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John Simpson admires school

McKenzie-Smith middle school students are extremely fortunate to have the school and teachers they have, says that school's new principal John Simpson.

Mr. Simpson was appointed to the post in August following the sudden death of Gary Dawkins in July.

Mr. Simpson has the highest regard for his new staff and credits vice principal Carl Hymers for the smooth transition from Pineview, his last school, to Acton.

The new school head started his teaching career in Cambridge in 1965, after graduating from Wilfred Laurier University, and the Hamilton Teachers' College. After a succession of schools in the Burlington, Oakville area, he finally made his way to North Halton and Pineview school last year. He has been a principal since 1973.

Mr. Simpson is on the provincial men's teachers' federation, on the professional development committee. In his spare time however, he enjoys stamp collecting and is a member of the Oakville Stamp Club. He also finds time for his family, which consists of his wife and three young children.

McKenzie-Smith school, he said, has one of the best reputations for getting the community involved in the school, and the school involved in the community he said, something which he does not plan to change. He is impressed with the students' "responsible attitude," he said.

The Lowville resident is very pleased to be a part of the middle school system and is looking forward to meeting members of the community.

Ron Chatten new principal

It took 22 years, but Ron Chatten has finally made it to Acton.

As principal of the twinned schools of Robert Little and Speyside, Mr. Chatten replaces the late Hazen Allen, who died suddenly last December. During the second half of the school year vice principal Larry Ciglen took over the duties of acting principal.

Mr. Chatten began his career in 1957 in Oakville, before moving on to North York, Centennial middle school in Georgetown was his first introduction to North Halton. Seven years later, he was transferred to Pineview where he spent three years. In 1967, Mr. Chatten opened the Stewarttown school where he has stayed until his arrival in Acton and Speyside. Since his days in north Halton began, he has been a principal.

Robert Little and Speyside schools have brought him back in contact with the primary grade children, something he says he missed in the older grade schools. "I'm really enjoying them," he says.

Mr. Chatten explains he is also pleased with the parent-volunteer role in the school. The community is important to a school. He hopes the staff and students, with a great deal of help from the public, will be able to do a history of the school and have it on permanent display in the Robert Little foyer. He noted it is one way of getting the town more involved in the school.

Although Mr. Chatten is stationed mainly in Acton, he visits Speyside at least twice a week. He explained Mr. Ciglen is in charge of the day to day activities, while he himself is more involved in the general direction of the school.

Mr. Chatten lives on the Eighth Line, and is active in the Georgetown Optimist club and the Georgetown Y board. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling.



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Acton High notes

Some people have all the luck!

The grade 12 environmental science class spent all last week canoeing, hiking, climbing and camping out in the fresh fall air. Building a fire with a given amount of matches, hiking then canoeing a certain distance and sleeping out under the stars was all part of the course and necessary in order for students to receive marks. The environmental science class will not return to the great outdoors until the end of October.

Acton High is pleased to welcome two grade 12 students from Quebec, France Fournier is staying with the Hogenbirk family and Nicole Lablanc is with the Gibb family. Arriving at the beginning of September, the girls spoke very little English; now a month later, they are communicating with other students very easily. The only difference France and Nicole find with our school compared with theirs, is our teachers are a little more strict than in Quebec.

The Outers Club will leave on their first camp out on Thursday. This Thanksgiving trip is open to all interested Outers. So all you Outers have a good time, and we will see you next Tuesday back at school.



And they're off! Quinn Kuenzig, left, and Daniel Martin speed down the ramp on their way to the finish line at the Optimist Soap Box Derby Saturday on Agnes St.

Eight in Derby

Although there weren't a great number of cars entered the Optimists Club of Acton feel they had a successful soap box derby on Agnes Street Saturday.

Eight cars were entered in competition with Robbie Leitch taking top place in the 'Stock Class', John Sullivan finishing second and Terry Leitch placing third. Sullivan also picked up top prize in the Junior Stock Class. Sherri Gardner was the winner of the "Modified Class" outdoor Quinn Kuenzig, who earned second and third place with two different cars. Kuenzig was also awarded the prize for the best car of the day.

Organizer Walter Barlow informed this paper that St. John Ambulance was on the scene for the event but were only needed when a young spectator fell off her bike.

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Oct. 3 Thu. 4 Fri. 5 Sat. 6

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Sun. 7 Mon. 8 Tue. 9

LOST FOUND **NIGHTWING**

Sunday, October 7 Matinee 2 p.m.

Silence held

One minute of silence was observed by members of the Halton Board of education Thursday evening in memory of J.M. Denyes teacher, Mrs. Sandy Turnbull.

St. Joseph's

by Rhonda Barrett and Honor Sweezey

St. Joseph's is having a second school mass on the theme of Thanksgiving. The mass is Friday morning at 9:30. Although our school now fills the church there will still be room for any parents or friends who want to participate.

Mr. Priede started taking over afternoons in Miss Lebel's class on Monday. Now Mr. Briggs can go to being a full time principal for the school.

Mrs. Munkacs's class opened up their new sand centre on Monday and they will be participating in many sand activities. The kindergartens are also focusing on Thanksgiving by making paper turkeys and appreciating God's gifts.

Mrs. Robertson's class is working on a fall theme; they're also studying Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Graham's class has two tiny gerbils named Mork and Mindy. The class is busy listening to stories about giant dinosaurs.

Miss Brady's twos and threes went to Mountsberg last Thursday. They are now studying a theme "Spiders and Insects" Jill and Victoria are the class representatives to the student council for the 4's.

Miss Lebel's sixes and sevens got their new afternoon teacher last Monday and were sorry to see Mr. Briggs leave. Mr. McGeragle's fours and fives are doing Insects in Environmental studies. For art they are doing fire prevention posters.

Mr. Morris's seven and eight class is doing a theme called "Patterns on a Map" in Geography. The school representatives from the seven and eight class are John McGrath, Honor Sweezey, James Brozic and Lisa Krizic.



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