

St. Joseph's

by Susan Lidbury
Our next cross country meet is this weekend in Burlington. We wish the runners a great success. The school population is now 170 students. We are growing quite steadily this year and hope to continue. The Thanksgiving mass our school had went extremely well with a great contribution of canned goods for the Good Shepherd Hostel, for those who can't afford food and bed. We entered our safety posters from all classes and are waiting patiently for the results. The next P.A. Day will be October 24, a week from this coming Friday. The Kindergarten class is preparing for Hallowe'en by making stuffed pumpkins and witches. Mrs. Munkacs's class will be cleaning out their pump-

kins and roasting the seeds for their Hallowe'en theme. Mrs. Graham's class was working on the History of Acton and found out that Acton was first named "Danskville" and later Adamsville. The settlers did not like these names so it was changed to its name that we know now. The grade fours and fives have started fire patrols. This is their third week and are doing extremely well. Keep up the good work! Mr. McGeagle's class is starting a new unit called "Up, up, and away". This includes balloons, aircrafts, rockets and space ships. They are also preparing for Hallowe'en by learning Hallowe'en songs. Mr. Morris helped us on cross country last Tuesday. Participants were the first to wear our new team uniforms.



TRYING ON A PAIR of skates at the Y.M.C.A. Ski and Skate Exchange is three year old Tara Johnston. Mother Sheila gives a helping hand.

Al Wilson teaches Math and English

by Selma Schmidt
Al Wilson is a new staff member at Acton High School who teaches Math and English to grade nine students. Previously, he taught at Georgetown Centennial, a middle school. Mr. Wilson has four children, three attending Milton high school and the other in junior high in Milton. His wife is also a school teacher. The family lives in Milton. Al Wilson decided to teach in Acton because he wanted to teach secondary school and he felt he could fit in well with the staff. Mr. Wilson's first impression of the school was "wow!" He feels the staff works together as a team. He also likes the participation of the students. In his spare time, Mr.

Wilson likes to make films in his home and play tennis.



AL WILSON is teaching Math and English at Acton high school this year.

Ted Moyle wins in poster contest

Ted Moyle has won the Acton merchants safety poster contest, with Tom Kranendonk coming in a close second. Judges Theo Veanderlode, of Family Barber Shop, Rod Donaldson of the Halton Regional Police, and Helen Murray of the Acton Free Press had the difficult task of choosing nine winners out of approximately 120 entries from all elementary schools in the Acton area. For his poster entitled "Drive Carefully" Ted won \$50 from the Acton merchants. Tom won \$35, also from the Acton Merchants for his "Don't snowmobile on thin ice" poster. Tracy McFarlane placed third and will receive \$15, from the merchants, for her colorful art work on swim-

ming. Tracey drew several do's and don'ts of swimming. The Lions club donated \$5 each to the first and second consolation prize winners. They were Laura Brillinger and Lisa Mason respectively. The Chicken and Pizza Spot donated the remainder of the prizes. Third consolation winner was Susan Lidbury, with Ann Gardener placing fourth. Fifth was Danny Wood and sixth was Nancy Marchment. Susan will receive an assorted submarine sandwich, and the other will each receive a Pogo. The judges were impressed with the hard work which went into each poster. The message each carried, and how clearly it was given, was a major factor in the judges' decisions.

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Canoe trip for Club

The Acton Outers started off the '78-'79 season with a flurry. The group left Acton at approximately 10 a.m. with two 16 foot canoes in tow, one of which was purchased by the club and a second which was lent by Hugh MacMillan.

The trip into Algonquin Park included a paddle through Opeongo Lake, Prout Lake, Little Crow Lake and Big Crow Lake as well as two 1400 yard portages. Some of the highlights of the trip included a visit to a stand of virgin white pines,

and a pioneer farm where a few were lucky enough to see a moose.

The six-day trip was filled with rain and snow until Thanksgiving Day when the sun shone from dawn until dusk. That afternoon a few of the group braved a swim in the icy lake water. Later a group turkey dinner, cooked over an open fire was enjoyed by all. A group sing-song, around the campfire, led to the close of most evenings. For all of the Outers, whether old or new, this canoe trip proved to be a valuable experience. The participants were: Bill McKenzie, Paul Gorjup, Paul Moore, Mike Schubert, Barb Hogenbirk, Gwenth Gibb, Hilda Theil, Helen Kockx, Linda Zions, Pete Zions, Karen Paton, Christine Arbie and Nancy Shoemaker. The chaperons were Dr. Paul Tambllyn and Mr. Bruce Swift.

McKenzie-Smith

by Terry Lynn McStravick and Shirley Van Rijk
The North Halton Cross Country run was held on October 11 at Kelso.

McKenzie-Smith runners did exceedingly well as there were almost 100 runners in each event. Following is a list of runners and their placings in the races:

- Bantam girls, Nadine Balkind, 4; Jennifer Kelly, 1; Dianne Little, 50; and Susan Mooten, 54.
- Bantam boys, Jamie Lawson, 2; Todd Andrews, 57; Jack Ninaber, 22; and Scott Nolan, 54.
- Junior girls, Karen Macachern, 17; Debbie Lumbers, 13; Sally Briggs, 12; Lisa Gillis, 29; Cathy Kelozsvari, 26; Pam Dubrosky, 30; Andrea Arbie, 9; Sonja Amstaecker, 46.
- Intermediate girls, Connie Soros, 24; Chris Hoare, 2; Shelly Wong, 14; Peggy Mooten, 31; and Mandy Sitcock, 3.
- Intermediate boys, Ken Kavanagh, 33; Danny Gibson, 31; Ian Paul, 4; Mike Scott, 8; Mike Yallowica, 37; and Scott Allonby, 23.
- Senior girls, Nancy Thomas, 6; Shirley Van Rijk, 7; Susan Wilson, 15; Judy Vetricek, 18.
- Senior boys, Steve Watreck, 8; John Kwiatkowski, 28; Paul Stables, 34; Jim McVeigh, 37; Chris Lobsinger, 33; Scott McDonough, 31; and Matthew Wakelin, 36.

Mr. Mashinter has started a recorder club, Wednesdays at 3:30 to 4 p.m. Winners of our boys flag football series is Green. They challenged its teachers to a football game, last Friday. They had a real stroke of bad luck that day as the teachers won 26-6. Mrs. White started a Christmas craft club with 22 members. Mrs. White and some girls have started making pennants for each house league.

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Interclub sheep day

By Henry J. Stanley
Four members of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club competed at Rockton Fair against other members from Haldimand, North Niagara and Wellington 4-H Sheep Clubs. Judge Neil Comfort, St. Anna, placed the lambs on type and then the 4-H member on his or her ability to show the lamb. In the Senior Section, Joseph Weeden, Oakville, won the sheepskin rug for the top lamb and placed third in showmanship. In the Juniors, Richard Stanley, Rockwood received the Mrs. Lloyd Deeks Trophy for the top lamb and the Amos Kitchen Trophy for high score in showmanship. Kevin Donaldson, Campbellville and Jamie Richardson, 613 Turner Drive, Burlington, placed in the second prize group for lamb and showmanship. In the Novice Showmanship Class for first year members, Kevin moved up to the first prize group. All members in

the first prize group also received a Sheep Focus hat or T-shirt from Mrs. Lloyd Deeks, wife of the Haldimand 4-H club leader. This show concluded activities for the Halton 4-H Sheep Club members for 1978. The 13 young people had a most successful year and are looking forward to starting up their club once again in early January.

Youths spotted leaving scene

Two youths, approximately 16 or 17 years of age, were seen trying to break into Queen's Tire Service on the night of October 12. The owner of the store, who lives upstairs, told Halton Regional Police he heard a noise coming from the garage downstairs, and when he looked out the window he saw the two suspects running away. Entry was gained by breaking the lock on a bay door on the west side of the building.

Collision

Cars driven by James Hibbard, Tidey Ave., and Arthur Davenport, Guelph, were in

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Speyside

by Julie Nipper and Kim Ivson
Speyside school was not in the top five schools, but a few people were especially good in the cross-country competition last Wednesday. Pierre Bollert came in ninth and Lisa Mitchell came in 14th in the 10 year old group. Tim Pollen came in 16th in the 11 year old group. Mr. Ciglen, our vice principal, thinks we did well for the first year.

The Thanksgiving Assembly was held on October 6, (Friday). Grade one had been working on the sea and presented some excellent pictures. Grade two did a poem. Grade 3 was absent because of swimming lessons. Grade 4 and 5 sang "Going on a Lion Hunt" Tim and Jeff Pollen did a piano duet. Grade 5 and 6 did a dance and presented a poem. We also had a student of the month. Hoping you had a good Thanksgiving—bye.

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