

# Cabinet bars press, no news bad news

# Calm before storm...busy week coming

By Richard Figg  
 Another four-day week, this time Tuesday was the day off, as M.D.H.S. became silent to commemorate Remembrance Day. The day off came in handy for both students and teachers as the first term is drawing to a close with a number of projects to be completed and tests to be marked. This idea of no exams may do away with a week or perhaps two of cramming every three months, but forces the students to keep on their toes day by day. Many of the teachers, most of the more experienced ones are against the idea but were outvoted by our younger members of the staff and our progressive principal.

The grade 12's working toward their traditional trip, this year to Quebec City, treated the school to an all-star (?) hockey game on Monday. The game between the grade 12 boys and men teachers is becoming an annual affair. The game as usual was full of antics but an incident in the game's finale took the cake. "Sparky" Sproat was out to kill, after sustaining a knee injury earlier this season on a typical check from Marty O'Neill. Sparky playing for the 12s, had scrapped with the teachers' Don Hearn and fully expected a contest of fisticuffs with O'Neill as they exchanged words at the game's end. However Marty, always unpredictable, stole the show as

he proceeded to strip Sproat of his clothes—leaving the red-haired demon shocked and barely clothed. The game is only one in a series, I hope, as the teachers will be back to take the students on in basketball and other sports, even though their attempt to gain the intra-mural basketball crown proved fruitless in their first game.

Wednesday, the midget girls participated in a basketball tournament in Oakville and came back with 1-4 record, typical of Milton teams this year as a highly successful club has failed to be produced by M.D.H.S. since the soccer team of '68. However, these girls are the makeup of next year's junior club and basketball coaches feel that the future of girls' basketball at Milton is promising.

Another team, one of the lesser known crews, the can building club composed of Rick

Brown, Linda MacNab, Liz Richardson and Karen Trimble, competed in a can building contest at the opening of the Towers store in Oakville and came in second, as they were beat out by a quartet from White Oaks, the only other entry in the contest.

One thing M.D.H.S. did last week was bring a name band out from Toronto. The Carnival, television stars and one of the most recommended bands around treated Milton to a night of hits from their T.V. show "It's Happening". The group was tremendous, especially when one considers that the bass guitarist was only with them one week prior to this dance. The group is made up of five talented musicians and singers, but as comedians I felt that they were a great deal more entertaining while conversed in a musical number. Let's have a hand for

the dance committee for bringing them to Milton High and a hand for the students for giving them full support and enabling more name bands to come out from T.O.

The dance committee is the only club in the school making money for Student Council projects and although their profits are slipping each dance, they are hauling in the cash and providing the students with top dances so I hope that the S.C. doesn't try to lower the standard of these dances for the sake of trying to make more money.

My columns of the last two weeks have dealt with the Student Council and the Cabinet and now I find that the "press" is barred from future Cabinet meetings, as members feel that the students will become disappointed when they hear of ideas that are started at cabinet meetings but become lost as they progress through the S.C. Ideas mentioned at the meetings are casual suggestions and many are never even hoped to become a reality. At present I am waiting for letters from Cabinet members, but it looks as if they will not arrive in time for this week's report. Oh well, the Cabinet meetings will therefore remain mysterious, so unless one attends Student Council meetings the students will remain uninformed.

By Pat Ford  
 This week seems to have been the proverbial "calm before the storm" at W.O.S.S. An observer would notice that many groups are busy getting ready for next week's "rain".

Foremost of the upcoming events is Commencement, Nov. 21. The committee in charge has arranged an evening of dining and dancing at the Holiday Inn for the grads after the ceremonies. The exercises will also include the debut of this year's Senior band with vocalist Marilyn Lyons.

On the same day the boys' Senior basketball team is hoping to play an exhibition game against M. M. Robinson. We wish the Seniors better luck this year than they have had in the past.

Also, next week the girls' powder puff football team will play O.T.H.S. for the championship. The girls have every hope of a victory after defeating O.T. 35-0 this week. W.O.S.S. scorers were Dorothy Tuckett, Rosslyn Merry, Debbie Howard and Diane Gibson. Hopes are high that the girls can finish their undefeated season with a win.

The staff of "The Looking Glass", our school newspaper, are also waiting for a rise in action next week. The fourth edition, and along with it, a survey of students' reactions to the paper have just been put out. The editors are hoping for some good constructive criticism on how the paper might be improved.

On the more serious side, Rick Clark and his executive secretaries are expecting student government matters to rise to a head soon. The fourth session of the House of Assembly was called this week, with only 26 of the 50 representatives present. As in the previous meetings, there was a great deal of confusion and a few accusations of ineptitude between government and opposition parties. A lot of the trouble stemmed from the fact that until that meeting no one had seen a copy of the official constitution and so there was some debate about what correct procedures were, especially in reference to the bill concerning girls wearing slacks. The bill had been

officially signed that day, but the opposition felt that the week between the passing of the legislation by the House and the official signing by the principal and the executive was too long a period. It is hoped that procedures and legalities can soon be straightened out so that the student government can get on with its work.

Johnston shows his badge sash to guest speaker Rev. R. W. Foster, O.S.D. football representative Gary Whelpdale and Girl Guide Laurie Currie. The three young people were guests at the banquet.—(Staff Photo)



# Champion YOUTH

M.M. Robinson

## Senior band debuts at commencement

By Donna-Jane Byers  
 Toronto had its Santa Claus Parade Saturday morning, but M.M. had its parade of graduates Friday evening as Robinson celebrated its sixth annual commencement. Marg Pelletier delivered the valedictory speech.

The audience was entertained by M.M.'s Senior Band, an excellent but seldom heard group of young musicians directed by Mr. Chabot. Among the pieces played was Tara's Theme chosen from the Movie Gone With The Wind and The Black Knight by Clare Grundman.

Everyone in the band seems to be enjoying themselves very much, especially "the three musketeers" in the front row.

Playing in a sudden-death playoff game, our girls' junior basketball team was defeated by an explosive Central offence Monday night Robinson's squad popped in four early baskets to begin their temporary winning streak which ended in the third quarter. Leading 12-8, it seemed as if M.M., much to the disbelief of the Nelson crowd, was going to pull off a victory.

However, Nancy Browne, Central's star performer, stormed towards M.M.'s basket and reassured the audience with two quick baskets. From then on Central, sparked with sudden determination, advanced to a 32-20 victory. With a total of 16 points Nancy Browne led the scoring race for her crew.

Leading scorers for the M.M. team were captain Janice Kay with a seven point effort and Karen Langshaw with two field goals.

However, our midget girls crew, in their first year of

contention, placed third in the basketball tournament held Wednesday at Oakville-Trafalgar. The 11 schools competing were divided into two groups, Gym A and Gym B with the winner of each to play off for the title. Coached by seniors Lynn Young and Carol Morgan, the midgets won four out of their five games. The winner of Gym A was Blakelock who played Central of Gym B in the finals. The victor was Central—yes, you read right. Not only did they capture the junior and senior titles but the midget as well.

One aspect of M.M.'s midgets to be noted, is their terrific spirit. Throughout the tournament Robinson's team could be recognized by their original chant:

Peaches and cream, peaches and cream; we're the girls from the Robinson team.

We're not tough, and we're not tough, but boy, are we ever sexy!!

Beware Central, we'll get you next year! (and maybe your boys this year).

Do you find yourself befuddled by basketball, vexed by volleyball? Why not try gymnastics. Gymnastics club has begun again and is to be held every Tuesday and Wednesday night in Gym 4 after school until 5. The three coaches in charge are Mrs. Clark, Miss Adkins and Miss Kinik. Mrs. Clark expects close to 100 girls will turn out and as a result certain rules and regulations have been set down regarding the in and out traffic from the gym to change rooms. All of the equipment has been placed in relation to the space required for each. Gymnasts are to graduate from one level to

another and it is hoped that students of the previous club will help some of the grade niners who are less experienced. Music is provided for those girls wishing to practice floor exercises and other routines. Members for the school team are to be chosen not only for their gymnastic ability but also for their attendance, co-operation and attitude. Perhaps you have a hidden talent on the uneven

bars. Who knows? Only you can find out!

Executives for the drama club were chosen Thursday and already a prospective activity calendar is being planned. Elected president was Connie Macfadyen, vice-president Sue Gudgeon, secretary Debbie Bendik and treasurer D. J. Byers. This year's production will have Mrs. Vosburgh at the head. Students of the club will be in

charge of make-up, scenery, costumes and all other aspects of staging performances.

HANGIN' LOOSE  
 1. There is some "rocket fuel" left over from the recent G.A.A. Sadie Hawkins on sale. For details see your G.A.A. executive.  
 2. Girls' midget, junior and senior volleyball tryouts this week.  
 3. Boys' wrestling begins a new season this week as well.

## "We have failed youth" says youth week speaker

We have failed our youth of today because we have put the emphasis on the wrong place, we have put it on getting rather than receiving, according to Rev. R. W. Foster.

Mr. Foster, rector, of Grace Anglican Church, was speaking to more than 50 young people and adults at the Milton Optimist Club's Youth Appreciation Week banquet Thursday night. The dinner was sponsored by the Optimists to honor representatives of local sports and Scouting groups including Girl Guides, Scouts, local athletes and a group of students from the Ontario School for the Deaf.

"We have been too materialistic in our outlook," he said. "We have looked upon a

man as being successful if he has acquired a great deal of wealth or if he has made a name for himself.

"I believe that success in life is only the by-product of doing one's Christian duty day by day.

To the youth tonight, I say thank you. Share your thoughts and ideas. The youth will have to give in a little and the adults will have to give in a little, but this is far better than being so stubborn that no one gets anywhere."

## Oakville, Georgetown students win Halton poster contest

An Oakville boy and a Georgetown girl shared the spotlight this week when results of Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau's 1969 Fire prevention poster competition were announced. Grand prize winners are nine-year-old Mark Bowen of Oakville and 10-year-old Susan Mellor, Georgetown.

The contest also named four "honorable mention" prizewinners after hundreds of entries were sorted and judged. They are Kenneth Hart of Milton's Bruce St. Public School, Dwayne Hamilton of Speyside Public School in Esquew Township, Janine Stewart of Robert Little School in Acton, and Karen Kleer of St. James in Oakville.

Georgetown areas were selected, the top posters from each municipality were sent to the fire prevention officers of Kitchener Fire Department where the county winners were picked.

Judges awarded their prizes on the basis of originality of design, artwork and the fire prevention message the posters contained, explained Bureau chairman Chief J. Cunningham, Georgetown.

All six winners and their parents will be honored by the Fire Prevention Bureau on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2 when an awards banquet will be held in Milton Fire Hall. Halton East MPP Jim Snow is to be guest speaker and about 60 firefighters and county officials will be on hand to congratulate the contest winners.

Mark's and Susan's posters earned them engraved desk pen sets and their schools will take home the Halton Mutual Aid Fire Insurance trophy. The two posters will also be entered in an all-Ontario competition in which the two first prizes are \$100 bonds. The honorable mention winners will each receive a certificate and a silver dollar.

Halton Fire Prevention Bureau conducted their 13th annual poster competition among the grade five students in Halton's schools. Students were invited to submit a poster illustrating "Fire Prevention in the Home" and as soon as municipal winners in Oakville, Acton, Milton and

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A BIT BIG for Kilbride teen Willi van der Voort, this suit was up for sale at the auction held Friday night in the Kilbride hall. Kilbride teens, who put on the sale, hope to raise money for their Friday

night activities which they normally hold at the hall. Included in their fun are sports activities, games and dances for which they hope to raise the money to bring in a good band.—(Staff Photo)