



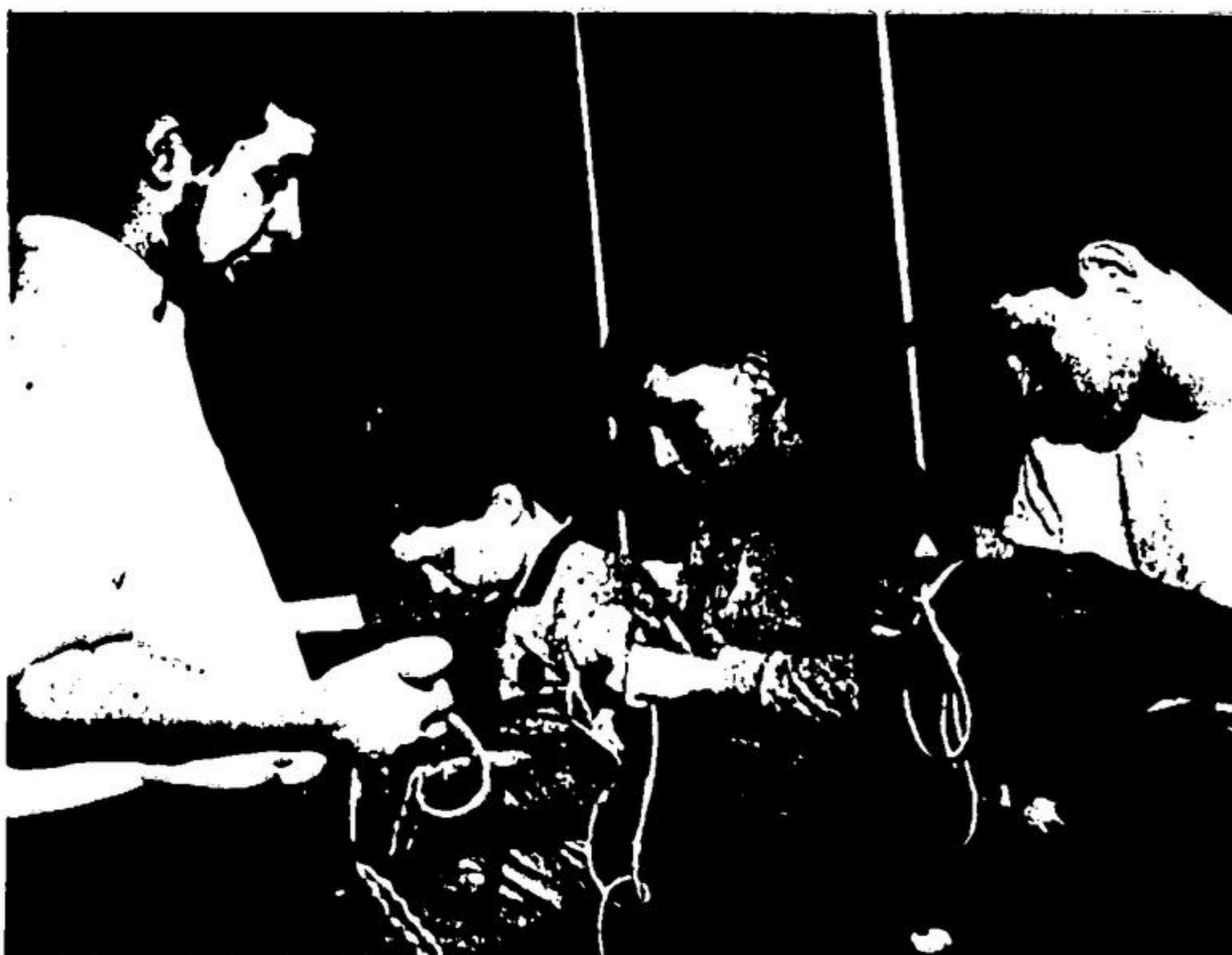
BE CAREFUL when loading and handling a gun advises Scout Councillor Murray Harrison to an eager class of Scouts during a meeting last week. Gun handling is just another facet of the new Scout program which provides interests for almost everyone. (Staff Photo)



COUNCILLOR GLEN JACKSON shows Acton Scouts some of the fine points of woodworking at a meeting last week. Scouts are completely immersed in the new Scout program which calls for



every boy to choose his own thing and discards much of traditional Scout training. (Staff Photo)



SHEEPSHANK OR BOWLINE, they are all complicated knots. Councillor Al Diggon instructs the boys when they first start to tie them. (Staff Photo)

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Second Section.

Ask help

Acton Scouts immersed in new program

Remember the story about the elderly lady who stood by the side of the street. Two Boy Scouts came along and helped her across the road. The lady complained. She didn't want to go across the road.

Banish the old image of the old Boy Scout as a stetson-hatted, short-panted Samaritan who roamed around looking for possible good turns. He'll still do you a good turn but he is liable to be unrecognizable in his new togs, and he'll quite likely be an expert at woodworking, photography, sailing, radio or some other skill.

The new look in the Boy Scout movement has spread to Acton where the boys are immersed in a program which allows the scout to choose what he wants to learn in the movement.

When the Free Press reporter visited the newly refurbished Acton scout hall this week he hardly recognized the program, as the scout movement. Where formerly the boys might have been divided into patrols concentrating on their own particular project, the emphasis is now on the boys doing their "own thing".

Groups clustered through the hall—some studying the rudiments of a rifle, others attending a lecture and

demonstration on small boats, still others engaged in woodworking, and one group engaged in learning to tie knots, an old scout accomplishment.

Looking after the various groups were Scouter Gordon McCann and Scout Councillors Murray Harrison, Al Diggon and Glen Jackson.

Scouter McCann would also like to get other men who have hobbies, or are proficient in some skill, to teach and advise the boys. He pointed out that there is a wide latitude in the new program to encourage interest in a variety of accomplishments.

constant use over the 20 years it has been standing on the school lane.

Scout leaders are enthused about the possibilities of the new program but hope they can

attract considerably more interest from parents of boys than they have hitherto shown. In this way the movement and the home can work much better together.

Traditionalists might look with disfavor on the new scout program but leaders think founder Baden-Powell would approve and it will bring new strength to the movement.



SCOUTER GORDON McCANN explains the proper way to look after a boat to Acton Scouts as part of the new program which the scout movement has inaugurated in town in the newly refurbished scout hall. More leaders are being sought by Scouter McCann to assist. (Staff Photo)

HURRICANE VICTIM
Peter Minuit, who bought Manhattan Island for the equivalent of about \$24, was lost at sea in 1638 when a hurricane hit his ship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lack of train service inhibits growth-writer

Dear Sir:

Answering your questionnaire in the most recent issue—

1. I have not used either freight or express since I have been out of the industrial world.
2. Passenger service—I eliminate the difficulty about train times by writing Toronto for a timetable when the schedules change in April and October.

I do not use the morning train service to Toronto; it leaves too early for me. I have used the late return service that stops about midnight and found it satisfactory.

If we had anything better in service, I would use it instead of driving to Toronto frequently. A Kitchener-Toronto or even a Guelph-Toronto GO train service would be wonderful.

The lack of train service inhibits Acton growth; it could be used by many people if it were improved.

Of course, passenger service is deteriorating—and the latest proposal by C.P.R. to eliminate all passenger trains, of C.N.R. to cut down the Toronto-Guelph service and many other lines, is a backward step. Other countries push passenger train service to the limit. Who would drive if he could travel by train in comfort?

Yours sincerely,
G. A. Harp

The day of the one-room school is fast disappearing. Last year the number of one-room schools in Ontario was reduced to 266 from 530 in 1967.

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Q. Why does an aging person have more difficulty seeing in reduced light. Will a stronger reading light help?

A. More light is often necessary for adequate vision in later years because the pupil becomes smaller and less adaptable to changes in light; often retinal sensitivity is reduced; and the media do not transmit light as readily as before. A strong reading lamp is often helpful.