With the Acton Boy Scouts

by Bruce Williamson

ARE SCOUTS SISSIES?

I will let facts answer this question, which was put to me the other day.

Sea Scouts of Papua recently walked 80 miles across trackless country in order to take part in a training course held at Port Moresby. It took them four hard days' going to get to the training site and the trek involved crossing several wide, unbridged rivers, as well as negotiating swamp areas.

Mount Baden-Powell is 9,399 feet high; and a couple of years ago a memorial to B.-P. was erected on its summit. No engineers did the work; it was carried out by scouts, who spent a year transporting materials up four miles of winding trails to the top.

20 Hours on Summit

These scouts were tough. So were three scouts from Aughton, Liverpool, who camped over Easter, 1958, on the summit of Ben Nevis, a height of 4,406 feet. They spent 20 hours on the summit with a temperature of 25 degrees below zero. The snow was 12 feet deep and the tent was pitched in a four feet deep hole dug in the frozen snow. The same three scouts, all only 16 years old, also set a record for climbing the highest peaks, Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis.

Who said sissies? I leave it to you to draw your own conclusions. However, I have proven time and again that you can pit almost any scout against the so-called "tough guy" (who is really nothing but a weakling in all eyes except his own) and who will as a rule end up with his name in the paper as having the honor of being accepted into a reformatory. What does it prove to win a brawl?

Troop News

David Ryder, Second of Night Hawk Patrol, held a patrol meeting Saturday afternoon. David took charge of the meeting in the absence of Patrol Leader Roger Ladouceur, who was at home preparing for the dreaded but most important Easter exams.

Congratulations are in order for Stag Patrol on their winning the Honor Pennant last week.

A Patrol Standard competition will begin the first of April and run until the first of August. This seems to have created a great deal of interest as the winning patrol will be treated to a weekend fishing trip to the French River, in August.

Points are awarded for patrol hikes, good attendance at meetings, full uniform, patrol spirit, patrol good turns, patrol meetings, personal advancement, patrol leaders' training and various other patrol activities. A possible 900 points is set for this competition and in order to qualify, a patrol must make 75 per cent of the total or 675 points.

The patrol leaders' and seconds' instructional camp will be held on the weekend of March 31, leaving Acton approximately 7 p.m. Friday and returning Sunday morning for church.

If there are any parents who feel they have a problem relating to their son's scouting, please feel free to contact me at 199-W-2, as I am sure that there is never a problem that we cannot find a solution for.

OBITUARY

Former Acton Resident T. Harrop Buried Today

A former Acton resident and well-known through his school sports activities Frederick J. (Ted) Harrop passed away suddenly Monday night at his home, 184 Vermont Street, Waterloo.

Born in India he moved to Canada with his parents while a youngster and resided on the third line and attended Lorne School.

His secondary education was received at Acton Continuation School where he became well known through his sports activities. During World War II he served in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Moved to Waterloo

He married an Acton girl, the former Dorothy Babcock, and the couple moved to Waterloo where he worked for a time as office manager at the K-W hospital. Up to the time of his death he was an accountant with Weston Bakeries.

He was the son of the last Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrop and besides his wife is survived by two brothers, William of Waterloo and Neville of Islington, and two sisters Mabel (Mrs. Fisher) and Patricia (Mrs. Joseph Starke), both of Detroit.

The late Mr. Harrop was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church where funeral service was conducted by the Very Reverend Finlay J. Stewart. Interment was in Breslau Memory Gardens.

Telephone

Toll-Charge Free Service Between Acton, Georgetown

Acton telephone customers will be able to call free of extra long-distance charges all Georgetown customers, it was announced recently by Lloyd Denby, Georgetown district Bell Manager.

He said the extended area coverage between Georgetown and Hornby will take place in September with service to Acton to be added in December 1961.

Mr. Denby stated "The widening of Georgetown's local calling area is part of the community wide plan to meet the demand for extended area service (EAS) in neighboring exchanges having a strong community interest between them."

Rate Increase

The Georgetown district manager noted that since rates for telephone service are determined by the number of telephones that can be reached free of long distance charges, Georgetown's rates will be adjusted slightly to bring them in line with the new grouping.

Since the adjustment in rates is applicable to Georgetown it is presumed it will also apply in Acton when the change takes place.

Christian Literature is Topic At Alert Auxiliary Meeting

Mrs. A. H. McKenzie convened the program for the March meeting of the Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church when the members met at the home of the president, Mrs. John R. Davidson, Young St. The worship service included the scripture lesson read by Mrs. G. McLennan, prayer by Mrs. McKenzie and the old hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story".

The study of the month "Together we go into all the world with Christian Literature" was introduced by Mrs. F. Anderson telling the way this work is carried on in Canada meeting the needs of the different nationalities in our land, namely French, Hungarian, Ukranian, Italian and Chinese. With Mrs. McKenzie presenting the overseas work and the results we learn about in British Guiana, Formosa, India, Koreans in Japan, Africa and still some in China. She also spoke of the large part the Bible Society have in this work.

The pianist, Mrs. Mel McCullough, favored with a medley of old favorite and led in the closing hymn "We have heard a joyful sound".

Name Favorite Hymn

Mrs. Davidson then took charge for the business of the month. The roll call was answered by naming "Your favorite Easter Hymn". The offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. Davidson.

The group planned to attend the Holy Week service in a body on Wednesday evening. A letter was read from Mrs. Rife of Guelph, the new presbyterial treasurer, and in response the treasurer was asked to send the expense money now past due and also $20 to the general fund.

Arrangements for the visit to Halton Manor were finalized and also some further plans for the annual spring sale. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Lunch was served and a period of social fellowship enjoyed. Mrs. Jas. Inglis expressed the thanks to the hostess and committee.

SILVERWOOD

Reply to Roll Call With Favorite Apple

The weekly meeting of the Silverwood Chefs was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. George Ironside, with the president, Caroline Norton, in the chair. The meeting opened with the 4-H pledge. The secretary, Mary Ellen Murray, read the minutes of the last meeting.

The roll call was answered by naming an apple you like and why you like it. The meeting was then turned over to Judy Norton and Jennifer Jones, who made an oven steamed pudding, the recipe taken from the recipe book. Mrs. Ironside then gave the outline on notes and helped answer questions.

They were then served the pudding the girls made which all enjoyed very much.

Have Solo Parts In Guelph Show

Blades flashing to match the sequins and silver trim on their costumes, young Acton skaters played a prominent part in the Guelph College Figure Skating Club's two-day presentation "Rhapsody on Ice" Friday and Saturday at Guelph Memorial Gardens. Many from town attended the large-scale production.

Senior skater Elizabeth Force had the lead in Rhapsody in Blue, skated to George Gershwin's lovely music. Backed by a group of girls in pale blue, she wore a blue fitted dress trimmed with silver. She was also in Exotic Eight, when eight girls in black velvet strapless leotards trimmed with silver skated on the ice surface carpeted in drifting "fog".

Linda Braida, in silver-woven white lace, skated the role of the ballerina in Fairy Ballet and interpreted the slow number "Because."

Joined by 60

Linda with her partner skated the lead in the junior dance group. After they were on the ice alone demonstrating, they were joined by about 30 couples. For this she wore navy jersey with red sequin collar and cuffs and a red crinoline.

Sally Wilson and Sharon Bradley were in Rhapsody in Blue and in the junior dance group. Sally was also in a trio with two other girls, wearing turquoise velvet with silver trim.

Joan and Barbara Cook were in the Fairy Ballet wearing white ballet dresses, and in the junior dance droup. Brenda Aherne was in the junior dance group.

Michael, Steven, Mark and Paul Wolfe were in the Puppet Circus, and Steven was also in the junior dance group.

Three Were Ill

Heather McGeachie was cast, but was ill and unable to skate. The family was represented by her father, who was with the men in "Charleston" wearing, not leotards and sequins, but a cookskin coat and top hat with a big cigar. Others whose appearance was cancelled by illness were Kathy and Marilyn Johnson.

LIMEHOUSE

Final Euchre In W.I. Series

The final euchre of the W.I. marathon series was held in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Wellington Stringer and Alice Wilson won firsts, Billie Wilson and Mrs. Titus seconds and lone hands' prizes went to Billie Wilson and Mrs. Geo. Somerville.

Grand prizes for the series went to Mrs. Geo. Maltby and George Burt; seconds to Mrs. Geo. Burt and Joe McDonald. Mrs. W. Stringer and George Maltby won prizes for the most lone hands. The W.I. committee hope those who helped make the evenings a success enjoyed themselves while doing so.

Miss Fern Small of Kenilworth, a teacher at M. Z. Bennet public school in Acton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton.

Vern Manser and son Bruce of Brampton visited Mr. and Mrs. James Noble on Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Armstrong of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. W. Stringer of Ashgrove on Sunday.

Family Group of 40 For 76th Birthday

Finlay Mellor's seven children were among the 40 who gathered at his home, 68 Main St. S., on Sunday to celebrate his 76th birthday. Bringing congratulations were his five daughters and two sons, their husbands and wives, with some of his 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellor's daughters are Vi (Mrs. Price Henderson) Acton, Irene (Mrs. Bill Withers) Acton; Jean (Mrs. Hall Aldworth) Waterloo, Dorothy (Mrs. Frank Papillon) Toronto and Madeline (Mrs. George Lee) Acton, and their two sons Fred and Jack Mellor, both of Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellor have lived here for the past 20 years. Mr. Mellor worked at the Wool Combing Corporation before retiring.

Lunch was served to the large family group and of course a birthday cake was a highlight. Mr. Mellors actual birth date is March 21, Tuesday.

April Cancer Month

Cancer Society Plans Canvass Kickoff Trend Tea at Legion

A trend tea at the Legion hall April 8 will kickoff the town canvass of the Acton Branch of the Cancer Society. Team captains will supervise the canvass Monday and Tuesday evenings April 10 and 11.

Last Thursday evening an organization meeting of the branch was called by Mrs. Phyllis Angell, campaign chairman, assisted by Mrs. Rae West. The town has been subdivided into areas with team captains, Mrs. Bowman of the Christian Reformed Church; Mrs. Garnet Rose, Acton W.I.; Mrs. Joan Smith, Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Winnifred Kerr, St. Alban's Anglican Church; Bert Halladay, Lions Club; Mrs. J. Jocque, I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Hartley Coles, Catholic Women's League. It is expected assistance will be received from other organizations as well.

Two films were shown "Cancer is Just a Word" and "House to House". (A cancer film program can be arranged for any organization that may be interested by calling Harold Denny, education chairman, 455)

Mailing Wednesday

Plans were complete Wednesday afternoon for the blitz when canvass chairman Mrs. R. Angell and her executive prepared campaign kits and outlined districts for each group. They met in the Cancer Society room in the Free Press building.

Literature and forms were stuffed in envelopes and each district manager was given a territory for its members to cover.

Cancer Society branch president is Ray Arbic, secretary Hilton Elliott, treasurer William McKay and associate doctor Dr. D. G. Garrett.

April is Cancer Month.

Baptist Church Mission Fair Depicts Costumes, Articles

Products from countries where Baptist mission fields are established and natives costumes highlighted the Mission Fair at Acton Baptist Church Saturday afternoon and evening when a large crowd viewed the displays.

Church youth groups dressed in native costumes depicted India, Angola and Bolivia and handed out tasty snacks popular in each country. Banana fritters from the Bolivian display were enjoyed by the visitors as well as donuts, popular in India.

Included in the display section set up in the basement of the Baptist church were the Upper Canada Bible Society booth under the supervision of Mrs. G. Harrap and the White Cross booth displaying sewing and knitting completed by the church organizations for shipment to the mission fields. This was in charge of Mrs. G. Ralston and the literature booth under the supervision of Miss Alice Pilkington. At this booth pamphlets and literature were available from the Christian library.

Three Films

Three films were shown during the afternoon in the church sanctuary entitled "Story of Wendy", "Bolivia Broadcast" and "Hospital for Angola.

Lunch was served by the social committee of the church under the convenership of Mrs. D. Dunk and the members from the Explorers Group and Baptist High Fellowship assisted during the afternoon.

During the evening's entertainment a film entitled "Dawn Upon the Hill" was shown and two skits were given by the church groups. The first, presented by the Baptist High Fellowship Group, depicted a scent from an Indian bookroom and the second showed a Bolivian market day and was played by the Explorer group.

The junior choir sang two selections under the direction of Mrs. James Rudd with Mrs. Lloyd Bulmer accompanist.

History of Gospels

The Study was based on the history of the four gospels with Mrs. Lidkea as the commentator, Mrs. Poole as Matthew, Mrs. Moore as St. Mark, Mrs. McGeachie as Luke and Mrs. Carlaw as John, each telling when the book was written and to whom it was especially written. The miracle of the loaves and fishes is the only one of the miracles included by all four Gospel writers. This was a most informative study.

The meeting was closed by singing O Word of God Incarnate and prayer. Mrs. A. Shoemaker thanked the hostess. While tea was being served there was a talent table set up with various articles for sale. There lively business went on until all was sold—baking, marmalade, plants and eggs.

All enjoyed a social half hour before wending their way home.

The beauty seen is partly in him who sees it.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Jennie McKeown's Death Is Shock to Family, Friends

The death of Elizabeth Jane "Jennie" McKeown was a shock to family and friends. She passed away suddenly at her home, 233 McDonald Blvd., Acton, last Wednesday, March 15.

The funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday, March 18, with the Rev. Dwight Engel officiating. Members of Acton United Church Woman's Association attended. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Roy and Arthur McKeown, Mervyn and Vernon Kirby, nephews, David Watson and Bob MacMillan, grandsons.

Mrs. McKeown was a member of Greenock W.I. and the United Church W.A.

Lived on Farm

She was born in Chinguacousy township, daughter of the late Thomes Kirby and Ellen Foster. She married Albert McKeown 56 years ago, and spent her married life and raised her children on a farm just north of Acton. Mr. McKeown died 32 years ago. Sons, daughters who mourn her loss are Lloyd, Waterdown; Gordon, Acton; Erwin Toronto; Ralph Acton; Lillian, (Mrs. Milton Watson) Stoney Creek; Josephine (Mrs. Joseph Whitham), Acton and Kathleen (Mrs. Duncan McMillan), Georgetown. She was predeceased by one brother, the late William Kirby of Glen Williams.

Also remaining are 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Record T.V. Radio Favorites At Dublin Institute Meeting

Dublin Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening as guests of Mrs. T. H. Newton and Mrs. G. Newton at their home on No. 25 Highway. With Mrs. H. Blyth, the president in the chair, the Institute Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer were repeated.

The roll call was called by Mrs. G. R. Somerville the secretary and responded to by Your Favorite TV or Radio Program, which was very interesting and showed the varied preferences of the members. Mrs. H. Blyth spoke of the forthcoming appeal of the Canadian Cancer Society for funds, and as a result, a substantial donation will be forwarded from the Institute.

Achievement Day

With the Achievement Day for the Rug Project being held in Milton Town hall on Friday 24, (tomorrow) several members displayed their completed rugs which showed good design and workmanship. Mention was made of the annual T.B. Dinner to be held on April 19 at Oakville.

Mrs. E. Wilson, current events convener, reviewed the highlights of the work done by the Institute the past year. A written current event signed by each of the members will be included in the Tweedsmuir History book. Mrs. Geo. Robertson as public relations convener completed a questionaire received on TV and radio programs obtaining the suggestions for changes. Mrs. Duncan Moffat displayed a pretty quilt in pastel shades that had been recently quilted by a number of the Institute ladies.

Donation of Quilt

A quilt will be given to a family in Acton that lost their household effects by fire recently. Two interesting contests were conducted by Mrs. E. Wilson and the winners were Mrs. H. Boyd, Mrs. A. Near, and Mrs. M. Nellis.

A social hall hour was enjoyed when a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. B. Rennick and Mrs. C. Britton. The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Macpherson with the annual pot-luck dinner.

The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Mrs. Wilmer Watkins and Mrs. M. McCullough will present the slate of officers for the year 1961-62.

OBITUARY

L. C. Dittrich Dies In Guelph Hospital

Lewis Christian Dittrich, 709 Queen St. W., passed away in Guelph General Hospital suddenly on Wednesday, March 15. A government auditor, he was 61 years of age.

Mr. Dittrich leaves his wife, the former Laura Bell, a son Douglas of Toronto and daughter Heather (Mrs. Mackay) of Dorset, as well as two brothers, Victor and Ronald of Acton. He had one grandchild.

He was born in England in 1899 and came to Canada 25 years ago. His home had been in Acton for the past five years. He and Mrs. Dittrich were married in Montreal.

The Rev. H. B. Stokreef conducted the funeral service Friday in the Church of St. Alban the Martyr and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Ron Hibbert, Clark Adams, George Gold, R. R. Parker, J. H. Creighton and the Rev. Kenneth Reid.

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