



DR. W. C. WINEGARD, president of the University of Guelph, addresses the 1,000 Venturers and Rangers ranged in a horseshoe for opening ceremonies at the first Ontario Venturee at Blue Springs over the Victoria Day weekend. Dr. Winegard urged the group to be concerned about the environment and live it by application. (Photo by H. Coles)

Over 1,000 turn up for first Venturee

An expected 800 Venturers materialized into over 1,000 Venturers and Rangers for the first all-Ontario Venturee over the long Victoria Day weekend. Camp sites at Blue Springs Scout Reserve, R.R. 1, Acton, were overflowing with tents to accommodate the unexpected deluge for the three day camp. Arranged and staffed by the Applewood A Troop of Venturers under leader Dr. Ken McCuaig, the Venturee attracted members of the movement from as far east as Kingston and Ottawa, north as Timmins, and south to Windsor. Formal ceremonies of Ontario One were opened by Dr. W. C. Winegard, president of the University of Guelph, a one-time member of the host Applewood scout troop. He told the large assembly that it was up to environmental groups such as the Venturers to take the lead so the province would begin recycling products and agitate for control of pollution.

Change ways
Dr. Winegard advised the open sky assembly there were limits to growth and if we didn't change our ways none of us would be here in the year 2050 A.D., under present policies. "We have to regain our sense of responsibility," he declared during the scouting movement could be just the right social movement to attain the goal if

they were prepared to work for it. "Scouting is not just for a good time," he said. He referred to the sense of global responsibility that led four former members of the Applewood A troop to spend time in Ghana, Africa, to aid that emerging country and he hoped many more Venturers would sense some of the need of the developing countries of the world. For two Venturers and two girl Rangers interviewed by the Free Press, Ontario One was a combined social occasion and opportunity to practice camp craft they had been honing up on over the winter.

Boys meet girls
Kathie Manning and Cathy Major, both of Willowdale, pointed out it was also a good chance to meet plenty of boys for the girls at the camp. They were outnumbered 20 to 1, which to their way of thinking was delightful and a far departure from the days when scout and guide camps were rigidly separated—and all the formalities were observed. The Blue Springs Reserve was a splendid spot, they asserted, but deplored the lack of swimming pool on the hot weekend. Did they set up their own tents? Well, not quite. Although they had been camping for about eight years, they were not averse to

help from a nearby troop of Venturers. Most of the Venturers and Rangers on the weekend were used to camps where half-dozen or numbers up to a dozen attended a camp and the large attendance at Ontario One was a glorious opportunity to make new contacts and friendships as well as pick up tips about camping.

Optional activities
Brian (Coeli) Cook of the 7th Trafalgar, Oakville, a frequent visitor at Blue Springs, and Don Irvine of the 13th Mack St. troop of Peterborough, were just as enthused as the girls. They pointed out it was optional whether you participated in camp activities but felt most in attendance would take advantage of all they could attend as well as having full itineraries of their own. They favored the freer movement and co-ed camps as compared to camps of yesterday. They also noted two French speaking troops were in attendance from Northern Ontario.

Informal garb
The informality of the camp was matched by the dissimilarity of dress shown by the Venturers which ranged all the way from the approved Venturer uniform to Apache-type garb in vogue with 14 to 17 year-olds. There were beards, moustaches, berets, bush hats, sweat shirts and jeans in the camp, a situation scout leaders of a decade ago would have found intolerable. Veteran Art Jackson, whose official handle is Assistant Provincial Scout Executive, a full time scouter, found it all delightful. He kept in the background and let the Venturers make Ontario One a camp of their own, with no interference. Among visitors were Provincial Commissioner Charles Clark of Stoney Creek, Joseph Turner of the Provincial Scout Executive as well as numerous others from all parts of the province.



CEREMONIAL BOTTLE of simulated champagne is presented to speaker Dr. Winegard by Venturer from Applewood to launch Ontario One. (Photo by H. Coles)

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Centennial notes

Former resident sends \$100 for centennial

By Jack Carpenter
It seems that the Acton councillors were right. Letters sent to any body can affect their decisions and actions. The Centennial Commission is no exception. This week they received more mail than they have since they requested suggestions for the centennial project.

Effect of the letters has certainly created the need for some changes. The mail brought \$136 in donations to the centennial fund and fully endorsed the efforts of the commission and the project. Therefore it is decided to increase the tempo for donations to the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign.

Authority plans nature exhibit

The most important item in planning any kind of a building is funds. For \$3 your name will be on a brick in the community centre project. Keep these letters coming, do it now. Everyone should participate even councillors. The address Box 100, Acton Ont.

Thirty teachers from Dufferin, Wellington, Peel and Halton Counties attended the Teachers' Conservation Workshop at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area on May 6.

Sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the Workshop was designed to familiarize teachers with the facilities for outdoor education offered by the Authority.

Following an orientation talk by information officer Joan Hollings and technical adviser John Winters, the group walked the nature trail in the pouring rain.

Ideas from this discussion and the answers to the questionnaire which followed have already sparked interest at the Authority level. Plans to enlarge the program are underway. An indoor exhibit showing samples of trees, bark, fungus, rock, soil and other items of interest pertaining to the local area is being prepared at Terra Cotta.

Council approve zoning changes

Proper zoning for a church and a crafts and gift shop were approved by council Tuesday. On recommendation of planning board, council approved two applications for zoning changes. The first was from Evangel Pentecostal church asking rezoning from R1 (residential) to R2, so the present church will conform.

Councillor Coats mentioned these are routine zoning changes, but wondered how the church got there in the first place.

One at a time?
Councillor McKenzie wondered if it was right to rezone just one house at a time as commercial. Councillor Coats thought it was surrounded by "ordinary houses" that shouldn't be changed. Mayor Duby agreed each case should be considered on its merits.

Councillor Marks inquired about parking and councillors agreed parking would be adequate on the street. Mr. Coats pointed out the owners only intended to use part of the ground floor for their shop.

Costs of the applications are covered by the applicants.

No objections were made. **Shop in house**
The second application was to rezone the house at 16 Wilbur St. from C1H (Commercial holding) to C1 to permit its use as a crafts and gift shop.

The former home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood, it is the only house on its block facing Wilbur St. Mrs. Pat Clemons of Scarborough hopes to open a shop there.

Happy holiday

Firecrackers and fireworks popped and hissed all over town on the weekend, culminating Monday evening in the usual Victoria Day displays in gardens.

There were organized displays in Rockwood and Campbellville. Police received a complaint Friday of fireworks from Poplar Ave. and investigated, speaking to parents of children involved. A couple of impaired drivers were charged by police, but in general the holiday weekend was a happy and peaceful one.

Brothers remanded

Bob and Ed Calver of Acton appeared in Milton court last week on the Milton police docket, and were remanded until June 19. They also appeared in court in Georgetown Tuesday (yesterday).

The Calver brothers are facing various charges of theft, dating back several years. Others have also been charged with possession of stolen property, in connection with the case. Only the name of George Currie, Rockwood, has been released by police.

Some charges were laid by Acton O.P.P., others by Milton O.P.P. and other district police forces.

County supports township reeve

Halton County Council threw their support behind a move by Mrs. A. MacArthur, Nassagaweya Reeve to have the \$150 provincial grant restored on a permanent basis for Ontario Scholars. Mrs. MacArthur argued the grant should be continued because it recognizes excellence and several students could not pursue a university education without the money.

about from experience. Acton Deputy Reeve Pat McKenzie, a principal in an Acton Public School said he had contacted several secondary school principals and learned many support the move to cut the grant because the number of Ontario Scholars had doubled and in some places tripled since marking of Grade 13 exams was returned to local schools by the Department.

He said he felt the private bursaries were generous and that those in need qualified under government plans: He felt council should support the government

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