

## SOUTH CROSBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

PUBLIC SPEAKING- SOUTH CROSBY SCHOOL

Winners of the Public Speaking contest held on Tuesday, February 24 at South Crosby Public School were as follows:  
Primary 1st prize-Lisa MacDougall

2nd-Christian Skoryna  
3rd-David Freeman  
Junior 1st prize-Natalie Michaud  
2nd prize-Bernard Carroll  
3rd-prize-Sean Payne  
Intermediate 1st-Halina Skoryna  
2nd-Christa Skoryna  
3rd-Lori Smith

Participants in each category were as follows: Primary - Heidi Merriman, Peggy Keates, Bradley Banks, Danny Ferguson, Ben Whitney, Christa Dwyre, Sean Christy, Jim Summers, Mary Skoryna, Lisa MacDougall, Christian Skoryna, and David Freeman. Junior participants - Cory Gamble, Darin Tedford, Chris Stanton, Danny Ball, Michael Freeman, Shelley Mallen, Roxanne Purdy, Natalie Michaud, Bernard Carroll, and Sean Payne.

Intermediate participants: Scott Smith Kelly Lake, Sherry Mallen, Anne Paddle, Dawn Mustard, Halina Skoryna, Christa Skoryna and Lori Smith.

All the participants should be commended on a fine job performed, which made the evening interesting and enjoyable.



- Alan Dolan

For the past four months, I have talked mostly about the good news of wood heating. Now for the bad news.

Recent studies on chimney emissions from wood heaters have revealed that a number of potentially harmful pollutants are present. This creates a particular problem in urban areas where presence of a large number of wood heaters in a concentrated area may cause a dangerous build-up of emissions.

However, rural wood burners should not consider themselves exempt from blame because the distance among houses is greater- the solution to pollution is not dilution!

It is important, then, that if we are going to heat with wood (or any fuel for that matter) we should use as little as possible. But we need not freeze in the process! There are two approaches to reducing the amount of wood we burn.

First, we can use an efficient air-tight stove that will extract the most heat out of the wood. Several new air-tight models have a device called a catalytic converter like those found in the pollution control equipment of automobiles. These converters reduce the emissions going up the chimney, burn the wood more efficiently and hence produce less creosote. They are presently quite expensive, but prices may drop in the future.

The second approach to reduce wood consumption is to insulate and tighten up our houses. Well-insulated, air-tight houses require less wood for heating and so release less pollutants from their chimneys. Building a new energy-efficient house may yield the added benefit of being able to downsize the stove that you require to heat it. Not to mention the amount of time spent cutting wood!

And speaking of energy-efficient houses... the wood heating season is coming to a close and as I think that people would not want to be reminded of winter all summer long, I have decided to focus on retrofitting and building houses for energy-efficiency. The first article on this subject will appear next month.

As usual, if you have any questions about wood heating or if there are particular areas that you would like to see covered in the following months, please write: Alan Dolan, R R 1 Seeley's Bay, Ont K0H 2N0.

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