

Lighten Up a fun day

ROBERT LITTLE NEWS

BY TROY ETHIER & SAM MILLS

Last Tuesday was Red and White Day at our school, to celebrate Lighten Up Canada Day. The whole school was out in the halls for the event. The school sang *Oh Canada* twice and we had a long line of red noses in the halls. The television cameras were here too!

Our child and youth counsellor, Mr. Dorscht, goes from class to class instead of taking individual students, to help solve problems.

He does trust activities, problem solving, talks about getting along with other kids and helps kids feel better about themselves.

Our front hall is now decorated by a very good display of winter clothes patterns, done by Mrs. Snow's Junior Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Cooney's Grade 3 class is making kaleidoscopes of hearts for Valentine's Day. Students worked with patterns of shapes and colours. This is a math and art activity, which is a part of a big friendship unit. They also talk about how important friends are.

Time to give speeches

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARCUS DAGENAIS & MARKO TONKOVICH

All the classes have been busy making their rooms look great for Valentine's Day. There are many lovely works of art to be seen!

We are almost done our speeches here at St. Joe's. Classes are busy trying to pick two winners from each class. These winners will have the privilege of speaking in front of the whole school tomorrow (Thursday). The speeches

will be judged and the winner will go to another major contest. Good luck to all students.

The Grade 7s have had a very exciting week. Today (Wednesday) they had a bake sale to help pay for their trip to Ottawa. The Grade 7 and 8s also had a Valentine's dance. Snow day was great fun. Thanks to the teachers, Grade 7 and 8s for organizing it.

Tomorrow our Grade 2s receive the sacrament of reconciliation. We all pray for them and their families on this very special day.



DANCING DUO: Eight-year-old Hannah Turner, left, and Alison Crane, 9, were two of the performers at the Acton School of Dance's recent recital at St. Alban's hall. (Eve Martin photo)

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Ladies prepare for fall bazaar

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BY DOT NORTON

Last Wednesday's meeting was held at Knox Church with Regent Helen Jocque in the chair. Prayer of the Order and Flag Salute was repeated by the ladies.

The secretary's report was read and approved and the treasurer's report, read by Helen, was approved by all and seconded by May Dumarsh.

Joyce Sprowl, the social convener, read a letter from the Women's Place, thanking us for the gifts and food baskets we sent at Christmas. The people staying in the shelter over Christmas were more than grateful for our donations - they made their holiday a little brighter. It takes such a little thing to make folks happy when we have so much.

Ernestine called the roll and 11 members answered.

On Feb. 5 a meeting of the Bazaar Committee met to plan the bazaar, which is scheduled for Nov. 9 at Knox Church. Each of our councillors will be asking their groups for a \$3 donation, to buy the things for our Penny Table. Thank you ladies! We hope to

purchase some great prizes and encourage raffle ticket sales.

A few of our members will be going to the Founder Days luncheon in Guelph on Saturday. They will report back to us at our next meeting. The Provincial meeting this year is being held in Mississauga from April 11 to 13. Many new ideas for the IODE from across Canada will be discussed at this meeting.

With the business completed, our Regent called for a fast game of Whist. A number of us couldn't remember just how to get started, but soon caught on. Silence was the order of play in one round, and it certainly is amazing when all the ladies are penalized if they speak. Hard on some of us; it nearly killed me.

The fast games over, lunch was served by Bette Oakes and her ladies. A pleasant time was spent over coffee, tea and sandwiches.

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