

Students visit vet's

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY BRIAN FIELD & RACHEL MCKNIGHT

This week the Grade 1-2s are starting a unit on geometry in math. Grades 1, 2 and 3 have been very busy building dough dragons and junk dragons so they can compare them. The dragons look great and the children are great problem solvers! They are looking forward to visiting a real castle in Hamilton.

The Grade 4/5 classes are starting to study simple machines as an introduction to their work using

Lego. They are going to be building robots using little motors and then using computers to make them move. Students are doing number alliteration poems also.

The Kindergartens visited Dr. Hess at the veterinary clinic last week. Constable Hannah will visit the Grade 5s this week.

M.Z. Bennett reports interviewed Grade 1/2 teacher Ms. Dunnet. She has no children and no pets. She was born in Hamilton and grew up in Burlington. She is 29 years old and her birthday is Sept. 3.

Ms. Dunnet now lives Fergus. If she won \$1 million she would pay debts, travel, have a big party and save the rest — if there was any left!

Mustangs win tourney

McKENZIE-SMITH NEWS

BY AMY YEATMAN

The big event at McKenzie-Smith last weekend was the boys' and girls' basketball tournament.

The girls played with great enthusiasm and tried the best they could to defeat W.I. Dick, Stewartown and Brookville.

Unfortunately, the girls couldn't beat them, but we're proud of them for hanging in there and putting up a good fight.

The boys were awesome in their victory.

The three games they played to see if they were to be in the championships, were nail-biters. The

boys played against the same schools as the girls. They won the three games and played in the championship game.

The McKenzie-Smith Mustang boys challenged W.I. Dick, and while the ball went from side to side, the Mustang fans went wild. Well, to ease your tension, the Mustangs won with a 42-33 score.

They are now the McKenzie-Smith Mustang basketball champions. Congratulations boys, and a special congratulations to Adam Ahearn, who was named MVP

Thanks to all the fans who came out to support the team and to the parents and coaches, who made our team the best it can be.

Ski trip!

ROBERT LITTLE NEWS

BY MEGHAN COLVIN & ANDREA DINGWALL

Last week we talked to Mr. Hynds about the first skiing trip we had. It was at Glen Eden and was open to anybody who wanted to come.

Mr. Hynds said that even though some kids were afraid to start, they all learned how to ski. Some children even bought their own equipment.

We interviewed Mr. Dorscht, who is a councillor at our school. He talks to kids about problems they might have and he tries to help them.

Last week, Mr. Adshead, our caretaker, told us how he's trying to help the environment: he's recycling bottles, cans and glass. Some children bring a litterless lunch to school. He is also monitoring the use of toilet paper.

We also interviewed some of the children in our school: Mitchell Tulk is studying Canada and does his work very well. Meaghan McIntyre is making models with bread, lemon juice and glue. And Steven Duffield is also studying Canada. He enjoys playing hockey at our school.

There are 23 people in our recorder club. They practice for half an hour every Thursday and they really enjoy it.

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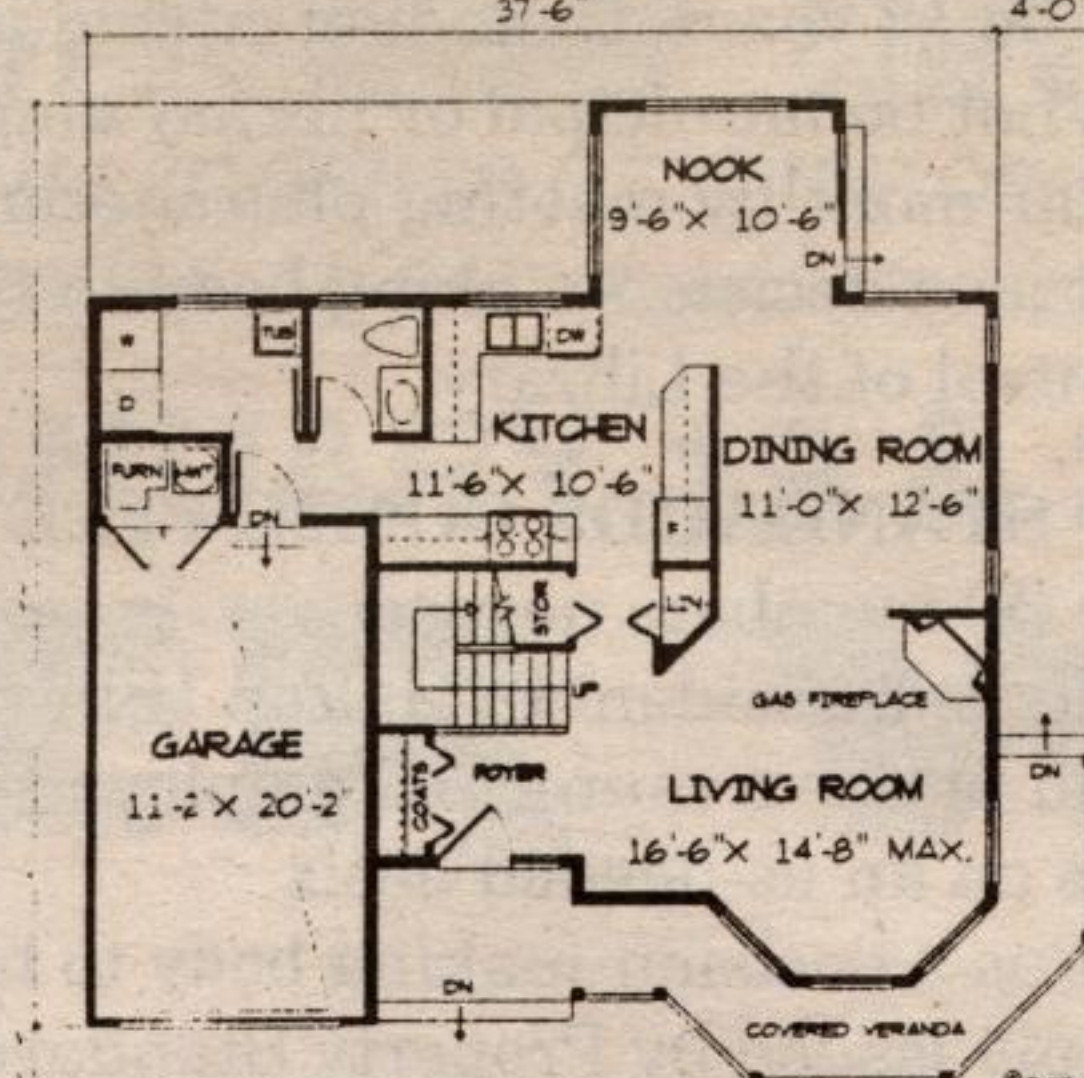
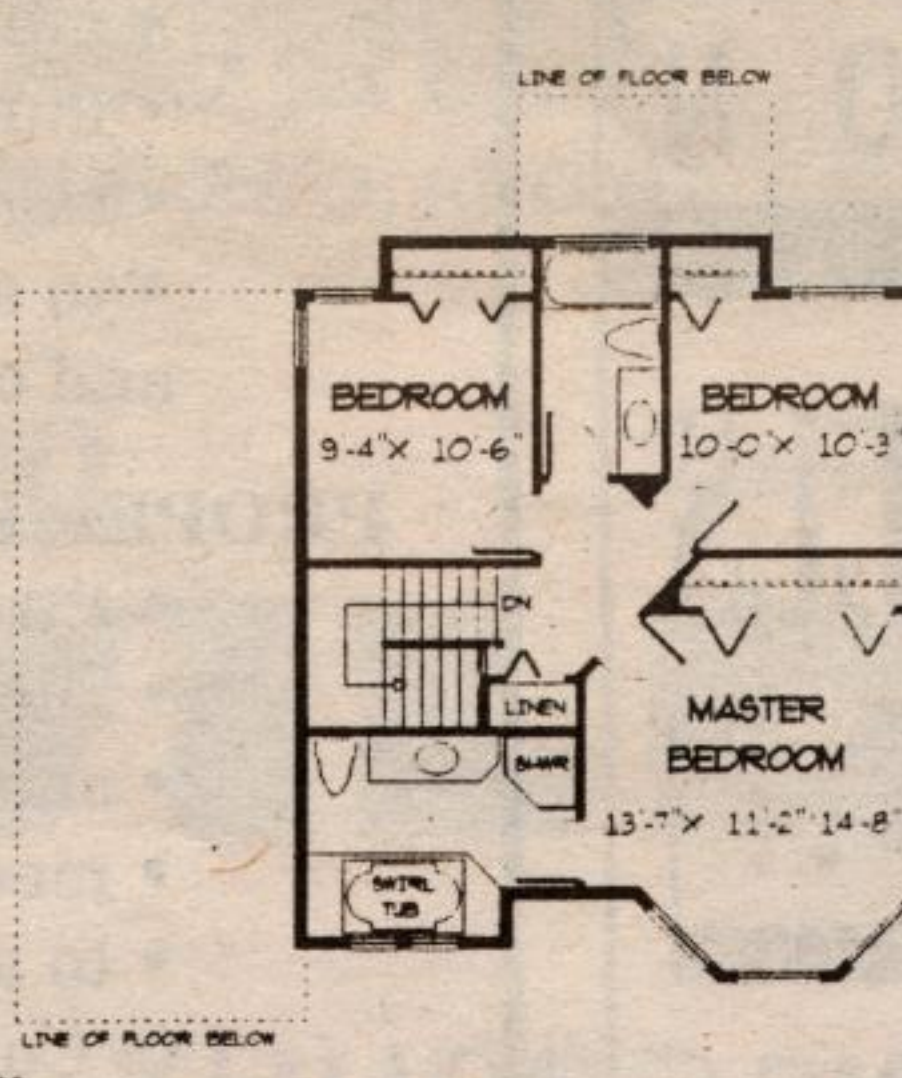
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Snow wonder at St. Joe's

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARY PAT O'MEARA & STEFANIE VIDIC

Since the snow has fallen, everyone from Kindergarten to Grade 8 has been sledding. Some of our classes have been skating at the Acton arena.

Most of the classes are learning about snow and doing activities with and about snow.

During Christmas break, some teachers have been feeling more generous and have given classes more time for their activities.

The Grade 1 class is now learning how to add, remembering there is more to math than 1+1.

Speeches are coming. Ahh! Everyone from Grade 4 to Grade 8 is thinking of topics and getting their speeches prepared for the big competition.

Mrs. McMullan's Grade 4 class received an exciting visit from Fiona Duncanson, producer and editor of the hit television series *The Odyssey*! She came to talk to the class about her line of work.

In sports, our girls' and boys' basketball teams are going to Bishop Reding High for a big tournament. Good Luck to both teams.

We have just started intramural hockey. There are 6 girls' teams and 6 boys' teams.

Grade 7 and 8 classes hoped to go skiing at Glen Eden on Monday, but with the rain, will have to reschedule.

Grade 8s filled out their option sheets for high school this week.

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