

New training lodge at Blue Springs opened

About 700 people basked in hot spring sunshine Saturday afternoon to watch the official opening of the new training lodge at Blue Springs scout reserve. As well as headquarters scouts, council members and special guests there were scout and guide leaders and their families from all over the district. All kinds of uniforms dotted the lush green grounds of the reserve.

Sawing a slim log which barred the front door, provincial education minister Robert Welch officially declared the new building opened. (He also officially declared the log was small and the wood wet; he got through it in a matter of seconds.)

Picnic style
Picnic lunches which many families had brought were augmented by refreshments served by the executive of the provincial ladies' auxiliary, assisted by Acton ladies.

Fruit bread, cookies, tea and coffee were served outdoors.

Pat Lambert news feature

The Sarnia Observer featured a picture of Grade 13 student Pat Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lambert, formerly of Rockwood and Acton, as she inspected the new St. Clair Regional Nursing School.

Miss Lambert will be one of 60 students attending the St. Clair school in the fall. She will take theory at the school and receive clinical training at Sarnia General and St. Joseph's, St. Anthony Middlesex hospital, Sydenham District hospital in Wallaceburg and Charlotte Eleanor Englehart, in Petrolia.

The \$125,000 H-shaped building is almost completely paid for. About 1,000 people contributed money and 600 gave 6,000 hours free labor.

Its existence is intended to greatly increase the number of leaders trained for the Scout movement, and even since the building has been in progress, for about a year, more leaders were trained in the winter than are normally trained in an entire year.

Beats tents
Training courses have been held at Blue Springs for years, and there were happy reunions Saturday of people who had roughed it there together. They particularly were happy to see the neat, heated dorms, games room and study rooms in the new building. But — "what course ever left you with any time for games?" one former trainee challenged one of the guides from headquarters.

Minister's talk
Mr. Welch in his remarks spoke enthusiastically about the challenge of the outdoors, and the ideals of Scouting which must be given credit for the volunteer work and much assistance.

(List of donations inside the building include hides from Beardmore and Co., which decorate the walls of a basement room, not yet finished.)

In ceremony
Taking part in the ceremonies were Donald Deacon M. P. deputy provincial commissioner, J. K. McKay, president of the provincial council; Fred Whiskin, vice-president; J. B. Ridley, honorary vice president and R. D. F. Bourne, honorary field commissioner. F. M. Mann, chairman of the Blue Springs committee was in charge of the tours.



MINISTER OF EDUCATION Robert Welch officially opened the new training lodge at Blue Springs scout reserve Saturday afternoon. He's shown at the microphone in front of the new building, ringed by scouting officials. About 700 watched,

toured and visited friends. Volunteer labor and donations account for much of the almost-put-up \$125,000 building which will allow more training of scout, cub, guide and brownie leaders. —(Staff Photo)

Acton ladies helping with refreshments were Mrs. Joan Harrison, Mrs. Murchison, Alice Pilkington, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole and daughter Karen Cole.

24 years cook
Greeting old friends was Mrs. Alice Coles of Acton who for 24 years was cook for training

courses at Blue Springs. Her badge recalled her affectionate name of those years, "Yum Yum".

The late Fred Coles, her husband, was Acton's first scoutmaster. He took his scouts camping at Blue Springs years ago while it was still the Murray

farm. One of his scouts who camped with him 56 years ago, Roy Brown of Toronto, was also present for Saturday's program.

Mr. Murray later sold his farm to the provincial council of the Boy Scouts Association. (He's the donor of Murray Memorial Y. M. C. A.)

60th anniversary
The provincial council organized in 1911 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary. That first year, a few scouts from Ontario were sent to England for the coronation of George V. Now there are 125,000 scouts and leaders in Ontario.



KNOWN AS Yum Yum during the 24 years she was cook for Blue Springs training courses, Mrs. Alice Coles meets education minister Robert Welch after official ceremonies Saturday. —(Staff Photo)

Two Mormons cover area



ELDERS of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Bruce Child, (left) and Lee Brundage (right) have been calling on Acton residents during the past month. The two Elders will be presenting a film festival on the Mormon religion at the Acton Library, Tuesday night, June 15 at 7.30. —(Staff Photo)

Bruce Child and Lee Brundage, both Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, have been calling on Acton homes during the past month, explaining the beliefs of the Mormon Church. The two young men are among several who give up two years of their lives to help propagate the Mormon faith.

While in Canada, they are staying in Georgetown and are covering towns like Acton, Milton, Orangeville, Erin and Grand Valley. Following their two years here, they'll return to university in the United States. Elder Child is attending the University of Utah, while Elder Brundage is a student at Brigham Young.

congregation is centred mainly in Western Canada and the Western part of the United States, there are close to 13,000 members in Ontario and Quebec. Canada has a total Mormon population of about 50,000.

World wide membership in the Mormon Church is estimated at three million.

Elders Child and Brundage are presenting a film festival at Acton public library Tuesday, June 15, at 7.30 p.m. Included among films will be one viewed by over four million people at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan. The world-famous Mormon Tabernacle choir will also be shown on the film.

Congregation totals
Although the Church's

Admission to the film festival is free and everyone is welcome.

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Let's Play Bridge
by bill coats

Bridge writers are always writing about hands that could have been made if only declarer had played a certain way or could have been defeated if the defence had only led a certain card. Too often we over-look the hands that really cannot be made but declarer must try to make the contract anyway.

The opponents can only see their own hand and dummy. Often declarer's task is simply to have them make a mistake early enough to give declarer his contract. Here is just such a hand played last week at the Acton Bridge Club. North dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-K Q 7
H-K 4
D-A 10 7 3
C-A 8 6 2

WEST
S-9
H-10 7 5 2
D-Q 8 6 5 4
C-Q 9 4

EAST
S-6 3
H-A 9 8 6 3
D-K J 8 2
C-10 3

SOUTH
S-A J 10 8 5 4 2
H-Q J
D-Void
C-K J 7 5

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 N.T. PASS 2 C PASS
2 D PASS 3 S PASS
4 S PASS 6 S ALL PASS

Opening lead—five of diamonds
North has a routine one no trump opening bid. Over it, South chose to use Stayman. This is perfectly safe since North cannot

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Osprings Brownies enrol many visitors

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

The local Brownies attended an enrolment and games night held in the Christian Education wing of Burns Church, Erin, on Wednesday night.

Rev. D. Herbison, spoke to the girls on the "Value of your name".

Special guests were Mrs. Kingsbury and Mrs. Church leaders of the Rockwood Brownies.

Judy Short, local leader was assisted by Mrs. Kingsbury in enrolling the following girls—Karen and Cheryl Craven, Jacqueline Hawkins, Charlene McGinnis, Carolyn and Barbara Hayes. Karen and Donna Marshall.

Following games, sandwiches, cup-cakes and fruit drinks were served.

This was the final meeting until September.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howard and John of Dixie and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. E. Donaldson of Vancouver, B.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. VanderVoort of Holland visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John VanderVlugt and family.

Mrs. David Locke, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cripps, Eden Mills; Mrs. Wm. Simpson and Marie, Brampton; Mr. Roy Hindley, Guelph; Mr. Dan Hundley, Orton; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Milson and family Guelph were recent visitors with Mrs. M. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken spent the week end with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Aitken, Ottawa.

Brian Robertson spent the weekend with friends in Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Young and Marilyn, Acton; Mr.

and Mrs. Douglas Robertson and Darlene, Miss M. McIver, Guelph visited recently with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

Attend Annual
Mrs. Wm. Milton, Mrs. E. Fisher, Miss Doris Fines and Mrs. D. G. Robertson attended the District Annual meeting of Centre Wellington Women's Institutes held in Fergus last week.

A mobile Field Office for highway surveyors was moved into the village last week ready for work on Highway 25.

The local boys 15-17 years Softball team played an exhibition game in Eden Mills on Friday evening; in spite of losing, the Osprings boys made a creditable showing.

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