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## High Scout, Guide Awards To Local Brother and Sister

An unique event took place in Georgetown Friday when a brother and sister received the highest awards of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations.

At a ceremony in Knox Church auditorium, Wayne and Dawn Fiebig, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fiebig, 45 Victoria Ave. received their Queen Scout badge and Gold Cord. They join the ranks of a select group of young people who have completed an intensive training period and passed a large number of required badge tests necessary to win the honour.

Local friends were joined by visitors from Willowdale, where the Fiebig family formerly lived, in witnessing the impressive ceremony Friday. Wayne and Dawn received their early scout and guide training in Willowdale. Their grandmother, Mrs. W. D. Cassidy, North Bay, was also present for the evening.

Mrs. Bill Raycroft, lieutenant of the 1st Georgetown Guide Coy acted as commentator and first introduced Randy Hibbert and Dorothy Taylor who gave words of welcome to the audience. Then, as Mrs. Raycroft recited what is necessary to obtain each badge, scouts and guides paraded, each carrying a large replica on cardboard of the badge and placed it on view at the front of the auditorium.

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Entering the hall, Wayne and Dawn were preceded by a colour party and passed through a guard of honour composed of cubs from the 3rd Georgetown Pack in which Dawn is a leader and "B" Pack of 1st Georgetown, which her brother serves as leader.

The badges were presented by David Dills, Acton, district scout commissioner and Mrs. S. E. Wood Milton, district guide commissioner.

Mayor Jack Armstrong expressed the honour felt by the community in having two of its young people achieve this status. "I wish to pay tribute to leaders in the scouts and guides. There is nothing more important than the work you are doing with young people," he said.

He mentioned his association with local scouts when he was a youngster and pointed out his old scoutmaster, C. E. "Tim" Stacey who was a guest in the audience.

A telegram of congratulations was read from the 5th Willowdale Pack, and one from the young people's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tegart, Deep River. Mr. and Mrs. Fiebig were asked to come forward and Dawn presented a Maple Leaf pin to her mother, and Wayne a "Thanks" badge. The ceremony closed with singing of Taps.

Refreshments were served afterwards, with two large cakes, bearing the scout and guide crest on the icing, centering the serving table. The refreshments were provided and served by the mothers' auxiliary of the 1st and 2nd Guide Companies and the 1st Scout Troop.

Three local girls were successful when they tried their Royal Conservatory piano examinations recently.

Heather Meades, a pupil of Margaret Bradley Harding, received 1st class honours in Grade 4. Barbara Finlay and Ellen Biehn, pupils of Bruce M. Harding received honours in Grade 7 and Grade 4 respectively.

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## Chatting

M. H. B.

**HAVING JUST** gently, but forcibly, ejected two very lazy cats from the confines of the warm house into the great outdoors, I'm wondering if you'd be interested in hearing the latest developments in the cat situation at our house.

**HONESTLY**, every time I put the TWO of them out I'm amazed at how I ever let it happen to me. As I've told you before, I don't particularly like having even one cat around. I consented only because of the children's pleas for a pet. No doubt you were able to see the shape of things to come, dimly. But undeniably, when I told you about the other stray adopting us last summer. Sure, we fed it once in a while, but then so did the neighbours. There seemed to be no budging its loyalty to our back porch, however. And I don't attribute its preference to our place to my superior brand of cat victuals either. It seems to have been a case of love at first sight for our Miss Boots. A case of love which was and will always have to be purely platonic at that. Perhaps it's just as well because the two cats look so much alike we're firmly convinced they are brother and sister—so, now he even has a name yet. Mr. Boots.

How did I ever start letting him in the house? Easy. You know how it gets colder and colder in the fall. And how a cat's meows can become louder and more pitiful as the mercury drops. And how it can slip past you like greased lightning when you open the door to put out its food. And how it can rub against you and purr out its love of a warm house like a siren's song...

In short, I guess I was pretty much of a pushover... He certainly isn't any trouble to feed anyway. I thought, nor will he be any expense. Anything I put outside in his dish he ate with relish. You might recall I told you our Miss Boots scorns anything but the most expensive brand of cat food. So what happens three pampered months later—you guessed it. Mr. Boots now turns scornfully away from scraps of cold roast beef, pork, yea, and even the kind of fish we eat. Like his sister, he goes on a hunger strike until I put out his commercially prepared cat food... He certainly fooled me on that score. Another

reason I let him into the house was because he is so affectionate. Remember that purring I mentioned. When I chatted with you about Miss Boots, I told you how unresponsive she was to any petting. She still is too nervous and jumpy to enjoy a show of affection in this manner. But Mr. Boots. Talks about a contrast in temperaments. He is so affectionate and lazy you can pick him up any time and he'll purr like a revolving motor and you can handle him like a bundle of rags. He is utterly and completely relaxed. So now I've learned something. I had thought all cats were pretty much the same.

But I'm starting to feel something like that poor old Arab who let his camel take over his whole tent. You see, first of all the "poor pussy" was only going to be allowed in the house on cold nights, and he was to be confined to the basement. By now of course both have the whole run of the house day and night.

**TO-BE COMPLETELY** truthful I must admit they have the run of the basement only at night. I do draw the line at having cats-at-large in the house during the night. We had a small sample of what it might be like, when, on a couple of occasions, they managed to get the basement door leading into the kitchen open. Not contenting themselves with staying downstairs they pussy-footed upstairs and scared the living daylight out of us. If you've ever been awakened from sleep by what sounds like an airplane buzzing right above your head, and a pair of green eyes blazing out of the dark about four inches from your own—you'll know what I mean.

**AND NOW** of course, our going to bed has become more complicated. In addition to seeing that three children are all properly tucked in, we have to see that the cats are in. Because if they're not, they wait till the wee small hours of the morning and keep our girls awake by yawling on their bedroom windowsills to be let in.

As I said, I'm beginning to feel like that old Arab in the fable. As a rule, wherever I want to sit or lie, one of the cats has beat me to it. Until bedtime that is. Then try and find them. It takes anywhere up to fifteen minutes sometimes, to flush them out of the most unlikely roosting places. Then to try to get them down to the basement singlehanded is a job that calls for skill and cunning too. Neither are fussy about sleeping down there. They'd much prefer the chesterfield or a bed. So you get one down all right, shut the door, and go looking for the other. With 'is 'ead tucked underneath one arm, you open the basement door with the other hand—and out pops cat number one. Shutting the door firmly on cat number two, you start a merry chase again for cat number one. And sometimes this can take quite a few minutes. Remember he has been resting all evening, and this is a bit of fun for him. This kind of thing is guaranteed to chase away these last vestiges of bedtime drowsiness, to say nothing of patience. Trouble is that you get fond of them in spite of yourself. But two cats are the limit. Another stray wandered in by accident the other day and I found myself being firm about it—very firm indeed!

## FARM NEWS

### HALTON DEBATERS AGAIN WINNERS IN PROVINCE

J. E. W.  
 For the third year in succession, Halton debaters won the Provincial title in the Junior Farmer Debating Competition. Twenty-one county teams entered the competition last fall. In the finals held at the Ontario Agricultural College the Halton quartette was pitted against the Waterloo County team. The resolution under debate was "Resolved that Contract farming is in the best interests of the Ontario Farmer." Halton's affirmative team of Jean Bird and Mildred Watson won handily from Waterloo's negative team at Massey Hall—however, in the Memorial Hall Waterloo's affirmative team of Arthur Wood and Veloros Giargrich won by a narrow margin over Halton's negative team of Barbara Cunningham and Jean Peterson.

Halton took the provincial title by the narrow margin of three points. David Barrie, past president of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, presented each member of the Halton quartette with a silver tray and a cheque for \$40.00.

Over the past four months the Halton debating quartette previously defeated teams from the counties of Wellington, Huron, and Peel. This is the fourth time in six years that Halton teams

have won the provincial debating title—the team members in former years being as follows: 1957, Bertha Watson, John Black, Bill Marshall, and Howson Ruddle; 1956, George Greenlees, Roy Ford, Mac Sprowl, and Lloyd Vivian; 1955, Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow.

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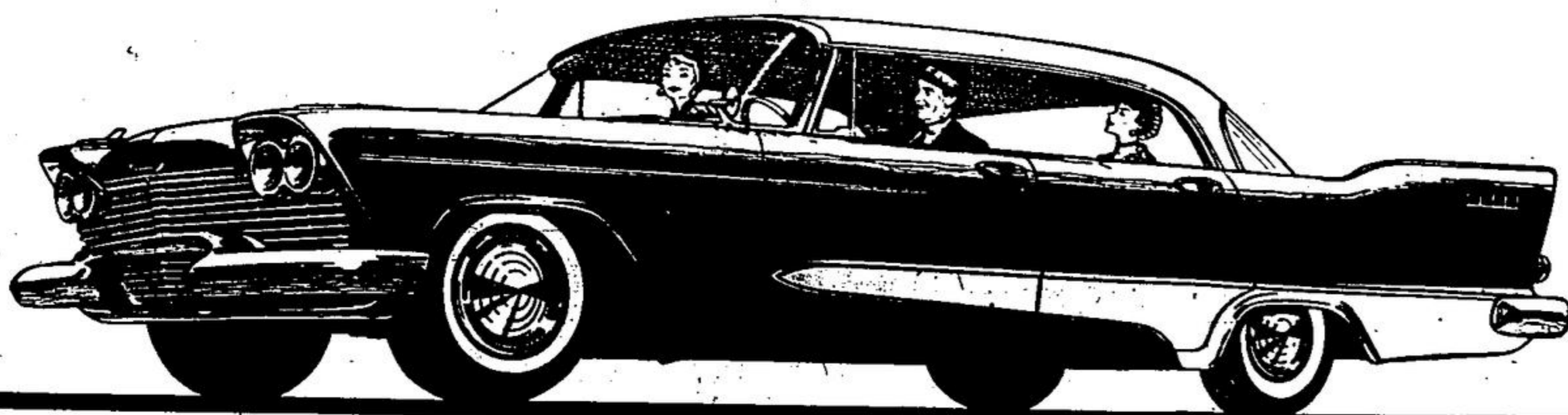
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