

Robert Little

Speech is topic of winning entry

A speech entitled, *The Trouble with Making Speeches*, was a prize winner for Brad Demone at the Robert Little public speaking competition, Friday morning. Although Brad described shaking knees and a dry throat among the symptoms he experiences when asked to make a speech, he delivered a speech full of confidence

and humour. The five finalists were chosen from grade 5 students. Speaker one, Melanie Bray gave an informative speech dealing with kangaroos and their unusual lifestyles. Laura Leslie spoke about Robert Little's former principal Hazen Allen. Laura recalled for teachers and students

many of the kind and thoughtful ways of the principal. She spoke about his life and his work in the school until his recent death. Kathy Lawrence kept her fellow classmates laughing when she recounted the antics of her "crazy cat," Tricks. Even though the kitten is a mere seven months, Kathy said she had plenty of materials for her two to three minute speech.



Robert Little public speaking contestants were left to right, Warren Blain, Melanie Bray, Laura Leslie and Kathy Lawrence. Sitting is Robert Little's representative for the North Halton competition Brad Demone.

Free Press

Acton High

by Janet Rowe

It was obvious that today was Valentine's Day at Acton High, as many students and teachers carried along with their books, long stemmed red roses. People within the school who had purchased red roses last week from a student association member, had the roses delivered to that special someone today. Last Friday, the Acton High Redmen played an outstanding game defeating Assumption High School 79-14. John Vuk, Rob Lenizky and Martin Osso played a great game scoring many of the points. The outstanding defense player was Dave Williamson. On Saturday the Redmen travelled to Stayner and continued to play exceptionally well, defeating basketball

teams from Thornlea, Oshawa and Stayner and capturing the tournament championship. Congratulations to the Redmen for once again bringing home the gold for Acton High.

Mrs. Marion Mathews, a member of the Cafeteria staff at Acton High, left last Friday. Mrs. Mathews began working at the High School cafeteria when it opened in September 1977. It was great having Mrs. Mathews with us and best of luck to her in the future.

The Valentine's dance for 1979, will be this Friday, February 16. The music will be provided by a local disc-jockey. The cost is \$1.50 with a student card. Doors open at 8:30, so come out and have a good time!

Warren Blain delivered an interesting speech on airplanes, giving special attention to the Concord. Warren referred to the airplane as the "best kind of transportation" and said he gathered most of his information from books and personal knowledge. He flew to England in a Concord during the past summer.

Teachers Mr. Ciglen, Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. Mashinter announced they had a very difficult time choosing the winner.

The students were marked on the delivery of their speech, content, over-all impression and the handling of questions posed by the judges.

Brad will represent Robert Little in the junior division of the North-Halton public speaking contest. Robert Little will be hosting the contest this year.

Public speaking winner

Tim Pollen will be representing Speyside public school at the North Halton public speaking competition on February 21. Tim gave a speech on his Hungarian dog entitled, *My Dzsila*. Honorable mention went to Martha Armstrong who spoke on food additives. Vice principal Rick Coe

said it was a very close contest, almost a tie. The nine speakers who competed in the competition were made up of grade five and six students.

Judges for the competition were school board trustee Betty Fisher, Speyside teacher Anne Armstrong and secretary Irene Murphy. Tim will go to Robert Little for the North

Halton competition. Other contestants in the competition were Lisa Sansom, Doug Richardson, Nancy Rand, Julie Nipper, Heather Johnston, Peter Kuechler and Tim Walker.

Speyside

by Tim Pollen and Ronny Teggart
Yesterday, a special assembly was held for the contestants in the public speaking contest. The winner Tim Pollen will represent Speyside in another speaking contest later on. The other contestants were Doug Richardson, Nancy Rand, Julie Nipper, Peter Kuechler, Heather Johnston, Martha Armstrong, Lisa Sansom and Tim Walker also did very well. They were judged by Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Armstrong on expression, originality, overall impression and questions and discussion. On Monday we had a professional development day and the teachers worked at various workshops in Acton and Milton. We asked some of the teachers what workshops they had taken. Mr. Coe told us that he and Mrs. Eaton took Disco dancing for the core program in the morning and in the afternoon films and Language Arts.

4-H club talks clothes

by Heather Knapton
Dublin South 4-H Club is dealing with accessories. The meeting was held at Cathy Brewes house, south of Acton. The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge and new books were handed out. Members discussed the financial situation. Teresa explained to new members how money is earned. Twenty-five cents will be brought to the meetings every week to go to the club's account. Mrs. Brewes read the introduction to accessories. Teresa went through our Accessories

the Final Touch book and explained the assignment pages.

Members discussed the different possibilities of accessories they could make. Senior girls, 16 years of age or over, are responsible for two accessories, and the junior members are only responsible for one.

Members also discussed the different colors that they prefer to wear. The color choices was orange, violet, blue, yellow, red and green. Most of the girls picked blue.

The word accessory simply means an attractive extra. An example of this is a tie. A well dressed girl picks her accessories with care regarding her style and color of dress.

Board fills vacancies

Halton Board of Education confirmed two appointments to Acton and area schools during Thursday's meeting at Burlington.

Larry Ciglen, of Georgetown, was appointed acting elementary school principal at Robert Little and Speyside schools.

Richard Coe was also appointed principal's assistant at Speyside. Both appointments are for the balance of the school year.

Mr. Ciglen replaces Hazen Allen who died earlier this year.

Provincials investigated

Guelph OPP investigated a hit and run accident involving a car which left the scene and a portable classroom at Rockwood's Centennial School.

The accident, which took place the weekend of February 3-4, was reported the following Monday. Damage to the class room is estimated to be \$300.

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McKenzie-Smith

by Shirley Van Itjik and Shelley Wong
The seed campaign which our school was involved in ended last week. The results were not as successful as we had hoped, but fortunately we were able to sell over \$3500. A good pat on the back for those who did go out and sell some seeds for our school. The class which sold the largest amount was 6-4. They received a pizza party for their efforts. Coming in second was 8-3 with 8-4 close behind them for third place. Last Thursday the girls' basketball team played E.C. Drury in Milton. The McKenzie-Smith girls' defeated E.C.

Drury by a score of 22-12. The girls played a good first half and maintained their lead throughout the second half. On that same day, the boys' team challenged Centennial to a basketball game. Although they were defeated they played a fine game. Mr. Mashinter has chosen both casts for the opera, *Rena's Pond*. They will be rehearsing for the next several weeks. The badminton club is running smoothly. The play-off games have already started. Today, there is a Valentine's dance at our school. It will be held after school until 6 p.m.

Leishman park . . .

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purposes and are surplus to the needs of the neighborhood with respect to open space standards in both the current Acton Official Plan and the emerging consolidated official plan policies under review by the planning board."

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he agreed with Mr. Payne that to go through another OMB hearing would be a waste of time and money. He suggested sending the entire matter back to the

recreation department. "We either have to repeal it or send it back to the OMB," he said.

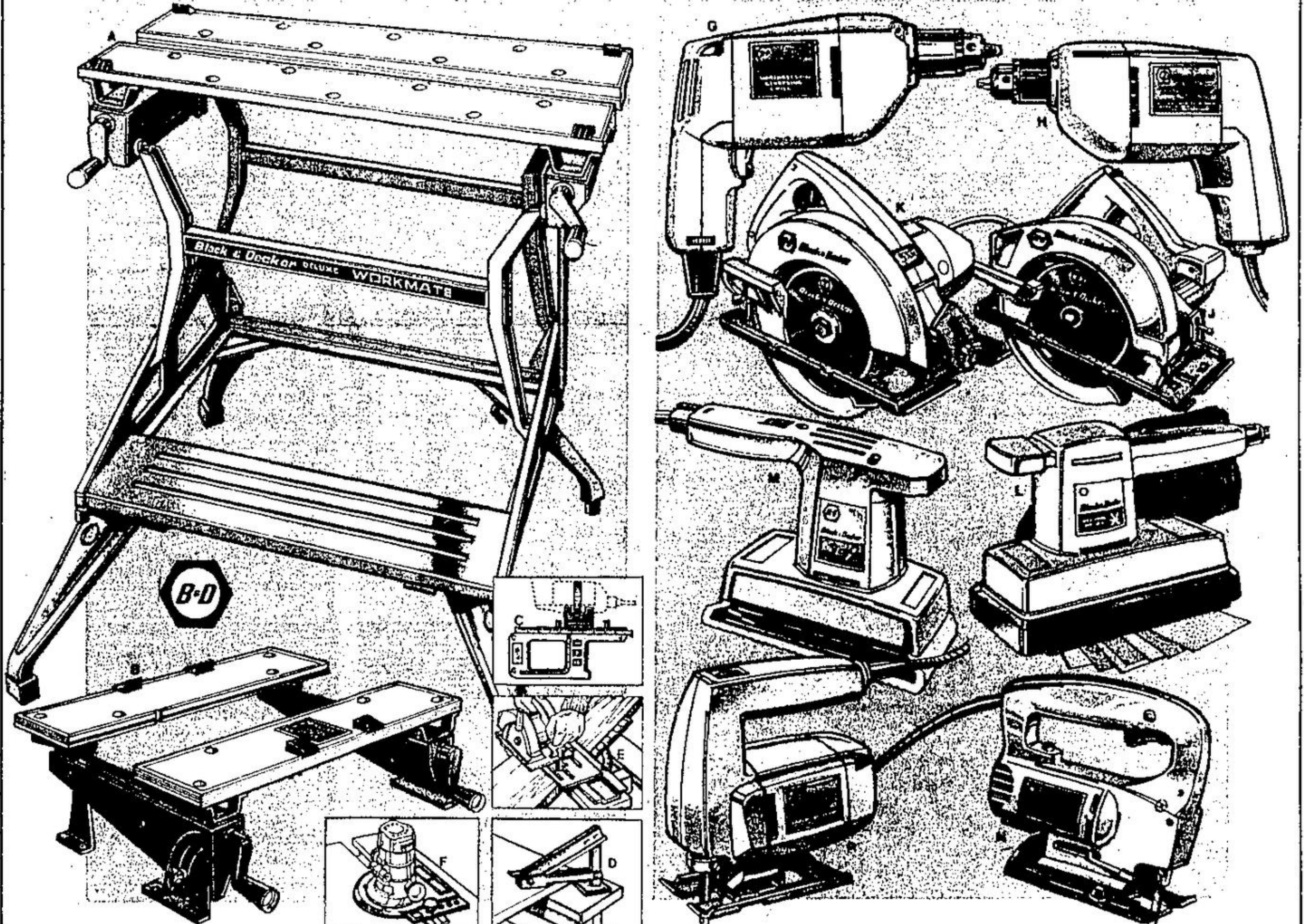
George Maltby said he found it regrettable there was a name attached to the park. He explained that many people may be hesitant to change it when it was named after J. Leishman and sentiment stood in the way. He pointed out that in 1967, at the time of the second OMB hearing, there was no agreement between the town and school board

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