

Selling Cookies, Tying Knots? More Than That to Girl Guides

What is a Girl Guide? She is a girl in blue who sells cookies and learns to tie knots.

But there's more to a Girl Guide than that.

She's also a girl who sings carols to hospital patients. She is a girl who baby sits for a needy case or visits an elderly lady who has no family, and she's a girl who shops for shut-ins.

In fact, she's a girl who learns to be of service. Wherever she is needed, there she goes.

In Georgetown and surrounding area there are five Guiding Districts, Georgetown South, Georgetown North and Credit Valley. The Rangers, who are the senior members of the Guide movement, act as Candy-strippers at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The term comes from the candy-striped uniform worn by the young volunteers.

The Rangers also help the Guiders and Leaders with Drownie Packs and Guide Companies and help with community services such as canvassing for charitable organizations and helping in the First Aid Room during the Bantam Hockey tournament.

Rangers have learned their responsibility to the community from the day they attended their first Brownie meeting. This theme of giving service is stressed right through the movement.

These three local Districts

plus Acton and Milton make up Halton Division. This year's registration of members in the division totalled nearly 900. This number includes approximately 90 Leaders and other adults who belong to the organization. The Leaders are all volunteers who have been trained by the local organizations to work with specific age groups.

The training department is busy all the time. There is a very high turnover of leaders because of the transient nature of this area and also because a lot of Leaders go back to work and drop volunteer activities.

A love of children is important in a Leader, but so is willingness to come with an open mind.

The organization is trying to convince Leaders that rigid and formal rules are outdated and that they should use awareness and imagination.

Through the awarding of interest badges, once called proficiency badges, the movement hopes to encourage young members in hobbies which may ultimately lead to careers. "But one field in which the youngest members don't need any training is in sales.

Brownies make best cookie salesmen because they are so enthusiastic. Rare are the householders who can resist their appeal when it comes cookie selling time.

The funds collected by selling cookies are used for buying badges and also to help finance

local and provincial administration.

Guide activities do not end when summer arrives. Guides from this division camped at Wyoks, the 100-acre campsite owned by the White Oaks area in Clifford.

Administration of the camp, which is about 80 miles north-east of here is by Mrs. George Broadbent. There is also a permanent summer staff which includes a cook, nurse and a swimming instructor.

There is a four level lodge on the campsite with sleeping, recreation and dining facilities. Others from the local division went to the Provincial Guide Camp at Doe Lake near Huntsville and to International Camps outside of Canada.

National, Provincial and area organizations, in addition to local people, help to defray the costs of visits to camps in other countries. But the girls work hard to pay their own expenses.

The Girl Guides of Canada will celebrate its 60th birthday next year, but it works hard to keep its aims and its images in tune with the times. Even the uniform is periodically redesigned to make sure it stays not too far away from the look of current fashion.

For the 60th birthday celebrations the Guiding movement has chosen the theme "Carousel Canada" and as the name implies it will involve an exchange of visits between Canadian Guides, or a "going around" of girls from one province to another.

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Dairy Food Demonstration By Home Economics Teacher

The Women's Institute held their meeting on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock on Feb. 18 at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Bird with thirty ladies present. President Mrs. John Ruddell opened with the ode and creed secretary Mrs. Fred Nurse read the minutes of the December and January meetings and called the roll which was answered "With a Product I bought because of Advertising."

Thank you letters were read from Hospital for Sick Children, Save the Children Fund, and Mental Health Association for donations sent them. Twenty-five dollars was voted to be sent to the MacDonald Hall project, an invitation from the Mountain Union W.I. to their 45th anniversary on April 9th. All were in favour of the two dollar fee be renewed as a member of the Children's Aid.

Mrs. Chas. Austin reported on the January meeting at the Manor and read a letter of thanks from them expressing their pleasure for our efforts, both as to program and lunch.

Mrs. W. Bird reported on the January euche and Mrs. Gordon Wingfield read thank you notes from the sick and shut-ins who had been remembered at Christmas.

Mrs. Chas. Austin was appointed the delegate to the 1969 officers' conference at Guelph, April 29th.

The program was in charge of Mrs. James McPhail who couldn't be present, so Mrs. J. Bird acted in her place and called on Mrs. J.M. Wickson for the motto "Few of us are floored by hard work, it's lack of appreciation gets us down," and it contained some very true thoughts.

The special speaker Miss Joanne Mackie, Home Economics teacher at Stewarttown Senior Public School spoke on and demonstrated making dairy foods more appealing. Her two foods were cheese and milk, which can be used in so many ways. Protein food toughens with heat, so cheese must be cooked moderately not too hot. Milk is needed all thro' life as our bodies need calcium. Good cooks say they count on cheese for the easy way it adds flavour to many a dish and it is not only an economical food but offers good eating and health to all its devotees. Miss Mackie used two large French loaves cut lengthwise and spread with butter and slices of cheddar cheese placed in the oven and when time was up this was used for lunch by the ladies who all pronounced it delicious. Current events given by Mrs. John Bellbobby, Mrs. Wilbert Cleave and Mrs. Lloyd Davison are the nominating committee to appoint next year's officers. Mrs. James Carney thanked the hostess, the speaker and all who had taken part and after singing 'O Canada, a social hour followed.

A community shower was held on Saturday afternoon in the basement of Ashgrove Church for Miss Doreen Fisher an April bride. After a program of musical numbers and contests the bride opened the many beautiful and useful gifts for which she thanked everyone. A dainty lunch concluded the afternoon.

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Special greetings to a dear lady Mrs. R. J. Graham celebrating her eighty-sixth birthday on March 3rd. All her friends and neighbours say Happy Birthday and we wish her many more.

— Mrs. John Bellbobby

Wants Employee Members on Advisory Committee

The Halton county board of education came under fire from the District Labour Council at its meeting, for failure to include representatives of organized labour on its advisory educational committee. Secretary C. C. Dahmer was authorized to protest the omission to the board.

G. G. Heym, council president, said that it was usual to include representatives of employees and employer groups on bodies of this kind.

"The recent announcements that a bank manager, an automotive parts salesman, an advertising account executive, a lawyer, general manager and production manager have been appointed cannot lead us to the conclusion that these people truly represent an employee group," said Heym. "There can be no doubt that these people truly represent an employer group," said Heym.

"We take exception to these appointments, since with the new regional scheme some progress should have been made, and organized labor representatives felt that the time had arrived to make the regional board aware of the fact that the labor council represents employee groups to some extent."

The council president stated that organized labor had supported vocational schools in this area as far back as the late 1950's and had worked diligently toward their establishment. He noted the building of the Gordon E. Perdue high school, where vocational subjects are taught.

"Surely the proposal of facing reality should be seriously considered by those responsible for the school board wishes to face the future and its demanding role in same," said Heym.



Urge Members Attend Annual Hospital Meet

The annual Hospital Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th in the Hospital Cafeteria. Full details of the meeting appear elsewhere in this issue of the Herald.

It is a matter of record that over 1,000 local people and organizations and industries are life members, by virtue of their donations of \$50 or over. This, certainly, is the nucleus of a big group, but unfortunately a very small percentage of this group take an active interest in the annual election of officers and meeting. Anyone, of course, is eligible for membership and can obtain a yearly membership for \$3.00, merely by asking for one at the Hospital office.

The people of Georgetown showed their interest in the Hospital by supporting its building, and the very difficult financing of it, where one third of the amount needed had to be raised locally. And this was at a time when Georgetown was in the throes of a very serious recession. The whole community supported the project and the financing was completed with no real difficulties.

Thus it seems a shame that more people do not take an active interest in the daily operation of the public building in which they have such a large financial interest.

So we do hope that a large number of residents will see fit

to attend the annual meeting to be held Thursday, March 13. The evening promises to be an interesting one, and refreshments will be served.

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Corrects Misconceptions About Canadian Indians

"I could never become just a brown skinned white man. In my heart I am an Indian. I always will be," said Mr. John Thomas, an acting chief of the Nootka tribe on the west coast of British Columbia, speaking at a public meeting in Georgetown recently.

This meeting, sponsored by the Baha'is of Oakville and Georgetown gave residents an opportunity to become more aware of the plight of Canada's native peoples and their need to have pride in their own identity and culture.

Difficulty in communication was one of the reasons which Mr. Thomas felt had caused the white man to view the Indian as a "second class citizen with a paganistic background." He illustrated the point with a story of the Indian who reluctantly sold a horse to a white

man with the comment — "He doesn't look good." Only when the horse walked into a tree did the white man realize the Indian wasn't speaking of the horse's appearance.

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He mentioned that Hollywood and school textbooks have combined to give us a completely distorted view of Indian culture and practices. These should be taught by Indians, to both Indian and white, to create in the white man a respect for the values of this way of life; and for the Indian a pride in his heritage.

It is generally believed that the Indian worshipped the sun and the animals, while in fact, he worshipped the creative force represented by them. This has led to great misunderstanding of the basis of the Indian religions. The inter relation of spiritual and physical well-being was taught early to Indian children and their entire social structure was based on these beliefs.

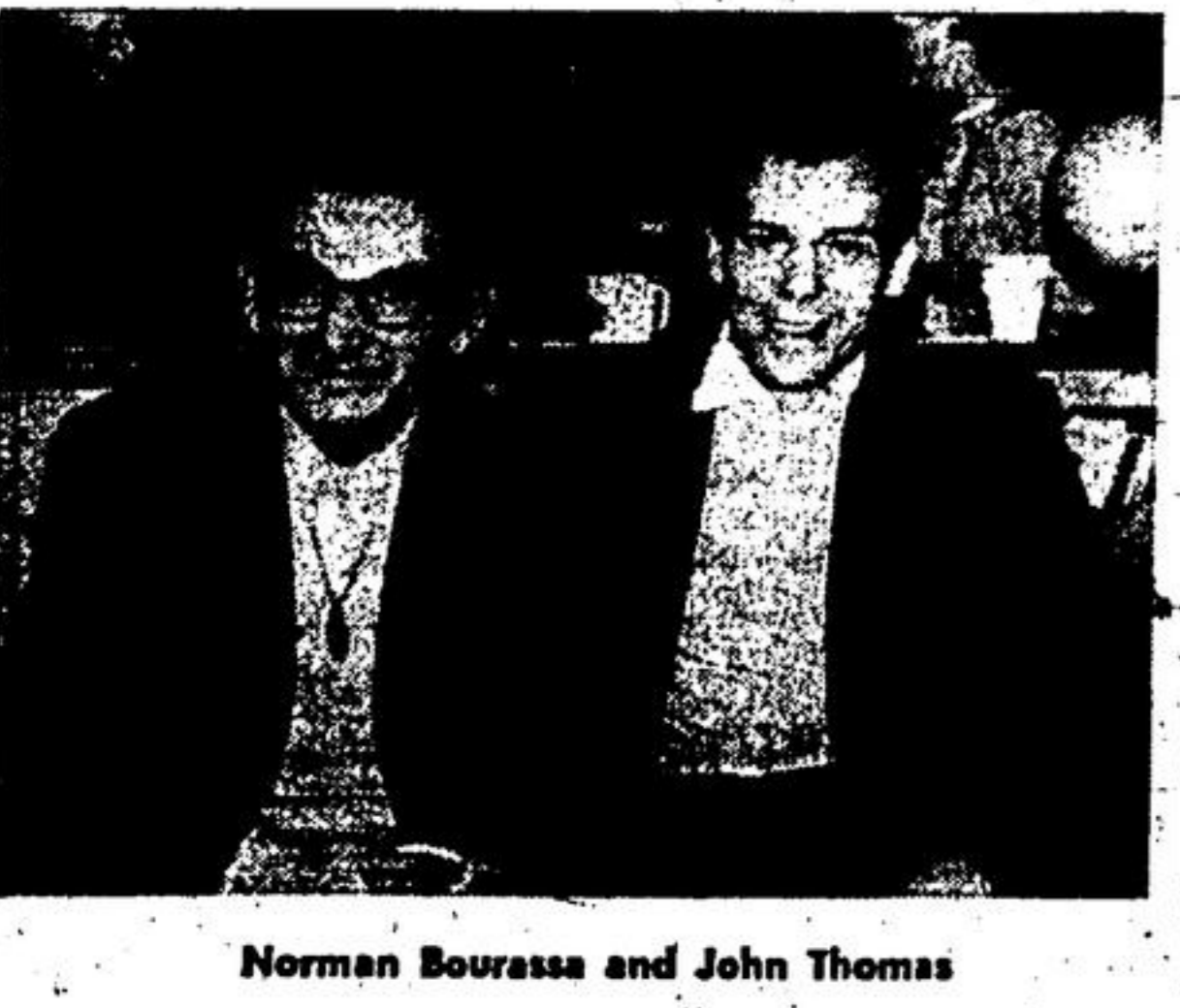
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