

Youth page editorial

Communication is important

The art of communication is very important in everyday life. What also is important is the fact that the public schools and the separate school in town recognize this fact, and encourage their students to take part in public speaking.

For the past few weeks, individual schools have been having their annual speaking contest. Students write and orally present their favorite topics to a panel of judges, and are marked not only on content of the speech, but also on presentation, poise, etc. All may seem irrelevant to a nervous child on stage, but as they grow older they may be grateful they were taught to stand up straight, and direct the conversation instead of having a wandering eye.

The schools should be congratulated for helping the youngsters to be able to speak in front of people, and for giving them the confidence and encouragement to do so. Everyone, at some time of their lives, has had to speak in front of a crowd.

For the ones who participated in public speaking, whether or not they won, the task is made all the more easy.

Crafty Canadians name of Dublin 4-H

Dublin South Crafty Canadians second meeting was held at McCarron's house, on February 13. Kim Blackburn introduced a new member Julianne Clow. Julianne was welcomed by all the members.

They went right on to business as Cathy Brewes read minutes, and asked everyone their roll call, when roll call was answered Cathy took attendance, and Teresa McCarron took collection.

They were taught to quilt individually by Mrs. McCarron.

The third and fourth meeting was held at McCarron's house, on February 20.

Cathy Brewes took up roll call, and read the minutes. Teresa McCarron took collection and attendance.

Kim Blackburn checked books to see if everyone had them up to date.

They thought of a club name which is "Dublin South Crafty Canadians". The reasons why it is "Crafty Canadians" is we are doing

crafts in this club, quilting, knitting, hiking, and many more.

Mrs. McCarron and Kim Blackburn each gave a quiz on Government which is involved in this club also.

Heather Knapton and Teresa McCarron read pages 21 and 22 in our books. And we took it up orally.

Next meeting is a hike.

Two new teachers

Haltom Board of Education recommended the appointment of two new teachers to Acton high school as of February 1. Ms. Margaret Tamblin and Ms. Martine Lefebvre are now on staff.

Retires

Haltom Board of Education accepted the retirement of Clarence Rogvaldson from Acton high school at their meeting Thursday evening. The retirement will be effective June 30.



WAYNE CHAPPELL tosses a ball into a bucket as part of a game at the M.Z. Bennett winter carnival last Friday.

M.Z. Bennett carnival is fun and challenging

A balance of competitive and non-competitive activities made the M. Z. Bennett winter carnival enjoyable and challenging for both teachers and students last Friday, February 24.

The two-hour event began at 1.15 and ran until 3.15 in the afternoon. About 380 students took part in the carnival with grades kindergarten to five and special education classes making up the total.

The students were divided into teams with children from the different grade levels making up a team. This mixture of grades made it possible for the older children to help out the younger ones and for all the children to work together as a team. Activities such as mural painting in the gym gave the carnival a different touch from the usual outdoor athletic games at most winter carnivals. Games of skill and

speed such as stick handling and obstacle courses were popular among the teams. Tag-o-war and a toboggan pull involved not only strength but a team effort and spirit to win.

Refreshment stations were set up inside with hot chocolate available to students and teachers after a cold afternoon.

The carnival was organized by four teachers at the school.

Mrs. Rea Loch, Mrs. Joan Baker, Mrs. Kwasnicki and Paul Hynds organized and ran the activities for the carnival. Principal, Doug Magwood, expressed a special thanks to all the parent volunteers who came out and helped with the carnival. Mr. Magwood felt that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the day. "That's what it's all about, having fun!" he said.



GRADE FOUR STUDENTS of M. Z. Bennett, Jeff Scott and Rondine Blinn, sip hot chocolate between outdoor events at their school's winter carnival last Friday.

M.Z. Bennett news

By Lisa Gilliss

It was a very busy afternoon at the school last Friday. The kids forgot all about Reading, Writing and Arithmetic for the time being. It was the annual winter carnival. All of the pupils and teachers took part, as well as several parents who came over to the school to help out. It turned out to be a lot of fun. There were games such as tug-of-war, relays, ball hockey, and many others.

On March 3, report cards will be given to all the pupils, so their parents will be able to see how they're doing in school. Interviews will take place next Monday.

In house-leagues, basketball is the sport now. In the boys' league, the Canadians are in the lead. The Blue Jays are leading in the girls' competition. I hope the basketball turns out as well as the floor hockey did.

St. Joseph's

by the Grade 7 and 8 Class

Scout hockey has started for the grades four, five and six with both the St. Joseph's and Robert Little School students taking part.

Money made from hotdog days has reached a grand total of \$234. This money will be used for school uniforms.

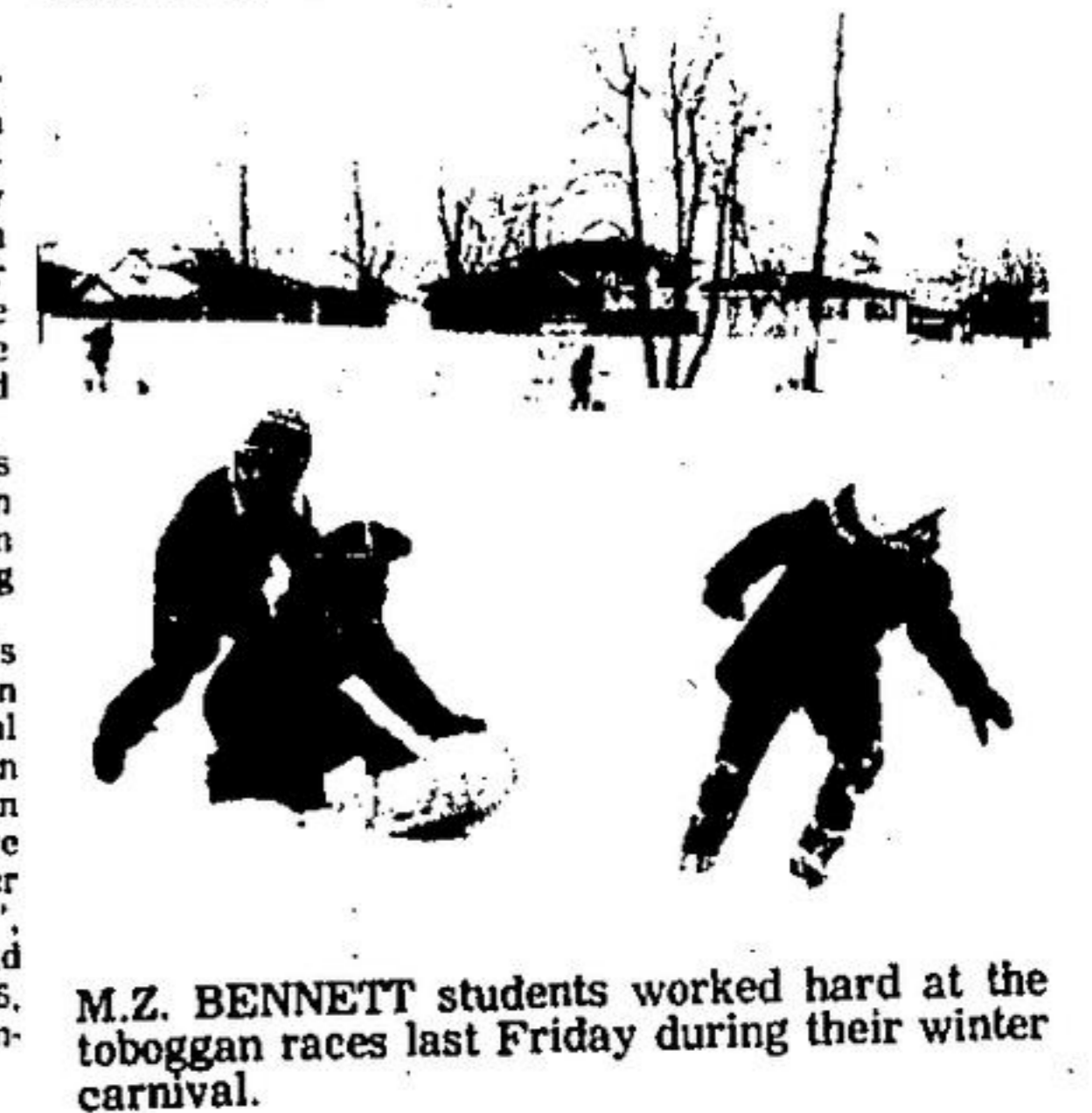
On Tuesday February 28, Constable Raj Swaminathan from the Haltom Regional Police visited St. Joseph's to talk to grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 about the police force. Constable Raj showed slides of the Regional Police. It was a very interesting slide presentation.

The grade one and two class is working on the theme community helpers. On Thursday they will be visiting the Post Office and if possible going to the police station.

The grades three and four class are studying deserts. In science they are doing different experiments and they have enjoyed it. In religion they are talking about their families and discussing the topic Lent. They made booklets and interviewed their families.

The grade 5 and 6 class is studying Mexico in Environmental Studies. In science they are just finishing on the microscope.

The grade 7 and 8 class is doing work on Australia in Geography, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in History and "Light" in Science. In religion they are talking about four sacraments, "Baptism", "Penance", "Eucharist", and "Confirmation". On April 26, all students will be confirmed.



M.Z. BENNETT students worked hard at the toboggan races last Friday during their winter carnival.

Speyside school

by Nancy Ellesmere and Mark VanderBurg

There were many activities during February at Speyside School. The grade five and six pupils were involved in the North Haltom Public Speaking Contest. Julie Nipper was the one chosen to represent the school on Feb. 21 at Martin Street School. Other contestants at our school were David Huffman, Vicki Champ, Mark Armstrong, Tim Pollen, Tim Walker, Peter Egger.

The grades two, three, four, five and sixes went to Mountsberg. Here they studied nature in winter and had a sleigh ride.

Every morning at 8:30 all grades have the health hustle which is exercises set to music. They are enjoying this new activity. The grade four five and six boys have had a house league of handball during the month. Brian Bullets ended up in first place with the play offs for the champions under way now.

All the grades are enjoying a morning of skating once a month. The grade four and fives have had the porta pak video tape in for a week. They were taping some of their language activities.

Room 104 Grades three and four put on an assembly for the rest of the school on February 14th.

Board may rap Ottawa spending

Haltom Board of Education will be asked next month to rap Ottawa's knuckles.

Trustee Bill Priestner gave notice Thursday he will ask the board on March 9 to urge the federal government to reconsider its huge deficit budget.

Priestner observed all

levels of government are preaching restraint and wondered how the 9.8 per cent increase in federal spending expected this year could be considered restraint.

He said he will ask the board to petition Ottawa to reassess its 48.8 billion budget and its deficit.

Reduction of wheat predicted for 1978

With more than 31 million bushels of wheat produced in Ontario alone last year, 1977-1978 was regarded as a bumper crop year. This year will not see nearly as high a production of wheat however, according to Charles Martin, Haltom Wheat Producers' committeeman.

Mr. Martin told the gathering that despite the success of the past year's yield, the average price per bushel was low because of depressed world wheat markets. The price for a 1976-1977 bushel was \$3.11 and Mr. Martin predicts even lower prices for the 1977-1978 crop.

A wet fall resulted in a 35 percent reduction in acres seeded to wheat in 1977, said Mr. Martin, adding that farmers were not able to get the crop planted.

THE \$4 MILLION LEAK: Acton High School is not yet a year old and it has already developed a large leak in the corridor near the gymnasium. Buckets have been in place all winter to catch the drops.

Erin permits increase

For the first time the amount of commercial and industrial building in Erin Village surpassed the amount of residential construction. Figures from last year show the commercial and industrial building accounted for \$1,065,500 worth building permits. Twenty-seven homes were built at the value of \$779,000. The remainder of the \$1,903,204 was spent on renovations. A new wire mill plant, the arena and the Royal Bank building head the list of new buildings.

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