

Schools participate in speaking contests



JUNIOR WINNERS at Tuesday's North Halton Public Speaking Contest were, from left, Christian Book of Georgetown, second; Scott Nowlan of Acton, first and Victoria Rodriguez of Acton, third.

Acton students tops in speaking

Two Acton students were named champions at the North Halton Public Speaking Finals held at Martin St. Senior Public School in Milton Tuesday.

Scott Nowlan from Robert Little School in Acton placed first in the Junior Competition with his talk on Skiing. Christian Book from Limehouse School in Limehouse placed second and Victoria Rodriguez from M. Z. Bennett School in Acton came third. They spoke on Survival and Books, respectively.

Thirteen students in grades five and six took part in the contest and although there were only three winners, they all received silver dollars for participating.

The speeches had to be two to four minutes in length and the students were marked on the delivery and content of the speech and also on the overall impression created.

Judges for the competition were Mrs. Dunlop, a Language Arts consultant, Mrs. Rennie, a Remedial Resource teacher and William Lawson, a Halton Board of Education trustee from Milton.

In addition to the three judges, there was a

questioner who asked the students questions pertaining to their topics so the judges could see their grasp and handling of the topic.

Questioner for the contest was Miss Doyle, the principal of Kilbride School.

In order to take part in this contest, the students had to win a similar competition at their own schools.

Other students participating were Andrea Thomas from Brookville, Commercials; Susan Koslowski from J. M. Denyes, Beethoven; Yvonne Chisholm from W. I. Dick, Bridges; Jeff Jansen from Joseph Gibbons, Dona O'Neil Chaplin; Lorenzo Civiero from McKenzie-Smith, Waking Up in the Morning; Danny Wickson from Pineview, Dairy Farming; Julie Nipper from Speyside, Air Pollution; Pam Marissen from Georgetown Christian School, Nursery Rhymes; and Scott Kowalski from St. Francis of Assisi, Owls.

Trophies were presented to the winners by Mr. Shaw on behalf of the Optimist Club. Ray Denny and Doug Magwood were the facilitators for the competition. Steve Saxon's talk on Being

a Teenager brought him first place honors from the judges in the senior part of the competition. Saxon is from McKenzie-Smith School in Acton.

Heather Bailey from Martin St. Senior Public School in Milton won second prize. She spoke on the topic of Marijuana. Third place went to Anita Ligterink from Georgetown Christian School, who spoke on Humor in Creation.

Judges for the senior contest were Mrs. K. Erskine and Mrs. Knill, both remedial teachers and Mr. Graham, the East Area Superintendent.

Silver dollars were presented to all six grade seven and eight entrants in the contest by Mr. Wagner on behalf of the Optimist Club.

"The speeches were well organized, well developed and of particular interest to people of the seventh and eighth grade," Graham said.

The other three contestants were Lenore Chisholm from Brookville, Supermarkets; Carolyn Klassen from Georgetown, Crazy T.V. Commercials; and Frank McGrath from St. Joseph's, Humor.



VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ, seated, proudly displays the W.D.E. Smith trophy that she was awarded at the M.Z. Bennett public speaking contest. On the left is Melanie Johnston who took second place in the competition. Third place winner Janet Reese holds the book she was awarded.

Victoria Rodriguez wins at M.Z. Bennett

With 12 contestants in the running, the judges at M. Z. Bennett had a hard time choosing the winner for their annual public speaking contest last Monday, February 13.

The speeches had to be at least two minutes in length to qualify for the junior category at the North Halton Public Speaking contest at Martin Street school in Milton yesterday. The winner must also be in grade five to take part in the competition.

Four grade fours took part in the contest along with eight classroom representatives from grade five. Even though the grade fours cannot win it is good experience for them for next year.

After all the contestants had delivered their speeches and the judges had retired to make the difficult decision

was mounted in the gym. First place in the public speaking contest at M. Z. Bennett this year and representing the school in Milton will be Victoria Rodriguez. Victoria is in grade five and spoke about books as a very valuable and important form of entertainment in our lives. She was picked by her homeroom, Mr. Murphy's, to represent them in the school competition. Victoria was awarded in the W. D. E. Smith award on which her name will be added and kept in the school. Victoria was also given a book that she can keep in memory of her win.

In second place was Melanie Johnston, a grade five student also in Mr.

Murphy's homeroom. Melanie did her hard-hitting but comical speech on smoking. Melanie says her father smokes but is trying to quit. She was awarded a book on birds for her memory of the contest.

In third place in the contest was Janet Reese. Janet did her speech on Canada and the national unity problem that she says "we hear about every day." Janet is in grade four and was representing Mrs. Loch's class. She feels Canada is a nice place to live and she wouldn't want to see anything destroy it. Janet was also awarded a book.

Other contestants in the

contest include Jackie Roden, Suzanne Pendergast, Jenny McDonald, Jody DeVries, Lisa Gilliss, Sean Haefner, Shelley Mason, Julie Kurtz and Diana Dunn. All these contestants received cash prizes.

Judges for the contest were teachers, Mrs. Barbara Knapp, Mrs. Monica Lawson and Paul Hynds.

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SCOTT NOWLAN, seated, is happy with his win at the Robert Little speech contest February 9. Other contestants are from left to right, Steven Inotai, Janine Clemons, Leahann Jarrett and Janice Barton.

Skiing, spiders, dogs, Robert Little topics

A grade five student, Scott Nowlan, won the Robert Little speech contest with his well-researched speech on the history and safety precautions in the popular sport of skiing. Scott said he was in the library one day and saw some books on skiing. "It looked interesting so I decided to do my speech on it."

Scott said he has never skied, but if he did decide to try the sport he would do cross-country. "Downhill is too dangerous," he said.

Scott went to Marin Street school in Milton yesterday to

represent Robert Little in the North Halton finals.

Janine Clemons, from Mrs. Sheehan's class, did her speech on spiders. She said she was interested in spiders because so many people are terrified of the eight-legged creatures.

Leahann Jarrett, also from Mrs. Sheehan's class, did her speech on "man's best friend, the dog." Leahann likes dogs and has an American Eskimo dog at home.

Representing Mrs. Scott's class were Steven Inotai and Janice Barton. Steven spoke on dogs as well. He has a beagle named Mischief and

told the audience about some of the humorous happenings that earned Mischief his name.

Janice Barton spoke to students about communicating with the deaf. She illustrated some sign language and told students about some of the methods used in teaching and communicating with the deaf. Janice has a little brother who is deaf and so is quite familiar with her topic.

Judges for the Robert Little contest were Mrs. Mrs. Kandy Clok, Rick Coe and Mrs. June Doberthien.



WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP in the McKenzie-Smith public speaking contest are from left to right, John Vadeika runner-up junior division, Adela Rodriguez, runner-up intermediate division, Stephen Saxon, winner intermediate division and Loranzo Civiero, winner junior division.

Civiero, Saxon have winning speeches

Topics that are familiar to all teens made up the winning speeches at the McKenzie-Smith middle school speech contest last Wednesday February 15. In the junior division Loranzo Civiero, a grade six student, won for his speech on the comical side of waking up in the morning. Loranzo says he is familiar with the topic as were many of the students and teachers in the audience. Loranzo represented McKenzie-Smith at the finals in Milton yesterday.

Runner up in the junior division was John Vadeika who did his speech on the Canadian Shield. John thought of the topic after having seen part of the shield on a family trip last summer. Books on the Shield renewed his interest at Christmas.

Winner in the intermediate division was Stephen Saxon whose speech was on communications between parents and teens. Steve said he based his speech on personal experience because his mother is now taking a psychology course and using what she has learned on him. Stephen represented McKenzie-Smith in the intermediate division at Martin Street school in Milton.

Runner up in the intermediate division was Adela Rodriguez. Adela did her speech on a space age

world in the future. Adela thought of her topic after reading an article on the prospect of a space age world.

Also competing in the junior division at McKenzie-Smith were Barb Mellon,

Chris Rosenquist and Richard Kilpartick.

In the intermediate division were Terry Lott, Michelle Noble, Kenny Kavanagh, Renata Billinger, Eric Haugen, Karrie Curran and Sue Civiero.



CONTESTANTS IN ST. JOSEPH'S first public speaking contest are, seated in front, Kim Muspratt, second row left to right, Cathy Barrett, Lynn Graham and Debbie Obrigavitch. Back row, Helen Lampkin, Frank McGrath, Jamie Taras and Tatjana Jansen.

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