

THIRTY SIX YOUNG PEOPLE had their first communion Sunday at St. Joseph's. They were Sean Donovan, Natalia and Gemita Vasselfucci, Gabriella Vasquez, Paul Campbell, Beth Munday, Sonia Smith, Brian Harding, Keith Olsen, David Roden, Kelly Fitzgerald, Shelly Donston, Tina Kunter, Christine Couture, Colleen Nolan, Julie Lenicky, Ann Barrett, Christine Beaton, Crista Chaisson, Jean-Paul

Cowan, Suzana Djurinec, Edward Lehovich, Victoria Muspratt, Anela Nikie, Sharon Obrigavitch, Bernadette Rowsell, Suzanne Sweezey, Christopher Willmott, Denise Schmidt, Lisa Brent, Lauralee Hachey, Bilinda Taras, Peter van der Eyken, Brian Mandarino and Victor and Narvy Hinojosa.

Youth page editorial

Need education values in this complex society

Evidence supporting the need for improved values education continues to mount, says Prof. Sam Luker, of the department of family studies. University of Guelph. We all hear people brag about evading income tax, filing false insurance claims, collecting unearned unemployment benefits, smuggling goods through customs and fixing traffic tickets. The guiding moral principle seems to be: anything goes. just do not get caught.

Not surprisingly, many young people are ill-equipped to cope with values-based issues. Lack of coping skills contributes to such increasingly serious problems as vandalism, drug use, adolescent suicide, marriage breakdowns and teenage alcoholism. Values education could help young people develop a personal values base and make rational decisions about their own lives.

The University of Guelph makes a strong argument for including values education in the regular school curriculum. Prof. Luker observes that many of the problems he sees as a clinical psychologist have a values base, rather than a psychiatric base. Many young people simply have no clear idea of good or bad, right or wrong. As a result. they lurch along, drifting from one crisis to another, without any clear purpose to their

"Education should equip young people to function effectively in our society," says Prof. Luker. "To do this, education should include a values component as well as a cognitive base. Making value decisions is an inescapable fact of living in society."

Should schools teach values? Increasingly, educators are siding with the Honourable Thomas Wells, Ontario's Minister of Education, who says "Schools cannot afford to be morally neutral." Many other people feel that schools cannot be morally neutral; values and moral pervade the decisions curriculum.

M. Z. Bennett and

McKenzie-Smith are the only

two schools in Acton taking

part in the annual North

Halton music festival this

grades kindergarten to five,

are planning to enter in

several of the categories in

the competition. Students at

the school have been prac-

tising in the morning before

school and at noon hours for

the competition only two

McKenzie-Smith, grade six

to eight, will be participating

in four or five different cate-

gories in the festival.

weeks away.

Z. Bennett school,

feel that content of the values system is not as important as the valuing process itself. Teachers help students to develop a personal value system, to become aware of the values in society, to identify and confront values issues and finally, to develop moral

reasoning power. In the past, values education often concentrated on the content rather than the process. Adults either tries to force their values on young people through moralizing and setting a good example, or adopted a "hands off" policy, allowing youths to discover values for themselves. These methods become less effective as society becomes more complex.

New methods of teaching values have been developed in the last decade. Prof. Luker describes values clarification. Through a series of game-like strategies built around life experiences, the students learn how to make the best choices for themselves in values-loaded areas. The teacher helps them recognize and discover what they personally value and prize. Students exchange personal experiences and viewpoints, search for alternatives and predict their consequences. Students' actions and behavior patterns should be

compatible with their stated beliefs. Faculty in the department of family studies at the University of Guilph are concerned about values education as it applied to family counselling, law, education, marital dynamics, parole work, family management, and other related areas.

Values education is a fertile area for research. Although definite research is yet to come, the few studies which have compared values-educated groups with controls are encouraging. They indicate that a systematic values approach tends to reduce behavior problems, restlessness and delinquency and improve academic performance.

"Values clarification is basically a preventive approach," Prof. Luker notes,"And in the long run could prove to be What values or morals should schools less expensive and more effective than teach? Many educators and psychologists - crisis intervention.

participants' pins. Danny Stokes from Brookville won

for his design being used on

the program cover. The boys

were awarded ten dollars for

their winning entries.

Free Press

Youth page

Skate-a-thon results soon to be announced

Students who took part in helped to boost the fundthe Hotary club skate-a-thon raising money up \$2,500 to saxaphone. April 2 have collected and turned in most of their money, however Rotary club McKenzie-Smith. Brookville, Joseph's,

Rotarian Gary Dawkins officials say there is still a attributed some of the sucsmall amount left to collect cess to the fact that Brookbefore the final figures and ville took part in the skate-awinners can be announced. thon this year. Hard work and The eight schools, Robert additional sponsors also Little, M. Z. Bennett, helped raise the money. Mr. Dawkins said the Rotary club is extremely pleased with Speyside, Limehouse and both the public and the Ospringe that participated skaters support in this year's along with celebrity skaters event.

\$3,000 more than last year.

High school news

by Janet Rowe Senior students are starting to get the results of their exams back. The exams are

worth 15 per cent towards the

final mark. Last Friday's dance was very successful. A good crowd attended the band and disc-jockey evening, which was sponsored by the Student Association.

Students and the guidance department are busy working

Students buy 'junk' food

Wellington County students chose junk food instead of "a well balanced hot meal" which is offered every noon, according to a board of education.

The school board has adopted a campaign to convince students of the nutri-

17. Students sign up for events and compete against other students in the school.

together making final time-

table changes for next year.

a heavy rehearsal schedule

preparing for their next per-

formance, Lisa and David.

The group are planning

near future.

another theatre night in the

Field day at Acton high will

be held next Wednesday, May

Drama club members have

others such as candy, chocotate bars and soft drinks. Fresh fruit and vegetables

are available in all schools. The board launched a program in a Guelph public school in a bid to stimulate interest in nutrition among

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Schools prepare for festival

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Schools from Georgetown,

Milton and district will be

joining the two Acton schools

at M. Z. Bennett where the

contest is being held this

May 24 will mark the 50th

year for the festival. For this

reason a few special ac-

tivities have been planned by

the North Halton Music

A contest was held to find a

design for the program cover

and a special music festival

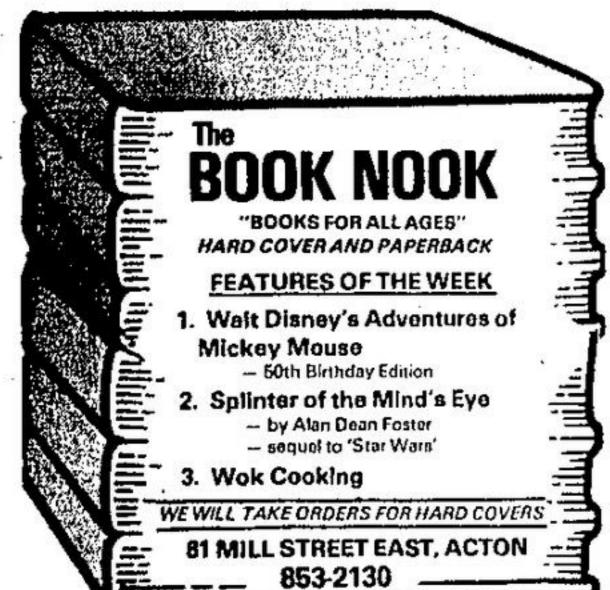
participants' pin which will be awarded this year. Tom

Houston from Martin Street

school in Milton submitted

Festival Association.

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Guide conference defines purpose

by Jean Vaughn The future our challenge was the theme of the Provincial annual conference of the Girl Guides of Canada held on May 5, 6, and 7 at the University of Western Ontarlo in London. Ontario is divided into 13 areas and the hostesses for the conferences are the Guiders (adult leaders) from the area where the conference is held. London is the Trillium area and were pleased to find

colorful trilliums. There are 12, 741 Gulders and personnel in Ontario but only about 650, or five percent are selected each year to attend this conference. Bea Ginger, and myself were fortunate enough this past weekend to attend. We were royally entertained Guldes Brownies, saw several good

category at the Peel Festival.

Civic Centre, Bramalea last

month. In this class, he

received two golds. In the 18

years and over open class,

Paul won a gold medal for the

Although he had never

by Carole Lovell

and Chris Baginski

meet is to be held this week.

Some of the events will be

jump, triple Jump and the

winning races. We wish the

best of luck to the many con-

testants in these events.

next week.

Holiday

day activities.

Results will be written up

On Friday the students will

have the day off, but the

teachers will have another

professional development

This Friday, May 12, will be

a professional development

day at elementary schools in

the area. Students will have

the day off while teachers

attend meetings and other

professional development

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McKenzie-Smith news

and sax.

the musical field.

Halton schools.

will be picked soon.

The Halton Music Festival

is to be held on May 24 in the

M.Z. Bennett auditorium. We

hope to have groups par-

ticipating in the triple trio,

triple duet and S.S.A. choir.

Practices are being held at

various times during the day.

speakers, ate great food, listen to vibrant speakers and

with many women. everything decorated with granted. The right to have love; proper nutrition and medical care, education, recreation and many more.

films, listened to many For us in Guiding, every year speakers, ate great food, is the year of the child as we heard a men's quartet, called truly believe in the capabilithe London Connection, who ties of the young to learn sang dozens of songs, and responsibility, decision makexchanged funny stories with ing, outdoor skills, autonomy other Gulders. As adults teamwork, service to others, interested in the future deve- concern for our environment, topment of our youth through respect for cultural identity the Guiding movement it was and the ability to enjoy adults exciting and stimulating to as co-workers.

Guiders are almost always to discuss new and old ideas married women with children, many with jobs and all The United Nations has with the purpose in mind of declared 1979 as the Inter- preparing girls for a more national year of the Child. diversified adult life through Twenty Canadian organiza- the Guiding Spirit. If you tions are on the IYC commit- were never a Brownle or a tee of Canada including Girl Guide, do not let this Guides. It is hoped to change hinder your emergence into the Rights of the Child World- the second largest world wide to include many of the membership organization things most of us take for (United Nations is first). We

welcome anyone interested of any age to attend our district council meeting on Thursday, May 11. Please call me at 853-0154 or Pat van der Eyken at 853-1819 for further information. Experience not neces-



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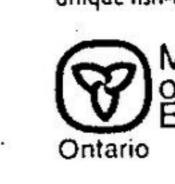
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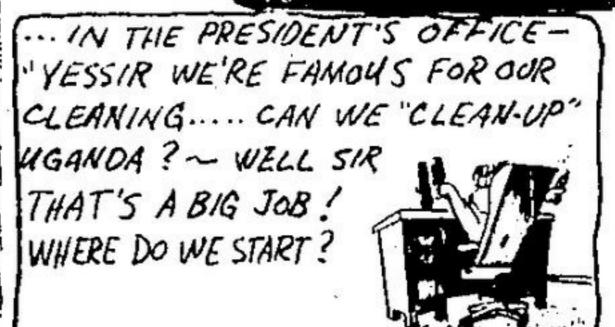
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