



LOADING UP on Tyler school buses at 8 a.m. Saturday morning walkers are full of vim and vigor. Almost 90 per cent of the children finished the 20 mile march in glorious autumn weather. —(Staff Photo)

Most finish Walkathon

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 were seldom more than five miles apart.
 About 15 Y's Men assisted during the day.
 Sandwiches, drinks
 The Y's Menettes made sandwiches out of 60 loaves of bread, and had a food depot every five miles.
 Y's Men handed out fresh in-

paper cups, and the garbage detail threw out 600 cups.
 Principal Andy King opened up Hillsburg school for the Actonians to come in and use the washrooms. Ann's barbecue restaurant was also prepared to have the youngsters use their washrooms.
 Crossing guards
 Crossing guards guided the groups across the busiest intersections, at Brisbane and Ballinacree.
 Two parents greatly assisted the Y's Men, according to Mr. Smith. Cy Rouse drove one of the patrol cars and Earl Jordan acted as crossing guard at Ballinacree.
 Since the participants must collect all their pledges, there is no estimate yet of the amount raised Saturday.



SIGNING IN with about \$60 in pledges for UNICEF is walker Mike Masters. Y's Man Walter Dubois registered the finishers as they came in at the M. Z. Bennett school. Mike finished fourth behind the first trio of walkers.—(Staff Photo)

OUR READERS WRITE:

County people adjust to odors

R.R. 4, Rockwood, Ont. November 6, 1970.
 Editor,
 "Acton Free Press"
 Dear Sir:
 I was very interested in your article of Nov. 4 "Horse Barn in his front yard" and was curious about the obvious sympathy toward the Saeglitz family.
 The little barn in question is far from an eyesore but a brand new painted structure, housing a small pony — on their neighbor's property. The flies Mrs. Saeglitz complains about would be present without

the barn; she is not very familiar with country life and cluster flies. What does she expect when the house is built on an old barn foundation?
 As for the horsey odor pervading the house, that is nothing short of ridiculous. What a tempest in a teapot!
 When people move from the big city of Toronto to the rural life, they have to be prepared for smelly chicken farms, pig manure piles, or picturesque little pony shelters. After all the Saeglitz' had 60 acres from which to choose a home site — the Ottaways had one acre.
 Yours truly,
 Mrs. D. M. Barr

Minority group could be majority

Dear Sir:
 November 5, 1970.
 After living in Acton and Esqueping district for over 40 years, I find myself as being classed in the minority group. I somehow wonder if this doesn't fall under the old phrase, "the squeaking wheel gets all the grease". Maybe if the minority group stood up to be counted, there could be quite a surprise.
 I do believe your write up in the Free Press, October 28, isn't quite the true picture. The bawling calf doesn't disturb a Sunday afternoon as much as the traffic on the highways and side roads doing illegal dragging in our fair township.
 The zoning and planning have been criticized for being lax and in bad taste. Maybe so. However, let's look at the other side of things. Assessment taxes

and licence fees for the drag strip equal approximately the taxes on 15 modern homes, without an outlay for schools.
 The critics counting our local drivers using the dragstrip should stop using their fingers and toes to count on. Figures show that on Wednesday and Friday nights, 50 per cent of drivers come from within a radius of 20 miles. This is a different picture than the one presented by those opposing the dragstrip.
 Finally it would appear that the newly formed ratepayers' association is comprised of a select few. One wonders why we were not all invited to the first election of officers.
 Thank you,
 W. R. Knight
 R.R. No. 2,
 Acton, Ont.

Costumed ladies

Sir:
 This little old lady wishes to thank the young folk of Rockwood, large, medium, and the little tots, for being ladies and gentlemen in the true sense of the word, on Hallowe'en night.
 She was not able to keep Hallowe'en with them this time, as was her custom. Nor was she able to admire the comical costumes as before.
 This pleasure had to be put aside because of ill-health, but the gentlemanly decisions in the hearts of the boys, the kindly thoughts in the minds of the girls, will never be laid aside. They will roll on from soul to soul like an echo. Who knows the final result?
 Thanks again, girls and boys.
 Sincerely yours,
 Millicent Milroy

Scout hall scene of "going up"

Thursday was a combination awards and "going up" night at the Acton scout hall as Cubs turned into Scouts and Scouts were transformed into Venturers with a sprinkling of awards to Scouts who passed badges.
 Highlight of the ceremonies was the passage of four Cubs, Robert Kilby, Michael Payne, Jim Pink and Ricky Jordan into the Scouts. The ceremony started with the Grand Howl by the Cubs. Then Akela Mrs. Aileen Grant cut through a special yellow ribbon and introduced the candidates for scouthood to Scouter Murray Harrison.
 They removed Cub sweaters and hats, revealing Scout shirts underneath. Then they cut the green ribbon into the Scouts, leaving pack for the troop.
 Invested were Desmond Hepburn, Tim Masters, Paul Jenkins and Rodney Allen.



VENTURER ADVISER Kevin Conroy congratulates Russell Coultrup and Kevin Harrison on receiving their Bronze Challenge Awards at awards ceremonies at the scout hall, Thursday night.—(Staff Photo)

Move to Venturers
 Scouts Ken Jordan, Harry Payne and Russell Coultrup moved up into the Venturers next and were introduced to Venturer Adviser Kevin Conroy who escorted them to the Venturer Company.
 Bronze Challenge Awards were presented to Russell Coultrup and Kevin Harrison. Mike Masters received his Bronze Physical Fitness award from counsellor Harry Woodman and Alec Pitt was presented with a Bronze swimming award by the same counsellor.
 District Commissioner Gordon Douglas was on hand to assist with the awards and investing scouts and new counsellors Glen Jackson, Harry Woodman and Gerry Brouillard also assisted as well as cub assistant Forbes Cole.
 Lunch was served by a committee led by district guide commissioner Rose Hall, Deborah Hall, Mrs. Louise Forbes and Christine.
 Parents of the boys also attended.



SCOUTER Murray Harrison and District Commissioner Gordon Douglas welcome new scouts at last Thursday's investiture. Left to right are Desmond Hepburn, Paul Jenkins, Scouter Harrison, D. C. Douglas, Paul Jenkins and Rodney Allen.—(Staff Photo)

D.M.A. approve Land sale

Acton council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening were advised by the Department of Municipal Affairs that the department approved of the expenditure of the money from the sale of land in the industrial park on the cost of services. The approval was for \$38,000.
 Reeve Oakes pointed out to councillors that presently all the monies are being used for the installation of services.
 Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst said that the selling price of the land, \$3,000 an acre, should pay for the services and the principal on the \$50,000 investment.
 Reeve Oakes said the original purchase was debentured over a ten year period and half the debenture payments have been made.
 Road beds
 Council this year installed sewer and hydro services to the site and the road superintendent is presently supervising the preparation of the road beds. The installation of the services cost \$41,045.48. The account of Dundas Construction in the amount of \$34,898.66 was authorized for payment which leaves a 15 per cent holdback on the total contract.
 The account of Nick Owens in the amount \$1,094.28 was also approved by council for payment. This covers the installation of a chain fence at Pioneer cemetery.

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Public skating
 Public skating for mothers and tots will begin at the community centre Thursday afternoon from 2 until 5.
 Public skating will also be held every weekday from 4 until 5. Admission charge will be 10 cents.