

FIRST ACTON TROOP played host to scouts from the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, Thursday night at the scout hall. A program of games and contests kept about 60 boys continually moving. Scout Ricky Jackson of the Acton troop welcomes Peter Cairns of the O.S.D. troop with the universal Scout handshake, while Acton assistant scouter Glen Jackson, left, and Paul Lingen, troop scouter from O.S.D. back them up.-(Staff Photo)

Christmas Seals lick last year's \$ record

Halton's 1971 Christmas Seal Campaign showed an alltime high, with a 7.1 percent increase over last year. The total amount collected was \$49,737.24.

This year, seals were sent to 50,832 homes in Halton County and the per capita return was 27.2 cents compared to 26 RD Assoication. last year.

Assures continuation

The 7 percent increase assures the continuation of the Pulmonary Function testing for RD which the Association has conducting since September. Several industrial plants in Georgetown and Burlington have been screened and Mrs. D. C. Brown, the administrative technician for the testing is presently completing plans to begin testing industries in Oakville.

This project has received

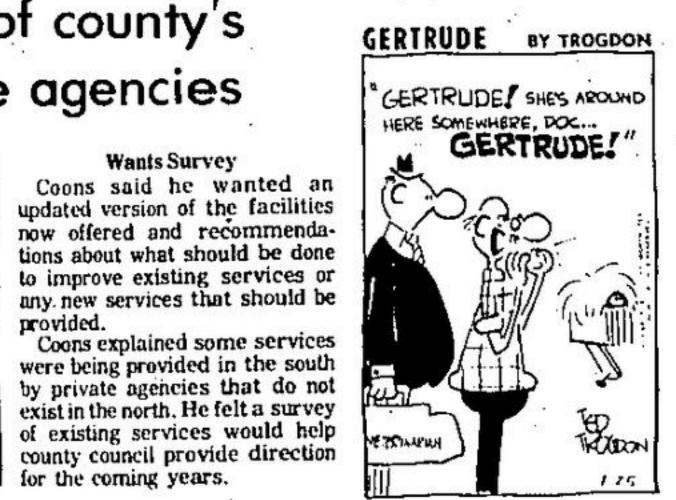
favorable comment from both screenees and their physicians. The Association has tilt boards, respirators to assist breathing and other aids available for loan, on doctors' recommendation, to patients with RD problems

Wants Survey

Donations of equipment for breathing assistance have been made to the hospitals in the county. Grants for research have been made to the Untarto TB and

Something not too well known is that the Association will be happy to receive memorial contributions from people who wish to make a contribution in memory of a friend or relative. All such contributions go towards research and a suitable acknowledgement is sent to the donor and the family of the

The campaign was under the chairmanship of C. L. McFadden, executive of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd.



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Prepare list of county's social service agencies

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for the coming years.

Director of Social and Family Services for Halton County Jim Gray will prepare a list of social services and agencies providing the services in Halton.

The survey was requested by Community Services Chairman David Coons at a recent meeting of the county committee.

Free Press News Briefs

ONE liquor violation was investigated by Acton police this week with a charge laid.

NEITHER Milton or Georgetown hospital had any leap year day babies.

town police force to 11 men, with a population of 7,500.

Owing to the death of a member of the immediate family or Charles and Don Lakeview. will remain closed

> Thursday, March 9th.



sons sat down for the annual Scout and Cub

Speaker urges fathers turn sons loose in the outdoors

Described as the highlight of the Scout year, the annual Father and Son banquet of the Acton group at Knox church hall last week was another outstanding success with the Scout and Gulde mothers providing and serving a roast beef dinner.

Guest speaker R. D. (Red) Bourne, a continuous and active member of the Scout movement since 1910, and wearer of the Silver Acorn award, one of Scouting's highest honors, proved to be one of the wittlest and most amusing speakers ever at the dinner.

He selected the religious side of Scouting to illustrate his talk using the Bible text where Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

He congratulated Acton Scout Michael Payne who was presented with his Religion and Life Award, second stage, and showed how it is part and parcel of the Scout promise to love and serve God.

Everything has purpose

Scouter Bourne stressed how everything on the earth has a useful purpose, illustrating his talk with stories. He urged fathers to turn their sons loose in the out-of-doors so they could understand the balance of nature and how dependent man is on other forms of life.

He described what happened in Borneo where mosquitoes were killed by sprays and the resultant interruption in the life cycle that ended with plague-carrying rats moving in and threatening the populace.

Scouter Bourne's concern for the environment was summed up in his statement that everything we see has a reason and purpose

and even flies and termites have a place in the total scheme of things, Man has never yet learned to get along with other living things, he felt.

Using a rope, he amused young and old with an amazing knottyping ability to illustrate his points and depict the various small creatures he used as examples. He also used a blackboard to chalk up figures on the reproduction abilities of flies and small leaf hoppers.

Thanked speaker

Rotarian Rick Jackson, chairman of the Acton group committee, thanked the speaker and presented him with a suitable leather gift. Mr. Jackson also introduced the head table guests who included District Commissioner Gordon Douglas; Assistant District Commissioner for Cubbing, Terry Colter, Georgetown; Rev. Andrew Mc-Kenzie; Akela Forbes Cole and his son Steve; Acton scouter Murray Harrison, who is also Assistant District Commissioner for Scouting and his guest Eric Fryters; Rotarian Philip Mc-Cristall, the chairman Rick Jackson and two sons Donnie and Ricky, as well as the guest speaker.

Akela Forbes Cole and Scouter Harrison gave their annual report about the condition of scouting in Acton, stressing activities which had taken place and those to come, as well as introducing assistant leaders. The district commissioner and his cubbing assistant both spoke, the latter on group committees and the former on scouting with the Cub promise.

Phil McCristall acted as master of ceremonies for the

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Professional development \$6,500

Halton County Board of Education approved expenditures of \$6,500 for three professional development programs offered to Halton County teachers this year, at their meeting Thursday.

The three programs will involve leadership programs for a chosen 28 teachers, a study group for 60 and a series of general meetings featuring guest speakers from Ontario and some persons from outside the province.

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