

Cathy Upton represents Acton Rotary in Ottawa

Cathy Upton, a grade 13 Acton high school student, recently visited Ottawa on an Adventure in Citizenship program, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs across Canada.

Cathy attended the Acton Rotary Club's meeting last Tuesday evening and gave the following account of her stay in the nation's capital: Greetings, members of the Rotary club. I am Cathy Upton and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to experience the Adventure in Citizenship held in Ottawa. It was a very exciting and busy four days. I met many interesting people. I learned a lot about Canada and national unity. The adventure gave me a great feeling of pride in being Canadian. We did many things in Ottawa and it is very difficult to say what was the highlight of the trip. I enjoyed many of the activities.

The first day in Ottawa we visited the House of Commons and the Senate Chamber to learn more about our system of government. We had lunch at the Chateau Laurier and were addressed at the luncheon by the Honorable Jean Luc Pepin, co-chairman of the task force on Canadian Unity. Later that same day I visited the embassy of Indonesia to learn more about that country and the way of life of its people. On Tuesday morning, we went to Carleton University to discuss National Unity. From these discussions, I

learned how other people in various parts of the country feel about national unity. Many of us thought that the problem wasn't just with Quebec, but many of the western and eastern provinces.

We felt there wasn't enough Canadian heritage taught in the schools. Education in Quebec about Canada is inadequate and misinformative. The same applies to the other provinces about Quebec. Provincial education neglects or underplays other provinces. Education should be standardized all across Canada. Why is it that Ontario is the only province with grade 13?

Questions we were trying to answer in our talks on national unity were: to what extent is national unity a problem in our community; how important is education in solving the problem of unity; why is unity affected by other institutions such as religion; unity vs. unemployment; what is the major concern; and what should education do.

We had lunch at Carleton on Tuesday and were addressed by Dr. Ronald Watts, principal of Queen's University in Kingston. Dr. Watts felt that Canada does have serious problems but they are not insolvable. Education plays an important role in solving these problems. People are underestimating problems in politics and only with con-

tinual efforts will Canada's problems be solved.

Tuesday afternoon we attended the R.C.M.P. Band Concert which was excellent. Then we went to N. division of the R.C.M.P. to see the Musical Ride. After this we had dinner at N. division. We were addressed by commissioner Robert H. Simmonds and were able to ask him questions about the R.C.M.P.

Tuesday night, we visited the National Museum of Man. Here we were addressed by N. Cafik, M.P. for the P.C. and Minister of State for multiculturalism. He told us that you don't have to be the same to tie people together. Canada's made up of one third English, one third multicultural. How can you have unity amidst such a great diversity. Unity has a lot to do with the economy. Politicians and media play games and paint pictures that don't exist. This is called political football.

On Wednesday morning, we went back to Carleton to conclude our discussions on national unity. That was a very rewarding activity.

At noon we went to visit Government House and were received by his Excellence the Right Honourable Jules Leger, Governor General of Canada. We had a tour of Rideau Hall.

Wednesday afternoon we had a bus tour of the national capital area. We went over to

Hull, Quebec and drove through Gatineau Park where the Prime Minister has a private cottage. We had a police escort by the OPP, Hull police and the R.C.M.P. which was very exciting and made everyone feel important.

We had dinner on Wednesday evening at the Chateau Laurier as guests of the national capital commission. At this dinner, I was able to meet Dr. Frank Philbrook, the M.P. for our riding.

Thursday morning we were back at the parliament buildings again in the Confederation Room. We received our citizenships on this morning by his honor Judge Paul Tardif, Court of Canadian Citizenship. This was his last formal duty because he was retiring.

We had lunch at the Chateau on Thursday and were addressed by students, one from each province and territories. This was a very sad time for everyone.

I left Ottawa with a deep feeling of pride in being Canadian. I was sad to leave the friends I had made for they were all very wonderful people. I am forever grateful to the Rotary Club for offering me this experience. I hope that Acton will continue to participate in the Adventure in Citizenship for it is a very rewarding experience for those people who are able to go.



EVERYONE WON IN THE Rotary Club's annual Skate-a-thon in April. However, three students won top prizes and were awarded them last Tuesday night at the Rotary Clubs dinner meeting. Various principals of area schools were also present to accept money for the schools. Front row, third place winner, Julie Kurtz, M.Z. Bennett school; Rick Smith, second place winner, Brookville school; Hazen Allen, principal of Robert Little school, Bob Brouillard, first place winner, McKenzie-Smith. Back row, Sean Briggs, principal of St. Joseph's separate school; Doug Magwood, principal of M.Z. Bennett; Gary Dawkins, principal of McKenzie-Smith, and Gary Bateman, vice-principal of Brookville school. Representatives of Speyside and Osprings schools were unable to attend the meeting.

Prizes presented to skaters

Three Acton and area youths received gifts, courtesy of the local Rotary club last Tuesday night for their part in the Skate-a-thon last spring.

Bob Brouillard of McKenzie-Smith middle school was the top money raiser. For his contribution he earned first prize, a portable color television.

Julie Kurtz of M. Z. Bennett school received a tape recorder, and Rick Smith of Brookville school received a clock radio.

The three were just a few of the hundreds of students who helped raise \$7,985, in the skate. Half of the proceeds go towards the schools, the other half to the Rotary club, which in turn uses the funds for community work.

The three students, along with their parents and school

principals, were guests at the Rotary's dinner meeting last week.

Julie was lucky enough to win a portable black and white television a few years ago in the same contest.

Health Unit data mosquito monitor

In the absence of a mosquito abatement program in Halton the regional health unit will be depending on weekly reports of monitoring carried out by the University of Guelph.

With the exception of \$200 for supplies, monies for an abatement program were deleted from the 1978 Board of Health budget, despite pleas from the Medical Officer of Health and some councillors to retain the larviciding program.

Halton MOH Dr. J. Chamberlain told the Board of Health last week Guelph University's Department of Environmental Biology provides information about monitoring of chicken flocks as an early warning system, mosquito netting for virus identification and identification of mosquito larvae species in various areas of Southern Ontario.

He said it was too early yet to have any start up of culic

piptens, a species of mosquito which transmits encephalitis virus to humans.

St. Louis Encephalitis is a disease of birds. The female mosquito becomes infected when she seeks a blood meal, usually from birds, before laying eggs. Breeding starts in early June and several generations of mosquitoes are produced over the summer.

The disease was reported in humans in Ontario for the first time in 1975, when there were 70 cases. In 1976 there were four human cases reported and in 1977, none.

Another activity of the health unit is to distribute information pamphlets advising the public on mosquito control on private property. Specifically, the pamphlet suggests private homeowners eliminate breeding sites by eliminating all standing water sites possible, such as empty cans, pails or old tires.

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Councillors to set guidelines for truck permits

Every councillor in Halton Hills is being asked to submit written guidelines for issuance of permits for heavy trucks using 17 and 10 Side-roads.

Works committee chairman Pat McKenzie asked councillors Monday to turn in written guidelines or be prepared to see guidelines implemented they might not like.

The town engineer has come up with a bylaw banning trucks weighing more than 11 tons from the two rural roads. Those with vehicle and loads weighing more than 11 tons will have to buy a permit from the town to use the roads.

After years of talks with both truckers and gravel firms worried about extra costs, and residents who complain about the heavy truck traffic and poor condition of the road, the town has a bylaw to regulate traffic.

McKenzie urged his colleagues to get cracking on their ideas, too, noting the town has been "playing around with this issue long enough."

"If you don't give the engineer written guidelines you may not like what we do," he warned.

He said town staff needs guidelines so it can be decided who gets a permit and who doesn't.

Emergency vehicles and farm vehicles are exempt as

well as normal traffic from the bylaw's restrictions. Councillor Russ Miller said the bylaw could reduce the number of heavy trucks which are pounding roads to pieces.

McKenzie noted the town can't issue permits just to local truckers and bar outsiders from using the roads. "You can't discriminate like that."

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said the town can't discriminate in the issuance of the permits. He noted the intent of the bylaw is to protect the roads from excessive wear and tear.

He said staff needs criteria on which to base who gets a permit because the way the bylaw stands now no trucks weighing over 11 tons can use the road.

Councillor Roy Booth said the engineer and town staff

were telling the council it has presented them with an "impossible situation" and wondered how "intelligent" criteria can be arrived at. He added he thought any guidelines would likely be some form of "intolerable discrimination."

"The staff is saying if we're going to discriminate, you say how we will discriminate," Booth declared.

He urged the bylaw be sent back to committee because he couldn't see how it will work.

McKenzie said the guidelines are a "political" decision so councillors should decide what they will be, not staff.

Booth said, as far as he knows the region isn't doing anything about bringing a regional road up to standard so it can take heavy trucks traffic.

Councillor Les Duby said as far as he can see all the town can do is issue permits for every vehicle over 11 tons using the road.

This will bring money into town coffers for road maintenance and will also be

a record keeping procedure. Councillor Peter Marks said issuing permits will provide the town with information about who is using the road, and how often, so a policy can be set some time in the future.

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