

Acton High notes

by Janet Rowe
 Along with a new semester, came a new teacher to Acton High. Miss Marlene Lefebvre has taken the place of Miss Alleen Spencer in the French department. Miss Lefebvre is teaching grades 9, 11 and 12. Before coming to Acton Miss Lefebvre was a supply teacher in Hamilton. She has also taught in British Columbia.
 Last Wednesday Erin high school came to Acton to play an exhibition basketball game against Acton high. Acton won by 3 points. The top scorer for the game was

Bob McClure.
 Also last Friday in boys' basketball Acton met Milton. The midgets struggled all through the game and came out victorious in the end. The score was 40-34. Top scorers were Glenn Van Ryck with 16 points, Chris Lysholm, Ron Jackson and Ken Anderson with 6 points each. Top defensive player was Glenn Van Ryck.

Juniors also played a tough game coming with 6 points of winning at one time. They lost a tough game to Milton 62-52. Top scorers were Marin Osso with 24 points, and Ted Nadhazl with 14 points. Top defensive player was Ted Nadhazl.
 The movie The Song Remains the Same that was shown last Friday was very well attended.



Robert Little news

by Krissy Dawkins
 Andrea Fagan
 and Scott Nowlan

On February 3, the grades three, four and five classes went skating at the Acton arena. They had lots of fun. Next Friday, February 10 is another holiday for our school.

The kindergarten classes visited the Acton Post Office this week, to learn about our helper the postman. Mr. Forest, the postman, came to talk about his uniform and mailbox.

Our climbing apparatus is up in the gym. Also gymnastics for the grade four and five girls is finished for the

year.
 Mr. Allen, our principal, is in the hospital for tests. We are all praying that he will be back with us soon.

Floor Hockey standings are as follows, Boys—Rockies 6, Bruins 4, North Stars 3, Penguins 3, Canadians 2 and Kings 2.

Girls—Leafs 7, Islanders 5, Flyers 3, Rangers 2.

Grade five teachers are now starting to pick students to represent their own classroom in the speech contest. The winners will be picked by all the grade fives. Mr. Allen and Mr. Ciglen will pick one to represent our school in the finals at Milton on February 21.

Quebec trip leaves tonight

Eight students from Acton high school are leaving tonight for Quebec City. The students are leaving from the high school by bus at 8:30 and heading for Padiac and Queen Elizabeth Park high school to pick up students from other schools.

The group will be arriving in Quebec early Thursday morning and then setting out on tours of the city.

They will arrive home on Sunday.

Brookville News

In boys' intramural basketball the three leading scorers are Rich Heinrich of the Bulls with 36 points, Mike McDonough of the Nuggets with 16 points, Jeff Wood of the Blazers tied with Rick Greenly of the Bucks, each with 12 points. The two leading teams in the league are the Blazers and the Bulls.

The cheerleaders are having a Rice Crispie Square Sale on Thursday, Feb. 9, to raise money for new uniforms and pom poms. The cheerleaders will be attending a competition in March.

In girls' intramural basketball the five leading scorers

are Linda Osso of the Knicks with 18 points, Brenda Buchanan of the Celtics with 12 points, Lynda Whiffin of the Nets with 10 points, Nancy Thompson of the Lakers with 10 points and Cheryl Greenly of the Celtics with 10 points. The two leading teams are Knicks with 28 and the Nets with 20.

Members of the gymnastics team are: Elaine Ball, Jackie Bahr, Audrey Steenhof, Sandy Smith, Janet Diamond, Cheryl Greenly, Dana Tiltan, Debbie Currie, Irene Windmoller, Glenna Ryckman, Sandie Bahr, Diane McMillan and Su Auty.

McKenzie-Smith news

by Carole Lovell
 and Chris Baginski

On Thursday, our boys' basketball team defeated Martin Street school 28-10. The star player was Bob Little with 12 points.

Last week, the grade eights were selling tickets for a draw. The winner of this draw was Mrs. McGinn who receives a beautiful lovable doll, that Mrs. Garton donated for raising money. This money will go for graduation banquet expenses. The grade eights would like to thank Mrs. Garton for her time and talent. She has just completed another doll, so we will have a draw for this one later in the year.

Last week in girls' basketball, the McKenzie-Smith Phantoms played a game against Martin Street. Our team lost 42-23, but we were missing two regular players. Mr. Roche and Mr. O'Driscoll used the game as an opportunity to play all the players. Both coaches were

pleased with the work of the new girls, especially Theresa Dunn. Lori Drysdale scored 10 points and had a good night offensively. The team will be trying to sharpen up their shooting for the next game since this is an area of weakness.

On Monday, the school began a seed selling campaign. The seeds are from McKenzie Steele Briggs and are guaranteed by this company. Out of the money earned, the school will receive 40 percent to go towards different field trips and graduation.

To keep the students interested, there are many prizes for the sales. Students may win buttons, mugs, stuffed animals, posters and hats. The top seller will win a digital watch and the runner-up wins a calculator. We believe that our customers will be very happy with the seed kits available and we hope to sponsor our field trips with the sales.

Paper drive organized for Christian school

Picking up paper for recycling is not only helpful for the environment and the home owners' basements but also very profitable for groups requiring funds. The Georgetown and District Christian school has started a paper drive in both Acton and Georgetown with the emphasis on dropping paper off at boxes with pick-ups for large loads.

A committee with two representatives for Acton, Syd Adema and Alex Koeslag, organized and carried out the first paper

drive for the school. They collected about five tons of paper last Saturday through collections and drop-offs at Halton Hills Furniture in Acton. The group was pleased with the response but are hoping for even more next month. The next drive will be held on March 4. The paper drive in Georgetown will be held on the second Saturday of March. The drop-off centre in Georgetown is the self-serve Sunoco Station.

The funds raised from the drive will go toward supplies and equipment for the school.

Halton 4-H Club News

By Ruth Gillies

The first monthly meeting for the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Agricultural Office, Milton. Ten members attended. We first were told what the sheep club was about. After this we elected the President, Joe Weeden; Vice-President, Holly Hurren; Secretary-Treasurer, Ellen Hurren and Press Reporter, Ruth Gillies.

A movie was shown through which we learned many interesting facts about sheep.

By Peter Barnes
 On Thursday, Feb. 2, the first meeting of the Halton 4-H Maple Syrup Club was held

at the Agricultural Office. Mark Leahy opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge and then went on to explain parliamentary procedure. After this the meeting was turned over to club leader Lyle Stokes for the election of officers.

Richard Stanley was elected as President, Andy Baschowski was elected Vice-President, Ross McClure was elected Secretary and Peter Barnes was elected Press Reporter.

After the election, a slide show was presented on the history and modern methods of making maple syrup.

Board saves \$1,500,000

Common sense and a determined effort on the part of an energy management committee established by Halton Board of Education are credited with a saving of over \$1,500,000 in the last two years, according to Art Burrell, supervisor of operations at North Halton Education Centre.

In North Halton, which includes Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Brookville and Glen Williams, 1,525 fluorescent tubes and 18 incandescent lights were cut from area schools, stated Mr. Burrell. "It must be emphasized however, that none of this was to the detriment of the students. Each school is an individual, and was treated accordingly."

With the above lighting cut a total of 89,593 watts were saved. Thermostats were kept at 68 degrees fahrenheit and turned down after school closed.

Heat convectors, fans and grills were all cleaned to remove circulation obstruc-

tions, thereby reducing the efficiency of the electrical system, he added. At 4:30 more than 200 motor fans were shut down in area schools to cut back on energy.

Mr. Burrell views the actions of the committee as common sense. "We are very energy conscious and cost conscious," said Mr. Burrell, adding the committee had "decided to show schools what good could be done and is being done."

"In the next few years, we have to consider what is going to be more valuable, oil or money? Oil is going to be extremely valuable and I think we have to plan for it now."

Mr. Burrell stated the program has received plenty of support from parents and students alike, who are working to reduce the costs. Further to the program, heat and hydro readings are taken each month by the schools to compare with previous month's figures.

"This then provides the school with an idea of exactly what has been accomplished in terms of savings," said Mr. Burrell. A weekly principals' bulletin goes out to all area schools, including a summary of any new achievements relating to energy by the committee.

\$600,000 centre for Milton

A \$600,000 Optimist Club Youth and Sports centre will be built in Milton by July.

Construction is slated to start in April. More than \$57,000 has been gathered so the Optimists qualify for a \$215,000 Wintario grant. The balance of some \$100,000 is expected to be raised in a few months.

The centre will have squash courts, saunas; an exercise room, coffee house and a hall large enough to hold 400 people.

Easter Monday holiday for schools held Friday

Friday, February 10 will be a public school holiday in Halton this year. With the mid-winter break in March and the Easter holidays running together this year the days of mid-winter break have been cut by one.

During the March break students must get five days off. This year the holiday is only four days, followed by Good Friday and the fifth day will be Easter Monday, March 27.

Easter Monday is a floating holiday and the date is decided by the individual school boards. This year the fifth day of the holidays falls

on Easter Monday and so Easter Monday has been set by the school board for February 10.

St. Joseph's school students will attend classes on Friday. Their mid-winter break will begin on Friday, March 17 and run until Thursday, March 23 followed by the Easter holidays. Their extra day will be added to the mid-winter break at the beginning of the scheduled holiday.

Schools closed in Acton this Friday include M. Z. Bennett, Robert Little, McKenzie-Smith Middle School and Acton High School.

M.Z. Bennett news

by Victoria Rodriguez
 and Lisa Gillies

Last year, two M. Z. Bennett pupils, Adele Rodriguez and Steve Saxon, did a sensational job in Public Speaking. This year, our Grade 5's are taking part. We have many participants so far. They will be judged in the classroom first. The winners will speak in our school contest on February 13. The winners will advance to the North Halton contest in Milton on February 21.

The Grade 4's are having a great deal of fun skiing and snowshoeing during their Physical Education classes lately. Parent volunteers have been very helpful assisting in this program.

Mr. Magwood has been surveying our school area concerning next year's

Kindergarten registration. So far, 50 children have been indicated. Any parents in the M. Z. Bennett School area who have not yet contacted the school about this matter are asked to do so as soon as possible if it applies to them.

Floor hockey is becoming a main event here at M. Z. Bennett school. The season seemed to pass very quickly. On Wednesday, February 1, the boys had their championship game, and the Canadians won a close victory over the Expos.

On Thursday the girls' championship was decided. The Blue Jays defeated the Leafs in another close game.

Now that the floor hockey season has ended, Mrs. Loch and Mr. Murphy are trying to decide the next house league sport.

B & E at middle school

Halton Regional Police questioned a suspect in connection with a break and enter at the McKenzie-Smith Middle School on Acton

Boulevard. An alarm at the school alerted officers. Investigation found that a skylight in the building had been smashed.

Science class camp in cold

Not even January's harsh winds and sub-zero temperatures could stop the grade 12 outdoor environmental science class from heading north for their winter camping adventure.

Even though for many it was their first winter camp, the 12 students and their teacher, Wally Rowley, set out in the cold temperatures of Algonquin Park with vigor and enthusiasm.

The three days, January 19-21, were planned carefully by the students. They had to study things such as the effectiveness of different sleeping bags against the cold, planning menus according to the calorie requirement for outdoor activities and the use of natural materials at the site to build shelters that would be warm. The students were also trained in strenuous, skilled activities such as snowshoeing, orienteering, and map-reading.

The group set up camp about 14 miles in from the west gate of Algonquin at Canisbay Lake.

Six of the students were given the job of building shelters made of natural materials with snow blocks packed around the outside to act as insulation.

This was the fourth outdoor trip the class has made since September, but it was the first winter camp for the group. The course centres on the outdoors and requires a great time commitment. About 60 percent of the course is spent out of class time, on weekends and after school hours.

Students who attended the winter camp were Dave Alchin, Christine Arbic, Clayton Bigelow, Gord Bruce, Jeff Gardiner, Ray Green, Karen Paton, Mike Rippon, Jim Saxon, Peter Zions, Cheryl Martindale and Deb Neely.

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