

Acton teams day's best in Cadet Corps competition

A general know-how in lashing, compass efficiency, tent erection, axmanship, and first aid were the prerequisites for last Saturday's annual outing for 138 young Christian Reform and Reformed Church members which was held at the Rockwood Conservation Park.

Twenty-three teams of boys ranging in age from 10 to 16 made the park pavilion their daytime headquarters as they moved off, team by team, from station to station as set up earlier by their leaders.

Test skills
Using only their compasses as guide instructions to their next point of testing the teams, composed of six boys, were given the opportunity to test their skills and put into practice the theory in which they had been schooled and for which they had received merit badges throughout the year.

Officially named the Calvinist Cadet Corps, the boys had moved into Rockwood from Fruitland, Acton, Clarkson, Dundas, Guelph, Galt, Burlington, Hamilton and Aldershot, all avid and keen to participate in the competitions and show how well they had learned their lessons. Thirty-five young adults, leaders and councillors, were also on hand with the kids to play their parts as judges and general organizers.

Strenuous slugging
Excitement and camaraderie prevailed as the course which covered approximately two miles of parkland circled and crisscrossed requiring almost 2 1/2 hours of strenuous slugging through the wet snow. It was fun and sportsmanship as teams gathered at the various posts to complete their tasks.

Lighting fires with minimal match useage, lashing sticks

together, orienteering by use of compass; such accomplishments are akin to those learned by packs of young Cubs and Scouts. These were the ones which the boys had learned at their church schools under the guidance of Christian leadership and team members and teachers alike were anxious to see the results.

Wash out marks
When the sled team outing was originally scheduled it was set for a 10 o'clock beginning, however, poor weather conditions resulted in a 10:30 start-off time. As the morning progressed damp snow turned to wet drizzle practically raining out fire-striking attempts and washing out the inked notations which judges efficiently wrote down on score pads at the various check points.

By mid morning drizzle had become constant rain as team after team sloshed through the slush all grinning and happy,

eager to perform well for their home school and leaders many of whom were fathers of the cadets participating.

Top trophies
After completing their six point station rounds contenders gathered at the pavilion and, as the groups came in the judges tallied the results checking them off by numbers giving special consideration to the conditions of each sled and how well it was holding up after the strenuous exercise.

Besides the trophies awarded for the three top score teams, points were also given to the first four teams which automatically went towards the Cadelorama to be held sometime in April and when once more the cadets will vie for an important challenge trophy and relay races including knot tying, and other skills will be again put to the test.

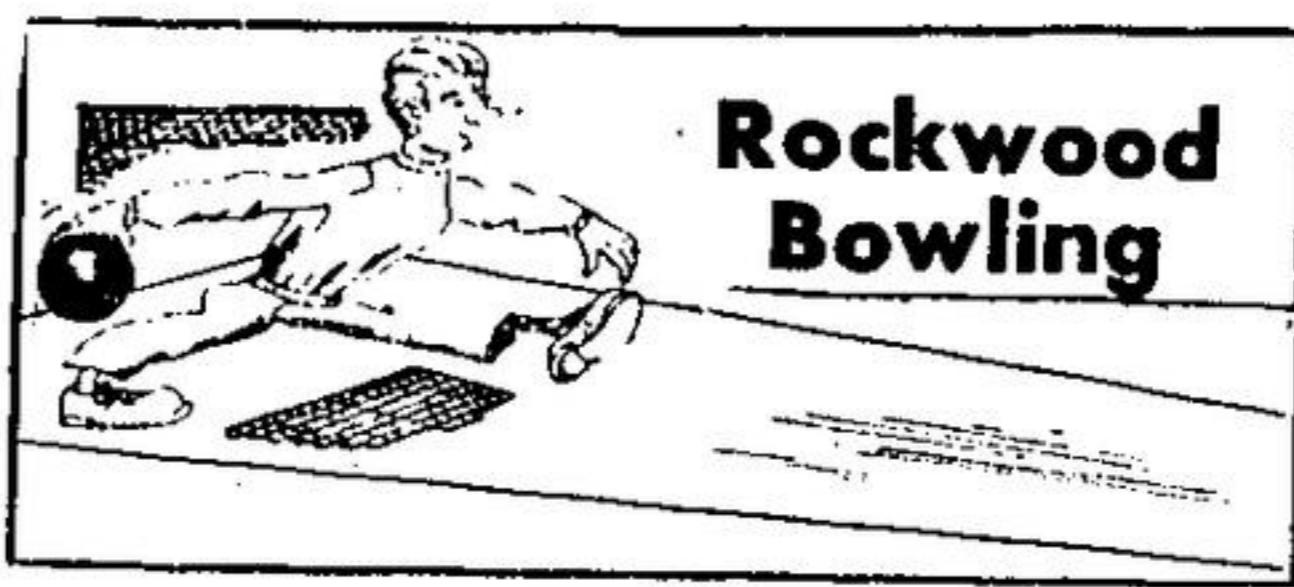
Group's origin
Sunday's group was only a small representation of the 9,000 boys actually involved in the Calvinist Cadet Corps. Starting in as recruits the boys move up in sequence of graduation to pathfinders, builders, guides and on to Junior councillors. The main corps which started up in the early 1900's in the United States and has, during the past few years, spread quickly throughout Canada. The leaders are often from the corps itself or young men in the district interested in working with youth or, as in many cases, parents who like to become involved.

Hot soup and sandwiches prepared by the leaders with hot drinks for everyone culminated the morning event. Several children who were too young to participate had brought along and had enjoyed outdoor activity on the hills.

The motto for the Christian Reformed Church bears the words "Living for Jesus" and, as one leader put it "Keep them active combining healthy activity with Christian fellowship and they're starting on the right road," and, as the mass of youngsters and leaders sat laughing, talking, and eating together, it would seem his theory was proving out. Despite the continuous downpour, the competitions continued throughout the morning and mid afternoon not reaching its final conclusion until Sunday at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Acton first
It had been a wonderful day. Despite the terrible weather spirits reigned high and, for the few casualties the St. John Ambulance Corps from Milton had been on hand. When a final tally of points was made the teams in the Froquois council which came out on top showed in first place Acton with 10 pts; 2nd was Acton again with 7 pts, and 3rd place went to the cadets from Fruitland for a total of four points.

The entire community benefits from minor hockey. The whole community should help celebrate Minor Hockey Week. Attend at least one game this week. Visit the arena and watch the boys learning the FUN-damentals of Canada's National sport.



Rockwood Bowling

Norton's Bluebirds captured the majority of the possible points last Tuesday night at the Sportsman's Bowl in Guelph when they led the Pacers with a 5 to 2 score. Irene LaVoie showed a single triple of 601, Ivy Nightingale a 568 triple, Ivy Ritchie a 567 triple and Mary Stahlbaum a 208 single for the winning team. Doug Hilton for the Pacers bowled in a 638 triple score and Ann McCormach a 547 as Mike Martin bowled in a 204 single.

Carney's teamsters pulled off a 7 point straight win over the Lucky Clovers as Bob Lilley showed a triple 618 score, May Swackhammer a 509 triple and Betty Burnett pitched in a neat 220 single game. Harvey Jestin for the Clovers tucked in a 869 triple and Lois Jestin a 581.

Top fettle
The Four Corner's team were also in top fettle and went for a 7 point lead over the Guelphites. Ralph Wright showed a 232, 207, 253, 692 triple, Anne Parkinson a 623, and Jack Parkinson a 866 triple score. Don Archibald for the losing team came up with a 678 triple.

Stratons bowled in a 5 to 2 score against the Osprings Ramblers and Sam Nyholt was highman on the bowling poll with his 739 triple score. Dunc Kingsbury made a 708, Ruth Kingsbury a 517 triple and Pat Talley a 615.

The Neighbours outscored the Alleycats 5 to 2 for their game as Dunc McPhehdran whipped in a 702 point triple with scores of 221, 210 and 271. Bill Garner came in with a 668 and Harvey Bayne showed a 305 single and Muriel Battenham a 203. Bill Elliott for the Alley Cats bombed in a 709 triple with scores of 198, 211, and 300.

Step up
Gooyer Bros stepped up their total team points as they scotched extra points from the Newcomers with a 5 to 2 score. Winnie Hills was top bowler for the Gooyer Bros. with a 642 triple, John Gooyer came in with a 287 single, Gerry Hilton a 224 and Brian Robertson a 221 single. Newcomer's Ted Jestin bowled in 257, 214, 211 to triple 676 as Bob Jestin came in with a 230 single and Jim Thatcher a 206.

Zimring in with a straight 7 points were the Misfits as they socked it to the Optimists. Glen Gray bowled in a 275 single, T.D.

McCutcheon a 197 and that superlative topnotcher Lloyd Hindley wowed his team with his 198 single score and Betty Brydges brought in a 536 triple. Ross Ferguson for the Optimists made a 211 single and Flora Bruce two single games of 165 each.

Team standings
Over 600
Men over 600 Sam Nyholt 739, Fred Nightingale 719, Bill Elliott 709, Dunc Kingsbury 708, Dunc McPhehdran 702, Ralph Wright 692, Dick Dupuis 682, Ted Jestin 678, Don Archibald 676, Harvey Jestin 668, Bill Garner 668, Jack Parkinson 666, Harvey Bayne 661, Doug Hilton 658, Elmer Altan 635, Bob Auld 623, Bob Lilley 618, Glen Gray 603.

Women over 500 Winnie Hills 642, Ann Parkinson 623, Pat Talley 615, Irene LaVoie 601, Muriel Battenham 589, Lois Jestin 581, Ivy Nightingale 568, Ivy Ritchie 567, Nellie Stockman 560, Helen Elliott 554, Ann McCormach 547, Betty Burnett 536, Betty Brydges 536, Doris Jestin 528, Mary Stahlbaum 525, Peggy Ellis 518, Ruth Kingsbury 517, May Swackhammer 509, Gerry Hilton 505, Nell Wright 504, Gladys Lang 502.

Postmaster will retire

George Day announced today his intention to retire from his post as village post master as of May 8th, 1972.

With him he will be taking many years of post office knowhow as he first began his career as a 18 year old lad assisting his father Frank Day who had taken over as post master from Col. John Mutrie in 1928 and purchased the present building from the Mutrie estate.

War years
A well known figure behind the official counter, George Day spent his war years in charge of military post offices at Guelph, Hagersville, and Jarvis and was affiliated with the Canadian Postal Corps at Trenton and Toronto. He returned to Rockwood after his four years service and, in 1945 succeeded his father as postmaster, acquiring the same post office building in that year.

As a member of the Canadian Postmasters Association, Ontario branch, he served for a

time as executive member and for 20 years almost consistently attended annual provincial conferences. Two years ago he was elected as a delegate to attend the Canadian conference in Ottawa and he was re-elected once more for the '71 conference held in Regina.

No plans
The man who was born in the Rockwood District has enjoyed watching village kids grow from "below counter level" to face stamp purchasers; he feels that "It's just a case of the same job long enough."

Plans for the future? George Day says he has nothing specific in mind at the present time. Having served as secretary for the Eramosa Township School board he is now a member of the Wellington County Board representing the Townships of Eramosa, Guelph and Erin and the Village of Erin and he intends to continue his interest in public endeavors in that capacity.



WET SNOW DRIFTING in didn't discourage the spirits of the six-boy teams as they performed their axmanship test and prepared a smoking fire with a minimum of matches at last Saturday's Christian Reform Church Annual sleighing outing. —(Photo by Lorraine)

St. John's members question parish fate

Members of St. John's Anglican church, Rockwood, learned at a vestry meeting last Monday night that affiliation with All Saints church, Erin, has been officially terminated and they will be sharing some of the pastoral services with St. James Anglican church, Guelph.

Lack of progress
"During the past year," the wardens said, "our parish has come to a point where we have to make serious decisions as to our future." Stipulating lack of progress, the wardens said that attendance at worship, group participation and finances at a low ebb stimulated the necessity of approaching the Bishop of

Niagara diocese revealing the position of St. John's in Rockwood.

Rev. Ken Cardwell chaired the meeting during which several appointments and elections were completed.

Church officers
People's warden is Sandy Hudson, interim rector's warden George Ingle, vestry clerk Len Hawkey, lay delegate to synod Len Hawkey, alternate delegate John Clark, treasurer Gladys Slipp, postal and bulletin secretary Betty Lou Clark.

Lively discussion ensued when church members questioned the fate of the parish and wondered what their association with the Guelph church would entail.

Members thought that to inspire more congregational participation with groups

working and playing together more organization was required. Flossie McMinn was nominated to look into setting up a work program which would consist of teams taking on the duties of sexton and keeping the church in order.

Organize program
Further discussion culminated in electing Monty Root as chairman to organize a fellowship program within the parish. Parish visiting, congregational dinners, lively bulletin material, were also talked over as ladies present prepared and served hot coffee.

Re-elect Hinton

Rev. Dr. J. A. M. Bell of Oakville was re-elected chairman of the Sheridan College Board of Governors by acclamation at the first meeting of the year. H. H. (Bert) Hinton of Acton was re-elected vice-chairman at the inaugural meeting. Terms of office are for one year.

Mr. Hinton, a prominent resident and merchant of Acton for many years, begins his second year as vice-chairman

A former reeve of Acton and former warden of Halton county, Mr. Hinton has served on many Halton county committees. He is the former executive director of the Ontario Counties Association of the province of Ontario, has served the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and is also charter member of the Sheridan Board of Governors.

He has held memberships on the Halton County Regional Government Study Committee and the Tri-County Jail Committee for Halton, Peel and Dufferin Counties.

A leading Oakville resident, Dr. Bell, B.A. D.D., is a graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto. He has served as headmaster of Appleby College from 1937 to his retirement in 1963.

Liaison
On behalf of the Board of Governors, Mr. Hinton has been acting as liaison between the college and the Ontario Craft Foundation, founders of the Sheridan School of Design campus in Mississauga.

Mr. Hinton recently indicated he will stand for nomination as federal P.C. candidate for Halton.

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Comin's and Goin's
The many friends of Betty Jones of R.R. Rockwood hope that she is getting along well in the Guelph General hospital and also send a "welcome to Canada" to her mother Mrs. Smith visiting at her home while Betty is hospitalized.
Mr. D. Dunk received many prayers about his illness and hospitalization at the Guelph General Hospital when his friends of the Sunshine Club met last Thursday. Everyone hopes he will be well again soon and back in his hometown community.
A parish smash or bash, whatever it is it will be fun and games on Saturday when the Warrington's five piece band from Fergus springs into action and 200 ticket holders will enjoy each other's company at the Rockwood Town Hall under the auspices of the Rockwood and Oustic C.W.L. Refreshments and bar are the vocal advertisements and already tickets are sold out—almost.
Word from the Kangaroo country is that Rob Drijber and Greg Strong have left their recent Rockhampton habitat near the coast of Australia and are bound for Blackwater, Queensland, with the intent of job-hunting to make money for passage home via India and Europe.
From Budapest to Athens and then to Cypress, Kevin Root is now hopefully established in a kibbutz in Israel. It's been a horrendous trip for his parents all the way. Ah the enthusiasm of youth!

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