



Public Speaking Winners, from left to right: Lori Smith, South Crosby; Jennifer MacLennan, South Crosby; Anna Maria Skoryna, South Crosby; Barry Murphy, St. Edwards, pictured with Presentors Linton McConville and Leonard Bulloch.

## Public Speaking

The branch held their annual Public Speaking Contest on Friday, March 9th in the Community Hall, Portland. Twenty-eight contestants participated from 5 area elementary schools - Beverly Elementary, Delta, South Crosby School, Elgin, Rideau Centennial, Portland, Rideau Vista, Westport, and St. Edwards, Westport.

First place winners received \$20.00, a small trophy, plus a RCL Certificate - Second place winners received \$15.00 and a Certificate, Third Place winners received \$10.00 and a certificate, all other entries received a certificate.

The winners were - Primary Div. Gr. 1-3

1st place - Jennifer MacLennan - South Crosby

2nd place - Jeannette McGlade - St. Edwards

3rd place - a TIE - Kelly Donnelly St. Edwards

Jim Summers, South Crosby

Junior Division - Gr. 4-6

1st place - Lorie Smith South Crosby

2nd place - Dana Smith Rideau Centennial

3rd place - Joanne Diotte St. Edwards

Senior Division - Gr. 7-8

1st place - a TIE Anna Maria Skoryna South Crosby Barry Murphy, St. Edwards

3rd place - Marty Smith, Rideau Centennial

The school plaque which is presented for one year to the school with the contestant having the highest percentage will be held jointly this year by South Crosby and St. Edwards Schools. The winning contestants names will be engraved on the plaque - Anna Maria Skoryna and Barry Murphy, who tied for highest percentage points.

A social half hour was held at the close of the evening with coffee and sandwiches supplied by the branch ladies. The branch would like to thank all those who helped to make the evening a success, namely, our own hard working Public Speaking Chairman, Comrade John Greenhorn, the pupils, teachers and principals of the schools participating, as without their support the Legion Public Speaking Contest would not be held. The branch would also like to thank the following judges for giving their time - Mrs. Jacqueline Carpenter, Mrs. Brys Scovil and Mr. Douglas Evans.

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3. Area improvement programs;
4. Legion social life within the area;
5. Service to veterans and dependents within the area who require assistance;

6. Assistance in acquiring club room facilities.

We are seeking ex members and serving members of the forces. Sons and daughters of members are also qualified to join as the membership requirements have been substantially relaxed in the past few years. Other associate memberships may qualify.

Call us - you may qualify to become a proud member in the largest service organization in Canada.

Please call the branch Secretary, Comrade Lint McConville at 272-2621

### ELGIN & DISTRICT CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

#### HAPPENINGS

At the March meeting of the Elgin & District Co-op Nursery School plans were finalized for a special meeting on April 2nd. This meeting will be of interest to all area parents of preschoolers. Our special guests for the evening will be a representative of the St. Lawrence College Pre-school Education program, our 3 area kindergarten teachers and our own teacher, Mrs. Heather Green. Each of these ladies will describe her program. The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. in the nursery school in Elgin.

The children in the nursery school will spend the month of March learning about health, nutrition and the senses. The dental nurse from the Health Unit will be in the school March 14th and 15th.

Several field trips were discussed for the children.

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