tragedy.

Teacher's \$\$ stolen

A woman's wallet containing \$27 cash plus credit cards was stolen from the staff room in McKenzie-Smith School last week.

The woman, a teacher, had left the wallet in the room.



PAT MARCHMENT won third prize in the color category of the Free Press photo contest for the fall fair. A reflection of the flash on the mirrored background makes the child appear to be surrounded by a halo.

Library offered for group

Does your community group require audio-visual equipment, or space for meetings and displays? Halton Hills public libraries may have answers to these and other problems of community service organizations, artists, craftspeople, collectors, etc. Regardless of where you live in Halton Hills, the facilities of both libraries are available free of charge.

Acton Library offers: outdoor park area, a glass display case 12' x 2', that can be locked, tables for displays, the Isabel Watson Room 20'x40', with board room table, chairs, and kitchen facilities, and room capacity of 60 people.

Georgetown library has available lawn area, bulletin board, 8' x 2 1/2' in adult library, and large display

table. The adult library has limited space for a display area, about 10' x 20', seating capacity, 25 people. There are basic kitchen facilities.

Audio visual equipment, 8mm, 16mm, film projectors and screens are available at both libraries, to be booked at least two weeks in advance, preferably when other facilities are being booked. There is no charge for equipment used in the library. Both libraries can assist you in renting films chosen from our film catalogue, plus additional equipment such as speaker systems, filmstrip projectors, recorders, overhead projectors, video cassette player, recorder, group show screens, etc.

Both libraries can relate book displays to group themes, and assist in ad-

vertising work via posters, mail announcements, visual displays, hand-outs and coming events notices in all Halton Hills' weekly newspapers.

Artists, artisans, collectors, etc. may use facilities at both libraries for sales, exhibits and demonstrations of their work. Sale of displayed articles is permissible, but all sales must be made directly between principals. The Library will not charge sales commissions or engage in monetary transactions.

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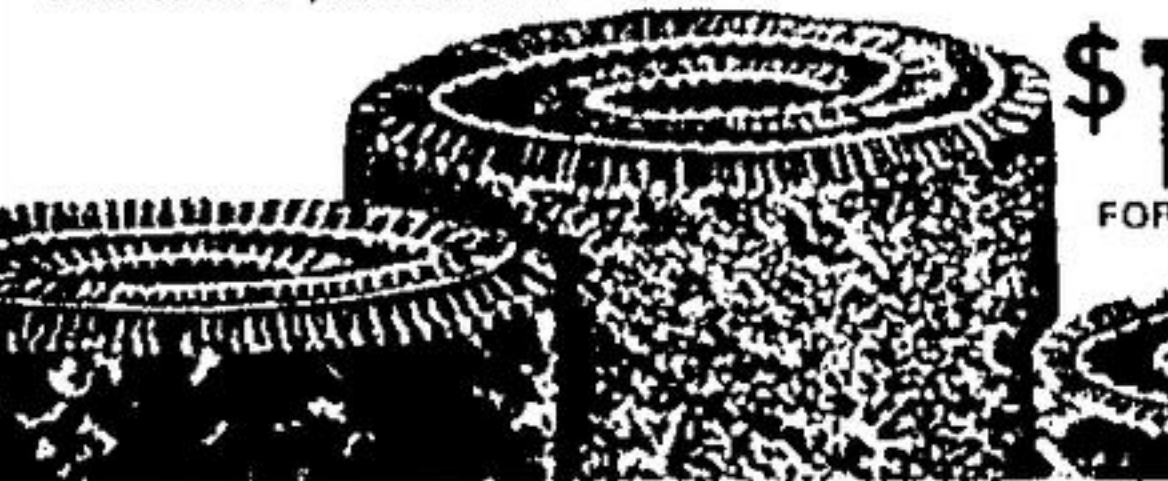


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