LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Praise for Scout Movement Concludes with "Bitter Pill"

Acton, Ontario,
February 1, 1960.

The Editor,
The Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ontario.
Dear Sir:

As National Boy Scout Week is close at hand we of the Scout Group Committee would like to pass on to you and through you to your readers some pertinent facts relative to the Scout movement.

In Acton the movement is not sponsored by churches or any other organization as is the practice in most towns. The people of Acton are therefore the sponsors and they should be rightly proud of their charges. At the present time we have two Brownie Packs, one Girl Guide Company, two Wolf Cub Packs, one Scout Troop and one Rover Crew.

These boys and girls are under the direction of a few really dedicated leaders and assistants who deserve the highest praise for their labours but more so for the fine future citizens they produce.

"Good Scout"

We have all at some time heard the expression "A Good Scout" applied to some person who is in all respects the "Tops". Believe us this expression is not wasted on any of the youngsters or the leaders in this organization. We would like to say now that the training is not only tying knots but also learning the fundamentals of future citizenship and comradeship.

Our Rover Crew, formed a few weeks ago, is perhaps the best example we can offer of the aforementioned attributes. This group was formed with a nucleus of the recently invested Queen's Scouts, which honor is one of the most coveted in Scouting, and in our opinion, these young men are the type who cause parents to throw out their chests.

We cannot, however, show favoritism in this movement. All the kids make us very proud to work with them, their eagerness to help and learn and their fellowship to each other are our best reward.

Hard Working Groups

To move over to the administrative side, we are very fortunate to have a body such as our Scout and Guide Mothers' Association, who have been active for quite some time and really perform a great job.

The Group Committee are a hard working few, who control the movement in Acton and are responsible to the Boy Scout Association for the efficiency of all aspects of the Movement.

It is now that we come to the bitter pill. We are desperately in need of active members for the Group Committee and the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association. We cannot hope to continue satisfactorily without more help and we do not wish to jeopardize the future of the boys and girls.

Welcome to Visit

We would like to ask the parents of the boys and girls if they know what *their child does* at the Scout Hall? All parents are welcome at any time to visit and watch the activities of the various packs and troops and we would be only too pleased to see them.

And now, sir, we thank you for allowing us to express ourselves in your column and again stress our invitation to all interested citizens, call us or call on us.

Yours very truly,
T. S. Newton on behalf of
The Scout Group Committee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chairman Outlines Scouting Asks Help to Retire Loan

Greeting:

It's a long time since we have had a chat on Scouting in Acton, so let's go. Let us refresh our memories:

Do you remember:

That the citizens of Acton are the sponsors of Scouting in Acton, subject to its obligations, responsibilities and acclaim;

That Scouting in Acton embraces the Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, who enjoy the accommodation of Ho-de-no-saw-nee;

That A.A. has found sanctuary there and use our scout home every Saturday night;

That the members of A.A. were a very real contributing factor in the recent major renovation and decorating project which has made our scout home more homey, bright and cheerful;

That your Scout Group Committee acknowledges a debt of gratitude to them for their whole-hearted support;

That your Scout Group Committee will hold Open House during the month of May. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend;

That the Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers' concert will be held in the Robert Little auditorium on Friday evening, February 12. A real treat for you. Don't miss it;

That we, the citizens of Acton, are co-owners of our scout hall;

That we built it, enlarged it and maintain it;

That our scout hall is insured for $20,000., contents $2,000.;

That last year we retired $1,000. of bank loan;

That we have an outstanding bank loan of $2,000.;

That your group committe has organized a financial campaign for funds for the last two weeks of this month;

Now, how about it, folks? Your full financial support when the volunteer canvasser calls on you will enable us to burn that outstanding bank loan note at Open House in May.

Your Scout Group Committee welcomes the opportunity to congratulate the citizens of Acton for providing such splendid accommodation for the benefit of Acton children.

When it's for building better young Canada, nothing else counts.

Let us pay tribute to the dedicated leaders and the members of the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association. Their tireless efforts, too often unrecognized, assure our successful operation.

Before I sign off, I charge you to remember the outstanding accomplishment of 1959 — seven Queen Scouts. Truly a marvelous achievement of real acclaim for Acton. I am humbly proud to be a small part of this wonderful organization.

Mr. Editor, many thanks for your valued space and for your constant loyal support."

George L. Haggett, Chairman,
Scout Group Committee.

Mrs. G. Harrap Circle Hostess

The Baptist Women's Mission Circle held their February meeting at Mrs. G. A. Harrap's home on Bower Ave. The president, Mrs. C. Landsborough, opened the meeting with the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and a prayer.

Miss Alice Pilkington read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved. Roll call was answered by members giving an article for the White Cross parcel.

Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. H. Cripps brought a most interesting devotional, reading scriptures Psalms 127 and Corinthians 3, as an extensive resume of work in Angola and Africa. Mrs. Cohen gave a missionary reading entitled, "Mother's little boy".

A season of prayer followed the singing of hymn 246, Mrs. L. Bulmer choosing India; Mrs. R. Dunk, Angola; Mrs. C. Baillie, Bolivia and Mrs. G. Ralston, home missions. The devotional period closed with the hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Business was discussed and a project adopted. Mrs. G. Holmes closed the meeting with prayer. A social hour, with tea hostess, Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. C. Landsborough was enjoyed. Miss [illegible] Pilkington moved a vote of [illegible] Harrap for opening her home for the meeting.

For 1960

Name Fair Board Committees During Directors' Meeting

Newly appointed directors of the Acton Agricultural Society held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 3, and after approving the minutes of the previous meeting, formed their committees for the 1960 Fall Fair in Acton.

Following are the committees with the first named to act as chairman:

Heavy horses: Chas. Thompson, Walter Linham, Walter Fryer, Harold Brown.

Light horses: Lloyd McLean, Ralph Denny, Jesse McEnery.

Ponies: Don Brown, Marvyn Hunter.

Jumpers: J. A. Robinson, John Dennis, Jack Marshall, Fred Kentner, Lloyd McEnery.

Superintendent of cattle committees: Smith Griffin.

Beef cattle: Calvin Aitken, D. D. Waldie, J. E. Pearen, Melvin McCullough, Sandy Buchanan, Garnet Sinclair.

Market cattle: George Jackson, Calvin Sprowl, Wallace Swackhamer.

Dairy cattle: Nino Braida, Chas. McKeown, Stan Morrison, Chas. McNabb, Wilmer Fryer, Don Matthews, Fyle Somerville.

Sheep: Alex Near, Burt Watson.

Hogs: Morgan Madill, Lawrence Hemsley.

Poultry: Fred Kentner Sr., Ralph Denny, Burt Watson, Donald McLean, Fred Kentner Jr., Henry Bittorf.

Hay, grain, roots and vegetables: Calvin Aitken, Lawrence Hemsley, Elwood Johnston, Mac Sprowl, Fyle Somerville.

Field crops: Calvin Aitken, M. McCullough, J. Marshall, L. McEnery, C. McNabb, S. Griffin.

Livestock parade: S. Griffin, N. Braida, C. Aitken, G. Jackson.

Children's parade, Walter Woodburn, M. McCullough, Ray Everdell, M. Sprowl, J. Marshall, Jim Ledger.

Fair night entertainment: T. Kentner, L. A. Johnston, M. Hunter, R. Everdell.

Amusements: J. A. Robinson, R. L. Davidson, R. Everdell, Wm. Thompson, N. Braida, J. Marshall, S. Griffin, L. McEnery.

Publicity: M. Sprowl, C. Thompson, W. Woodburn, J. Ledger, secretary and president.

Booths and midway: M. Sprowl, J. Dennis, W. Linham, L. Hemsley, J. Marshall.

4 H Club: N. Braida, C. Aitken, F. Somerville, Chas. McKeown, J. A. Francis.

Grants: President and secretary, S. Griffin, Alex Near, C. Aitken, N. Braida.

Finance: C. Aitken, R. Denny, Morgan Madill, A. Near, R. L. Davidson, R. Everdell, N. Braida, Wm. MacKay, J. Ledger, president and secretary.

Superintendent of hall: R. L. Davidson, J. A. Robinson, L. McEnery.

Superintendent of field: J. A. Swackhamer, M. Sprowl, Wm. Thompson.

Car parking: Acton Fire Department.

Gatekeepers: Rotary Club of Acton.

This year for the first time a $1.00 membership and a $1.00 entry fee will be charged in each competition in Field Crops.

H. K. Porter Sales Highest in History

C. L. Holbert, president, H. K. Porter Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, announced last week that net sales for 1959 reached an all time high of $225,956,904, an increase of 66% over 1958.

Preliminary figures, according to Mr. Holbert, show an increase of 72% in net profit per share of common stock, from $2.96 (adjusted for a 2% stock dividend paid September 30, 1959) in 1958, to $5.09 in 1959. Holbert pointed out that these earnings were accomplished after a multi-million dollar expense for relocating part of the company's Disston Division manufacturing facilities in a new plant now operating at Danville, Virginia, and heavy start-up costs on the new basic Refractories plant at Pascagoula, Mississippi—and also after a major increase in depreciation charges from $4,272,860 in 1958 to $7,005,488 in 1959.

A review of the progress made by this highly diversified manufacturer shows a growth pattern during the 1950's matched by few if any major corporations. In the past decade, sales have increased by 821%, net income by 559%, and common stockholder's equity by 430%.

Porter Divisions serve industry with 55 plants in the United States, Canada (including Acton), Mexico and Europe, producing steel, rubber and friction products, asbestos textiles, high voltage electrical equipment, contactors, electrical equipment; motors, fans and blowers; paints, specialty alloys, refractories; tools, forgings and pipe fittings, wire rope and strand.

Music Exam Results Out

Results of December theory examinations of the Trinity College of Music, London (England) have been announced. Acton pupils again did well.

Pupils of Dorothy Richardson Scull, R.M.T.

Grade I—Leslie Ann Cochrane 100, Janice Ralston 100, June Given 97, Terry Papillon 95.

Grade II—Sharon Bradley 99, Donald Royce 98, Joanne Bang 96, Michael Wolfe 92, Decie Cochrane 87.

Grade III—Jean Hart 85.

Grade IV—Helen Landsborough 94, Bonnie Beer 66.

Grade V—Barbara Champion 89.

Grade VI—Ann Barbour 80, Linda Patterson 68.

Pupils of Helen Landsborough.

Grade I—Linda Braida 100, Jean Bulmer 97, Nancy Duby 96.

Grade II—Victoria Newton 96, Sandra Irwin 96, Vivian Smith 96, Lynne Masters 86, Judy Duby 81, Joanne Landsborough 80.

Pupils of Barbara Champion, Hillsburgh.

Grade I—Caren Coulter 96.

Grade II—Beth Cameron 97, Peter Godson 96.

Safety is here to stay—are you? Be safe—not sorry.

OSPRINGE

Ladies' Aid Annual, W.I. Meet Headline News of Community

The Ladies' Aid annual meeting of Knox church was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

The devotional, "Some secrets of happiness" was taken by Mrs. George Grundy. Correspondence from shut-ins for cards and gifts received was read by the secretary, Mrs. G. Sunter.

The various reports were given, showing a very gratifying year. All business matters were dealt with.

Install Officers

The nominating committee, Mrs. R. Ellis and Mrs. George Jackson, presided for the installation of officers, which were as follows:

President, Mrs. Ward Bruce; vice-president, Mrs. B. Bruce; recording secretary, Mrs. N. McKenzie; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. Sunter; auditors, Mrs. H. Howard and Mrs. A. Bulloch; pianist, Mrs. G. Aitken; card convener, Mrs. G. Sunter; program committee, Mrs. B. Bruce, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mrs. G. Aitken, Mrs. R. McEwan, Mrs. Grundy, Mrs. Storey; lunch committee, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. R. Ellis, Mrs. G. Jackson.

Reading Contest

A reading, "Special thoughts for the new year" was given by Mrs. MacPherson, who also gave a contest which was won by Mrs. McKenzie; Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Ellis.

The meeting was brought to a close with prayer, after which a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Aitken for her untiring efforts as president for a number of years. The usual lunch period was enjoyed with friendly chatter over the tea cups.

Nurse Guest Speaker

Miss Oostoja, nurse with the Wellington County Health Unit, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Wednesday. Her subject, Teenagers and Problems, was both timely and informative and a lively discussion followed.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. S. Fuller and Mrs. D. G. Robertson voiced appreciation of the members. Due to the cancellation of the January meeting, numerous business items were discussed.

The secretary, Mrs. K. Stubbington, read communications from the provincial president, Mrs. Lymburner, district president, Mrs. N. Jamieson, and the Federation of Agriculture. Several thank you notes were received for recent remembrances.

Correspondence Read

Letters were read from the office of the Prime Minister, also the minister of justice, acknowledging receipt of protests regarding trading stamps. Leaders and assistants were appointed for the next girls' club, Club Girl Stands on Guard, Miss Doris Fines, Mrs. C. Storey, Mrs. W. Stubbington and Mrs. W. MacPherson.

It was decided not to enter the quilt contest for this district annual. Next month is to be a pot luck family dinner in the local church and plans were made. A contest on apple pie and parker house rolls is to be held.

The bimonthly euchres are to be resumed this week and committees were appointed as follows: Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. G. Aitken, Mrs. W. MacPherson and Mrs. G. Grundy for the first one; Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. C. Storey, Mrs. M. Jackson and Mrs. E. Archibald for the second.

The hostess, Mrs. M. Jackson, assisted by Mrs. M. De Vries and Mrs. D. Winter acting for Mrs. B. Robertson, served refreshments to conclude a pleasant afternoon.

Storm Damage

The heavy accumulation of ice and snow on various buildings is quite noted and dangerous. Driving sheds on the farms of R. M. Ferguson and J. Esmond have collapsed from the excessive weight.

S. Fuller, W. Bruce, B. Bruce, G. Aitken and N. McKenzie of the local church board met with the board of the Erin church on Monday evening for a business meeting.

George Grundy is serving on the jury at Guelph this week.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. McMillan, whose sister and brother in the west and a brother in law in Midland all passed away in the past two weeks.

Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. W. Isley and family visited recently with the former's mother, Mrs. Isley Sr. at Limehouse.

G. Aitken and D. G. Robertson accompanied by Cameron Aitken of Toronto were ice fishing at Pelletlaw recently and report a fair catch.

Miss Nellie Aitken and Mrs. Irene Hamilton of Guelph visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sunter, Niagara Falls, spent Sunday with his mother and aunt, Mrs. G. Sunter and Miss E. Baldie.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robb Bailey on the arrival of a son on February 1 at Guelph hospital.

Corporal Moves To London O.P.P.

Corporal Roy Hazlett, who has been in charge of the North Halton O.P.P. detachment stationed at Milton for the past two and one-half years, will be transferred to the London O.P.P. detachment Monday, it was announced this week.

Corporal Hazlett has served over 12 years with the O.P.P. and has been in charge of the four man detachment since he came here in August of 1957. He was promoted to Corporal in January.

A replacement has not yet been named.

C.G.I.T. NEWS

On February 8, the C.G.I.T. group of Knox Presbyterian church opened the meeting with the C.G.I.T. Purpose and Hymn. Gail Roszell then had the worship service. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. Attendance was taken.

During the business session, discussions were held on the tobogganing party planned for Saturday.

After a sing song, the meeting closed with Taps.

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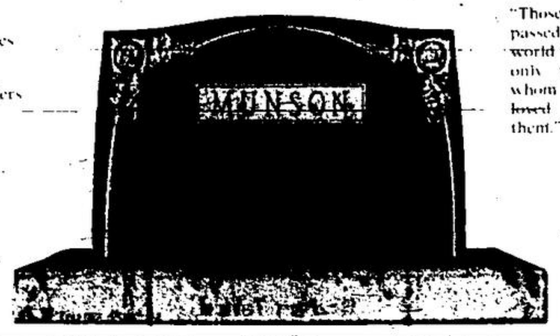

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