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Bob Williams meets M.Z.B. students

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY JESSICA CRAIG
& TERI MCCASLIN

M.Z. Bennett School was very fortunate to have the opportunity of welcoming a visit from Mr. Bob Williams, the Director of Education for Halton County. He was interviewed by two Grade Five students, Jessica Craig and Nathan Williamson.

Jessica and Nathan first asked

Mr. Williams, "What exactly does a Director of Education do?" Mr. Williams replied, "I attend six or seven meetings a day. All of them have to do with ensuring that the students of Halton receive the best education that we are able to give them and to explain to parents and others what is happening in Halton Schools. Some of the meetings go as late as 11 pm."

Some of his other duties include working with the superintendents, visiting schools, giving speeches and dealing with other important functions.

Of interest to the interviewers was how Mr. Williams got to be the Director of Education for

Halton County. He explained how the Trustees select, after consideration and discussion, the applicant best suited to deal with the needs of the county. This helped everyone better understand what exactly happens when it is necessary to find a good Director.

Mr. Williams told us that indeed he had hobbies. He loves listening to music and enjoys live plays and live music performances. He also plays basketball.

When it came to asking about his own schooling, he said how fortunate he had been as a boy growing up. "I found learning easy," he said. "I feel very fortunate that it was this way for me. I

liked all the subjects in grade school." In university he studied for a business degree. He discovered that he enjoyed working with people a great deal, even more than book learning.

When asked what advice he would offer young people today in order to deal with their future, he said, "Try hard to learn about yourself with the help of all aspects of school, not just by using books."

Once the interview was completed, both Nathan and Jessica, as well as other students who had watched the interview or read about it, decided that Mr. Williams is a person that we are very proud to have directing our schools.

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Acton plays host to Ontario Agriculture Societies

BY BRAD HAMMOND
The Acton Tanner

Some 260 delegates from District 5 of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies made their way to Acton for their annual convention this past week. People from 26 fairs came for a day of agricultural activities and information at Acton High School.

"There were different classes on things to improve your fair. It was a real learning experience," stated Jim Warrington, Acton

Agriculture Society member, in a recent interview.

Topics included keeping agriculture in your fair, promoting your fair, planning effective meetings, leadership training, and public relations.

Presentations to the delegates were provided by The Doll Emporium and the Needle Gnome.

Guest speaker Joanne Hewitson, a local Junior Farmer, described her three month visit to the United Kingdom.

A learning session for all Fair Queens was provided by Linda Robson. The lecture was designed to help the young women fulfill the obligations they will encounter in the year ahead.

Collingwood will host the 1994 District 5 meeting next October.

"It was a real boost for Acton," states Warrington. "It isn't every day that Acton holds a convention and to have 300 visitors at one time is breathtaking for the community. The response from the visiting delegates about Acton was overwhelming. Everyone was impressed by the support and spirit that exists in this town."

Warrington continued, "Local businesses and members of the community helped to make the day run smoothly. A special thanks has to go out to everyone who made this day such a success and proved once again, 'It's worth the drive to Acton.'"



PUBLIC MEETINGS Recreation Master Plan

The Town of Halton Hills has prepared
a Draft Recreation Master Plan

which identifies, through a series of proposed recommendations, the role for the Recreation and Parks Department in providing recreation services in the community and describes an approach for the future development of culture and recreation facilities, programs, parks and open space. The Master Plan also establishes priorities for the development of future recreation and parks services.

All residents of the Town of Halton Hills are encouraged to attend a public meeting with the consultants to review and provide comments on the Master Plan's recommendations. Input from the public is essential to ensure the Plan truly reflects the needs and interests expressed by our community. Two public meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — 7 pm
Acton High School Cafetorium

Thursday, Dec. 2 — 7 pm
Centennial Middle School, Georgetown



For more information regarding the Recreation Master Plan or the upcoming Public Meetings, please contact Tom Shepard, Director of Recreation and Parks, at 873-2600.

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