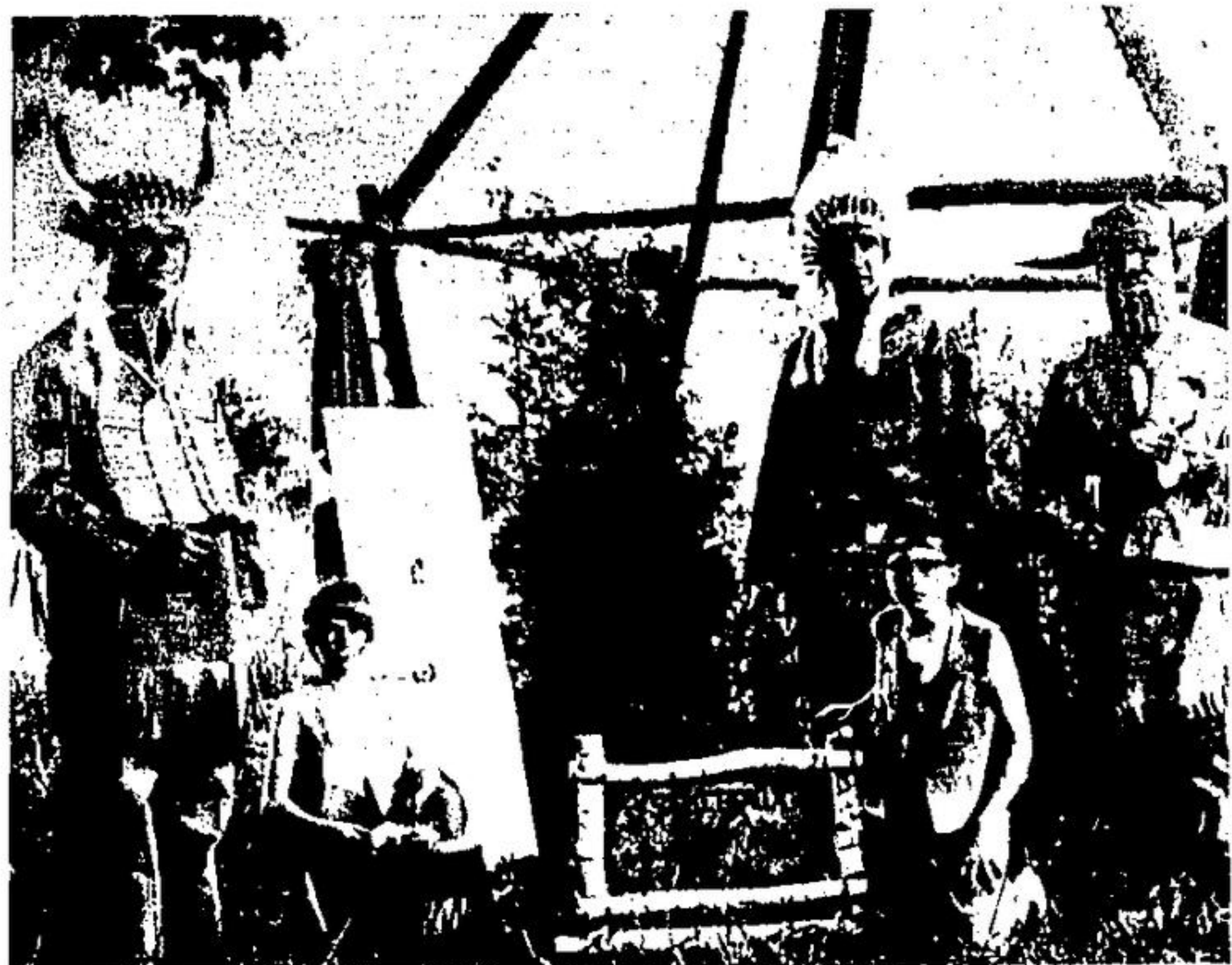


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FIRST ACTON TROOP at the weekend Camporee represented the Saulteaux tribe and their costumes, made in real leather, were judged best at the camp. Chief Murray Harrison, left, stands outside the lodge with Steve Conroy on the tom-tom, Bob Kilby displaying the tribe token and leaders Harry Woodman and Glen Jackson (Medicine Man) standing. It was an authentic reproduction of tribal lore for Acton scouts with links with

United church lay reader Al Lauder of Portage La Prairie who described the costumes and customs of the tribe, a branch of the Ojibways, who lived in the Sault Ste. Marie area before migrating west to Manitoba. Mr. Lauder assists Indians on a reserve near Portage. Beardmore and Co. supplied leather for Acton costumes, all hand sewn by boys and leaders. —(Staff Photo)



ALMOST LIKE A SCENE from a western movie, chiefs of the various scout troops in the Georgetown district met in powwow at the Scout Camporee over the weekend in colorful Indian regalia. Left to right are John Owen, 5th Georgetown; Ron Wolfenberg, 8th Georgetown; Harry Woodman, 1st Ac-

ton; Murray Harrison, 1st Acton; Gord Douglas, District Commissioner; camp chief Ed Ryan, Assistant District Commissioner, 1st Limehouse, Ron Booth, Limehouse Rovers and medicine man Glen Jackson of the 1st Acton. —(Staff Photo)



1ST LIMEHOUSE TOOK the best all-round troop award at the weekend whoop-up at the Henderson farm near their own stamping grounds. Pictured with heap big camp chief Ed Ryan, complete with an authentic Blackfoot regalia over 200 years old, the Braves are

Drew Markham, Frank Meurir, Weldon Morrison, Dan Turner, Drew Clark, Allan Vernon, David Piehl, Back, right to left are David Hannah, Geoffrey Clark, Jimmy Morrison, Frank Hale, Brett Byers, Paul Beer, Danny Stull and Peter Stevens. —(Staff Photo)

brief suggests. "This basic right is succinctly stated in Article 26 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in these words: "Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children."

Further impetus is given to that right by the Hall-Dennis report which states "With these we accept the concept that every child in Ontario is entitled, as of right, to the opportunity of access to the educational and training facilities for which his talents qualify him; that no condition of race, religion, language or background should be allowed to impede his progress to full citizenship."

No justice
The brief further claims that of the 8,438 students now in Protestant Christian schools attended supported public schools, the Government would pay a total of \$2,654,193.47 in provincial grants. The government now keeps these funds, which on the basis of justice, belong to the 8,438 children, the brief states.

The statement says the schools are perfectly willing to accept Government regulations and control provided it does not interfere with autonomy to hire teachers, set educational direction and curriculum and choose text books.

We are convinced, the brief says, that equality of education need not adversely affect or fragment the presently supported public school system.

Camporee's Indian theme, ideal setting, combine for successful weekend

By Rhonda Geggie
With the biggest attendance in many years, the Georgetown District Scout Camporee exhausted 130 boys and 29 utterly exhausted leaders who may still be recovering from the weekend.

The Indian theme of the camp seemed to inspire special efforts from all 10 troops and Rover crew from the time Scouter Bob Barber started registrations.

The George Henderson Farm on Number 7 Highway and the Limehouse Sideroad proved to be an ideal location. The lay of the land and the wooded areas provided a perfect setting for the kybos and longhouses and the tents of the campers.

Intricate costumes
Under the enthusiastic leadership of A.D.C. Ed Ryan all the troops did well. Leaders entered into the spirit with intricate feathered headdresses and fringed and beaded costumes. The boys' outfits showed their skill and ingenuity in interpreting the costumes of their chosen Indian Tribe.

Whether the Sun Dance performed by the Saulteaux Tribe (1st Acton) had anything to do with it or not, the weather was hot and sunny and the Saturday afternoon programme was well attended by parents and friends. The Tribe also executed a tricky Serpent Dance.

1st Limehouse, the Blackfoot Tribe, performed a ritual Buffalo Hunt with the nylon plush covered Buffalo (Brett Byers) being dragged home victoriously and a Medicine Man stomped and rattled his bones furiously.

The Kiowa Tribe (8th) reputed to have killed the greatest number of white people during the Indian Wars, did a very realistic War Dance and 1st Glen Williams danced in thanksgiving for their newly completed house.

The campfire on Saturday night opened with the Limehouse Scouts praying to the Great God of Fire to light their campfire. Supervised and engineered by Jack Marham, the ball of fire rolled out of the sky and lit the giant campfire.

There were skits by most of the troops and singing. The overflow crowd enjoyed it.

Present plaque
D.C. Gord, Douglas and A.D.C. Ed Ryan presented Mrs. George-Henderson with a brass plaque in appreciation of the use of their land.

Pheasant under grass
On Saturday night, D.C. Gord, Douglas and A.D.C. Ed Ryan cooked supper for 28 starving Scouters. It took them three hours and 20 minutes to prepare the roast chicken, disguised as Pheasant under the Trees, Indian Corn Bread, Buffalo Stew and Watermelon Cakes.

It was Scouter Ron Wofenberg's birthday and the other Scouters produced a cake and gifts - Scouter Murray Harrison of Acton presented him with a bottomless pot and the Limehouse Rovers gave him a broken arrow!

After flag break on Sunday morning, 1st Georgetown conducted the Scouts' Own, a brief worship service.

Later in the day there were contests in smoke signalling, litter races and a lacrosse game where participants made their own sticks out of binder twine. Limehouse eked out a scoreless shots-on-a-goal decision over Acton in the finals.

Acton Scouts were nourished by the plentitude of food supplied by the town's Scout and Guide Mothers. Scouter Murray Harrison said he was particularly proud of the troop's effort this year since they were at the hind-end in last year's competitions.

Urge government grants for Christian schools

A threefold presentation urging government grants for students enrolled in the Christian schools was presented to the Premier of Ontario, William Davis, the Minister of Education Bob Welch and M.P.P. Jim Snow last week. A 120,000 signature petition went along with the presentation, 2,528 of which were collected in the Acton and Georgetown area, by the school society of the Georgetown District Christian School. They were one of 50 - one representative of each school affiliated with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools - which presented the petition.

from across the province. Approximately 460 of the signatures for the Georgetown school originated in Halton West and are being added to the 5,000 obtained by the Burlington Christian Schools for presentation to M.P.P. George Kerr.

Review policy
In a statement the Alliance said it understood the Ontario Government is presently reviewing its policy of "no financial aid to additional school systems" with a view to making a public statement in the near future.

The delegation claimed that the Government's present position discriminates against several

minority groups by attaching severe financial penalties (in many cases \$1,000 per year) on those who chose to send their children elsewhere than the public school system. The statement also said that the supported public system is not open to all citizens, only to those citizens who agree with its philosophy of education and the curricular expression of that philosophy. The fact 50,000 Ontario citizens attend non-supported schools supports the charge, the brief claims.

Parents of the province, not the government, should decide whether the supported public school system is acceptable. The

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
AND
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The town office and workshop will remain open Thursday, July 1st and will close Friday, July 2nd. Garbage collection will be on the regular day, Thursday, July 1st

This is to Allow Town Staff to Enjoy A Long Weekend and to Comply with Local Industries.

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Last Week's Draw Winner
"Adele Nolan" Main St. N.

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