

With the Acton Boy Scouts

By Bruce Williamson

Recently, I received a complaint regarding too many fund raising campaigns by the Scouts. Policy Organization and Rules (which is the book of regulations that all scouts must abide by) is quite clear on its financial policy and it is my intention to ensure that the troop observe these regulations at all times.

It is permissible, with the approval of the District or Provincial Headquarters, for scouts to sell certain items to the public as a method of raising their own funds (troop funds) and thus not be dependent on the group committee, who must sponsor an annual fund raising campaign for such items as meeting hall, tents, oil and hydro bills etc.

Independent Funds
This system of selling articles to raise their independent troop funds, I fully approve of and encourage. However, before I will obtain headquarters' permission to sell an item, I ensure that the sale of said item will give value for the money and does not interfere with the right of local trades people. General fund raising campaigns are run by the group committee and not the troop.

The address labels that the troop have been selling in the past couple of weeks fall within the above category. It is not a fund raising campaign organized by the group committee, as due to the fine support given their "Murder the Mortgage" campaign, the group committee does not anticipate any requirement for additional funds for the remainder of this year.

Run by Scouts
The address labels is a project run entirely by the boys in the troop in strict accord with Policy Organization and Rules, for the purpose of individual training. All proceeds will go to troop funds and be used to purchase

such items as badges, weekend camps etc. and thereby gives the boys a feeling of independence. I do not want anyone to feel obligated to purchase these labels, as they are being sold as a service and a means of training and NOT as a fund raising campaign, although all proceeds will go into troop funds.

TROOP NEWS
Panther Patrol, under the leadership of P.L. John Wood, invaded the wilds of Blue Springs for a wet but enjoyable weekend patrol camp.

P.L. Roger Ladouceur and his patrol are having quite a problem trying to get the flag pole erected in front of the cabin at Blue Springs. However, he states that with any luck, it will be completed soon.

It is expected that our summer camp will be held in the "Sand Dunes" at Grand Bend, where there is lots of good fishing and swimming. The date has not been set yet, but will be decided within the next two or three weeks.

If there is any parent who feels there might be a problem in sending their son to this camp, please get in touch with me as there is no problem we cannot overcome, either financial or otherwise. We expect the cost of this camp to be \$13 for the two weeks and if you have two boys in the troop, you will only pay half for the second one (\$19.50 for two). In no case will the cost exceed this figure even if you have three sons to send.

Congratulations are extended to Bob Watson on his promotion to Second. This is the first step up the ladder and even though he hated to leave what he considered the best patrol, I know he is made of the correct "stuff" to make his new patrol just as good as the one he left.

Notes on Nature

By WES FOUNTAIN

"COMING OF SPRING"

By the time the first wild blue violets come into bloom in marshes and damp fields, the forward push of Spring is in full stride. All day the air is busy with the voices of birds newly returned from the South. Almost hourly, the shadows deepen under the trees as the young leaves broaden in the warm sunlight.

Few of our native wild violets are noticeably fragrant, yet they hold close to the top among Spring's favorite flowers. There are literally dozens of species of them and an even greater number of subspecies. Often, the violets grow in colonies so large that the ground is tinged with blue for many yards.

Too Lovely to Believe
Even a quick glance is enough to tell that this sight is almost too lovely to believe. But their full beauty strikes one only when one has knelt down to see the symmetry of the individual blossom, the delicacy of their details and the incredible freshness of the young massed leaves which form their background.

It is past mid-spring before the first of the columbines poison their dainty five-spurred blossoms at the tips of slender stalks. For a fortnight, the buds have hung there waiting while the stems grew taller. Even in their leafy stages, one can see the form of the flowers-to-be. Their spurs and petals were pressed so closely together that they looked more like delicately carved wooden pendants.

Enormous Variety
There is enormous variety in the blossoms of these favorites. In some species, the spurs are so stubby that they are hardly more than little hooks. Later, five little capsules of glittering black seeds when the blossoms have gone and the mound of scalloped, bluish-green leaves below the flowering stalks take over the show until Autumn comes along.

Another well loved flowering plant of the Spring-into-Summer



—Photo by Mrs. R. Wright

ANTIQUE STEAM engine has been renovated and runs the Gilbertson Saw Mills at Eden Mills. Will Gilbertson is on top of the engine and Andrew Laing stands in front. The joint owners spent their spare time last winter repairing the old timer.

Kingdom Hall, Trade-in Store In Former Country Schools

Jehovah's Witnesses are holding two services a week in their new church — the former Lorne school north of Acton on the Second Line of Exeter township. Sale of the school for \$3,500 was finalized in January by Esqueping school area board No. 1. Some decorating has been done and the congregation hopes to improve the building even more. There are 36 active members as well as other associate members. Presiding minister is Len Schneider of Rockwood.

The school is now called Kingdom hall. The members meet twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays.

The stone school on No. 7 highway and the 22nd sideroad has been bought from the board by James Goodlet, who operates a hardware store in Georgetown. He plans to expand business in the converted school, selling second hand boats, lawn mowers, used frigs and stoves, etc. The school is located on an acre right on the highway.

Dublin school was bought by John Black and was made into a residence.

Dufferin school was bought by the Hon. John Yaremko, provincial secretary of the Ontario government.

The schools were offered for sale by the board after they were closed this fall. The children now attend new consolidated schools.

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Mother's Missionary Task At Home Cited by Mrs. Nutma

(Inferred for last week)
The Thankoffering meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, with Mrs. Nutma of Acton as guest speaker.

Mrs. Nutma gave a splendid talk entitled "The Missionary Task of the Mother in the Family." She said parenthood is a

Antique Engine Runs Saw Mill

An antique steam engine is now running the Gilbertson saw mills at Eden Mills, and its shrill whistle can be heard for miles.

Andrew Laing of Moffat, and Will Gilbertson of Eden Mills are both interested in old machinery. They spotted the old timer, purchased it and took its renovation on for a winter hobby. It needed plenty of repairs and the men were busy in much of their spare time. A few interested neighbors helped them as well.

Finally, they got the steam up and it was brought to Eden Mills to go back to work at the mill.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN

Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokroef, L.Th., S.T.B.
185 Jeffrey St., phone 265

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
The Fourth Sunday after Easter
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School

11:00 a.m.—The Litany
MID-WEEK CELEBRATION
Monday, 1 May, 1961, Feast of St. Philip & St. James & M. 10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
All Are Welcome

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario

Rev. Dwight Engel, B.A. Minister
Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
9:30 a.m.—Early Service
9:30 a.m.—Senior Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.—Junior Sunday School, up to grade 3 with nursery.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sermon subject: "The Spirits in Prison."
Junior congregation (ages 3 - 7) meets during sermon.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON

Pastor: James M. Rudd
39 Nelson Court, phone 208

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"The Risen Jesus and Thomas"

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
"The Risen Jesus and Peter"

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
Monday, 7:30 — Baptist High Fellowship
Wednesday—4 p.m. Mission Band
7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study.

Friday — 6:30, Explorers; 6:00, Junior Choir.

All Are Welcome

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister
301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 638

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
10:00 a.m.—English
2:30 p.m.—Dutch
The Church of the Back to God Hour

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

33 Churchhill Road P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75-Cook St., phone 649-W

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1961
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors
Friday, 6:30 p.m.—Pentecostal Crusaders
You Are Always Welcome

The Acton Free Press, Thursday, April 27th, 1961

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Commends Coverage Of Church Meeting

Rockwood, Ont.
Editor,
Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ont.
Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to thank you and your newspaper for the article on Jehovah's Witnesses attending their semi-annual conference in Bridgeport April 7 to 9, 1961.

We continually read of what is happening in the nominal churches but very seldom do we read about the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It is exciting to see that the Acton Free Press in exercising its right of Freedom does include Jehovah's Witnesses in its news that is of interest to its readers.

Now that the Acton congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has purchased the former Lorne School I am looking forward to reading more of their activity in

the community.
An Interested Reader,
William M. Paterson,
Rockwood.

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