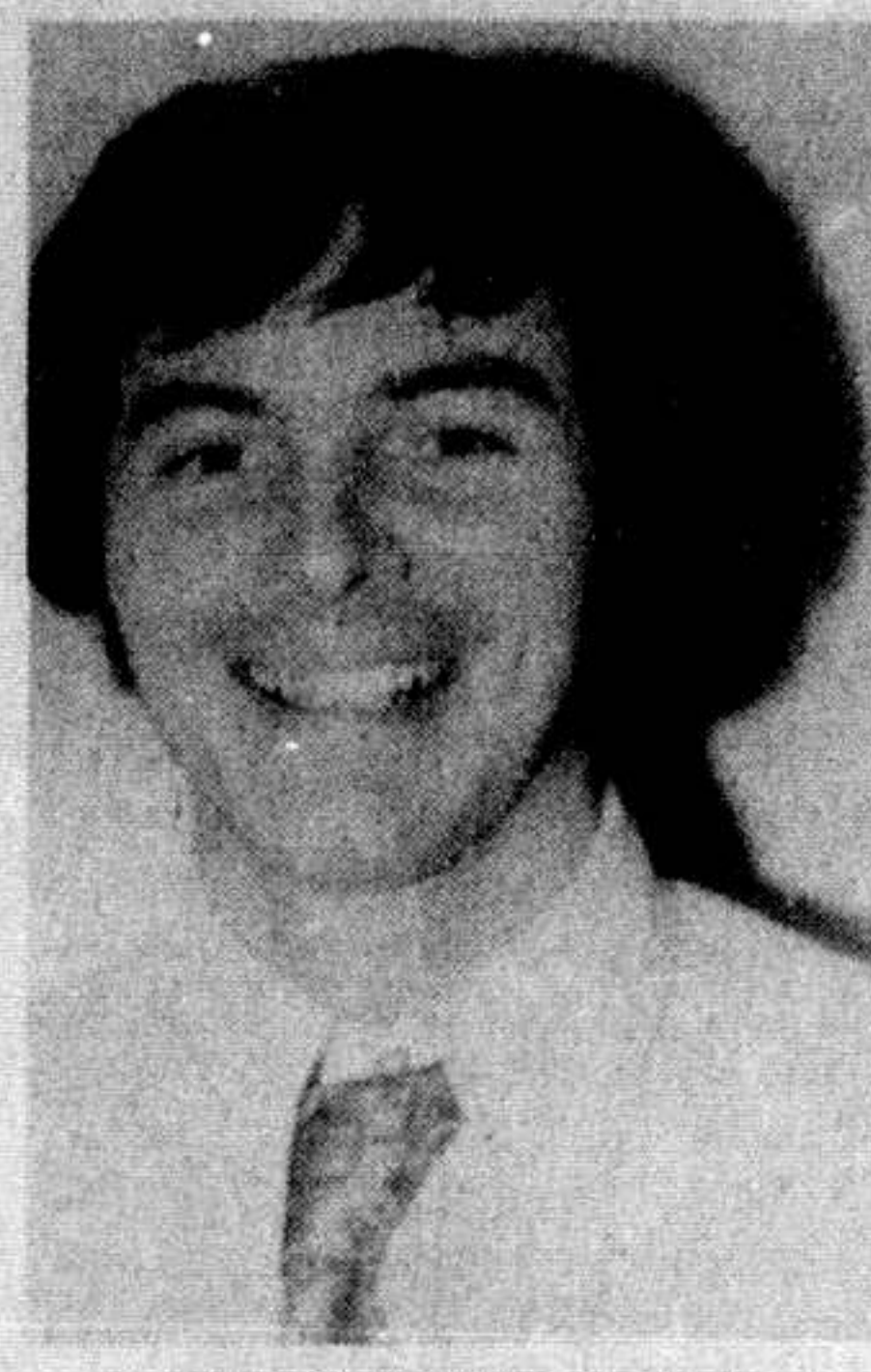


Martin St. School News

Mr. J. Shea

By Linda Ross, Gr. 7
Mr. J. Shea, one of Martin Street's grade 7 teachers, told us some background information about himself that's interesting to know. For instance he is very interested in motorcycles. He likes riding along cow trails on his 175 Kawasaki. Mr. Shea's most serious hobby is antique collecting, and he loves to read. Mr. Shea was born in Niagara Falls. He lived there until 1968. He went to school in Niagara Falls and at A. N. Myers secondary school. He has been teaching for 10 years, and has taught all subjects (except French) to grades 4, 5, 6 and now 7.

What Mr. Shea likes best about the kids is their personality and their attitude. "Children like this make



TEACHER J. SHEA
Photo by Don Williamson

coming to school in the morning a real treat": says Mr. Shea.

Radio station starts

By Ellen Kerns, Grade 8
As you have already read we were planning a radio station. Well on Dec. 1 Mr. Shea's class was on the air, they did a very good job. One reason for the radio station was, so that Martin Street students would not be bored with the same old announcements. Now they laugh at all the jokes on the station.

Announcements start at 8.45. Pop records, poems, stories and jokes are told over the speaker. Teachers and classes are Miss Mitchell 7-3, 7-4, Mr. Shea 7-1, 7-2, Mrs. Davidson 8-1, 8-2, Mr. Vidler 8-3, 8-4. Good luck to the students who still have to do it.

Wild game of volleyball

By Kathryn Downs, Grade 8
The grade six girls played a wild game of volleyball against the teachers, in the gym on Wed., Dec. 2. The large crowd which showed up for the game was surprised when some of the men teachers put on quite an act. They dressed up in funny costumes to make the game more lively. Mr. Forbes, Mr. Shea, Mr. Travis and Mr. Haley were the masqueraders.

The teachers won the first game 15-13, but at the end of the second game, the score was 15-12 for the students. The teachers used some strange techniques to send the ball over the net. I'm sure that this is a game which will be remembered by all who attended. We hope to have more interesting games like this during the year.

Christmas table centres

By Kim DeForest, Grade 8
One of Martin Street's electives is Christmas table centres. The instructor is Mrs. L. Robertson. In this elective students use such things as branches from evergreens, twigs, pine cones, spray paint and artificial flowers to make table centres. Each student has made at least one arrangement that may have been placed in the beautiful display in our showcase.

We have decided that each student will contribute 50 cents to buy the accessories to make a large table centre for the buffet supper elective. The arrangement will then be raffled off to the teachers after the supper. This elective is greatly enjoyed by the students along with the other electives that were offered.

School dance

By Chris Hunter, Grade 8
On Dec. 4 we had a school dance. Many students turned out for this dance along with some of the teachers and a few parents of some of the students. The Student Council helped in various ways, serving refreshments, operating the recorded tapes that had the songs recorded on them and cleaning up after the dance was over.

Getting to the dance itself, it started off at 3.30 and ended at 5.30. The music and dances were good but it started off slowly, then after about 10 minutes the gym was rocking.

But after it was over peace returned to Martin Street. And the tired teachers went home, along with many worn out students. A special thanks is given to the staff and the Student Council of Martin Street Middle School.

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STUDENTS from Milton District High School are preparing a "Guide to Milton for the Handicapped" which will advise the disabled where they can and cannot go in town due to architectural barriers. Jerry Fritzley is shown measuring how long a ramp would have to be so a person in a wheelchair could easily enter this Main St. law office. Survey organizer Patty Holmes jots down figures on her clipboard.

Outdoor education

By Kathy Riding, Grade 8
This year many new electives have been offered and in my opinion one of the most fun and educational is the Outdoor Education Elective. In the 12 week elective the group of 18 have been outdoors every day except once. They have been on hikes, orienteering trips at school and Kelso, trips to the quarry and skating. The main event so far has been riding at the Palamino stables. We will be going cross country skiing yet.

For the last day of the elective the class will be going tobogganing at Kelso and then going for hot dogs and hot chocolate at Miss Mitchell's home. Miss E. Mitchell, the teacher, takes the kids on their trips every Wednesday afternoon. Thanks is to be given to Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. Goencz, and Miss Mitchell for driving the students to and from their destinations.

Stamp elective

By Robin Wilson, Grade 8
Every Wednesday from 2.20 p.m. until 3.40 p.m. our school has electives. One elective is for stamp collectors and people who would like to start a collection. In this elective we do such things as trade, soak, dry, mount, and sort stamps. People with collections can work on their own collections while the others work on things for Mr. Sadler, our stamp teacher.

Each week Mr. Sadler takes 20-25 minutes to teach us stamp collecting vocabulary. Two words from the stamp vocabulary are "bourse" which is a stamp auction and "philatelic" which is the collecting of postage stamps. Some weeks we play bingo to win prize packets of stamps supplied by Mr. Sadler.

If there is sufficient interest in stamps Mr. Sadler might start a stamp club which will be held after school.

Martin St. athletic council

By Evelyn Thompson, Grade 6
The Athletic Council, which is appointed by the staff, decides on the activities that Martin Street Middle School can do for the physical education classes. This year so far they have sold school ribbons, T-shirts and a handy little gym bag for both boys and girls.

They have decided on the following activities for inter-school sports; football for the boys, field hockey for the girls, volleyball for girls and boys, and floor hockey for both girls and boys.

Members of the athletic council this year are: Grade 6, Mary Jane Hassard, Steve Marshall, Aileen Ruigrok, Frank Schmidt, Carrie Boudreau, Colin Crombie; Grade 7, Renee Nolet, Kevin Houdercroft, Suzanne Enderwick, Rod Bell, Terri-Ann MacDonald, Stan Fay, Debbie Snowden, Jeff Graham, Joan Brush, Joe O'Grady; Grade 8, Kelly McDonnell, Joery Raab, Tori Carter, Jeff Elsiey, Michelle Ravior, Pat Roberts, Michelle Knowles, Peter Schmidt.

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