

Acton-Rockwood drivers

Lowville Racing Team sweep events

By Roy Downs

When the Lowville Racing Team heads for a snowmobile race meet, the competition starts to shudder.

And the competitors were fidgeting Sunday when the 11-man racing crew pulled into Courtcliffe Park for Carlisle Snowdrifters' annual Molson's Cup snowmobile races. Their nervousness was natural, for the Lowville-based club has a reputation for winning a pile of trophies wherever they go.

Sunday was no exception as eight of the club's entries picked up 18 trophies, including eight first prizes, in the day's program of races. There were about 150 machines entered.

Brading, 28 points
Led by the veteran Chris

Brading who took six awards, making him top driver of the day, the Lowville club literally smeared most of the competition. They won all but two of the day's races.

Brading won firsts in the B and D modified classes, seconds in C stock and open modified, third in C modified and D stock. He won 26 points to become top driver of the day and was presented with

the sterling silver Molson's Cup. Danny Arbie of Acton claimed firsts in B and C stock classes, and seconds in D and E stock. He picked up 18 points and was second top driver of the meet.

Ian Grant of Lowville took a first in E stock, Walt Dixon of Georgetown first in the 250 cc, Joe Winder of Lowville fourth in C stock, John Salmon Jr. of Rockwood first in each of two

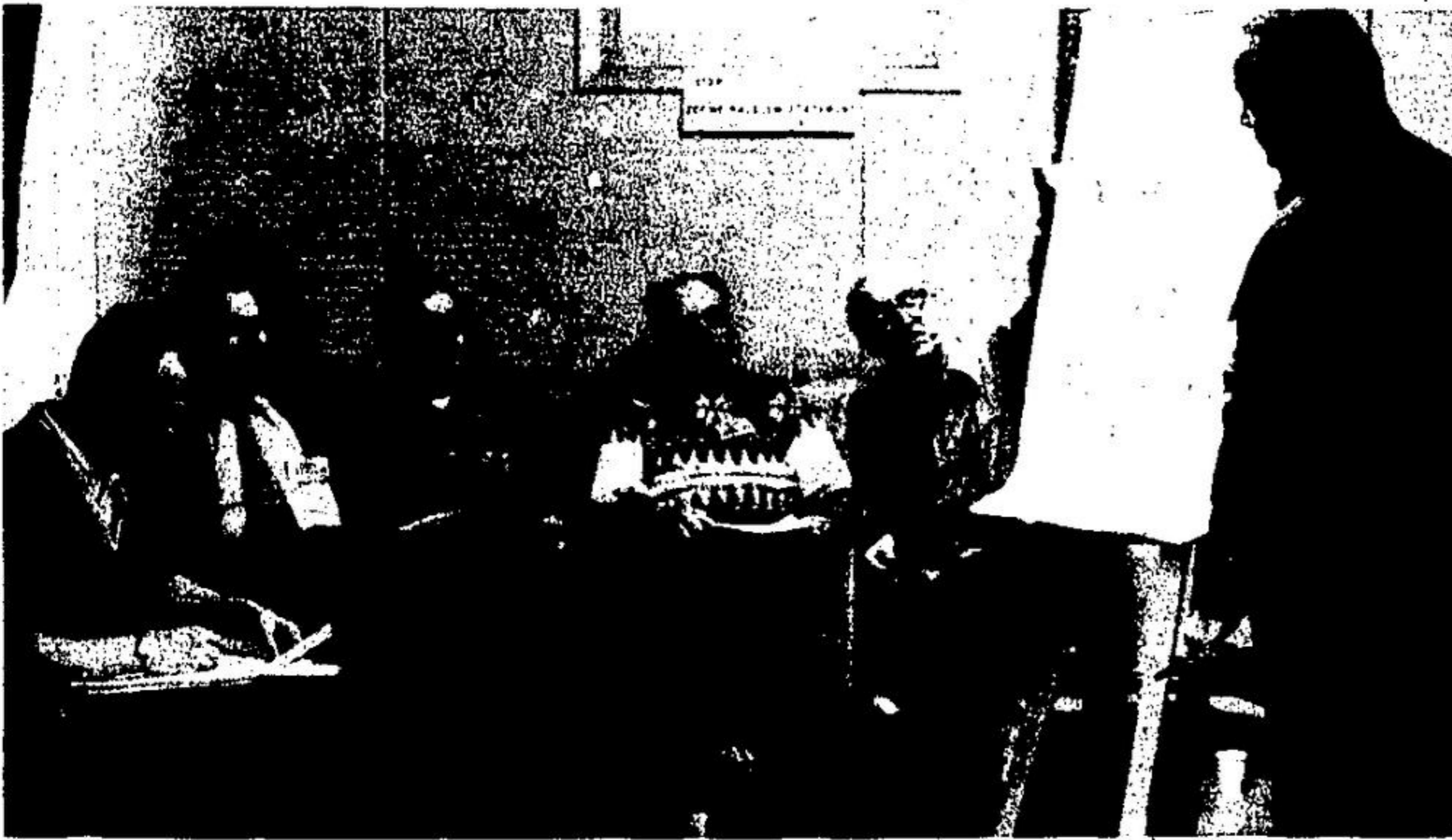
junior races, John Salmon Sr. a second in B stock and a third in D stock, and Al Knight of Georgetown a fourth in the B modifieds.

Other members of the Lowville Team are Jim Lilley and Paul Braida of Acton and Gary Smith of Rockwood.



ROCKWOOD SNOWMOBILE RACER John Salmon Jr. is in the lead as the B stock class rounds the number three turn at Carlisle snowmobile races Sunday. A large crowd was on hand for the event. Salmon and his son John Jr. are members of the

Lowville Racing Team which is making quite a name for itself in the district racing circles. Jim Lilley, Danny Arbie and Paul Braida of Acton and Gary Smith of Rockwood are other local members of the Lowville Team. (Photo by R. Downs)



SCOUTING COUNSELLORS from across Canada were in attendance at a special conference and workshop near here to discover and correct problems connected with, and peculiar to, scouting in larger urban centers. The 63 people were billeted in the Blue Springs training lodge, R.R. 1, Acton, for the four day workshop, and split up into groups of six or seven to discuss their problems. A grant, from the federal government, (Office of the Secretary of State), helped to defray travelling expenses, with the individual councils

covering the remainder of the cost. Participating in one of the group discussions were: Rick Lander from Hamilton, Bert Hiscock from St. Johns Nfld., Tim Laird of Windsor, Les Wheeler from North Waterloo, Assistant Provincial Scout Executive for Ontario, Art Jackson, and Doug Lewis from Victoria B.C. Most of the counsellors arrived last Thursday afternoon and were back home again by Sunday night. (Photo by J. Jennings)

Want no quarry trucks on roads west of village

A petition from 18 ratepayers was presented to Nassagaweya Township Council Monday, urging Council to prevent quarry trucks from using the First Line, 10 Sideroad and Campbellville Rd. west of the village of Campbellville.

Donald W. Duke, who presented the petition, had appeared at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing two weeks ago when proposed traffic routes from the Springbank Quarry (now known as the Agnew pit) were discussed. The OMB hearing was adjourned and the quarrying company had been asked to get in touch with council to discuss truck routes to Highway 401. Duke told council the area residents did not want quarry traffic going past their homes, for a variety of reasons.

He cited the noise, dust, additional costs of road repair, safety hazards including two railway tracks and dangerous intersections, depreciation of property values and the destruction of the agricultural environment as the major reasons.

The First Line and 10 Sideroad are Class "B" roads and the weight limit is 22,000 pounds. Most quarry trucks would exceed that limit by at least 50 per cent, he claimed. He noted some portions of the roads are through swamps, where gravel has been laid over the original corduroy roads, and they wouldn't last long with heavy quarry traffic.

"All residents of Nassagaweya will be affected by your decision," he told council. "Who will pay to rebuild the roads?" Taxpayers would be subsidizing the quarry if they foot the bill, he said. He noted it would cost \$100,000 to \$250,000 to rebuild the four miles of road between the quarry site and the Highway 401 interchange north of Campbellville, and rebuilding may be

necessary every five years.

Wants new road
In summation, Duke urged a new road be built so no quarry traffic would have to travel township or county roads.

Councillors assured him no decision has yet been made, in fact Springbank has not yet approached council to discuss the traffic routes. "We will take your presentation and your views into consideration," Deputy Reeve Jim Watson assured him.

Expect 225 4-H members

By Mrs Doreen Bannister
4-H Homemaking Club Leaders in Halton County met for two days last week to prepare for the next club unit, "Sportswear from Knits". Thirty-two leaders attended the sessions at Ligny Hall, which were conducted by Home Economists, Mrs. Doreen Bannister of Halton and Mrs. Patricia Reid of Dufferin.

Mrs. Bannister welcomed one new club to the group. The leaders anticipate a total enrolment of 225 in the 17 clubs. Members are required to make one or more pieces of coordinating sportswear from a knitted fabric.

Any girl of club age (12-26) years who wishes to join should contact her local club leaders now. Further information may be obtained by calling the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food in Milton.

Ottawa Report

by
Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The Party Whip, that sometimes disliked, always respected enigma of a fellow is generally little known outside of party circles. He is appointed by the leader from among the party backbenchers and according to tradition, is responsible for rounding up the members when a vote is called in the House.

The term Whip derives from British parliamentary tradition and originates from the Whip used to round up the hounds during fox hunts.

However the job entails much more than keeping tabs on the comings and goings of fellow MPs and berating them into the House for votes.

A diplomat
He must have good political sense and be a supreme diplomat. He is usually involved

in broad party organization, the appointment of members to committees, the allocating of delegations to represent Canada abroad and sometimes the stickiest job of all, the allocation to members of their seats in the House of Commons and their parliamentary offices. His word is final and the wary member knows that staying on the good side of the Whip is a necessary pre-requisite to advancement in Ottawa.

There are many stories about past Whips and the lengths to which they have gone to guarantee maximum party strength in the House. Once, in the distant past, it is alleged, a Whip arranged for the kidnapping of an opposition member, thus ensuring his absence during a crucial vote. In 1926 during the tense MacKenzie

King - Arthur Meighen struggle a Whip hired a whole train to transport a single member to Ottawa. And it was a Whip who once had an ocean liner stopped to retrieve a member back to Parliament for a vote. Present day shenanigans are somewhat less dramatic, being usually confined to hiding members behind curtains and pillars so as to keep from the opposition Whips the exact party strength for the upcoming vote.

58 "me-firsters"
Our party's present is the affable and totally unflappable Tom Bell, the member for Saint John - Lancaster (New Brunswick). He is a good strategist with an extensive knowledge of parliamentary procedure. With the large influx of new P.C. members elected last Oct. 30 - 58 in all - Tom's job of assigning us to committees, seats in the House, offices, etc. has required the diplomatic skill of an ambassador. As a result of winning our elections we are perhaps all guilty of becoming somewhat self-important prima donnas, used to royal treatment back home. There is nothing like a gaggle of 58 "me-firsters" to drive a man right around the bend. But Tom has managed to make everyone think he has been fairly treated. In any event we are now all too fully involved with the massive amount of work involved in being an MP to consider our own self-importance.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville, phone 844-0222.

Elect Stanley brothers to head sheep club

By Alice Summerfield
On Jan. 17, the Halton 4-H Sheep Club held their first meeting in the Agricultural office in Milton. Three first year members were present among the very good turnout, and one of the leaders, Mr. Hunter.

M. Armstrong introduced "4-H" to the members and then asked for topics that members wished to see incorporated into the monthly meetings. Popular topics were diseases (worms, vitamin deficiencies), history of sheep breeds, and feeding show and market lambs and the breeding flock. The project will be wrapped up in September with

quiz night and achievement day and finally awards night in October.

Following enrolment, election of officers was held. The results were: president Stephen Stanley, vice-president David Stanley, secretary Valerie Knight, and news reporter Alice Summerfield.

A feed
Mr. Armstrong took up the topic of "What is a Feed", explaining first that a feed ration is defined as, what is fed in a 24-hour period to an animal. In an easily understood manner, he discussed the elements of feed, namely protein, fibre, fat, carbohydrates, ash and water. The talk was worthwhile and informative.

President Stephen Stanley adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will likely be Feb. 14. There is still room in the club for approximately five more members. If you would like to join this club, are between the ages of 10-21, please do so before Feb. 1. For further information, contact the agricultural office in Milton.

No assistance in town now

Applicants for unemployment insurance requiring assistance must now contact the Unemployment insurance office in the Royal Bank building in Guelph or the Georgetown office. Mrs. Alex Mann, who had been assisting applicants in Acton has resigned the position.

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