

Emotional evening for first M-S graduates



It was an emotional scene for 180 graduates and teachers at McKenzie-Smith's first graduation ceremonies held on Tuesday, June 27.

The Legion was decorated with foil paper stars and clouds with the name of each student graduating. Paper plaques identifying the different awards to be presented covered the walls of the hall.

Gary Dawkins, principal of the school, expressed the emotions of many when he recalled the first day of school where pupils from Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett joined forces to form the first graduating class of McKenzie-Smith.

Class pictures were taken at McKenzie-Smith school to start off.

Students and teachers then gathered at the Legion where they enjoyed a delicious cold dinner buffet. Grace was led by Dave Allen.

Parents arrived at the Legion for the graduation ceremonies and were welcomed by graduating master of ceremonies, Adela Rodriguez.

Graduation certificates were awarded to students by principal Gary Dawkins and vice-principal Carl Hymers.

Gifts were presented to the schools' namesakes, Pat McKenzie and to Mrs. Vivian Beer on behalf of the late Elmer Smith.

The intermediate public speaking award was presented to Steve Sacon by Y's Men's representative Ed Leatherland. Steve won the school competition and went on to win the North Halton finals and eventually to compete in the Optimists Central Ontario finals.

Presentation of the McKenzie-Smith male and female sportsmanship award were made by Dave Boycott and Jeff Roche. Recipients of these awards were Kelly White and Rob Vermeulen.

School rings were presented by the Lakeside I.O.D.E. for the most

academically improved boy and girl. Representative, Lucille Cooksley awarded the ring to Robin Hansen, for the most improved girl and Greg Maltby, the most improved boy.

The Legion Auxiliary award for the student with the highest mark was presented by Ann Drysdale to Adela Rodriguez. Adela had an average of 94 per cent.

School letters were presented by Gary Dawkins and Carl Hymers. The 13 students honored with their large M-S were Paul Carter, Chad Crooks, Mark Duval, John Evans, Tim Evans, Jock Garton, Sue Kinal, Paul Nolan, Yves Savard, Tony Saxon, Tony Sheppard, Heather Thatcher and Kelly White.

Best all round boy and girl student received the McKenzie-Smith bursary.

Sue Kinal and Paul Nolan were presented with the bursary by Mrs. Beer and Pat McKenzie.

After the presentations had been completed parents and guests were entertained by the graduating choir singing Goodbye Girl and Danielle. McKenzie-Smith students also provided the background music for the songs.

Valedictorian Renata Brillinger spoke to classmates recalling the initial steps of joining the two schools and many of the good times that came out of it. The school took part in sports both at home and against other schools, the public speaking competition, seed selling to raise money for graduation, a trip to Ottawa and the musical production, H.M.S. Pinafore.

Renata brought back many of the humorous incidents

between teachers and students in her speech. She cited many of the changes McKenzie-Smith graduates will encounter in the next few years of their lives.

Guest speaker Pat McKenzie was introduced by Linda Paton and thanked by Karen Blain.

Mr. McKenzie spoke about his days of teaching and a student he had taught who turned out to be the principal of McKenzie-Smith, Gary Dawkins. He warned students against drifting through high school and stressed the importance of knowing where they are going and working to achieve that goal. "Recognize the opportunity and make maximum use of your time and talent."

A surprise presentation by Gail McHugh, Kathy Sanford and Ena Gibson was made to the school.

The three teachers had worked many hours to complete a hooked wall hanging of the school crest.

The crest was designed by the late Kevin Broostad, before McKenzie-Smith school was formed, in honor of the two principals at their retirement.

Principal Gary Dawkins accepted the hanging on behalf of the school. The evening ended suitably with a slide-tape presentation entitled Memories. The presentation put to music stirred up many emotions for those students and teachers who were part of the first graduating class at McKenzie-Smith middle school.

A dance at the Legion put the perfect end on a perfect evening for students of McKenzie-Smith.

The grade eight graduation committee was made up of

Patty Dawson, Nisha Chandra, Jaye Gerth, Heather Thatcher, Sue Civierno, Tracey Collett, Chris Baginski, Carole Lovell, Chris Humenick, Mark Duval, Sue Kinal, Leanne Gourlay, Lynda Townbridge, Jock Garton, Tim Evans, Paul Carter, Russell Laffin, Steve Saxon and Paul Nolan. Graduating students are:

David Allen, Tracy Allen, Joe Balkin, Steve Bartolac, Donna Cavolovic, Andre Charlebois, Mike Collins, Chad Crooks, Patty Dawson, Mark Dumas, Murray Gavin, Gord Glenn, Leanne Gourlay, Dave Hallett, Andrea Jenkinson, Dean McKenracher, Paul Nolan, Paul Phelan, Martie Phillips, Susan Reynolds, Heather Ribble, Jeff Sall, Yves Savard, Steve Saxon, Mike Shearer, Rob Suse, Karen Sweeney, Lynda Townbridge, Matt Vuk, Carol Waskalik, Elke Ziesig.

Nancy Allan, Darlene Allison, Chris Baginski, Mark Bamnon, Ken Boustfield, Renata Brillinger, Nisha Chandra, Tim Evans, Kim Fitzgerald, Bruce Harris, Dean Hughes, Chris Humenick, Fred Kappert, Sue Kinal, Ford Laffin, Carole Lovell, Gord McArthur, Tom McDonough, Rob Munro, Peter Mistry, Brad Ottaway, Rick Pappilon, Louie Payne, Dyal Ramoutar, Gail Robb, Linda Robinson, Mike Ruszanski, Karen Vicary, Tony Wright, Allen Wruck, Connie Youmans.

Julie Ash, Mark Bray, Paul Carter, Anita Civierno, Jamie Dawkins, Tommy Dunn, Dave Dunne, John Evans, Sandra Fressation, Sharon Gavin, John Golden, Pierre Himeshari, Sophi Jones, Yvonne Koelick, Lynn McCord, Curtis McCoy, Lormer McGinn, Edwin Ninaber, Don Nolan, Rhonda Parsons, Laura Haine, Nancy Rinder, Adela Rodriguez, Mike Reese, Tony Sheppard, Heather Thatcher, Gord Thompson, Yvonne Vandenberg, Dave Weaver, Kelly White, Shelly Winters, Brian Wong.

Tim Baker, Jimmy Hanson, Richard Hinden, Tracey Collett, Bobbie Colleton, Mark Dawkins, Wayne DeHlaan, Lori Drysdale, Mark Duval, Kitty Edge, David Fuller, Jock Garton, Jaye Gerth, Robbin Hanson, Martine Jordan, Marie Lamarche, Allen Larsen, Joanne Mandarino, Paul McGinn, Michelle Noble, Linda Paton, Brian Patterson, Tony Saxon, Carla Snela, John Spiter, Sharon Tarkov, Julie Tyers, Ron White, Chris Wood.

Ricky Allen, Liz Balogh, Karen Blain,

Tom Briggs, John Cann, Sue Civierno, Tracey Clarke, Karen Coats, Colleen Collison, Rosemarie Coniglio, Jeff Davies, Trevor Denny, Donna Evans, Kelly Fitzgerald, Ken Genoe, Jeff Gill, Rod Kennedy, Russell Laffin, Bobby Little, Greg Maltby, Tyra McKinnon, Kim McMullen, Barry McNabb, Laurie Patten, Christine Ittder, Nisha Chandra, Tom Shannon, Jody Sheppard, Rob Vermeulen, Hub Warrington, Ken Woolner.

ANNOUNCEMENT



DR. H.G. GRUNDMANN
Dr. H.G. Grundmann, B.A.Sc., M.A.Sc., M.D. wishes to announce the opening of his practice at the "Glenora Clinic", 294 Queen Street, Acton.
Dr. Grundmann is a 1976 graduate of the University of Toronto Medical School and recently associated with the Family Practice Unit at Wellesley Hospital in Toronto.

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for
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★ **Monday, July 17, 1978** ★
at the **YMCA**
7:30 p.m.

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BEST ALL ROUND students were Sue Kinal and Paul Nolan. The two were presented with the McKenzie-Smith bursary by Mrs. V. Beer and Pat McKenzie.



VICE PINCIPAL Carl Hymers presents Kitty Edge with her grade eight graduation diploma from McKenzie-Smith. Kitty was one of 180 graduates from the school.



MCKENZIE-SMITH WAS pleased to accept this hooked wall hanging from teachers Kathy Sanford, Ena Gibson, and Gail McHugh. The three teachers have worked hard to complete the gift for graduation. The design is the crest of McKenzie-Smith school and was designed by the late Kevin Broostad. Kevin created this in honor of Pat McKenzie and Elmer Smith at their retirement.



ROB VERMEULEN accepts the male school sportsmanship award from teacher and coach Dave Boycott. Rob was selected as the male athlete at the McKenzie-Smith graduation last Tuesday evening.

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GREG Maltby was presented with a McKenzie-Smith ring for most improved male student. The Lakeside I.O.D.E. presented the gift at the McKenzie-Smith graduation.

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