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## Plants Plan Holiday Shutdown

School children began a two month vacation when doors closed for the final time June 29. Some already have headed out to summer camp, others to cottages and a majority still at home for holidays.

Industries have started vacation periods and merchants and businessmen are getting the urge to head north for a rest.

A.P. Green Firebrick Company will close their plant for the week of July 10 and employees qualifying for a week's vacation will take time off. Others qualifying for a two week period will either take the week prior or after in order to have all holidays complete before the shutdown in order to maintain equipment.

Alax Engineering Company will close down operation the week of July 24 and take their second week between Christmas and New Years. A small crew will remain on duty at both times to keep machinery in order.

Yessens Started

Beardmore and Company in certain departments has already started their holiday period with the hide house and beamhouse closed down since the 26th of June. Some workers will receive two weeks vacation during the period to their service record. The main production portion of the plant will enjoy holidays from July 7 to July 24 with some divisions throughout the plant remaining closed an extra week. A skeleton staff will still pass by the gatekeeper in spite of the slowdown.

Dixson Saw Division of H.K. Porter (Canada) Ltd. will stage a general shutdown from July 21 until August 8 with only a handful of workers in the plant to keep operations active.

Micro Plastics Company employees with the exception of a few will have their holidays beginning July 21 until August 8 and Blow Press will close their doors during the week of July 24 with a small staff remaining.

No shutdown has been scheduled for the Thermoid Division of H.K. Porter Co., as it is a comparatively new industry and production is only beginning. Michigan Bunk does not anticipate a summer vacation on account of their seasonal business.

The Acton Free Press plant will remain open while employees stagger their holiday periods in order that a paper will still be published every Thursday and printing orders can be kept up to date.

The Acton Ministerial Association has not made special plans for vacation-period but each minister is expected to take holidays.

Merchants and employees are not to be forgotten during the summer time in spite of the fact everyone must eat, buy clothes and other commodities. Although stores will not close their doors, it is expected that vacation periods will be staggered in order to provide continuing service for their patrons.



DAVE MANES receives the gavel of office during a recent meeting of the Acton Rotary Club and officiated as president. He is pictured above as he receives the gavel from past president Rev. A. H. McKenzie. The new president served as vice-president last term. Other officers were named during the meeting.

## Acton Fair Scheduled For September Board Plans Added Features, Classes

Acton will have a fall fair this year. In spite of misunderstanding by some resident due to forthcoming installation of artificial ice and building of the community centre, there will be a Fair, September 15 and 16.

This year's fair promises to be bigger and better than ever and patrons can look forward to one of the largest fairs ever staged in Acton. There will be a number of specials, the most prize money every given away and many other attractions.

Since the adoption of the first Fall Fair in Acton, March 1913, which was organized by Acton businessmen, continuous advances have been made and the Acton Agricultural Society is making arrangements for the "best ever" this year.

At the first fair in 1913, George Havill was the first president and George Hynds the first secretary. Over 4,000 attended the event when the Royal Grenadier Guard Band was one of the featured acts. There were over 2,000 entries at the first fair and over \$1,000 was offered in prize money.

Forty-eight years have passed since Acton Fair was first organized and during that time the committee members remained in office for a number of years. This year's president is Nino Braida and secretary is Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer.

For kiddies and adults alike the T. Green Amusement Company has been engaged and over 11 rides and other amusements will be provided. Cattle, sheep, hog, horse, poultry, and pet stock will be big attractions with several changes made to improve the various classes.

No Parade

During the last Board meeting Walter Woodburn, chairman of the school children parade, reported the parade would be discontinued after word was received the teachers had voted to withdraw their support. Regret was voiced by the members but it was possible to continue the parade without the assistance of the teachers.

Ston Matthews reporting for the light horse and pony division outlined changes in prize list to include separate classes for Shetland and Welsh brood mares and foals. He also stated there would be an additional class for registered Shetland ponies and the best five ponies owned and shown by the exhibitor.

One feature is a class for the best fancy turnout driven by a girl or boy. Girls will wear an ankle length dress, hat and gloves and carry a bouquet of flowers while the boy will wear a felt hat, sports jacket and slacks to match. Points in this class will be awarded for attire, manners, conformation and cleanliness of equipment.

During the meeting, poultry chairman Ferd Kenner presented an additional list of poultry specials and this class is expected to exceed that of last year.

Another new class will be added in the cattle division for the best exhibitor of a dairy or beef type calf by either girls or boys 12 years or under. First-prize in this class is a halter donated by the president and two special prizes consisting of wrist watches, donated by Jim Ledger and the Bank of Montreal.

Many Displays

Board members are hopeful the Acton Chamber of Commerce will assist with the industrial and commercial displays again this year. School children's work, baking exhibits, plants and flowers, Institute displays, baking and preserved goods, homecrafts, fruit and vegetable displays and many other exhibits will again be on view.

Acton will have a Fall Fair, Activity will begin Friday evening, September 15 and carry on until Saturday night, September 16.



BE PREPARED and have your entries ready for exhibit at the Fall Fair September 15 and 16. Men, women and children alike are urged to make plans now to have their entries ready in time. Prize money this year will be the largest yet. Mrs. N. Robertson, being presented with a trophy for her prize winning jam and jelly in the contest sponsored by the Free Press and General Foods Kitchen, received 24 prizes for 24 entries last year.

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Interview Parents

Trustee Duncan Moffat suggested that parents of students graduating from public school to high school should be interviewed by principal Hansen and the board agreed to send letters to each rural parent and notify Acton parents by means of an advertisement in the Free Press.

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The board approved a resolution requesting necessary repairs to the intersection of No. 5 side road and 25 highway as it presented a bad hazard and was used by school buses. Copies of the motion were to be sent to county council, Nassagaweya council and Nassagaweya school board.

Tinting Complaint

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The board learned that the alterations to the principal's office and changeover of the public address system were progressing favorably and that painting would be completed promptly.

School caretaking supervisor R. Spielvogel and assistant K. McKinnon were granted a \$200 annual increase in salary. Accounts amounting to \$21,415.97 were approved for payment.

## Club Learns Butchering During Tuesday Meeting

Acton Rotarians learned the fundamentals of buying and merchandising meats during their Tuesday night meeting when Tom Dawkins, meat manager for the I.G.A. store, was guest speaker. Mr. Dawkins outlined details of proper buying, preparation and merchandising of meats. His talk was quite interesting and much enjoyed. The speaker was introduced by Rotarian Frank Prouse and thanked by Rotarian Jim Ledger.

During the meeting, out-of-town guests Bill Carr of Georgetown, Rev. D. Powell and F. Galaway of Milton and E. Shultis and W. Fearnell of Guelph were present to see past president Rev. A. H. McKenzie receive a perfect attendance pin.

During the meeting the previous week, president-elect Dave Manes received the gavel to take over the office and conducted the meeting. Other officers elected for the year include:

New Officers.

President, Dave Manes; vice-president, Tom Shields; secretary, Ron Lewis; treasurer, Fred Gordon; past president, Andy McKenzie.

Director 'A', club service, Bill Pendleton. Committees: attendance, Louis Wasowicz; classifications and membership, Ken Hardman; club bulletin, Mac Sprowl chairman, Andy McKenzie, Bob Grant; fellowship, Jim Ledger, Ken Hullford; magazine, Fred Wright; program, Frank Prouse chairman, Ted Hansen, Andy McKenzie, Neil Bowles; public relations, Bob Grant; Rotary information, Andy McKenzie, Tom Shields; sergeant-at-arms, Ken Hullford; pianist, Ted Hansen; song leader, Walter Woodburn.

Director 'B', vocational service, Jim Ledger. Committees: Career Day, Jim Ledger, Ted Hansen, Neil Bowles; occupational information, Art Padbury, Wes Masales; 4-way test, Ken Hardman.

Director 'C', community service, Gord McKeown. Committees: crippled children, Jim Ledger, Wes Masales; rural-urban, Mac Sprowl, Tom Shields; Easter seals, Walter Woodburn chairman, Wes Masales, Mac Sprowl; Amos Mason Rotary scholarship, Ted Hansen, Bill Pendleton, Art Padbury; Scout movement, Gord McKeown, Frank Prouse, Jim Ledger, Bill Pendleton.

Director 'D', international service, Paul Nielsen. Committees: international student project, Tom Shields chairman, Ted Hansen, Ken Hardman; Rotary Foundation, Walter Woodburn, Ralph Davies; international contacts, Fred Wright; foreign gift project, Paul Nielsen, Neil Bowles.

## 12th of July

The Glorious Twelfth will be observed on the eighth this year. L.O.I. 465 Acton will parade in town Saturday before leaving for the district parade in Georgetown. Headed by the lodge band the parade will leave the Robert Little school at 1:30 a.m., proceeding down Main St., to Bower Ave., along Bower to Mill St., at the C.N.R. track, up Mill St. to Main St. and back to the school grounds. The Georgetown celebration is being held by the Halton County Loyal Orange Association, hosts for the day L.O.I. 245 Georgetown.

Acton Junior Pipe Band is also going to Georgetown, and before the trip they plan to serenade C. K. Browne, 92, ardent lodge member who will be missing the parade this year.

## Church on Air

Every third week, church service from the Christian Reformed church can be heard over Guelph radio station. The service is taped the week previous and heard the following week.

## Be Prepared

Scouts brave weather, pitch tents settle at Grand Bend Camp Sunday

By Don Ryder

Strict supervision, cleanliness, inspections, plenty of sleep, training and fun head the agenda for the first Acton Scout Troop during their 10-day camping and training outing at Pinery Provincial Park on Lake Huron at Grand Bend.

Advance parties with cars and trucks fully loaded left the school hall Saturday morning. Arriving at the campsite, they set up headquarters tents and scouted the three-mile area to be utilized for the 10 days.

Balance Leave Sunday

Bright and early Sunday morning, the balance of the scouts were transported by cars in pouring rain and patches of fog to Pinery Park. Fortunately, the skies cleared and the sun began to peek through before the last load of scouts had arrived.

Scoutmaster (Skip) Bruce Williamson, group committee members and a few patrol leaders were on hand to greet the newly uniformed scouts and acquaint them with their new surroundings.

Camping within a few yards of the Acton troop was a group of cubs and leaders from Windsor, whose plans had been to take down their tents and leave early Sunday morning. Plans were halted, however, due to the rain and they graciously left their tents, erect for the Acton boys to use until Monday.

Once arriving Sunday received quite a jolt when they viewed the camp for the first time as heavy rains created a gloomy atmosphere and gave them a sad, sad first impression.

Everything Hums

By Sunday evening, things began to hum, everyone was settled and the strict agenda laid out by "Skip" and committee members was put into effect. Campfires were burning and patrol areas set up. A few scouts donned bathing suits and headed for the beach to enjoy a swim.

Darkness began setting in and about 10 p.m., fresh milk and cookies were served and everyone bedded down for the night.

If some of the boys are light eaters at home, no doubt they will return to Acton with belts loosened and a few pounds heavier. Rover Scout Bob Hinton, in charge of supplies, is keeping the quartermaster's stores heaping to the roof at all times.

Tantalizing Smell

Early Monday morning, the sleepy-eyed scouts were awakened by the tantalizing aroma of bacon and eggs cooking over the campfire, mixed with the smell of coffee brewing and pine needles scenting the area.

First day inspection was easy on the young scouts as muddy shoes and wrinkled clothes were overlooked, but "Skip" and other leaders will adhere to strict rules for the balance of the outing.

The Night Hawk Patrol, under the supervision of patrol leader Roger Ladouner, copied the standard pennant after obtaining 75 per cent of total marks for neat and best managed patrol centre.

Following flag break and the singing of O Canada at the headquarters, each patrol received explicit instructions on means to correct any fault. Information was given out on the day's activities.

Medical Aid

Medical aid is close at hand as two trained St. John Ambulance leaders are in camp and Dr. E. A. McMaster of Grand Bend is available in the event of any emergencies.

An excellent sandy beach with good clean water provides wonderful swimming. Three miles of forest have been set aside for the Acton camp. Every patrol has its own little village.

Patrol setups include sleeping tents, headquarters and necessary equipment carried by a rope. Inspection is held twice daily to ensure neatness and cleanliness.

Strict rules have been laid down and no one is allowed to deviate from them. Meals are punctual and wholesome and an evening snack is served before retiring. Inspections are regular and strict. Fresh drinking water and toilet facilities are right on the spot.

There is no doubt the camp in Pinery Forest is the largest and best organized of any attended by Acton scouts for a number of years. Parents can rest assured their youngsters are in good hands, will enjoy the outing, sleep and eat well and return home with a much better knowledge of scouting.

## Raise \$6,340

Acton Agricultural Society has announced that the rural canvas for the Community Centre campaign raised \$6,340. President Nino Braida made the announcement at the last meeting of the Society in the council chambers.

## Laymen Take Service Tell of Conference

Allan Lauder was speaker at the United Church Sunday morning representing the three men of the congregation who participated in the men's conference at Kewick, himself, W. J. Beatty and B. Veldhuis. The men led in worship and told of their conference experience in the absence of the minister, the Rev. Dwight Engel.

For the summer month's lay service is being held at 10 a.m.

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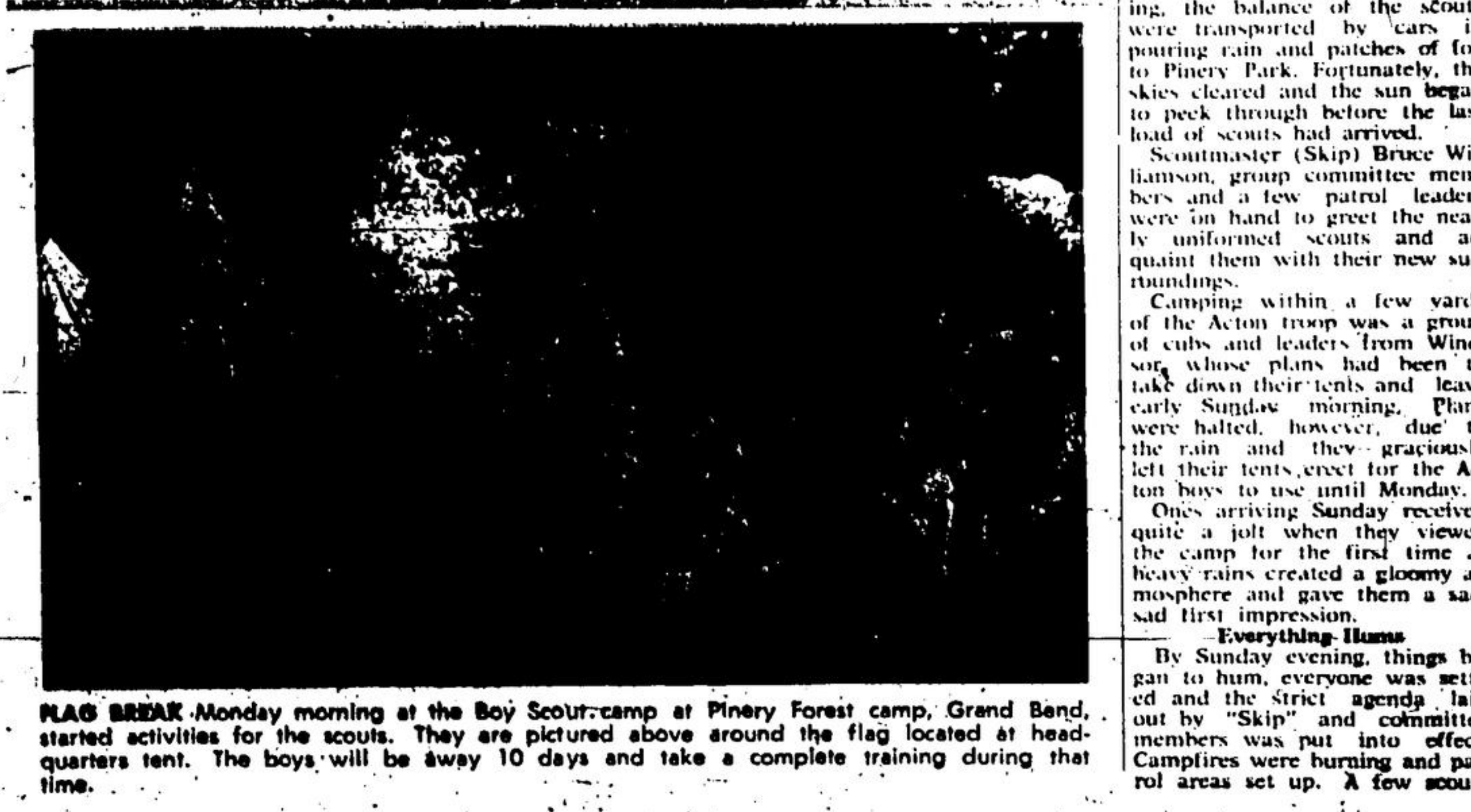
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FLAG BREAK Monday morning at the Boy Scout camp at Pinery Forest camp, Grand Bend, started activities for the scouts. They are pictured above around the flag located at headquarters tent. The boys will be away 10 days and take a complete training during that time.

## Helen Landsborough's Pupils Present Recital, Accept Awards

Monday evening over 20 pupils of Miss Helen Landsborough including just one boy—presented their annual recital for parents and friends in Acton Baptist Church.

At the beginning of the recital, the popular young teacher was presented with a corsage by Cheryl Price, her sister, Miss Ruth Landsborough, introduced the numbers on the program.

Top Awards

An award for earning the highest marks in recent examinations went to June Swackhamer. Susan Perry won a prize for accumulating the most correct practice (3,718 minutes), with Carol Patterson in second place, also the recipient of a gift.

On the basis of all-round ability and the most progress shown during the past year, Sandra Irwin was awarded with a gift from her teacher.

On the Program

Singing of The Queen opened the following program: Carol Patterson, In the Night; Irene Ironside, The Glow Worm; Irene Anderson, Mouse in the Coat; Bill Anne Swann, Kites in the Wind; Eleanor McNabb, The Dance; Susan Perry, Rosette; Patsy Smyth, Waves of the Danube; Kathleen Swackhamer, A Merry Tune; Marion McNabb, Cotton Pickers; June Swackhamer, When Johnnie Comes Marching Home; Sandra Irwin, Dolly at Evening; Katherine McKenzie, Contentment; Stephen Colles, Brates, Bold; Kathleen Swackhamer, Spanish Dance; Helen Benton, vocal solo, O What a Beautiful Morning; Jo Anne Landsborough, overture from The Nutcracker Suite; Patricia Stevenson, Song Without Words; Jean Bulmer and Helen Landsborough, The Guntar; Jody Duby, Venice; Jean Bulmer, The Sick Doll; Diane Ironside, The Skaters Waltz; Victoria Newton, Gertrude's Dream Waltz; Jody Duby and Joanne Landsborough, The Jolly Darks; Cheryl Price, theme from Piano Concerto No. 1; Karen Heller, Beautiful Dreamer, theme from Eozelus; Helen Benton, vocal solo, Bless This House.

Present Gift

A gift from her class was presented to Miss Landsborough by Carol Patterson. The guest soloist, was presented with a gift in appreciation of her two solos.

## Vacation Bible School Starts Monday for 120

Over 120 children have enrolled for the Summer Vacation Bible School being held for the third year at the Christian Reformed Church. This total is 50 more children than last year.

The vacation school begins Monday and will continue until Friday, July 21. The evening of the closing date parents and friends are invited for "Open Night" when a complete program has been planned.

The school is under the supervision of Rev. J. Nutma, pastor of the church, and any youngster from kindergarten to grade eight is welcome to attend. The supervisor will be assisted by six teachers and assistants.

Instructing the students during the school will be Rev. Nutma, Mrs. J. Loewig, Mrs. H. Hazenberg, Miss June Lawrence, Mrs. J. Krul, Miss M. Kamminga and Miss G. Proper.

In Four Groups

The school will be divided into four groups, beginners, junior, intermediate and seniors. Studies will vary according to the age grouping.

Children attending will begin at nine in the morning, stop at noon,

## Weather Cool Few in Park

The Dominion Day holiday failed to attract a crowd to Acton park last weekend and Parks Board secretary Mrs. G. Fryer reported a poor turnout. There was rain all day Sunday.

Handling the chores of gatekeeper are Diane Shultis and Diane Mathewson. Levey Ann Duby is supervising the wading pool, but weather has been too chilly for crowds.

Scouts had taken over the job of operating the park booth for the summer, but while they are away at camp other teenagers are working at the booth with scout Fred Dawkins.