

Three Brookville Science Fair entries made it to the Halton Region Elementary Science Fair last week at E. C. Drury High School in Milton. The fair was to stimulate in young people a keen interest in science.

A total of 127 science projects involving 170 students from 20 schools participated, and all students received Certificates of Merit.

Sean Death and Tony Moore's grade 7 project on Detergent, and Katrin Jakob's Green Lights project were in the grade 7 class and Hachelle Appleyard and Jennifer Pearce's exhibit Physically Fit? was entered from grade 8.

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer canvassers to assist in their Red Shield Campaign in May. Anyone interested is asked to call 853-1140 or 853-1435.

Former Dundas residents, or anyone else interested are invited to return to Dundas from August 6 to 12 for a Home Coming Week to celebrate Ontario's Bicentennial.

The committee plans many events such as a band concert, sports night reunion and dance, a walking tour of the town, a slide-tape show, entertainment for children and many other events. Most important however, is getting together with friends, renewing old acquaintances and getting caught up on the news.

For more information contact Bicentennial Committee, 10 Market St., S., Dundas, L9H 5G4.

The Michael Jackson craze which is sweeping the continent, if not the world, is really not unlike my generation's reaction to the Beatles, the Dave Clark Five, Rolling Stones, etc. And indeed, I remember listening to Michael Jackson years ago while I did my homework. Of course we were both much younger.

Sunday night I was watching a video of his song Thriller on the television and started to laugh. Here was a guy who is described as a musical genius, a trend-setter, hip, and all those other words that seem so trite. And guess what—he was wearing white socks in this award-winning video.

Perhaps the stigma with white socks was confined to the Collingwood high school back in the late 60s, early 70s, but in my day, only true nerds wore them. Better to go without than be caught dead with white socks on.

That's not to say Michael Jackson is a nerd. What it is merely showing is how times change.

It wasn't until just a few years ago that I realized you were no longer considered a jerk if you wore white socks. (knee socks with a dress were considered passable).

It is really funny how a high school label can stick with you. I still do not own

On the Leavell

With Helen



a pair of white socks—no one's going to call me a nerd... at least for that.

And of course white socks were mandatory for gym class. They went so well with our blue baggy gym suits with our names splattered across the back. Heaven help the person who forgot to change socks after class and dared to walk around the school with white ankle socks on. Ughh!

By the way, white running shoes were considered the second most perdest thing to wear, but they too were mandatory for gym. Mine lasted my entire four years at good old CCI mainly because they were never worn away from gym class.

I don't know when the white socks stigma started. It may have been around when my older brother and sister were in high school, and it may have disappeared by the time my younger sister finished grade 12. I know they own white socks.

By the way, I still have my gym bag from my high school days. Gord's a bit upset because I drew flowers on it and now he can't use it for his numerous jaunts to Florida. How do you explain to someone you met when you were 19 that when you were 14 and you weren't thinking about lending your amelly gym bag to your husband 15 years later. Matter of fact, who would have believed when I was 14 that I'd ever get married—but that's a different story.

There will be a panel discussion and information session on Parkinson's Disease Thursday, March 22 at 7.30 at the Homewood Sanitarium Auditorium in Guelph.

The session will deal with increasing knowledge and awareness of the disease as well as supply literature and other information for patients and their families in order to offer assistance in maintaining productive and active life styles.

The discussion will be of interest to persons with Parkinson's Disease, concerned families and friends, interested professionals and the general public.

This session is the closest one for Acton residents to attend, and they are encouraged to do so. Pamphlets have been distributed to all local doctor's offices with further information.



Albert Jalonec and Aglaida Naris seem to enjoy the feline affection of Ginger and Kit.

Felines take up residence at Manor

It takes more than easy chairs and plants to turn an institution into a home-like environment—it takes something warm and cuddly.

This explains the presence of Kit and Ginger, a pair of felines, who have made Halton Centennial Manor special care wing their home for the last several months.

According to the special care charge nurse Fay Benham the decision to bring the pets in came only after "a lot of discussion."

The effect of moving pets into institutions has been felt elsewhere in the province as well and the success of these actions prompted staff at the local home for the aged.

"We've had no problems so far. We just set down certain health rules," said Mrs. Benham.

She explains the cats, one male, one female, give special care residents "something to love."

"They tend to relate to animals. The cats don't make any demands on them," added the charge nurse.

Adjuvant Debbie Stokes originated the idea which resulted in the acquisition of two six-week-old kittens almost a year ago. The special care worker was formerly an animal technician at a zoo in Winnipeg. She contends the cats encourage communication in the residents.

The 45 residents confined to the special care wing suffer disorientation brought on by senile dementia or alzheimer's disease. The aim of the special care wing is to keep their minds active through activities like dancing and baking.

The program has been in existence for 18 months and has permanent staff. The familiar faces of staff help special care residents relate, according to Mrs. Benham.

The live-in pets "provided a lot of entertainment when they were young", Mrs. Benham said.

"Now they are part of the scene. Some residents like to take them to bed with them in the afternoon," she said.



Ginger's appeal for attention was gladly met by special care resident Gladys Dalrymple.



Ginger fits right into the scene.

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