



The Acton Optimists club held their annual public speaking contest Friday night at McKenzie-Smith. Participants were: back row, left to right: Kim Muspratt, Chris Munkacs, Shannon Lindsay, Mark Armstrong. Front row: left to right: Martha Armstrong, Amy Barkosky, Dana Richardson, Scott Nowlan, Anthony Walton, David Ruse and Michael Vranic. Mark and Kim won top honors in the contest.

Acton Optimists hold annual oratorical contest

The Acton Optimist club held their annual oratorical contest Friday evening at McKenzie-Smith middle school.

Two contestants from each Acton and area school participated, with the winners coming from St. Joseph's and Stewart-town.

Subjects were varied this year, ranging from Kim Muspratt's speech on the Olympics to Amy Barkosky talk on children with separate parents, to Anthony Walton's timely topic of the energy crisis.

Chris Munkacs talked of laziness, while Shannon Lindsay spoke about the future. Martha Armstrong talked about something she is familiar with—women's gymnastics. Dana Richardson just returned from Florida and told of Disney World, while Scott Nowlan spoke of a more grim subject: poverty and crippling and contagious diseases. David Ruse looks forward to the new decade in his speech on the 80's and Michael Vranic discussed pigeons as a hobby.

The two winners, Kim

Muspratt in the girls division and Mark Armstrong in the boys spoke of the Olympics and Canadian farmer—endangered species, respectively.

Runners-up were Martha Armstrong and Dana Richardson in the girls

category and Micheal Vranic and Scott Nowlan in the boys.

Each contestant received a plaque and medallion, while the winners' trophies will be displayed at their schools.

Kim and Mark will go on to the zone champion-

ship in Burlington next month.

Judges for the contest each received a plaque for their participation. The judges were Marg Chapman, Gord Chapman (timekeeper), Joan Waldie and Inspector Matt McPherson.



Optimist president Dave Henderson congratulates winners of the Optimist public speaking contest Friday, left to right: Mark Armstrong and Kim Muspratt. Mark spoke of the Canadian farmer, while Kim talked about the Olympics.



Sounds of joy

Singing for joy, during Sunday night's special service at the Knox Presbyterian Church are members of the Joyful Sounds—a singing group based at St. Andrew's Humber Heights Presbyterian Church in Toronto. The group were guests of the Acton congregation for the day, and sang at morning and evening services. Their enthusiastic renditions of hymns and religious songs, added a special spark to the regular Sunday services.

Knox Alert

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The Knox "Alert" Evening Group held their February meeting in the Mary Ellen Anderson Room. The President opened the meeting with the Call to Worship—"Gift of Giving".

The theme being "Love", the first Hymn was "Love Divine", followed by the scripture reading given by Lil McLennan. Elsie Loucks presented a paper—"Love Never Fails" and Gladys Davidson gave a reading. The Hymn "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" was sung and Gladys closed this portion of the meeting with Prayer.

The president took charge of the business, calling for the secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Cards were signed for two sick members, Mary Graham and Florence Elliott. A donation was received from

the Home Helpers of the WMS which have now disbanded.

It was decided to order five kits of 25 packets of

pens each, for the members to sell as a money making project. The meeting was closed with Mizpah Benediction. Rev. Robertson pres-

ented the group with a generous cheque from the Emma Cole Estate, for which the Knox Alert is indeed very grateful.

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Cancer drive coming in April

Arlie White and Gloria Coates will spearhead the Canadian Cancer Society's annual fund raising

drive for Acton in April. The objective in Halton Hills this year is \$38,000 to be raised by about 500

volunteers through the residential, industrial and commercial canvasses.

Not only is April the time for fund raising but the Halton Hills chapter will also be educating the public about cancer and the society's vital work in the area.

A pamphlet will be left at each home during the canvass explained the society's work and the efforts of the Halton Hills unit. Contained in the pamphlet will be an explanation of how donated funds are used.

The cancer society raises funds to support research, education programs and service to cancer patients.

Acton Cancer branch member Dollar Club

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society held their February meeting at the home of President Susan Sale. A very informative report was given by campaign chairman Arlie White on his weekend in Toronto at the Campaign Conference, which he attended with campaign vice-chairman Gloria Coates and publicity chairman Yvonne Courline. Arlie had the honour of being asked to represent the Halton Hills Unit at the head table. We are extremely proud that Acton, as a branch of the Halton Hills Unit, has been in the "Dollar Club" for four years running now. This means that Acton has raised more than \$1 per capita campaign funds to go to cancer research. Good work Acton!

Our service-to-patients chairman Susan Kuechler is still looking for volunteer drivers to help, on occasion, take patients to Hamilton or Toronto for treatment. Our drivers are paid mileage.

Our education chairman, Rena Arble, has been busy distributing educational materials and films to the schools in

Acton for use in the classroom. As campaign month approaches, Daffodil Chairman Cathy McGillivray has been busy organizing Daffodil Day which will be April 11 and 12. Dance Chairman Marilyn Shean is busy making final preparations for the Daffodil Dance to be held March 29th. Tickets are now

available by phoning 853-3723.

During the month of April the Cancer Society will have films available at the Acton Public Library and displays set up in the showcases at the library, showing the many essential services of the Canadian Cancer Society.



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