

# Acton High notes

by Janet Rowe

On Friday, November 10, the film club at Acton High will be presenting the film "The Song Remains the Same". Last year this same film was shown due to popular demand this Led Zeppelin

film will be shown a second time. The doors will open at 7:30, the film starts at 8 p.m. The cost will be \$1.50 with a student card and \$2. without a card. Come out and support the film club, and bring a friend along.

For this week only, the yearbook club has been accepting designs for the cover of next year's book. The student who designs the best cover will be given a free 1979 yearbook.

The cross country season has come to an end at Acton High. The last meet that took place was the O.F.S.S.A. cross country championship at Scarborough College. Heather Thatcher was in the top third for the midget girls. Heather and many of the other team members, made this year's cross country meets, very successful.

The exhibition season of basketball started last week, at Acton High. Midget boys and junior boys are off to a great start.

Last week the midget boys played against Erin. Chris March tied the game 41-41 with only 15 seconds left in the game. The junior boys defeated Erin 38-36. Games that took place on Monday and Wednesday of this week were played in Milton and at Dundas Highland. This year there is no senior team at Acton High, so come out and cheer on the midgets and juniors!

The Arts Department at Acton High School is organizing an Art Festival, that will run from November 20 to 24 at the school.

The Arts Department includes teachers and students from the arts, music, theatre and family studies area.

Throughout the week, various activities will be taking place. Artists from different grades will be at work in the bearpit and art rooms. During lunch periods in the bearpit, throughout the week, the stage band will be playing, and an auction, which is a fund raising activity will take place.

Magic show and talent show are other highlights during the Art Festival.

November 23, will be the biggest day of the festival. Paul Brodie, an outstanding American saxophone player, will be in the school all day running a saxophone clinic. After school a microwave display will be put on by the family studies department. In the evening the Acton High band will perform, along with Paul Brodie. In the theatre arts room there will be theatre presentations.

On the last day of the festival art awards will be given out and the final auction will take place. At 8 p.m. an arts dance will be put on. More on the Arts Festival to follow in upcoming columns.

Next Monday is reporting day at the high school.



TAKING THEIR SEATS at Commencement at Acton High School on Friday are Secondary School Honor graduates Sue Thomson, Matt Shephar, Steve Schubert and Jennifer Rowe.

## Speyside

by Tim Pollen  
Last Friday's assembly was another great success. Mr. Coe's class did a choral reading and Mrs. Pearce's class (Grade one) showed a mural on community helpers. Mr. Ciglen's class which is

a split grade five and six also showed a mural which was about the Aztecs of central Mexico. Mrs. Preston's class presented a booklet about the city and Miss Kelpen's class, grade three and four, showed Hallowe'en masks

they made and told stories and research they did on bats. The following students also received awards for the Student of the Month: grade one: Steven McDonnell, grade two: Anne Franklin, grade three and four: Angela Dipersio, grade four and five: David Deforest, Grade five and six: Nancy Ellamere. Nancy Ellamere also won the

Patrol of the Month award. This Saturday, November eleventh, the bus patrols will be taking a trip to Toronto (Maple Leaf Gardens) to see the Ice Capades. The bus will leave the Holy Cross School in Georgetown at approximately 10:30 and return about 4:00. There are thirteen people going from Speyside.

## McKenzie-Smith

by Shirley Van Ryk  
Terry-Lynn McStravick The McKenzie-Smith triple trio will be performing for our entire school on Friday at our Remembrance Day Assembly. The group includes Carolyn Gibson, Kim Heaps and Karrie Curran in soprano; Della-Marie Webster, Lori Robinson and Shirley Van Ryk in second soprano, and Meredith Calsie, Leslie Kenny and Denise Coleman in alto. The girls have worked very hard in their practices, so we are looking forward to their first performance of the year. Last Friday we were introduced to a Read-a-thon for

Multiple Sclerosis. For the month of November we are hunting for sponsors who will support our book reading for a very worthy cause. Our volleyball team has been chosen. Some of the members are L. Dobisz, M. Walker, M. Yalowica, R. Dodds, K. Kavanagh, C. Nibbs, P. Wright, B. Shannon, P. Mills, G. Gidman, J. Kwiatkowski, B. Demone, W. McMillan, M. Phelan, P. Vermeulen, B. Youmans, and S. Allonby. Our Christmas campaign of Regal novelties will end this week. We thank all those who have supported our money-raising endeavor

**This Is "Youth Appreciation Week"**  
as proclaimed by  
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of Acton



SECONDARY SCHOOL Honor Graduation Diplomas were handed out by former principal Dean Fink. Sue Mellor receives hers.

## Guide and Brownie news

2nd Acton Guides  
by Nancy van der Eyken  
"The witches are coming", was the cry at our Hallowe'en party, Mon. Oct. 30. Not only witches, but goblins, Dracula's wife, little green elves, old ladies and numerous other ghouls and gals, and a good time was had by all.

have our serious times also. Please Guides and Brownies, don't forget the Remembrance Day Service, Sat. Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m. behind the Post Office. This Service is part of our promise to our Country, these men gave so much, can we not give them one hour of our time?

The entertainment committee had rigged up a Gourmets Gallery, (Haunted House) with eyeballs (peeled grapes), intestines (wet spaghetti), blood (tomato paste) and other gories. We left all that and just enjoyed sandwiches, cookies, popcorn, candies and juice. A cake raffle was held with the proceeds going towards our Friendship Fund. Winners were Lisa Mason and Lisa Gillis, fattening girls.

## M.Z.B. news

by Trevynn Mason  
Last week, on Hallowe'en, our UNICEF collection was a great success. Almost 300 boxes were taken out by our pupils and returned to the school. We can hardly wait to find out what our total contribution will be to this very important charity.

Monica Musselle had made a pinata filled with candies which we all took our turn trying to break open. Lisa Mason conquered it, but we all shared the candy. We played games and had a dance contest, which was fun. Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Ginger, Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. van der Eyken had a hard time choosing the best costume but managed to come up with five that showed originality and thought.

Many pupils in Grades 2 to 5 have signed up to participate in a Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon. We had a special assembly last Wednesday about this event which has two main objectives. First of all, it encourages all pupils to read more books, and secondly it helps in finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. Our fund-raising program has begun. We are selling light bulbs for only \$2 per package of three bulbs.

With all our fun times we

## Wrong date

Acton High School students will visit the University of Waterloo on Wednesday, November 8, not Wednesday, November 11 as mentioned in a previous story.

This week, Remembrance Day is being observed on Saturday, November 11. Poppies will be sold in the school on Wednesday. A special assembly for Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be held on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hurst and Mr. McKenzie will be speaking to us then. They are members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

## St. Joseph's

by Susan Lidbury  
Last week the teachers from both schools played our boys in volleyball. Good team work was demonstrated on both sides.

fought for our country. Miss Crins' class made paper airplanes for their project on flying.

Monday and Tuesday were exhibition games against Holy Rosary Milton for both girl and boy volleyball teams. This week is the beginning of our volleyball league games starting on Thursday against Holy Rosary Milton, St. Peter's Milton and Holy Cross Georgetown. These games will be played in Milton.

Mr. McGeragie's class has been studying jet travel. This includes how they are constructed, main principals on flying, what makes them go and about the pilots.

The grade six, seven and eight will be getting a new French teacher to replace Mrs. Maroneese. Mrs. Maroneese is now teaching half the kindergartens in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

Last Friday the seven and eight had a popcorn sale. Another one will be held next month. Paper mache is being constructed in art.

The grade one's and two's are preparing for Remembrance Day and will be visiting the cenotaph to say a little prayer for this occasion. The grade twos and threes are learning a Remembrance Day song that stresses the importance of wearing poppies to show that we're proud of those men who

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- Halton County Elementary and Secondary Schools Consultative Committee
- Association of Canadian Community Colleges
- Canadian Vocational Institute
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- Reeve of Acton - Warden of Halton County
- Director - Ontario Counties Association

### CONCERNS

- Declining enrollment but with increased assessment.
- High cost of education and resulting high taxes.
- Back to basics and the discipline of core curriculum.
- Structured programs to ensure student mobility within the school system.
- Competition - minimum standards and goals.
- System should rest on accountability of everyone involved.
- Involvement of community in educational process.
- Discipline - Morality - Integrity - Physical Education.

### ISSUES

- Community use of schools.
- School facilities should be functional, not expensive.
- Add proven new methods, while retaining the best of the old.
- Expenditure of over 86 million dollars for last year is highly questionable.
- Evaluation of administrative organization.
- Control of salary costs.

## It's time to control the high cost of education

We have declining enrollments. We have a continuing increase in assessment which results in more tax dollars but no reduction in the mill rate. We cannot allow the cost of education and the increase in taxes to continue.

To create the best learning environment for the student, we must pay increasing attention to discipline, morality, integrity, and physical education.

To increase the quality of education we must set priorities. A first priority must be to see to it that our students attain higher levels of competence in the basics. Then use the time which gives the best cost - benefit to other programmes such as physical education, special education, parenting, family counselling, drama, art, music, etc. We should avoid duplication and competition with other agencies. For those who do not excel in academic pursuits, let us encourage them towards vocational and technical courses so that they will qualify for job opportunities which offer a good future. We should involve the community in the educational process in many ways. Work programmes for students for example, could be encouraged.

We need to evaluate our procedures in testing and examinations to ensure reasonable standards and goals, and to prepare the student for the competitive world. We should strive for more structured programs to ensure student mobility in the school system.

We need less experimentation with the students and the teachers. The needs of the students are now met to a certain level but we can always improve that level by constant evaluation and setting sensible priorities.

We should also evaluate our administrative organization and set priorities for what we really need and can afford.

We must ensure that our school buses meet high safety standards and that schedules and routes are set to bring the most reasonable use and convenience to those who need this facility. Some very small children spend over an hour of travel each way every school day and carry their lunches. The parents of school children in Wards 1 and 2 give wonderful support to their schools and earn the grateful thanks of their community.

We should maintain and foster the community use of schools. But, we should not subsidize with education dollars, municipal "parks and recreation" budgets which receive their own provincial grants. The board should re-assess past agreements and practices and make appropriate revisions to give the greatest benefit to the public.

Teacher negotiations should occur on a provincial level between the Provincial Teacher Federations and The Ministry of Education, or their representatives. This would give equality of pay and working conditions throughout the province. It would also increase the opportunity to create a better working climate, increase communications, and reduce stress for both Boards and Staff. This would need provincial legislation.

## It's time to get back to basics

IN CURRICULUM AND BUDGETS

# HINTON

DUE TO PROBLEMS OF GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AND LEASING MY STORE, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CALL ON MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS THIS YEAR. I AM SORRY AND HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. I WILL BE FREE IN THE COMING YEAR TO DEVOTE MY TIME TO SERVING YOU AND EDUCATION IN HALTON.

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