

**Free Press St. Joseph's**

by Susan Uddbury and Honor Sweezy  
Everybody is looking forward to the upcoming March break beginning this coming Friday. Kindergarten registration will be held on April 4.

This Friday we will be holding a church mass to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, for Monday being the March break it cannot be celebrated then.

Frank Pacheco did well in the Halton Separate School "Public Speaking" Contest in Burlington last Thursday. Well done, Frank!

Mr. Dawkins from the Rotary Club was in last Friday to talk to us about the rules and prizes of the Skate-a-thon.

The kindergarten class now has a puppet theatre in their classroom. This is to help the children in dramatizing stories.

The grades ones and twos are studying Maple Syrup in Environmental Studies to help them understand the process the grade ones, twos and threes are visiting Mountsberg Conservation area. In Math both grades are learning to count to 100.

Accompanying the ones and twos the grade threes will also be going to Mountsberg as Mrs. Graham's class is studying Maple Syrup as well. The Sacrament of Penance for the grade twos is being celebrated on Thursday, March 29.

Miss Crins class is doing a study of Toronto and Amsterdam. For art they did crayon drawings.

The grade fives are doing problem solving and the grade sixes are doing decimals. Tongue

Twisters such as a Prinderella and the Cince are being studied as Creative Writing in Language Arts.

The grade sevens and eights are beginning a new subject in Geography "Weather and Climate." In Language Arts the theme

**M.Z. Bennett**

by Maria Kril  
Last Friday we had a special assembly. We had two guest speakers, Mr. Dawkins and Mr. Whiting. They talked about the Rotary Skate-a-thon, which will be held on Sunday, April 1 at the Acton Community Centre.

The skate-a-thon raises money for the schools and for other community projects carried out by the Rotary Club. The child who brings in the most money will win a color television set. Second prize is a stereo console, and third prize is a tape recorder.

Winter break this year begins on March 17 and lasts until the 25th. Many pupils and teachers are planning trips. Some will just stay around home. All children will return to school on March 26.

**McKenzie-Smith**

by Monika George and Shelley Wong  
Yesterday we had a science fair in our gymnasium. The displays were shown to students during school hours and were viewed by the community in the evening. The displays were well done and much effort was put into them.

Many students are busy obtaining sponsors

"Discovery" a career education program is being studied by both grades. In math "Angles" are being studied. Last Wednesday the grade sevens and eights visited Bishop MacDonnell Catholic High School in Guelph for a tour of the school.

participating in the skate-a-thon this year. The Grade two classes have been studying about Hawaii recently. On Monday March 12, both classes had a "luau" at noon hour. The children did not have to bring any lunch because the food was provided.

Several parent volunteers helped to prepare it here at the school last Friday. Some children wore summer clothing to get in the mood for this special event.

The regular afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club was held in Luxton Hall March 6. President Watkins welcomed a goodly number.

for the skate-a-thon which will take place next month. The money raised will be used for field trips and other school activities. The person who collects the most money will win a color TV. Second prize is a stereo set and the third prize is a tape recorder.

The euche club Thursday continued its tournament with Michelle Luxon and Cheryl Gilbert, Dennis Lawrence and Blake Norton, Gary White and Ian Paul, Chris Lob-singer and Guy Malby playing in the finals. The results will be announced in next week's article.

Last Thursday, the grade sixes went on a field trip to the Ryerson Theatre in Toronto. The show they watched was "The Escape from Dark Galaxy." The show was about people who try to destroy evil in another galaxy.

The grade seven teachers are planning a camping trip to Midland in June. Students must supply their own camping equipment and cook their own meals. Meanwhile the grade 8 teachers are planning a five day trip to Washington D.C. in May and June. They will see the White House and Gettysburg.

Switzerland Saturday and will be staying there for just over a week. The four senior students will meet other schools and spend their March break touring Switzerland.



Stunning the Birthday Game at the high school's Casino Night Friday evening were Denise Dilby and Luana Gardin.

**Filing income tax topic of Golden Age meeting**

The regular afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club was held in Luxton Hall March 6. President Watkins welcomed a goodly number.

Two minutes silence was observed for Mrs. Lena Mann a valued

**Safety Council head**

Peter Bromley of Oakville will be installed as chairman of Halton Safety Council, at the group's annual dinner meeting to be held Wednesday, March 28 in Georgetown.

First vice-chairman for 1979 will be William Little of Burlington, with Ruth Bayne second vice. Secretary is Gail Lorimer, treasurer Blanche Burgin, Burlington.

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**Friends-in-deed Spring around corner as signs are increasing**

by Mrs. Emily Price  
What a relief to finally see bare ground at last, after all the snow and cold weather. Even though the air is cool, the sun is getting stronger and makes one feel as though spring can't be far off.

Apparently robins have been seen and in some places, tulips are starting to appear.

Several of the organization will be taking in the Ice Capades on Saturday, at Kitchener Memorial Gardens, and will be leaving from Tyler's around 2 p.m. That should be a lovely

**News of the district**

OAKVILLE—Nineteen-year-old Tom Smith has been released after nine months in an Iranian prison in the City of Tabriz. He was freed after rioters broke into the jail and destroyed it. He was jailed on charges of auto smuggling and falsifying passport documents.

AREA OF FARMLAND In 1976, farms in Canada occupied 66,390,400 hectares were pasture.

from Rockwood are to put on the program at the next evening meeting on March 21.

Mrs. Grubb from the YMCA introduced Mrs. Burrows who spoke on filing income tax papers and told of different items that would benefit senior citizens. For anyone wishing help Mrs. Burrows would be at the 'Y' every Wednesday. It was decided to take advantage of these services.

Birthday greetings were for J. Davidson and E. McIntyre. Anniversaries for Mr. and Mrs. M. Milne.

DENTAL DISEASE Symptoms of dental disease include continual bad breath, bad taste in mouth, pain when chewing or eating sweet foods, drinking hot or cold liquids, bleeding when brushing, swollen or inflamed gums.

**Speyside**

In grade 1 Todd DeForest got the student of the month award for February. In grade 2 Brian Kuechler got the award and in grade 3-4 David Clark received it.

In grade 4-5 Craig Weaver collected it and in grade 5-6 Lisa Mitchell and Gary MacDonald both gained the award. On Monday the grade 4 to 6 went on a trip to a play called "Escape from a Dark Galaxy". They also went to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). Mrs. Eaton's class had a

guided tour of the Indian and Eskimo Culture. Mr. Coe's class had a guided tour on Prehistoric life. This past week we began a Kilometre Klub where we try to run a kilometre. We only compete with ourselves. We keep a record so we can see how we improve. A kilometre is 20 times around the gym.

CHILD CARE To be a more competent baby sitter take a St. John Ambulance course in Child Care.

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**Acton High**

by Janet Howe  
The cafeteria will bear a name this week. Students put suggestions in a box last week, and now the cafeteria council will tabulate the suggested names and draw up a list of six names. Students will vote on the name they like best. The person who suggested the best cafeteria name will be announced and awarded a prize.

A team in the school that is not well known is the chess team. Yes, Acton High does have a

chess team and it's a great team. Last week in the semi-finals Acton played against White Oaks; Acton was behind 4½ to 2½ after the first round. Facing elimination, Acton went to White Oaks and beat the home team 4½ to 2½ to tie the match. The tie breaking match will be played at Acton High this week.

Last Friday, the annual Casino Nite was held. There were many different games for students to gamble on. Foul shooting, crown and anchor, craps, and seven over, seven under were just a few of the games that were enjoyed by all who attended. Much hard work from the athletic society made the evening so exciting and enjoyable.

The annual spring semi-formal dance will take place March 15 featuring the group "Phoenix". Four students at Acton High will be flying to

by Adrienne Kovacs  
On Tuesday, March 6, after saying our Brownie Promise and singing some Brownie songs, we sat and talked about trips we are planning for the next few months.

The Brownies were happy to hear that on April 3 we will be going to McDonald's, where we will be given a tour of the restaurant.

All the Brownies were really excited when Brown Owl talked about the trip planned for May 12, which will be a visit to the Science Centre in Toronto.

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