

MS Read-A-Thon a unique project

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is presently sponsoring a unique project that is keeping children in the Penetanguishene-Midland area quite busy. The project is called

"MS Read-A-Thon", and according to a recent press release from the MS Society, it's purpose is to encourage school children to read while helping to fight Multiple Sclerosis at the same time.

The project is somewhat similar to a walk-a-thon, except that the children must read books as opposed to walking a number of miles. Representatives from the MS Society visited local schools, and explained the idea to students, teachers and administration.

The children have a set time to read as many books as they can, and they collect pledges for their efforts. Although sponsorships vary, an average figure might be 10 cents per book.

The read-a-thon program originated in the

United States where it gained "tremendous response" according to the MS society. One of the organizations backing the project is the International Reading Association.

"In the MS Read-A-Thon, we have a method of motivating our elementary students to read outside of the classroom. It won't take much time for a reader to read, but it takes a lot to make a non-reader want to try it," Dr. William Fuller, president of the reading association said.

On April 3, the program was initiated in Simcoe County, after both the Simcoe County Board of Education and the Simcoe County Separate School Board gave their approval.

The program is open to students to grades one through eight, and over

1,000 elementary students are participating in Simcoe County.

Corpus Christi school in Penetanguishene is one of the schools where children have joined the read-a-thon. Hundreds of students at that school - in grades three to eight - are busy reading various books. The type of book is up to the student, as long as it is not part of the regular course of study at the school. Parents are given the responsibility of checking the number of books read by their child.

Bayview Public School in Midland is another area school where the read-a-thon program is underway.

This is the first year the read-a-thon has been tried in Canada, and according to the MS Society, it has been an unqualified success so far.



Road construction

Construction of Burke Street recently resumed, and the road is presently closed except for local traffic. Workers had to wait until

the road became solid again after the spring thaw, so heavy equipment could be brought in. Staff photo

PSS News

by Peter McDonald

As of Friday April 28 the students Council had received five nominations for the various executive posts on the council. Since the nominations were closed on Friday the candidates are as follows: running for president will be Lisa Robillard and Marnie Ridout, for vice-president will be Wayne Quesnelle and Bernadette Marchand and Irene Lau has been acclaimed secretary. The candidates are to be congratulated for their interest and best of luck to all of them.

On Friday May 12 Disco "Rockin Rollers Royce" are coming to P.S.S. With the immense popularity of Disco this experiment is a first for P.S.S. All of those disco dancing lessons you've been taking for the last few months are finally going to pay off. Advance tickets will sell for seventy-five cents while those at the door will be one dollar with a Students Card and a dollar-fifty without. And as usual guest passes will be available at the door. The doors will open at 8 p.m.

Last Wednesday the Rome-Sorrento group trip got together at the school for one last meal together. This was designed as an opportunity to re-tell stories of their experiences during their trip and to bring light to some of the educational experiences as well.

There are only twenty-seven days left in our school year. Yes we've started the count down but who can blame us with the nice weather we experienced Friday. It is not too conducive to studying in a drab school and everybody is complaining. But that happens every year at this time so we'll probably survive...

Centre d'activités françaises

télé: 549-8594 Penetanguishene

Théâtre "La Vieille Souche"

La troupe de Théâtre "La Vieille Souche" avec la collaboration de l'ACFO Simcoe est heureuse de présenter la pièce écrite par Angelina Robitaille qui s'intitule "Le Rêve". Cette pièce sera sur scène le 30 avril à l'école St. Martyrs canadiens de Perkinsfield à 19:30 heure, le 2 mai à l'école St. Joseph à Penetanguishene à 19:30 heure et le 3 mai à l'école Ste-Croix de Lafontaine à 19:30 heure. Cette pièce a, il y a 3 ans, gagné 2 prix en compétition de Théâtre pour les écoles du sud de l'Ontario dont le prix de mise en scène et 2e de meilleur acteur par Pierre Mullie. La troupe vous souhaite à tous la bienvenue et est heureuse de vous accueillir chaleureusement. Le prix d'entrée est 50 c pour étudiants et \$1.00 pour adultes. On a bien hâte de vous voir.

Rencontre 78

Voilà...La Rencontre 78 est à notre porte! Cette année, Hamilton sera la Ville-Hôte de ce grand événement. C'est à Université McMaster, les 2,3,4 juin 1978 que se célébrera cette Fête du Sud-Ontario. Nombre d'activités sont prévues pour cette circonstance. Au programme on trouvera films, kiosques, visites de Centres francophones, soirée canadienne, Concours de Mlle Sud-Ontario 78, banquet, grand bal avec orchestre etc. Pour plus de détails, vous pouvez contacter Jean-Félix Desmarais (529-4979) et Mariette Fraser (Bureau 545-3776 et résidence 525-2171). Il n'est pas nécessaire d'appartenir à une organisation pour participer à la Rencontre 78. Tous sont les bienvenus. Inscription pour les Garderies: au Centre d'activités françaises, 63, rue Main, Penetanguishene de 9h00 à 5h00 heures du lundi au vendredi. Vous pouvez obtenir un formulaire au Centre. Pour tout autre renseignement, composez 549-8594.

Concours Oratoire Du Sud-Ontario

Le concours eut lieu dimanche, le 23 avril à Oshawa. Voici la liste des lauréats: Grand lauréat: Yves Marchand, fils de Roméo Marchand, école Ste Croix Lafontaine. Lauréate: Michelle Gagnon, Niagara Falls. Lauréat: Yves Lubé, Toronto. Mention honorable: Patti Murphy, école St. Joseph, Penetanguishene.

Mention honorable: André Frenette, Welland. Les juges venaient de différentes villes du Sud-Ontario et le concours a été dirigé par M. Omer Deslauriers, président du Conseil consultatif des Affaires franco-ontariennes, Messieurs Gaston Beaulieu et Germain Bourgeois du Ministère de l'Éducation et M. A. Haché, directeur de l'école Corpus Christi d'Oshawa. A titre de gouverneur régional du Club Richelieu, M. Ronald Hamelin de Penetanguishene a présenté les trophées. L'occasion était égayée par les petits chanteurs "Les Tournesols" de cette même ville.

Nous offrons nos félicitations aux parents et personnel enseignant qui ont si bien préparé ces seize concurrents. Il est à remarquer que l'assistance à une école de langue française, en Ontario ne nuit pas à la connaissance de l'anglais chez les étudiants: Patti Murphy, tout récemment, a remporté le premier prix dans deux concours oratoires anglais, soit de la zone 3 du comté de Simcoe et de tout l'Ontario pour la Catholic Women's League.

La Télévision Française-Radio-Canada

(coup-d'œil rapide)

Le samedi, 6 mai à 18h00- Génies en herbe-Jeu questionnaire

18h35- Ici, ailleurs- Les francophones se sentent-ils dépendants, culturellement, des 5 millions de Québécois qui forment la francophonie nord-américaine?

20h00- La soirée du hockey (aussi le mercredi et le vendredi)

le dimanche, 7 mai 10h00- Le jour du Seigneur-paroisse Ste. Cécile de Masham

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Thefts keep OPP busy

A string of early spring thefts continue to keep Midland OPP officers busy.

On April 29 Mr. Herman Cole of Alliston reported that someone had entered his Forest Harbour cottage and had stolen a 14-foot aluminum boat. He told police that he estimates the theft occurred between April 27 and 29.

The boat is valued at \$565. Police are still investigating.

Shingle Theft
The OPP is investigating the theft of 20 bundles of roofing shingles from a new home

site in the Sunnyside area, just outside Midland town limits.

The theft is believed to have occurred between April 16 and 22.

The shingles are valued at about \$200.

Theft From Boat
Police are investigating a theft from a boat belonging to William Wallace of Hugel Avenue in Midland which took place sometime between March 26 and April 26.

Police say that the boat was parked at the Wye River Marina when thieves forcibly entered it by prying open a hatch.

A quantity of property valued at \$315 was taken.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Park, 30 Peel Street, Penetanguishene, a boy born April 19, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. David DeVillers of R.R. 3, Penetanguishene, a boy

born April 21, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Crane, 61 Woodland Drive, Woodland Beach, a boy born April 23, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. James Conn, R.R. 1, Elmvale, a girl born April 27, 1978.

Obituary

Mrs. Clarice Roy (Contois), at the Penetanguishene General Hospital on April 26th, 1978 following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Clarice was born in Lafontaine February 13, 1900, and lived for many years up the lakes at Gognashene and Moon River. She lived the past few years in Penetanguishene. Beloved wife of Henry Roy of Penetanguishene. Mrs. Roy was a member of the Ladies of Ste. Anne of Penetanguishene.

Predeceased by parents Napoleon and Delina Contois.

Mrs. Roy is survived by two sons, Armos Roi of William's Lake, British Columbia, Jimmy Roi of Perkinsfield and four daughters, Mrs. Theresa Duval of Oshawa, Mrs.

Zeta Chevrette of Toronto, Mrs. Olive Brunelle and Mrs. Velma Robitaille of Penetanguishene. Also survived by sisters, Mrs. Felanise Cascagnette, Mrs. Rose Larmand and Mrs. Mary-Anne Parent all of Penetanguishene and one brother, Philip Contois of Penetanguishene and 23 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held April 28th, 1978 at St. Ann's Memorial Church Penetanguishene. The service was conducted by Father J. Harrington. Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased, Jimmy, Gary, Roger and Martin Duval and Gary and Larry Robitaille.

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