



SKIP HENRY DEVRIES, flanked by Scout Counsellor Ross Budgell, left, and Akela Mrs. Dorothy Jordan, right, introduced eight Cubs into the Scouts at "going up" ceremonies Friday night. The new Scouts are Hector Dalgle, Dave Mills, Gerard Van Opsta, Blair McCallum, David Morris, David Williams, Steven Papillon and John Pink.

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BOSUN KEVIN CONROY welcomes former Scouts into the Venturers, a new part of the Scouting movement at last Friday night's induction ceremonies. John Van der Kooy, Bob

O'Rourke, Sam Schonnop and Ron Waltes extended the Scout handshake. Missing when the picture was taken were Steven Van Fleet and Sheldon Balsi. (Staff Photo)

OBITUARY

Walter W. Pinder dies in 54th year

Walter William Pinder, of R.R. 5, Rockwood, died Wednesday, October 2, at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener. He was in his 54th year.

Mr. Pinder was born in Arthur, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pinder. He had operated the Walt Pinder Haulage Ltd., in Kitchener for seven years. He was a member of Rockwood United Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Agnes O'Brien; five sons, Bruce and Kenneth, both of Rockwood; Gerald of Kitchener; Gordon and Thomas, both at home. Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Polo, of Rockwood, Mrs. Joan Caskenete, (Joan) of Kitchener, Pauline, Donna and Darlene all at home; three brothers, Albert of Guelph, Arthur of Rockwood, George of Galt; four sisters, Mrs. John Thomas (Alice) and Mrs. James Thomas (Eva) both of Elora, Mrs. Ernest Stahlbaum, (Isabel) and Mrs. Jean Gray, both of Guelph and 10 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one brother James. Burial was in Rockwood Cemetery.

Best of equipment for missions now

Preacher on Thanksgiving Sunday at the United Church was the Rev. Bruce Eaton, who has been a missionary in India for the past six years. He and his family are home on furlough.

With his black suit and clerical collar he donned a scarred yellow safety helmet as a "symbol of the new kind of work of the church." He was principal of a vocational school and also became a well driller following a drought. No longer must missionaries scrounge for materials, he said. The best of well drilling equipment is now being sent overseas by missions.

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BALLINAFAD

Church decorated for Thanksgiving

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Mrs. Annie Vanatter visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. Shortill on Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse McInery left on Friday to visit her brother Rev. and Mrs. Ross Dampier at Bristol, Tenn.

Mrs. Fred Cleaves, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean on Sunday. Miss Lyda McLachlan of Hillsburg was a guest at the same home last week.

Mr. Albert Dance spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill and family and called on old friends in the neighborhood.

The church was nicely decorated on Sunday at the hands of the senior girls' class. Rev. Kelvin Johnson's sermon was on the Thanksgiving theme. Miss Anne Shortill sang an appropriate solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Doucet and family have vacated the house which they had rented from Mrs. Daisy Hendly. They have moved to a place on No. 7 highway west of Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peace and Karen, also Mr. and Mrs. Russell Somerville had Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shortill and family.

Gordon Smith, with Erin High School Cadets, has had interesting activities. One Saturday they went to Guelph armories for exercises and target practice and this weekend on a camping trip with many interesting highlights.

Rockwood U.C.W. studies Japan

The Thanksgiving meeting of Unit 1, UCW, Rockwood met in the church hall. The leader, Mrs. F. Hosking opened the meeting with a reading, A mother's Thank You Prayer.

A film strip entitled, The Land of Fugisan (Japan), with a recorded script was shown.

Comparisons were drawn on life in Japan versus Canada. Maps and pictures of Japan decorated the room.

The worship service on Love to Other Peoples followed the film strip. Mrs. G. Lawrence read the Scripture.

Plans were made for a quilting on October 15. Participation in the annual fall bazaar was approved.

BENEFIT NIGHT

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Malicious damage to bike at school

A boy's bicycle, left overnight at the Robert Little school, was deliberately twisted and bashed. The incident was reported to Acton O.P.P. Wednesday, October 9. Several pupils were questioned.

Missed

Missed in the account of last week's reunion of the 164th Battalion, here, was the name of Gus Clifford who along with Dr. Alan J. Buchanan and Sam Perry are the sole Acton survivors of the Halton-Dufferin Regiment.

Man (having given up his seat in the bus) - I beg your pardon. Girl - I didn't speak. The man - Sorry, I'm sure. I thought you said thank you.



FIREFIGHTERS extinguished a fire which consumed this pick-up truck Saturday afternoon at the Esqueving township dump on the fourth line. The truck, belonging to a Norval man, parked near the lip of the dump to unload garbage when it caught fire. (Staff Photo)

Early ancestors traced here Wordens wonder where.

Which Worden is which? The Free Press recently received a letter from an Ernest S. Worden of Des Moines, Iowa, asking for information about early ancestors in the Acton area.

Mr. Worden, now in his 70th year, is currently working with other Wordens on a Worden Genealogy going back in England to the 15th century.

He claims that his father, Mathias K. Worden was born in Esqueving in 1837 to Jerimial and Eliza Matilda Chapman Worden, who moved to Ontario from Nova Scotia in 1827, with their two eldest sons Ezra Witter and Isreal Jamison. Ezra and Isreal moved to Michigan. Eight other children were born in Ontario.

Research has discovered that a Samuel Worden, born in 1802 in Nova Scotia is buried near Acton or Acton crossroads with a number of other Wordens. Samuel had eleven children.

Mrs. Roy Young W.M.S. hostess

Mrs. Roy Young opened her home to the ladies of the Rockwood Presbyterian WMS for the October Thank Offering meeting.

The president, Miss E. Pearen, opened with a reading Every Day Thanksgiving. Mrs. W. Swanston and Mrs. D. McNabb had the devotions. Miss Pearen was in charge of the Thanksgiving service.

The ladies were reminded of the Fall Rally of the Presbytery in Knox Church, Guelph on October 29.

Mrs. D. Buttenham was in charge of the WA meeting. A poem, Erasers, was read. The ladies were informed of a rummage sale arranged by the Twilight Group on Oct. 25 in the church Sunday school room.

A committee was chosen to arrange the annual tea and bazaar to be held Saturday, November 9.

three of whom were born in Ontario.

The writer would like to exchange information with any Wordens who may still be living around Acton, or may know of the family history. They are asked to write: Mr. Ernest S. Worden, 1315 19th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50314.

Endorse plan to buy, protect riverside land

A program of buying and protecting riverside land in the Kitchener-Waterloo area was approved Wednesday (Oct. 9, 1968) by the board of directors of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Meeting in Brantford, the directors endorsed a long term plan to acquire about 4,000 acres of land along the Grand River from Highway 401 near Preston to the site of a proposed dam near West Montrose.

The program is part of a larger project to create corridors of green throughout the valley, particularly in the vicinity of cities and towns where rapid growth could result in land on both sides of the river being built up.

The directors also approved a plan to buy about 800 acres of land on the west side of the Luther Marsh conservation area north east of Arthur. The additional land will be used for an expanded wildlife program.

Dangerous to hunt rabbits

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