

Branch 197 scores three firsts in Legion Remembrance Day trials

A busload of Actonians were on hand in Cooksville last week to see three Branch 197 entrants win first-place prizes at the Zone level of the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day contest for students.

Selected to carry on in the nationwide

competition—next at the District level in mid-February—are Wendy Campbell of Brookville Public School, who took top honors in the junior poster contest, Krista Richardson of McKenzie-Smith Middle School, first in junior essays, and Michael Tamblin of Rockwood Centennial, first in intermediate essays.

Branch 197 called on four Acton residents to pick the best among the 60 entries submitted by area students for the initial round of competition. Junior, intermediate and senior winners were picked for their essays, poems and posters, all examining some aspect of Remembrance Day, at a Nov. 30 ceremony at the Legion hall.

About 18 local Legionnaires, contestants and supporters boarded a bus last week to take them to Branch 582 in Cooksville for the Zone competition, where eleven different branches were represented.

As well as the three firsts, Acton entrants came up with one second—AHS student Sulin Fisher's senior essay—and three honorable mentions: Lori Meek of Rockwood in intermediate poems, Lori Gillespie of McKenzie-Smith in Junior poems and Vicki Veenstra of Brookville in intermediate posters.

As well as the praise of Legion members for expressing themselves so well about Remembrance Day, the winners receive cash prizes for their efforts.

Those who win first-place honors at the District level continue on until eliminated, ultimately reaching the Dominion level, where national winners earn a chance to participate in Remembrance Day services at the national cenotaph in Ottawa next November.

Watch the Free Press for the poems, posters and essays that won top honors at the Branch level.

Dublin WI donates \$200 to AHS band tour

By LAURA DENNIS

A nicely decorated home greeted members of Dublin Women's Institute Thursday evening for their Christmas party. Mrs. G. McMillan was hostess at her home on Road 12, Halton Hills, and was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. E. Burt and Mrs. G. Henderson. Mrs. C. McIntyre was co-hostess.

A very fine meal enjoyed by 35 ladies was planned by Mrs. K. Lehn, Mrs. H. Besley and Mrs. C. McIntyre.

A business meeting was held later with Mrs. D. Hunter presiding and opened the meeting with a poem. "So we come again to Christmas", followed by the Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer.

Fantasy was the name of the game when roll call by Mrs. J. McLean was answered with each member giving their "Impossible Dream".

Correspondence as read by the secretary was reviewed. As Federated Women's Institute Convention is being held in London in 1985, it focused on reservations being made for this event before Feb. 28.

A generous hamper of "goodies" was provided by the members, which will be shared by two families together with a cash and other gifts from the Branch funds. Former residents of this district and a few present ones will be sent greetings.

A donation of \$200 was approved to the Acton High School band, who are planning to tour the Maritimes in the summer months.

Standing committee reports were given by the following: Citizenship by Mrs. B. Alder; Tweedsmuir History by Mrs. H. Dodds; Farm Safety by Mrs. A. Murchison. Catering Committee by Mrs. W. Lasby who

reported they had been quite busy recently, and as a result a nice amount was turned in to the treasury.

The Quilting Committee had been busy completing a quilt, and Mrs. C. Armstrong exhibited it for the ladies. It was unusual in design and featured prominent Shorthorn farm names in Ontario with a Shorthorn Lassie, the emblem, embroidered in the middle. The design and workmanship was commendable.

Neighborhood news was well told by Mrs. W. Frank in her "Local News" feature.

Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. W. Lasby led in the singing of Christmas carols. Three poems "A Quilter's Story", "When Father Carves the Duck" and "The Night Before Christmas" were read by Mrs. Lasby. Games were played and were conducted by these ladies.

Identification of the 1984 Pen Pal was no longer a secret when Santa Claus (B. Armstrong) started to pass out the exchange gifts from under the Christmas tree, together with gifts for each one from the Institute. This year Santa was assisted by the Christmas Goose (L. Haefner). It made its first appearance as it did in the Branch exhibit in the Santa Claus parade in Acton in November with a different personnel.

All had enjoyed a very entertaining evening and thanks were expressed to the hostess, Mrs. McMillan, and the supper and entertainment committees, by Mrs. K. Smith.

Mrs. Hunter closed the meeting with the verse "Best Wishes", and all sang "We Wish you a Merry Christmas."



The Duke of Devonshire chapter of the IOOE drew the name of the lucky person who won this edible gingerbread house Saturday. Councillor Ross Knechtel did the honors while Kay Hart, who made the house, looks on. Family Restaurant helped to sell tickets for the house and that's restaurant owner Andy Kataleris who was anxious to see who won. The winner was A. Jones of Laurier Ave. in Milton. The chapter raised \$182, which will be used to supply needy children in Labrador with books, clothing food and northern hospitals with toys.



AIRBORNE

Several divers at the annual Christmas watershow treated viewers to a fine exhibition of diving skills Friday night.

Down on the farm

Ken and Ruth Steel of RR 3 Acton have again been named directors of the Ontario Farm Vacation Association, with Mr. Steel heading the group's new executive. Mrs. Steel was named one of three regional directors for the association, which gives city-oriented people a chance to spend time in a rural setting.

Rebuild Hwy. 25

Bot Construction Ltd. will resurface, grade, drain and provide a granular base for a six-kilometre stretch of Hwy. 25 north from Speyside. The Ontario ministry of transportation and communications announced the \$1,141,030 contract last week. Work starts next May and runs through late summer.

SCIENCE FAIR SEPARATES FICTION AND FACT



Steve Martin, 16, demonstrated the classic "sound in a vacuum" effect at Acton High School's science fair last Wednesday. Steve, a Grade 11 student, discovered that sound needs a medium to travel in, increases with a higher level of air pressure and is not affected by moist air. AHS students in Grades 10-13 displayed their science projects at the fair for teachers, students, parents and others.



Kelly Courtney, 17, explains to marker Heather Tamblin, 11, how she managed to isolate DNA from wheat germ for her science fair project.



Kim Ivison, 17, took apart a car battery to discover why batteries lose their charge.

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