

Free Press Acton High

by Janet Rowe  
With just over a week left, before the end of semester one, students are really busy getting assignments in on time and writing tests. Students will have three days off, for semester turn-around time—Jan. 26, 29 and 30. They will return on Jan. 31, for second semester. In the swim meet last Friday against Georgetown, Acton High swimmers were defeated, but did exceptionally well as Georgetown had three times as many swimmers as Acton. The last two weeks of school before the Christmas holidays, junior and mid-level basketball players were selling tickets for a draw, which

took place on the last day of school before Christmas. Coaches and parents extend their thanks to all merchants and parents who helped make the draw a big success. Special thanks goes to the Maher Shoe Store at Brampton Shoppers World which donated two gifts. The money the mid-levels and juniors raised helped them pay for the basketball trips they had planned. The mid-levels went on a trip last weekend, traveling to London for a two-day tournament. On the Friday night the Redmen lost a well-played game against St. Jerome's of Kitchener by only two points, 47-45. Acton then had to play their second game early Saturday

morning. The Redmen played extremely well, but unfortunately London Central captured the victory. Playing strong games for Acton were Brent Vickery and Glenn Scott. The juniors will go on their basketball trip during the semester break. They will travel to Sudbury for three days. On Friday, Acton juniors and mid-levels will travel to Oakville where both teams will play against Oakville Trafalgar. Good luck goes to all players. On Friday, the first 1979 dance will take place at Acton High. The doors open at 8.30. The cost will be \$1.50 with a student card and \$2.00 without. So don't miss the first dance of the year.



Nothing like a good game of outdoor hockey—no fancy equipment, no league organization, just hearty Rockwood boys stick handling and passing the puck in the frigid air at the ball park rink.

Rockwood bowling

Team standings at the end of the seventh week of bowling are: Guelphites 79, Kay's Feeds 72, Erk & Jerks 69, Four Corners 65, Unpredictables 61, Carney's 61, Rovers 59, Happy Gang 58, Good Timers 54, Rockwood Posties 48, Late Comers 47, Countrymen 42. Ladies over 500 for Tuesday, Jan. 9. Marg McKersie 712, Mary Lush 605, Vivienne O'Brien 599, Jean Smith 570, Nancy Gordon 567, Ann Parkinson 563, Eva Bosch 539, Joy Halliburton 537, Marjorie O'Kraffa 528, Ellen Garner 527, Diana Carney 524, Erke Van Driel 510, Joanne Davies 502. Men over 600 for Tuesday, Jan. 9. Gary Parks 757, Paul Holman 696, Dennis Death 681, Fred Vandervalk 664, Ted Justin 655, Jim Dales 646, John Polo 659, Dunc Kingsbury 639, Dunc McPhedran 628. Results of games bowled Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1979: Happy Gang, 7 events, 2 highest bowlers, Paul Holman 696, Dennis Death 681. Late Comers 0 points, David Donnell 568, Don

Vivienne O'Brien 599, Gordon Ostrander 594, Four Corners 3 points, Marg McKersie 712, Ann Parkinson 563. Country men 0 points, Jean Smith 570, Bert Gould 485, Erk & Jerks 7 points, Hank Van Driel 548, Jov Halliburton 537. Unpredictables 7 points, Jim Cernluk 646, Fred Vandervalk 664, Carneys 0 points, Nancy Gordon 567, Howard Dunk 536, Guelphites 5 points, Gary Parks 757, Ted Justin 655, Kays Feeds 2 points, John Polo 659, Mary Lush 605.

Free Press McKenzie-Smith

by Terry Lynn McStravick and Shirley Van Rijk  
The front of our school newspaper "The Observer" was a very attractive drawing of Santa Claus and our school crest. We have had a draw for the best colored production of this picture and the winner will receive \$5. This year our school is organizing a year book. Each student that wants one will have to pay \$4 per year book by March 17th. We will probably

get them by next September so that all June activities will be included. The grade 8's went to the high school last week to see a music presentation. Students who were present are the ones who wish to take music next year in grade nine. Last Thursday our boys' team McKenzie Smith Phantoms played the W. I. Dick Wildcats and beat them 32-12. Our star player was John Kwiatkowski, scoring 18 points. We began quite slowly but finished with a

real flurry of solid scoring. Our thanks go to Dr. Boycott for his help with transportation and some excellent officiating. On Saturday the boys played against Rolling Meadows in the Red and White tournament at the Acton high school. The extra tall Rolling Meadows defeated our guys 45-28. Then our boys went on and defeated Erin 40-15, and won against W. I. Dick 43-38 to win the consolation prize. We are very proud of our players. The girls' game on Thursday was cancelled due to an important teachers' meeting, but practices are still continuing quite well. Our school will be doing the Operetta, again this year. Mr. Mashinter will be in charge of the presentation of Rhana's Pond. Our second school newspaper should be out in March. Staff and students are now collecting articles for it.

Acton Scouts campout

by Mark Rowe  
First Acton Scouts had their troop winter camp last weekend. Scouters John Sharples, Mark Rowe, and Rick Gibson took five Scouts to a spot on the Fourth Line, Esquesing, to spend Saturday and Sunday.

After hiking from Acton to the campsite Saturday morning, they set up camp and prepared lunch. After dishes, quite a task in that weather, they spent the afternoon tobogganing and cross-country skiing. The steady snowfall was certainly an

asset. Supper was a large serving of hot chili. At campfire that evening, the boys were joined by Robert Barber, district Scout commissioner, and by Andrea Sharples, district Beaver commissioner. About 11 o'clock Saturday night everyone turned in for a restful and warm night, nestled tightly in bales of straw. Sunday had a late start but it was an enjoyable morning. In the afternoon the group broke camp and walked back to town while their gear was driven in.

Eight courses are cancelled

Attendance is way down at night school according to organizer Dave Sale, causing many classes to be cancelled. Woodworking is the only class that is full. There, registration is still open for bookkeeping, sewing two and three, sewing with knit and stretch fabrics, typing, brush up and beginners, and yoga, one and two. Classes started last week. Bridge, crochet for beginners, gourmet

microwave cooking, interior design, on and off loom weaving, painting and drawing, one and two, photography for beginners and small engines have had to be cancelled due to low registration. All programs however, will be offered again when the spring classes start. Public input is appreciated, Mr. Sale noted, and those wishing a certain course are invited to get in touch with him at the high school.

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St. Joseph's

by Susan Lidbury  
Winter has decorated the kindergarten class very nicely. The kindergartens have been working on winter pictures, poems and many winter words. Keep on decorating. The grade ones and twos have started two new subjects. These are "feelings" how the children feel and in math they are studying subtraction. Mrs. Graham's class have been studying about their own families, the importance of one and about the Holy Family. The grade fours and fives are decorating their classroom with a Japan display and for art they did Japanese Recurring Symbols. After all the children had gone home Miss Crins was left to chase two gerbils around the room. They were finally captured and put back in their cage. Mr. McGeragle's class is also studying Japan for Environmental studies for Phys Ed. They are practising basketball skills.

Three new subjects are being studied in the seven and eight class. These are "American Revolution" in history, "Area" in math and Force Energy and work in Science. Inter-school Basketball has started. The girls will be playing Holy Rosary, Milton, St. Peter's, Milton and Holy Cross, Georgetown. The boys will be playing the boys' teams from these three schools. Next Friday, January 26 is a professional activity day for the teachers. They will be going to Oakville to listen to a guest speaker. St. Joseph's has a "Pyramid" telephoning system. This is for the country children to be notified if our school bus is not running. Tyler's will phone Mr. McGeragle and he will phone Mrs. Van Arden, she will phone four mothers and so fourth. We have not had to use this yet but it will always come in handy. We would all like to thank Tylers for their hard work.

That's life Herd says

Efforts to round out Oakville's French Language Advisory Committee failed, according to that town's separate school trustee Len Auger. Advertisements and a French language plea in parish bulletins resulted in no one new on the committee, Auger told the Halton Board of Education meeting at Burlington Thursday night. The board decided to asked the five elected

members of the committee to appoint a French-speaking ratepayer to fill the post. After listening to Auger list the steps taken to flush a candidate into the open, school board chairman Bill Herd could only say: "C'est la vie." Members were elected to the Oakville committee in December. Other French Language Advisory Committees in Halton are in Georgetown and Milton.

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