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The Local Platoon at Niagara Camp

Not All Play, but Plenty of Work—Acton Lads Won Awards

On Monday, July 5th, the Acton platoon left on the early morning train for the annual training at Niagara-on-the-Lake. A mixture of young recruits who, perhaps, were going to be disillusioned somewhat, and some old soldiers, who did not seem to care what happened so long as they could grab a "fife" and move smartly some more in obedience to the commands of the "Non-coms." and Officers to "slope arms," or "form fours." Some of these held high ranks in bygone years, but were still content to "fall in" with the privates. Former Serge-Majors were there taking orders from Lance Corporals, and enjoying it. The north of the County was well represented, while the south was represented with thirty-eight men from the Toronto Scout Regiment. Bandmaster Charles Landsborough and Nine Brads were there with cornet and clarinet to help supply the music, which would be needed to keep heads erect and tired feet from lagging. Norman Gibson also, with his Sousaphone.

The first test came in the march from the docks to the camp. There were no casualties, but everyone was glad when the tents were reached, for there was no rest period throughout the march. The issuing of mattresses, blankets and mess utensils came next. Then instructions from the R. C. R. instructors as to how, and where these were to be placed when not in use. Mattresses and blankets to be folded just so, plates, cups and bowls on either side, knife, fork, spoon in their proper places, and each kit in line, from one end to the other, not half an inch out. No fooling about this, and all before breakfast, for the General Officer Commanding the camp makes his inspection every morning, and if everything is not regimental, he wants to know the reason.

Cleanliness! Well, there is such a person as a Sanitary Officer in camp, and he does not wait for complaints to be made to him. He inspects everything every day, tents, kits, cook house, mess tents, wash houses, latrines and canteens. Following within sarong on one of these tours of inspection, we heard, among other things, "Where is the lid of this garbage can?" "Why is the screen door of the cook house open?" "Some tea or coffee had been spilled on the ground in the mess tent, and it had to be covered with sand. One of the youngsters thought that elegant up was a job for slates, and said so. By the end of the week he was taught differently.

An article in Saturday's Star says this about the start of the day: "Reveille, 5:30 a.m., a trumpet blares, slaps his middle, tightens his belt, tucks his sun helmet over his eyes, and starts for the canteen." Now, that's nonsense. The fellow who wrote that should have made sure where that Non-Com, was really making for. The fact is that the press man did not know the difference between a canteen and a mess tent. Just here might be a good place to say that there was a canteen, and beer was sold there, but it could not be bought before 10 p.m. Brigade orders were quite distinct about it when they said, "Beer will not be sold before 4:00 p.m." (Drum roll!) No more than we see on our own streets, perhaps not so many. This is mentioned to calm the fears of parents and others who are uncertain about letting their kids do the uniform.

Seven or eight different days is used for drill, something different for each period. Rifle drill, marching, gas-drill, machine gun practice and a whole day at the range for target practice. Company (Acton and Georgetown) took the whole of Thursday, 6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., at this work and came home with a score which tied any score ever made on the Niagara Ranges. That's something, isn't it?

Friday morning was taken up with rifle cleaning and inspection for Saturday's firing. The afternoon was used for a march in full battle order, then some kind of a scheme was carried out and the return march was made, all in a withering heat, arriving home long after tea-time. Some people, who had quitted the men as to how they enjoyed the holiday might be glad to try such work on such a day during their holiday period. If there is any holiday about these training camps, it is only at the end of the day—when the work is done! Their course, the men enjoy themselves in a way which suits them best. If they feel like a trip to the Falls, there was a large truck to take them there and bring them back, for the small charge of a quarter, while there was always lots of fun to be had by remaining in camp.

Good work was rewarded and disobedience punished. Pte. Andrew Buchanan was awarded a nice prize for being the fastest soldier on parade, July 7th. Then again, a man was awarded a certificate of all passes and two prizes for oversteering a pass. Very good things both of them. L.-Col. Robertson.

ON LECTURE TOUR



Rev. Robert Anderson Jardine, the Poor Man's Parson of Darlington, Eng., who defied the ban of socialists' authorities to perform a wedding ceremony for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, is shown as he reached New York City, where he will begin a lecture tour of United States and Canada.

THE MARSHALL RE-UNION

On Saturday, July 10th, about fifty members of the Marshall clan gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lawson, Buxton.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent in sport and exchanging greetings with old members and welcoming the new. A sumptuous luncheon was served by the Ladies Committee on the lawn, after which the business of the clan was taken care of. Expressions of sorrow and regret were voiced by Col. Stephen Marshall, of Wamassa, N.J., upon the absence of the family of Mr. Thos. Marshall, Erin, due to the passing of a house, and a husband, in early spring. This is the first break in the connection since the re-unions were commenced eight years ago.

Special mention was also made at the pleasure of having at least one member of the family who came over with the parents from England, eighty years ago, present, in the person of Mr. Richard Marshall, of Limehouse. He and Mrs. Andrew Scott, of Limehouse, are the only two surviving members of the family that came to Canada with the parents in 1857. They landed in Hornby when first coming here, but after a short stay there, Mr. Wm. Marshall obtained employment at Limehouse, to which place he removed his family, and still spent the remainder of his life there. Of a family of ten, just four remain, Mrs. Andrew Scott, Mr. Richard Marshall, of Limehouse, Mr. Thos. Marshall of Acton, and Col. Stephen Marshall, of Wamassa, N.J., U.S.A.

After the greetings to the older members, the officers for 1937-38 were elected, as follows:

President—Mr. Alvin Marshall, Acton.
Vice-President—Mr. Alfred Marshall, Toronto.
Secretary—Mr. David Lawson, Milton.
Treasurer—Miss Olive Marshall, Toronto.

Lunch Committee—Miss Hazel Marshall, Georgetown; Mrs. Anna Marshall, Toronto.
Sports Committee—Mr. Wm. Marshall, Georgetown; Mr. Wm. Marshall, Toronto; Mr. Lloyd Marshall, Erin.

A pleasant feature of the event was the presentation of a small gift to Mr. Richard Marshall, as the member of the original family who came over with his parents, 80 years ago, and also to Mrs. Andrew Scott, who travelled some 500 miles to be in attendance.

KNOX W. M. S.

Knox Presbyterian Missionary Society held their July meeting at the home of Mrs. D. D. Morrison on Thursday afternoon. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. Mrs. O'Neil read the scriptures lesson, and a prayer by Mrs. Thompson followed. After the business part was over, Miss Nellie Anderson, who is shortly returning to her mission work in Korea, was called forward. Mrs. Bennie read an address and Mrs. Harnard presented Miss Anderson with a memorial, in memory of her mother. Miss Anderson very feelingly replied. Mrs. H. L. Bennie gave an excellent and interesting talk on missions and missionaries. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Bennie, after which a delectable lunch was served.

REUNION OF THE SCOTT FAMILY

About sixty members of the Scott family gathered at the home of Mrs. Arnie McDonald, at Dolly Varden, for a re-union on Sunday. There were representatives from Acton, Limehouse, Georgetown, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Brampton and Evesham present.

The Official Opening of Scout Reserve

Will be Held Next Wednesday Afternoon—Invitations Have Now Been Issued

During the week invitations have been issued to many in this district from the Provincial Council for Ontario of the Boy Scouts Association for the opening and dedication of the Blue Springs Scout Reserve, just west of Acton. This important ceremony will take place on Wednesday next at four o'clock. Blue Springs Scout Reserve—the former "Blue Springs Park"—was purchased by the Provincial Council for Ontario of the Boy Scouts Association from Wm. A. Murray of Acton in January, 1937, for the development as the principal centre in Ontario for the training of leaders for Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts. It will replace the leased Moor Park Camp, near Brantford, used for this purpose since 1923. The purchase was made possible by a memorial contribution by the family of the late Fred J. Mann, of Toronto, and by another fund placed at the disposal of the Council by the late Col. T. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines, some years before his death. The interest of Messrs. Mann and Leonard in the Boy Scout Movement will be commemorated at Blue Springs by a rustic stone monument, to be unveiled on the opening day.

The property, 100 acres in extent, lies in the valley of Blue Springs Creek. Right in the heart of it are the "Blue Springs" from which the district takes its name.

The main entrance to the Reserve, now marked by a stockade gateway and reproduction of a pioneer days "block house," is two-thirds of a mile south of a point on No. 7 Highway, midway between the villages of Acton and Rockwood.

During the past few weeks considerable work at the property has been done preparatory to the opening. A boulder monument and stockade gates have been erected and other changes made.

WINNER LAST WEEK

"Jack Alger" was the answer to last week's Puzzle Poem and the winner of the award was Mrs. C. Maplesden. This year's poem on Page Eight. If you have the solution, send it in. You can't possibly win unless it is on the coupon and reaches Tax Free Pass Office before 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Milton Takes the Locals for a High Ride Saturday

Acton Used Three Pitchers to Stop the Parade—Gordon Came Through and Pitched a Nice Game.

The Milton nine breezed into town last Saturday and avenged the previous week's beating received on their only loss in great style. They pounded Lambert and Morton for plenty of base hits, and at the end of the second chapter were counting along on a nice eleven run lead. With the locals showing little of the pep displayed in their four previous games, the Brick Towners had no trouble in strengthening their lead and the final count read 19 to 6.

Gordon, the young twirler from Rockwood, took over the mound duties in the third and proved to be the most effective of the trio. While he still needs plenty of experience, he went out there and worked in great style, striking out six and allowed some of the bats that were loaded with hits in the first two frames. With a little coaching this man should develop into a dependable twirler.

While Norm Morton is the most valued pitcher on the team, the boys can't expect him to go out there and win all their games.

London went the route for the visitors, and while he was none too steady at times, even on the verge of vacating the hill in the fifth, managed to wiggle through.

The good crowd of fans who came, expecting a "tight battle," went home badly disappointed. The Acton nine are capable of playing better ball than the Brick Towners, and there should not be another repetition if they get in some regular practice, sessions, and keep that lightning spirit to the fore until the last man is retired.

W. Clement greeted Lambert with a double and B. Brush drew four; Toletzka singled, filling the bases; A. Clement's drove one at Fred Waterhouse, who threw low to the plate. W. Clement counting number one; J. Brush stepped up and smashed out one that went for four bases, sending in B. Brush, Toletzka and A. Clement ahead of him. This finished Lambert and Morton relieved him. Naylor came through with another; K. Clement doubled, sending over Eard but was called out for not touching first; London was hit by a pitched ball; and W. Clement went out to Lindsay.

ANOTHER BOY SCOUT LETTER

Editor of THE ACTON FREE PRESS:

Dear Sir: Here we are home again. Did we ever have a good time? Here are a few incidents of the last days at camp.

On July 7th, we were rushed through "The White House," and then we were asked if we enjoyed the visit. We did not see President Roosevelt in the White House, but he reviewed our troops a day later.

Lady-Maria, wife of the Canadian Ambassador, invited the Canadian Leaders to her home for a reception. Scoutmaster George Mason attended this affair.

The Scouts took turns at guard duty. We had a hard time keeping the visitors out of the tents.

We had a grand time trying to play tricks on other Scouts. Many were successful, but not all. One night we carried a millionaire's son out of the tent, bed and all, and managed to leave him out all night. Our Assistant Scoutmaster discovered him, and made us carry him back, while he continued "snoring."

On Thursday evening Jack was interviewed by Lowell Thomas. Later, he spoke over the radio, the only Canadian Scout to broadcast.

The official closing of the Jamboree was celebrated by the extinguishing of the perpetual campfire. Four Boy Scouts, dressed as Indians, came running in with torches, which represented all the other camp fires. The fire was extinguished while they sang the song, "Hall Hall Scoutlike Spirit." The ashes are to be taken to Holland, to form the foundation of the World Jamboree perpetual campfire.

Friday morning we broke camp. We took our journey home about two p.m. We were so interested in telling our other jamboree experiences that we missed a turn in the highway and therefore we had to go forty miles extra. We spent Friday night at Muncy. After a good night's sleep and a long journey, we arrived home about 7:00 o'clock, 8:1.

Yours sincerely,
DIRK VANGOZEN.

MRS. WORDEN'S PUPILS GAVE RECITAL LAST WEEK

On Wednesday evening of last week, Mrs. L. A. Worden, A.T.C.M., held the annual recital of her vocal and piano pupils at the home of Mrs. Geo. Rossell. Twenty-eight numbers from Mozart, Haydn, Liszt and other famous composers were rendered by the pupils. Ice cream and cake were served in concluding the evening.

Guelph Tennis Club Wins from Acton

Hert Hinton Won in Men's Singles and Combined with R. Battye to Win Doubles

Winning eight out of twelve events, Guelph B.C. Tennis Club defeated Acton racquetees in a friendly tournament on the Guelph courts on Tuesday night.

Featuring the victory was the playing of the Guelph girls, who with every event, while the boys could only annex two of their five events.

Miss Doris Gray, Western Ontario badminton champion, gave an exhibition when she defeated Miss Isabel Owsie, 7-3, in their singles game; and paired with Helen Hack, to take their doubles from Misses Mosey and Owsie; and with Marion Babcock to win another doubles from Misses Owsie and McMullen.

Hert Hinton, Acton, also played well to take his singles game from Hill Way. 7-4. Hert Hinton, playing with Bob Battye, also took a doubles event from Way and Garrard.

Results: Acton players first named—Mervie Deakes-Battye and Hinton defeated Way and Garrard, 7-4; McCullum and Russ defeated Armstrong and Vincent, 7-4; McGrath and Jones lost to Whyte and Hall, 4-7; Hurst and Earle lost to Bell and Lyle, 3-7.

Ladies' Doubles—Owsie and McMullen lost to Gray and Babcock, 3-7; Ostrander and Smith lost to McCullum and Hack, 0-7; Barnshaw and Campbell lost to Hill and Robinson, 4-7; Mosey and Owsie lost to Hack and Gray, 4-7.

Mixed Doubles—Battye and McMullen lost to McCullum and Garrard, 3-7; Ostrander and Jones defeated Hill and Robinson, 7-3.

Men's Singles—Hinton defeated Way, 7-4.

Ladies' Singles—Owsie lost to Gray, 3-7.

KNOX SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AT EDGEWOOD

Hot summer heat did not deter the enthusiasm last Saturday afternoon, when Knox Sunday School picnic was held at Edgewood Park. There was a good attendance and keen contest in the races. The results were as follows:

Mr. Cooper's Class, 5 and under—Leda Brittain, Olive Musiele.
Mrs. Cooper's Class, 6, 7 and 8—June Wilson, Betty Masters.
Mrs. Harnard's Class, Bobby Bruce, Billie McKinnon.
Mrs. Musiele's Class, Ross Brittain, Jennie Spivey.
Mrs. O'Hara's Class—Jack Kenner, Miss Hawling's Class—Eleanor Allan, Miss Rosella's Class—Margaret, Bernice, Myrtle.

Miss Chalmers' Class—Jack Bruce, Mrs. Mann's Class—Bob Pearen, Miss Hall's Class—Marjorie Allan, Miss Mogey's Class—Lorne Masters, Miss Brown's Class—Jean Bennie, Mrs. MacArthur's Class—Helen Mainprize.

Orchestra—Gordon Bilson, Teachers—Laura Hall, Gordon and Managers—Charles Kirkness, Thos. Kennedy.

Married Ladies' Bangs—Mrs. Desmar, Mrs. Spivey.
Exclusive Race—Audrey Chalmers, Lorne Masters, Gordon Bilson.

Young Ladies' Ballon—Connie Thom, Miss O'Brien, Margaret Lantz, Gena's Time Race—Gordon Bilson, Allan Gordon.

Ladies' Time Race—Mrs. C. Kirkness, Mrs. Desmar.

Ball games, the swimming tank and that picnic lunch that is always so popular and satisfying, all combined to make the event an enjoyable one to everyone.

NEW PRESIDENT IN CHARGE AT INSTITUTE MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wilderpin on Friday afternoon, with the newly elected President occupying the chair. A five minute talk on the motto, "The Ode," was given by Mrs. Reeson. Current events were taken by Mrs. Wilderpin. Roll call was answered by "My favorite flower." The report of the District Convention, held in Palmero, was given by Mrs. Wilderpin.

It was decided to keep the booth open for the day on Fair Day, and serve hot dinners. Mrs. Noble extended an invitation to have a picnic at her home in Chellenham, or at Mrs. W. Maselles, in August; also an invitation was received to visit Rockledge Institute in July.

After the business was disposed of, Mrs. Wilderpin, leader of the home side, took charge of the meeting, and the following program was presented: Piano solo, John Agar; piano solo, Mrs. Warden; piano duet, Mrs. Warden and Gladys McCallan; vocal solo, Mrs. A. H. Bishop; recitation, Lina McCallan.

The O. H. Lantz. A social time was spent in conclusion, and a vote of thanks tendered Mrs. Wilderpin and Irma for their hospitality; and also to the Program and Lunch Committees.

SAVED FROM GRIZZLIES



Edward McDonald, Jasper National Park warden, photographed in his old hospital at Jasper Park, Alta., where he is recovering from a broken pelvis, received when the horses he was driving became frightened and bolted after coming face to face with a huge grizzly bear. McDonald lay out in the open for three days, 200 yards from his cabin in the mountains, 40 miles from Jasper, while his faithful dog stood guard. He finally managed to drag himself to safety, by which revived him and he then started his slow crawl to the cabin telephone. When he reached the cabin it took him two hours to pick up bones as he could reach the telephone and summon aid.

THREE MONTHS' SCHOOLS TO BE HELD IN MILTON

At a meeting held in Milton on Friday evening last, plans were launched to organize and conduct "Three Months' Schools" in Agriculture and Home Economics at Milton the coming winter. Those in attendance were unanimously in favor of the various fees present gave assurance that their respective municipalities would be willing to provide the necessary accommodation. It will be six years the coming winter since the last courses were held at this centre, and already many have expressed their intention of attending the proposed courses.

In view of the success attending previous three months' Short Courses held in the County and the fact that the Women's Institutes of Hornby, Munster, Union, Orange, and Scotch Block are more or less supporting the suggestion, it is not anticipated that any difficulty will be encountered in securing the necessary enrolment of eighty young people. A local committee of Warden John Irving, A. L. MacNab, and J. E. Whitehead was appointed to arrange for the necessary hall accommodation.

Conservative Ladies Hold Picnic Here

Mr. L. D. Dingle Addressed the Gathering—Wm. Cole Oldest Conservative Present

The Acton Women's Liberal-Conservative Association picnic, held in the Park yesterday afternoon, was a great success in spite of the cloudy day. A large crowd was in attendance. Mr. L. D. Dingle, Provincial candidate, was present, and gave a very interesting address. Races and contests were a feature of the afternoon. The following were the prize winners:

Girls 5 and under—Lorraine Hall, Jean Wilds.
Boys 5 and under—Buddy Wilson, Ronald Anderson.
Girls 10 and under—Aileen Fryer, Shirley Kenner.
Boys 10 and under—Jack Keatner, Roy Chisholm.
Girls 14 and under—Margaret Leaby, Dorothy Poitit.
Boys 11 and under—Bruce Pargeter, Joe Taylor.
Girls 15 and over—Ethel Pargeter, Myrtle Rawson.
Boys 13 and over—Jack Chapman, Harry Savage.

Married Women—Mrs. R. Anderson, Mrs. E. Kenner, Club Bag Race—Mrs. F. Kintner, Mrs. O. Elliott.
Women's Clothespin—Tena Nicol, Jean Evans.
Men's Clothespin—Francis Wilde, Walter Fryer.
Time Race—Olive Rogers, Lily Bean Owsie—Patricia Harrop, Lucky Number Draw—Mrs. E. Hogg.
The prize for the oldest Conservative at the picnic was won by Mr. William Cole, who celebrated his 84th birthday last Saturday.

The 1937 Fishing Yarn from North

The Quota is Brought from Lake Opeongo—The Honoring Championship Also Decided

Domestic Day, Christmas and certain holidays occur every year. For a number of years a fishing trip was almost as regular for the editor. Last year we missed. This year the party had only three of the usual quartets, prepared to make the hunt for the Winney tribe. A farmer, a salesman and an editor—ex-Warden H. Clouse, ex-Hon. C. H. Harrison and Editor G. A. Dill, without any exception.

The fishing ground chosen was on the recommendation of Mr. J. M. McDonald, who knows that northern section better than anyone else in the district, and when we complete this yarn, you'll agree with that statement. Dozens of you have made the trip to Bracebridge and know of what it offers in northern security, so we'll just skip it. It was at Bracebridge that we had supper, and with Dr. Wm. G. O. Kenney, although not by any pre-arrangement.

From Bracebridge to Dorset, a distance of 32 miles, is off the highway, but on a good old dirt road of good width. But here come in those duck around the pond, owners, up hill and down dale, glimpses of lake and really the start of the typical north. Not knowing the road, we decided to call Dorset home, and continue the sixty miles in the morning.

The host at the hotel was good company. He knew "Bud" McDonald and plenty now resident in Acton. He had been a resident of Bracebridge for some years. The day had been warm, but at Dorset the evening was delightful and the air had that quality that flows of a good night's rest. The boat leaving the dock at 6:00 a.m. was a real top job and get breakfast and finish the trip.

The claim is made that in this section is the shortest railway in the world. It is just a mile in length, and is sort of a portage for passengers from Dorset from the one boat to the other boat going to Haykin. To add another taste of northern atmosphere, a cage, with a couple of cub bears was on a pier at the edge of the Dorset strait. Fishing and hunting tackle is a very prominent part of the signs on the stores here which could be classed as general. Their stock took in most everything.

Twenty-four miles of good northern road took us to the gate of Algonquin Park. If you want dip-the-dip in moderation, but try these northern roads. As one of the party remarked, the dip-mind the ones that went straight up and down, but those that hung over were just too much.

At the Park gates it is necessary to secure fishing licenses, if not previously held, and pay an entrance fee of a dollar for the car. Lake Opeongo was 35% miles in the Park, we were told. It wasn't long before a town was sighted along the road and deer were apparently knowing well that they were protected in this reserve and were unafraid. This road, that runs through to Whitney, is just under construction a bit rough in spots, but wide and easily travelled. That is the first thirty-four miles of it. The last two miles are over the old trail, a railway that was built for the H. H. Smith Company to bring out lumber. A little more earth over the top and a coating of gravel would help considerably. It's no speedway and if an deer is met, somebody has to back up for a way. We met just one car. Alving the road we picked up a man who had been using a shovel with good effect in filling some of the holes.

A hundred yards from the water was a parking lot. Not one of those with a sign of 100 or 200 on it, and a fellow at the gate to put a ticket on your car. But just about the first level stretch of land we had met up with Cars from many States of the Union were there. That was the end of the motoring for all corners to Lake Opeongo.

Our new-found companion of the roadside hurried ahead to have a boat sent down to the wharf. When we arrived at the wharf, three motor coaches were waiting. One of these motor coaches was on the landing. He was the same journal.

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings: Concerts, shows, etc., are charged, in cost, per line, with a minimum charge for last announcement of 50.

Please Note—Your Electrolysis salesman, H. McCreary, will be in town this week only. Phone 164J.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church are holding a Lawn Social at the home of Mrs. Wesley Maselles on Wednesday, July 21st, from 3 to 6. Admission 25c.

Next Wednesday, July 21st—St. Alban's Lawn Social and Amuseur Show—on the church grounds. Splendid array of talent. Refreshments, door prizes, booths. An event you don't want to miss.