



Long-time Robert Little School friends June Dobertshien, Maureen Hyde and Rosemary Ashley.

Robert Little School says goodbye to Betty Ashley

Thursday was a sad day at Robert Little School as students, principal Ron Chatten, teachers, staff of other Acton schools, former Robert Little pupils and teachers, and parents bid farewell to long-time secretary Betty Ashley.

Robert Little was the only school Mrs. Ashley served, working under principals Pat McKenzie, Hazen Allen and Chatten during a career which ran from November 1965 to last week.

"I really don't understand all the fuss," she confessed, adding, "but I appreciate it." She was honored by students Thursday afternoon and there were two public receptions the same day.

She's seen many changes in the school and in education during her 17 years in the office. Education today is more geared to the needs of the individual child, less to the student adapting to the system or curriculum, she said.

One major change at Robert Little was the reduction in grades and students, from a kindergarten to grade eight to kindergarten to grade five school and shrinking of the pupil population from almost 800 to about 400.

Mrs. Ashley was born and raised in Acton, going to school here when M.Z. Bennett was

principal. Recalling attending classes in the Stone School and Robert Little School's use of that building, she said "I hope they do something constructive with it."

The change in grades at the school wasn't the only adjustment, things changed at Robert Little when the Halton school board was born and of course there were job changes with the changes in principals. "Nothing stays the same," she smiled.

Children today are more "worldly" she says, and there are more children with problems these days too.

"It has been a very enjoyable 17 years. There's always been a very caring staff here and I really enjoyed the children."

She and her husband are packing their little trailer off to Florida for a long winter vacation and they have bought a larger trailer for a retirement spot in Mt. Forest.

Before raising a family and then going to Robert Little School, Mrs. Ashley worked at a number of jobs, including five years at Baxter Labs.

She and husband Cliff have three children, Karen in Bolton, Erindale College student Cathy and son John in Brampton. Their son and his wife gave them a grandchild, Christopher.

Rockwood

Lionettes donate \$1000 to diabetes

by Barbara Funk
The Rockwood Eramosa Home and School Association is hoping to have a winter skating carnival on Sunday February 13 from 2-4 p.m. Besides skating, they are planning sledding, snow sculpting and snowmobile rides. The festivities will be held at the Rockwood Ball Park.

Also on February 13, the Lions Club hopes to run the Rockmosa "100" for snowmobilers of all ages. The rally will begin and end at Rockmosa Centre. Lunch will be available at the centre and supper will be provided for all participants. Anyone who wishes, may purchase their meal at the hall that evening. Pledge sheets will be obtained at most local businesses.

At their recent meeting the Lionettes had as their guest speakers Mrs. Shirley Johnson and Miss Marlene McNiven of

the Guelph Diabetic Teaching Service. They gave an interesting talk with visual aids on the services the teaching service provides diabetics and their families. After the meeting the Lionettes presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Mrs. Johnson and Miss McNiven to help with the expenses of the teaching service.

The Lionettes will be holding a "Great Looks Fashion and Dessert Party" on Tuesday February 15 at 7.30 p.m. at Rockmosa Centre. Tickets are available from all Lionettes and are priced at \$2.50 per person.

The Speedside United Church ladies will be holding a "Creative Cooking Demonstration" on Wednesday March 2 at Eramosa Public School at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person, and can be obtained from Ruth Freure at 843-2351 or Betty McGillivray at 824-7447. The proceeds from the evening



Barb Funk of the Rockwood Lionettes presented Shirley Johnson and Marlene McNiven with a \$1,000 cheque for the Guelph Diabetic Teaching Service.

will go to the Speedside Church Fire Fund.

Pre registration for kindergarten children will be this month at both schools. The schools ask anyone who knows of a child who may be missed, please advise the school.

Also tonight Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Rockwood Centennial School is the annual meeting of the Eramosa Minor Ball Association.

Team standings as of January 25 are: Four Corners 97, Half and Half 81, Five Plus One 79, The Loyal Six 76, The Lost Causes 76, Guelphites 71, Mission Impossi-

ble 70, Hovers 69, Strikers 68, Bassell Glass 63, Bird Packaging 61, Erkes Jerks 60, Countrymen 54, Best Bunch 50. The results of games bowled January 25: Four Corners 7, Hovers 6, Countrymen 25, Erkes Jerks 2, The Loyal Six 7, Best Bunch 6, Half and Half 2, The Lost Causes 2, Mission Impossible 7, Five Plus One 6, Strikers 5, Bassell Glass 2, Bird Packaging 5, Guelphites 2. Men's high average, Howard Dunk 215, Ken Stevenson 211, Albert Nightingale 210, Men over 600, Ray Thomson 640, Bob Somerville 632, Paul Tolman 618, Howard Dunk 617. Ladies high average, Erke Vandriel 189, Marg McKersie 189, Ivy Rutche 185, Ladies over 500, Kaly Winters 587, Marg McKersie 584, Erke Vandriel 584, Sue Nightingale 548, Diana Carney 543, Ivy Rutche 535, Ellen Thomson 534, Doris Barber 527, Ann Parkinson 524, Alice Johnson 524.

Ice cream carts allowed at park

Ice cream carts will be allowed to sell at Prospect Park, but only under conditions set down by the Town, such as only operating in designated parking spots.

Monday general committee approved recreation director Tom Shepard's recommendations, including "hawkers and peddlers" must be properly licenced and have written Town permission to enter municipal parks.

A fee of \$25 will be charged for ice cream carts for a designated parking spot where they can sell.

Shepard noted by allowing the ice cream carts in the park it would "allow the public a choice of product sold, but more importantly would also regulate where and how the products are being sold."

He said it was unfair to prevent entry to the park, but Shepard also suggested various conditions now imposed on minor ball in operating the snack bar be used to control the ice cream carts.

The ball association has exclusive right to sell food at the snack bar, but can't sell elsewhere in the park. Locations where food can be sold must be restricted to protect the people using the park from being bothered by "hawkers and peddlers."

Wrecking yards licenced three must repair fences

Wrecking yard licences have been renewed for three yards in Halton Hills with the provision that fences must be fixed as soon as weather permits and by June 1 council will review the licences to see that all conditions are being met.

Watson Auto Parts, RR 3 Georgetown; Halton Auto Wreckers, Limehouse; and Brown's Auto Wreckers, RR 1 Georgetown; are the yards which must make fence repairs. Licences for Johnson Auto Wreckers, RR 2 Acton; Halton Hills Collision, RR 1 Acton and York Auto Wreckers, RR 4 Acton; were also given licence renewals, but with no conditions since they are conforming to municipal regulations. No licence renewal was requested for Lee's Auto Wreckers, RR 1 Acton, since it appears to be "inactive" bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty reported.

Councillors heard two presentations from Limehouse residents concerned about the Halton Auto Wreckers operation and about 20 people from Limehouse attended the meeting.

Mary Shier said the Limehouse residents she was representing live in the heart of the village and in the vicinity of the wrecking yard.

She reviewed the Town's bylaw governing wrecking yard operations and pointed out areas where she and residents felt the operation in Limehouse doesn't conform to the regulations. Residents have been "extremely tolerant" of the operation which has been "less than adequate" for most of its 13 years in Limehouse.

The fencing isn't uniform around the yard, some is made of galvanized steel and fiberglass. The multi-colored fence is even made of the "back-ends" of old "milk trucks" in one spot, Mrs. Shier said.

Vehicles are piled above the level of the top of the fence, another contravention of the bylaw and while nothing is to be stored outside the yard there are a number of vehicles sitting outside regularly.

Mrs. Shier said the yard "leaves a lot to be desired" in terms of neatness. She thanked Lusty's efforts in finally

having profanity on the fence removed after two years and the removal of industrial containers which had been outside the fence.

The residents urged "frequent monitoring" of the operation and a deadline of June 1 for the clean up, the same as council recently imposed when it supported a Niagara Escarpment Commission fill placement application made by the owner of the yard, Fred Tolton.

She said residents aren't asking the yard be removed, they accept that it is going to stay in the village, but they feel the owner should operate the yard as a "good neighbor" and show some community "pride."

Residents have complained to the Town about the vehicles parked outside the fence "off and on" for the past 13 years, Mrs. Shier said.

Neighbor Terrell Tanner, who had fill placed on his land by Halton Auto Wreckers, said they haven't reached an agreement on the encroachment. He said council shouldn't misinterpret his objection to fill being placed on his property as support for the present condition of the yard.

Lusty told the councillors it is difficult to have the vehicles outside the fence moved because they are licenced. He noted over 2,000 tons of salvage will be removed from the yard the next few weeks which should mean junk isn't piled above the fence level.

Tolton has said he will fix the fence as soon as weather permits, Lusty reported. There may be a problem in having vehicles moved inside because the road encroaches on Tolton's property, which means he is parking them on his own land, the bylaw enforcement officer noted.

Both Councillors Pam Sheldon and John McDonald suggested the yard be given just a six month licence, but staff favored giving a one year licence and revoking it and taking court action if the problems are not solved by June.

If wrecking yard vehicles are parked in the Limehouse School parking lot people should deal with the Halton Board of Education on that problem, the residents were told.

Eden Mills

Karate Club does well

by Mrs. G. MacDougall
Recent visitors with Ralph and Freda Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Hillsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Flewelling, Englehart and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Muir, Kitchener.

Seven members of the Eden Mills Karate Club under Sensei Terry Cole competed in the Mid-Winter Karate Championship in Kitchener on the weekend of January 22. Judy Swan of Rockwood won first place in orange-green belt against some keen competition in fighting. David Johnson, Rockwood, won first place fighting and first place in Kata green belt division. Lori Drysdale, Acton, won third place in fighting. Rodney Willis, Kitchener, won third place in weapons technique and third place in Kata. All of these competitors worked hard and took a great deal of punishment in order to win these awards. Congratulations to all.

The president, Mrs. Ted Barden, was hostess for the January meeting of the Presbyterian Women. Reports were given and correspondence dealt with. Mrs. Marion Tubman accepted the position of assistant treasurer.

A donation is to be made to the Community Club for use of the hall for the bazaar, and \$50 is to be forwarded to the WMS General Fund. The annual meeting of the Waterloo-Wellington WMS Presbyterian is to be held in St. Andrews Church, Guelph on February 14.

The group hosted the January Birthday party at Eden House Nursing Home. Presents for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were dedicated by Ev Barden. Roll Call was

answered by 13 members and two guests with suggestions for the year's work and their middle name. Scripture was read by Marion Tubman and devotions by Wilda MacDougall. Readings were done by Dorothy Blacklock; Jeannette Montgomery, Betty Bewley and Maizie Lasby. A difficult contest was won by Marian Tubman.

Twenty interested persons attended the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church on January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schwartzburg have returned from a lovely vacation in Barbados.

Woman hits pole

An Acton woman lost control of her car on the Sixth Line as she was rounding a curve, striking a hydro pole and causing \$3,500 damage to her car.

According to police reports Verna McLean was driving northbound on Sixth Line when the accident occurred. She was uninjured.

Group plans fall exhibit

At the January meeting of the Acton Arts and Crafts group it was decided that this year's exhibition and sale will be held on Saturday, October 29. It is expected that two or more new members will join the group and if any other artists or craftsmen in the area are interested in joining they should contact Judi Shannon at 853-1808. Meetings are held monthly in the afternoon. A potter would be most welcome.

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