

Special class 'enriches' AHS life

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"The programme is only what you make it. You have to work to achieve success. To be successful you want to achieve and you know what you have to do in order to get there. Push! Push!"

—AHS Gifted Withdrawal Programme teacher
Susan Beber

The above statement refers to the Gifted Withdrawal Programme, or as most people end up referring to it, "Enrichment". It takes place every Tuesday and Thursday for one period. The Gifted Class is

based on Bill 62 which "is an Act that ensures that every exceptional pupil in Ontario receives an education suited to his or her needs and abilities."

Since this is only a pilot project, there are still wrinkles to be ironed out, but basically we select activities which are reasonable and interest us and we then go about performing those tasks. Management Plans are completed by every student in the programme. Once we begin our objectives, more detailed plans are filled out.

Another compulsory assignment is to write

journals throughout the semester stating feelings, our progress in the course,



concerns, and some assignments dealing with self exploration and group interaction. We also

receive "tip" sheets, such as Memory Improvement and Speed Reading Techniques.

This class probably sounds easy, but the challenge is great and sometimes proves to be hard and frustrating. To give you some idea of the types of projects we have selected to do, here are just a few examples: learning sign language, entering Chatelaine Magazine's annual fiction contest, learning how a radio station is run, operating a computer, writing a book, making a

film, radio broadcasting and production, writing articles for the Halton Hills Herald and Acton Free Press, research into the area of space science and writing a documentary on wolves and then making a filmstrip.

Our teacher, Susan Beber, is a great resource person and sounding board. She dishes out discipline and weeds out bad ideas, and yet she is very understanding. She got the group together and started to make us feel comfortable with one another. That is one reason why the

programme works. We are a small group and we have one common goal, to achieve success.

Generally we work individually, but there are also lots of things that we do together. For instance, just recently we spent a day at the University of Waterloo seeing what university life is all about and the news letter is another one of our group activities.

Everyone likes the programme and almost all of the parents of the students involved feel it is a worthwhile opportunity for us to

learn by experience and our own mistakes. I feel that the following quotation sums up my attitude towards the gifted programme:

"We learn through experience and experiencing, and no one teaches us anything. If the environment permits it, anyone can learn what he chooses to learn; and if the individual permits it, the environment will teach him everything it has to teach."

—Viola Spolin,
"Improvisation for the Theatre"

An early plow match

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HALTON PLOWMEN'S ANNUAL

Sept. 9 has been selected as the date for the 1983 Halton Plowing Match. This is a change from the past year when it was the following day - the same date as the Georgetown Fall Fair. This change was made at the Halton Plowmen's Annual meeting Nov. 30 in the Agricultural Office in Milton.

Another change is the banquet which has always been held immediately following the Match. Next year, the banquet is scheduled for Sept. 13. The Halton Furrow Queen will be selected at this time and plowing prize money and trophies presented.

Officers for 1983 are: President - Bryan Marshall, Milton; Past-President - Murray Breckon, Burlington; 1st Vice-President - Lloyd Stokes, Campbellville; 2nd Vice-President - John Reid, Georgetown; Secretary-Treasurer - Doug Miller, O.M.A.F.; Assistant Secretary - George Swann; and the O.P.A. Director - Dwight May, Hornby.

It was agreed that Susan Livingston would compete for Halton in the Ontario Furrow Queen Competition at the International to be held near Ottawa next September, and that the Halton Furrow Queen chosen at our Sept. 9 Match would go to the International in 1984.

The next meeting for Halton Plowmen is the annual euchre contest scheduled for Feb. 21.

HALTON-PEEL JERSEY CLUB ANNUAL

Jersey breeders from Halton and Peel met Dec. 1 at the Mountain Dew Restaurant in Georgetown under the chairmanship of John Nixon of RRI Norval.

Following a smorgasbord dinner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beaty presented their trophy for high milk production to Jim Livock of Featherstone Bros. of Oakville, for a total BCA for milk and fat of 454.

Bill Cooper, the new Fieldman for the Ontario Jersey Club, stated that

several new milk producers were starting into dairying with Jersey cows.

Secretary-Treasurer, Jean House, Mississauga, invited everyone to their annual dance April 2 at the Hansa Club.

Directors elected from Halton for 1983 were: Jamie Alexander, Oakville; John Breckon, Georgetown; Dale Devlin, Milton; Lorne Ellis, Hornby; Jim Livock, Oakville; John Nixon, Norval; and Eleanor Robinson, Georgetown.

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