

# St. Joseph's holds public speaking contest

The first annual public speaking contest for St. Joseph's separate school was held last Tuesday, February 14 at the Scout Hall.

Six students were chosen from their classes to represent their classes in the school contest. The winner from the grade five and six category and the winner from the seven and eight category represented St. Joseph's at the North Halton Public Speaking contest in Milton yesterday.

One overall winner was selected to represent the school in the separate school championships in Burlington tonight (Wednesday).

in his speech. Winner in the grade five and six category and representing St. Joseph's in the junior division at the finals was Kim Muspratt. Kim was also chosen as the overall winner who will represent the school in the separate school finals tonight.

Kim did her speech on nursery rhymes. Her dramatic impersonations of various well-known rhymes entertained the audience.

Also in the junior division were Lynn Graham and Helen Lampkin. Lynn took her audience on a trip to the

land of the sun, Mexico, in her speech.

Helen did her informative speech on the topic of salt. Her speech included some of the many uses of the mineral and the plentiful supply available.

Two students from grade four took part in the competition. Cathy Barrett and Debbie Ogrivitch were able to gain the experience of speaking in a contest for future years.

Judges for the contest were Rudy Lipp, Mrs. Peggy Graham, Mrs. Margaret Maronese and Mrs. Carmel McGeragie. Jim McGeragie was the time keeper.



CHINA was the topic for this group of Second Acton Guides—Kelly Bogart, Donna Evans, Lisa Kuuter, Dawn Cook and Marie Jocque. Uniform and promise are different there.

## Regular meeting

The first regular meeting of the newly-reorganized Bertha Buchanan Group of Knox Presbyterian Church was held in the Mary Ellen Anderson room of the church last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Helen Hoerig, leader for this month, opened the meeting with the singing of the group's theme hymn, 'The Lord's my Shepherd.' Mrs. Mary Findlay read the poem by Helen Steiner Rice entitled 'Praying Hands.' She also read the Scripture portion, Lamentations 3: 21-23. Helen Hoerig then read a chapter from the book, 'Happiness is...' by Betty Carlson, entitled 'Many Beginnings.' There followed a short discussion on the way to find personal happiness. The worship service was closed with prayer.

During the business period the secretary, Mary Watson, handed out copies of the proposed contract, or by-laws. These were discussed and several members paid their membership fees. The meeting concluded with lunch served by the committee.

## Ten Days program on Nigeria Friday

An interested group heard Jim and Gwen Johnson speak on their experiences in Nigeria Friday. The program was part of the Ten Days for World Development program here in Acton.

Jim worked on an experimental farm, while Gwen taught in a girls' school. The couple told of their life there and showed slides. They were dressed in native costume and had a large table filled with interesting articles they had brought home. These included the shorthanded hee Jim worked with in the fields, to the amazement of the

natives who had never seen a white man work like that before. There was also a drum, used to convey messages over many miles. Woven baskets and articles of clothing.

Their interesting slides showed the landscape and the people they worked with.

Eldon Comfort introduced the pair.

The group chatted with the couple afterward over refreshments.

A collection was taken. The program was in the United Church.

## Leisure activities at 4-H meeting

by Julie Pierce

The third meeting of the Dublin North Hillbillies was held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Marion Hunter. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. Then collection and attendance were taken.

This meeting's discussion dealt with leisure activities. Everyone first stated what hobbies they had and ones that they would like to take up. Almost everyone's favorite leisure activity was skiing, hiking and camping. All of them seemed to like the outdoors.

The girls went over some leisure activities such as

photography, reading, indoor gardening, music, art, historic interests, and going to the live theatre. It was a very interesting discussion as Mrs. Kirton mentioned that the working hours per week are getting shorter and this means when everyone grows older they will have more spare time. How they spend this time is important.

The group discussed their trip and decided to go to Bruce Creek on Saturday, February 25. They are going on an Environmental Studies hike.

At the end of the meeting they sat around enjoying tea and snacks while working on their project.

## Golden Ager's supper meeting

The Golden Age Club had a pot luck supper for their evening meeting.

After the supper which was called for 6 p.m. Mr. Davidson called for a short meeting which was opened by singing 'O Canada' and the theme song.

Mrs. Dennis had a report

about the Ice Capades in Kitchener next month, but not enough were interested to charter a bus.

Mrs. Dennis read a letter from Mrs. Shaw about a July trip with Burlington Seniors to Scott's Oquaga House in New York State. Anyone interested may get in touch

with Mrs. Shaw at Burlington.

Euchre and crokinole were played while a stereo played a number of haunting old songs in the background.

Another pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

## Guide news

Monday, Feb. 13, the Second Acton girl guides made crafts for the bazaar on March 11th. Almost everyone made two or more different crafts. Some of the things were: assorted pin cushions; hearts, happy faces and shamrocks as well as magnets for the refrigerator in various shapes. We appreciate the help from three of our Guide Mothers, Mrs. Marie Gilliss, Mrs. Pat Mitchell and Mrs. Diane Evans. Thank you very much.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Marg Hamilton, who has come to our Guide meetings since the first of January has decided to become a Guide.

We are continuing with our plans for the sleepover on March 3, 4, and 5.

## Halton does well in test

Halton Board of Education members were delighted to find their former students fared better than others in the highly publicized Erindale College literacy test.

The test given to first year university students last year at the Erindale campus of the University of Toronto supposedly showed high school graduates were illiterate.

Fifty per cent of the students couldn't pass the test and results were a topic of discussion with Halton trustees.

Thursday, Trustee Fred Armitage said the results spoke for themselves since 75.6 per cent of Halton students passed the literacy exam.

Out of the 650 pupils taking the test 23 were from Halton.

"There are no really strong conclusions to draw but there are the facts," Armitage declared.

## Committee is working

Members of the coffee house committee are busy working to get the room ready for the planned opening date of March 4. The coffee house known as The Mug, is located in the basement of the Acton Y.M.C.A.

A group of ambitious students are working to set up The Mug so that students will have a relaxing place with entertainment in town.

## Swimtime snacks

From the synchronized swim team's new cook book: Pineapple and Carrot Muffins

1 c. white sugar  
2/3 c. Crisco Oil  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cu. flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. crushed pineapple with some juice  
1 c. grated carrots

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NOTE—batter seems very thin but is alright.

Nancy Allan

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