

Program moves with the times in Scouting '68

Scouting '68 has a dynamic new program for the boys in green. The aims and purpose are still essentially those of founder Lord Baden-Powell in 1908, but after three years of study and testing, The National Scouting Executive met in Winnipeg last October to put new life in a program that has remained virtually unchanged for three generations.

Gone is the semi-military attitude toward scouting and the stagnant grade system of badges and cords. Scouting '68 is more boy-orientated with flexibility and challenge for all types of boys.

Along with the new promise and new law, comes a division of members into Scouts 11-14 years and Venturers 14-17 years. There is a slight overlap in ages to enable boys to move up when they feel ready. The new program realizes that older boys have different interests and abilities, and leaves room for consideration of school grades, maturity, previous friendships and interests.

Under the new concept, a patrol is a natural grouping of boys of similar age and physical development. Close friends are no longer split up in the name of universal fellowship. The core of activities will take place within a patrol.

A troop will consist of one or more patrols and it is recommended that the troop meet at least once a month.

Greater emphasis is to be placed on shared and situational leadership. At the same time, some boy leaders will be elected or chosen by different methods within the patrol, to hold a specific



post for any set length of time. Patrols will operate under conditions which will most encourage each member to share in the leadership. Adult leadership could best be described as whatever, any person does to help a patrol or troop determine what it wants to do, and how it wants to do it. The Troop Scouter will be responsible for the operation of one, or at the most two patrols. There is room in the program for leadership by people outside of scouting for specific projects and activities.

A New achievement badge and award scheme replaces the existing grade levels of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, with Pioneer, Voyageur, and Pathfinder awards. They are achieved through the earning of combinations of achievement badges. Many require the participation of two or more scouts or an entire patrol. This new system enables a boy to enter scouting at any age and move directly into a suitable stage of achievement.

The Challenge Badge and Award scheme replaces the old cord and badge system. It focuses on vocations, hobbies, and interests on both the group and the individual level.

Scouting '68 has met with consistent success where it has been tested. Boys have indicated that it presents a greater challenge and encourages achievement.

The degree of patrol self-determination and the wider variety of activities gives the organization an exciting new look that can continue to change with the times.

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SEVEN TOURING GERMANS were entertained Saturday night by Acton and Georgetown Rotary Clubs. About 100 enjoyed the social evening in the Music Centre. Chatting with the Rotary-sponsored visitors are Acton club proxy Gary Dawkins (seated second from right) and Georgetown Rotarian Herb Kitching (standing at left). (Staff Photo)

OBITUARY

Mrs. Elva Brydon buried at Everton

Funeral service was held September 28 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home for Mrs. Elva May Brydon, who died tragically on September 25. Mrs. Brydon was struck by a train at the Mill St. crossing in Acton.

17, 1934. They lived on the Brydon farm, on the first line, Erin, before moving to Acton 28 years ago.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the funeral service and interment was in Everton cemetery. Pallbearers were Bert Alle, Elwood Allen, Elmer Peavoy, Kenny Peavoy, Gordon Akitt, all nephews, and Ernie McInery, a cousin.

Mrs. Brydon is survived by her husband, Jim Brydon, at their home, 14 Young St. Also remaining are sisters Mrs. Margaret Peavoy, Niagara Falls; Mrs. Agnes Allen, Acton; Mrs. Mamie Allen, Acton and a brother, Robert Akitt, Guelph. A sister Lillian predeceased her.

She was born April 21, 1906, in Erin township, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Akitt, who farmed north of Ospringle village.

Mr. and Mrs. Brydon were married at Ospringle on January



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Touring septet from Germany welcomed by Rotary clubs here

Seven German teachers and business men, on a Rotary-sponsored tour, were welcomed Saturday evening as guests of the Acton and Georgetown Rotary clubs at a social evening in the Music Centre here. Their study exchange tour is sponsored by Rotary International and they'll be in this district of Ontario for five weeks, as guests in Rotary homes.

Leader of the group was the only Rotary member, farmer Fritz von Buttler of Elbenberg. With him were Horst Meusel, Heidelberg, a teacher of Latin and Greek; Wendelin von Boch, Saarbrücken, a business administrator; Klaus Thalheim, Eschwege, an electrical engineer; Alex Windner, Cologne, an engineer in a glass factory; Raimund Brueckner, Nuremberg, a lawyer, and Eckhart Dobrzewski, Mainz, a vocational school teacher.

They were officially welcomed by Mayor Les Duby and Acton

Rotary president Gary Dawkins. Each was given a leather billfold as a memento.

Steaks were barbecued outdoors for the dinner, and afterward there were plenty of German songs included in the music for dancing.

Expressing the group's appreciation Herr von Buttler said distances are becoming less and less important. After leaving Frankfurt they were in Toronto in seven and a half hours. Time and cost will be even less, he predicted. "In the homes of Rotarians we are always received as friends that is the finest thing you can experience in your life," he concluded.

Nearly 100 Rotarians, wives and guests spent the pleasant evening with the visitors.

Chatting with their hosts, the Germans admitted they felt this industrialized part of Canada was much like home, although our standard of living is much higher here.

They liked everyone's habit of immediately calling them by their first names. (Perhaps because they couldn't pronounce their family names?)

They were looking forward to seeing Niagara Falls. Their stay in district 707 includes Toronto and goes as far north as Bracebridge. They came to Acton after being in Guelph and Fergus, and were going on to Brampton.

New board topic Tuesday

Elementary and secondary school staffs from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships met yesterday (Tuesday) in Georgetown District High school at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the reorganization of school board jurisdictions and the new Halton County Board of Education.

Similar meeting will be held later in Burlington and Oakville to acquaint the teachers with the coming changes.

H. G. Playfair spoke on the role of the Ontario Teachers Federation advisory committee, and area superintendent W. L. McNeil spoke on the role of the staff advisory committee. O. G. McDowell spoke on the new bills setting up the structure of the new system; A. E. Robinson's topic was the description of program and special services. J. W. Singleton told of the administrative organization of the new board, personnel and salary negotiations.

The role of the Interim School Organization committee was explained, and a panel discussion ended the informative meeting.

THE PREMIUM
Too many motorists who are law-abiding in other matters believe they are justified in breaking traffic laws if they can "get away with it."

The Ontario Safety League quotes this relevant saying by William Penn: "Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it."

PORT'S CORNER

TO THE 15TH SIDE ROAD

Narrow, warped and neglected. Yours is an heartbreaking lot. Whilst others are widened and levelled Your surface is outcropped and shot. You start at the east at the Mill Pond With traffic from Georgetown and such. You link up with 'Kelly's' at Speyside And compete for the artists fine touch. You emerge at the Guelph Line and "Jennings" And your surface starts shiny and black. Then its on to Moffat and "Dudniks." And your old rock strewn surface is back. You jog, you slope and you falter. And play all kinds of hair-raising tricks But eventually come to Six Highway After a tortuous trip through the sticks. The others don't share half your burden. Link nowhere to nowhere and die. Yet they have been straightened and levelled. You'd shed tears, if a Side Road could cry.

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OBITUARY

Born in London's "city" Frank Rawlings dies at 98

A resident of Acton for over 40 years, Frank E. Rawlings passed away on September 25 at the Chronic Wing, St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. He was 98 years old on June 8 of this year and remained active and keenly interested in everything until the last two weeks of his life. He enjoyed reading, writing letters and visiting with his family and friends during the three years he spent at St. Joseph's. In earlier years he was fond of fishing, lawn bowling and gardening.

Frank Rawlings was born in London, England, in 1870. He was particularly proud of being born within the square mile that is referred to as the "city". His father was employed at the law courts and the family lived in residences that were provided at Temple Bar. In 1906 Mr. Rawlings emigrated to Canada and lived for some time in Winnipeg and in Toronto before coming to Acton.

Presbyterian Church and served as church auditor for many years. He was also a member of Walker Lodge, A.F. and A.M.

Mr. Rawlings was married twice. His first wife, Elizabeth Fern who came from England to marry him in Winnipeg, died a month later. His second wife, Lucy Gregory, predeceased him in 1955.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. D. C. Maplesden (Bessie), Mrs. W. Matlocks (Vera) and Mrs. H. W. Cargo (Frances). There are also nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home. The Rev. Andrew McKenzie took charge of the service and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

The pallbearers were Michael Matlocks, John D. Maplesden, John B. Hopkins, Lloyd Cargo, Ted Cargo and Cecil Dunnett.