

# Effective speaking

Port McNicoll

by Eileen Hocken  
Port McNicoll Lions Club hosted its first Effective Speaking Contest on Friday, April 3, at the Port McNicoll Public School. Jim Zummach was appointed chairman for the evening's activities. Pat Armstrong, the president of the Lions Club, was called on to say a few words. He welcomed the parents and guests and thanked the contestants for taking part in the public speaking.

There were 10 contestants, two of which were French-speakers from Ecole Secondaire Le Caron. The speakers, five young ladies and five young men, were judged on a prepared speech which had to be a minimum of five minutes and could not exceed seven minutes, and on a two minute impromptu speech.

There were three judges, Shirley Whittington, Rev. Al Farthing and Doug Haig, Q.C. who handles Port McNicoll's legal matters.

The young women contestants were as follows: Sheila O'Brien, Park Street Collegiate School, Orillia; Shauna Ferguson, Midland Secondary School, Midland; Margaret De Jong, Central Collegiate School, Barrie; Carol Allen, Elmvale District High School, Elmvale; Louise Cadeau, Ecole Secondaire LeCaron, Lafontaine.

The young men were: Andy Jones, Midland Secondary School, Midland; Jeff Van de Kleut, Orillia District Collegiate and Vocational School, Orillia; Cal Potts, Elmvale District High School, Elmvale; Layne Verbeek, Central Collegiate, Barrie; Pierre Lamoureux, Ecole Secondaire LeCaron, Lafontaine.

Contestants were judged on the material and delivery of their speeches which took in selection of subject, organization of material, interest, language and changes of rate, pitch and volume, eye contact, gestures, posture, clearness of speech, enunciation, pronunciation, fluency and general effect on audience.

District Chairman of Effective Speaking, John de Crombrughe, announced the winners of the contest. Jeff Van de Kleut of Orillia was over-all winner and received the Trophy. In the boys' division, runner-up was Andy

Jones of Midland. The first place winner in the girls' division was Margaret De Jong of Barrie. Her runner-up was Sheila O'Brien of Orillia. First and second place winners will be competing in another Effective Speaking Contest at the Midhurst Community Centre on April 12.

Those winners will then go on to Parry Sound on May 1 to compete with all of Ontario, Quebec, and Labrador winners. We congratulate Friday night's winners and wish them luck in future contests.

Port McNicoll Girl Guides had their first Cord Ceremony Tuesday, March 31. It was the first time in Port McNicoll history for such an event.

The Ceremony took place at Port McNicoll Public School at one of the regular Brownie meetings so that those girls could take part and watch the happenings.

The Area Commissioner, Mrs. Shirley Roonev, was on hand to present cords, cord pins and certificates to two very hard working Girl Guides, Leasa Perrault and Rennee Rioux. This cord is the highest honour a Girl Guide can receive and it takes three years of hard work to accomplish.

Leasa has earned a total of 33 badges and 6 emblems. Rennee has earned 28 badges and 4 emblems. The two girls were presented with a corsage and a gift from their fellow Girl Guides.

This special Ceremony also saw six girls fly up from a Tenderfoot to a Girl Guide. Congratulations are extended to Allison Dorion, Terri-Ann Duval, Tracy Cadieux, Lori-Anne Kirdeikis, Stephanie Harris and Patty Newlands.

Badges were given to four other Girl Guides. Kim Burrage received her Cook and Hostess badges; Patty Newlands, her Hostess badge; Terri-Ann Duval, her Laundress and Cook badges; Colleen Kelly, her Photographer badge. Congratulations, girls.

Brownie Leader, Lyn Haves, presented some girls with Puppeteer badges which they earned while in Brownies and hadn't yet received because the badges were late in arriving.

Congratulations to Terri-Ann Duval, Lori-Anne Kirdeikis, Patty Newlands, Tracy Cadieux and Allison Dorion.

Special thanks to the Girl Guides who did such a good job serving refreshments to the parents and guests and also to their young Brownie friends.

A few Brownie Leaders took part in a Program Training session at St. John's United Church in Victoria Harbour on Saturday, April 4.

The matter of dress uniform was brought up, and by order of Head Office, Toronto, Brownies and Girl Guides are to be in full uniform at all meetings.

If the girls are not properly dressed, they must be sent back home. The parents of these youngsters are advised to make sure their children have full uniform and that they wear it.

The Mothers' Group Committee will be meeting tonight, April 8, at 8:30 p.m. in the basement of Bonar Church. We would appreciate the mothers turning out for this very important meeting.

On Wednesday, April 15, the Girl Guides will be up at Port McNicoll's Javee Park to play soccer.

The last meeting of the C.W.L. (Catholic Women's League) until September was held Wednesday, April 1, after evening Mass in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Church.

Due to the absence of Mrs. Leona Cavanaugh, the President of the C.W.L. and other members of the executive, the meeting was presided over by Father Vincent Egan.

Following the opening prayer, several items of business were discussed, especially plans for the evening reception on Wednesday, April 22.

On that date the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Clune to a number of youngsters in the parish.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Egan.

Port McNicoll School held their Registration day last Thursday. So far 25 children have been signed up but the school expects 30 or more children to start Kindergarten classes in September.

About 90 children have registered for baseball to date. Elsa Kovacs and Ross Cameron believe there will be more stragglers. Some kids don't think they want to play baseball until they find

out a lot of their friends are playing.

If your child would still like to join, it's not too late. Registration forms can be picked up

at Elsa Kovacs' Restaurant, First Street, Port McNicoll. The restaurant is open from 10 a.m. to midnight.

At a meeting of the

Youth Club last Thursday, it was decided that the club would hold a dance on Saturday, April 11, for club members and a guest

For more information on this dance, you are asked to attend the next meeting of the Youth Club at the school on Thursday night, April 9, at 7 p.m.

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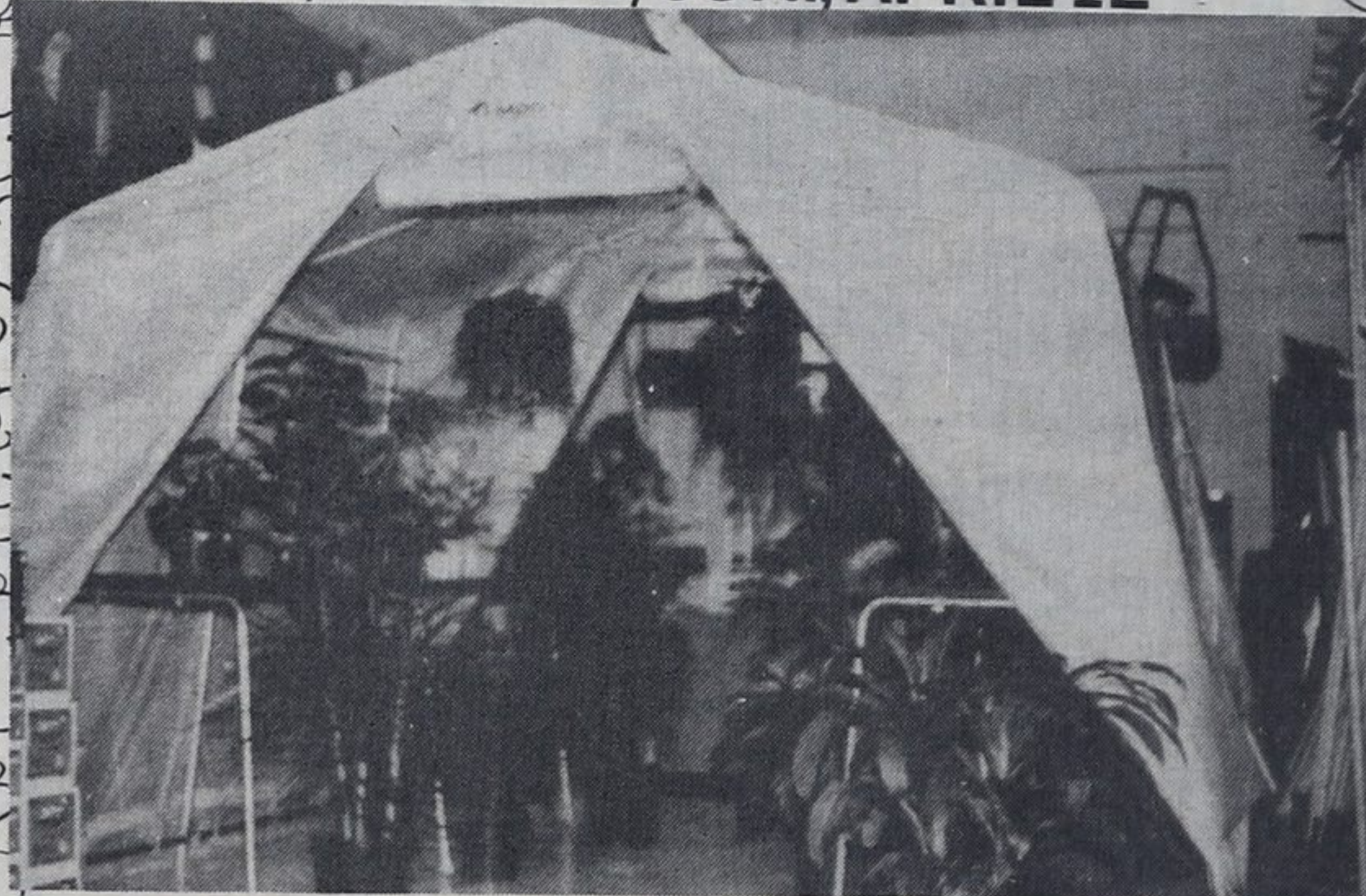
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## Kempfenfelt Bay District will host conference

by Robin Nutbrown  
Kempfenfelt Bay District will be the host of the 1981 Lakeland Regional Conference, which will be held on April 25 at Eastview Secondary School in Barrie.

Following the conference, a dinner and dance will take place at Georgian College.

There is something

for everyone in the sessions, displays, and overall program, and I'm sure you will have an enjoyable time. If you wish, there is an alternate program which will be touring Simcoe County Museum and Molson's Brewery, if that interests you.

The cost of the conference is \$5.00 per

person. If you prefer to stay for the conference, the dinner and dance, the fee will be \$16.00 per person.

The regional conference is geared for both leaders and their spouses. We guarantee this will be a very worthwhile day for everyone. See you there!