

Another episode of "Spain or bust"

This week Dolline Deslattes continues her account of the high school students' trip to Spain.

By Dolline Deslattes
After an eventful night's sleep at the Skyline Hotel in Montreal, we awoke the next day to be faced with a serious situation. With suitcases in hand, our travellers

berelred down the elevator into the lobby to dispose of them while eating. During our breakfast, we were disturbed by some upsetting news.

With Mr. Black, who remained over so calm, announcing it, we found that we were in an almost impossible plight. Seeing that no planes were leaving from Montreal to Madrid due to

weather conditions on that Sunday, March 18, we had three choices left to us. Out of the three selections, we could: No. 1 Either take a bus home; No. 2 Take a train home or No. 3 Take a seven hour-long bus ride to New York City and catch a plane from there. So with determination and stamina behind us, we chose No. 3. It was either Spain or bust! And we'd get there if it killed us.

Goodbye to Canada
So after our hearty and filling breakfast, a last minute check for luggage and other belongings was performed. Finally, with everyone bundled in their wraps, the bus pulled in to "wheel" us into New York City. As we headed out from Montreal, driving into an unknown, familiar snowflakes led us on our way.

From 8:30 a.m., when we left Montreal, until about 5:00 p.m., when the suburbs of New York City were reached, the bus was our "home on wheels". In between that time, our chaperone "mothers" made sure that we never starved. The lone hours found us eating, singing, playing cards and joking the time away.

As we reached the International Canadian-U.S. border, and our passports were checked, we said good-bye to Canada as we rolled onto American soil.

Steady driving
For the next few hours until lunch, we made our way through the state of Vermont. At noon, we stopped for lunch which again was already "prepaid" for us, due to the many inconveniences we had been through.

Finally, with lunch out of the way, the rest of the afternoon was left for steady driving to our destination—New York City. Again time found us idling away the hours and enjoying the countryside as it slipped past us, until around 4:30 when we had reached the outskirts of New York City. As we drove further into the "heart" of New York, we could see the turmoil of city living—excess pollution, traffic tangles and utter confusion—everywhere there were cars, garbage and people.

Before we knew it we were in the John F. Kennedy Airport grounds, after we had seen the silhouette of the Empire State building and passed by the New York State Fair complex. Many foreign terminals had passed us by before our departing one was found.

Finally, we had reached the Iberian Airline agency where we and our luggage disembarked. With suitcases separated from us we were free to explore the many shops within the waiting area. So with an almost free-hour, many of our travellers explored the various stores, purchasing chocolate bars, chips and other such "candy-fillers".
Off at last!
So after our long excursion to New York and another waiting period for our flight, the group was finally called to take our turn in the seating room awaiting to board Iberian's luxurious 747—our "castle in the sky". And what happened after we boarded the plane, stay tuned next week for another episode from "Spain or Bust!"



"KEEP that arm straight" cautions fencing instructor S. Wood-Gaines during a demonstration at the Acton High mini-school last week. Trying out the sabre is Heike Bollert.



CHESS master Stan Percival ponders a move while three of his 12 opponents at last week's Acton High mini-school await their confrontation with the expert. Ed Ensing (left) and Jack Buttery were among Percival's opponents.



CHINESE cooking was expertly taught to Acton High students at last week's mini-school by Lillian Ng who resides on 25 Sideroad near town. Sampling the delicacies are Debbie Bousfield and Jane Williamson.

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—Two people were hurt and over \$4,000 damage was caused in eight accidents investigated by Milton OPP during the past week.

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Scouting around

By John Toet
I thought it would be nice if I could begin my first Scouting column with a quote or saying made by some world-famous figure.

The first world-famous figure I thought of was Raquel Welch, but I doubt if she's ever made any earth-shattering comments. Just when I was ready to abandon this idea, I remembered a statement that our founder, Lord Baden-Powell made at his very first Scout meeting. His statement of "Now see here, boys! Put me down!" has been heard at many a Scout meeting since.

The major purpose of this column is to make people aware that there is Scouting in their area, and that we are doing things that are interesting and appealing to boys and their parents. We certainly hope you'll enjoy doing them. "Nuff said." Let's get down to business.

March 22, 1973 was memorable one for Cubs of the 5th Georgetown "B" Pack. They travelled by train to Union Station, Toronto.

What I didn't tell Terry was that I contacted one of her Cubs and asked if he had any hot tips on where I could put my money. Without a moment of hesitation, he looked me right in the eye and said "the bank." That fellow's destined for great things.

Four members of the 2nd Georgetown's troop put their March break to good use and went hiking on Monday, March

19. Their starting point was just south of Speyside and they walked along the Bruce trail to the 4th Line West of Limehouse. After their six mile hike, they built small fires and cooked their lunch.

The real camping story this month came from Glen Williams. The 1st Glen Williams Scouts and Venturers, along with Scouters Steve Gemini and Bruce O'Connor were out at Terra Cotta the weekend of March 17-18. For those that maybe don't remember that was the weekend of the freak snowstorm, but it didn't bother any of these fellows who had a great time, in spite of the inclement weather.

BACK PACKING
On the weekend of March 30 training was held for the upcoming North Halton District Explorer's hike. This is a back-packing weekend for Scouts that will take place on May 11, 12, 13. The boys will be hiking in two or three man teams for a distance of not less than 20 miles. If you think that's a short walk, remember that these fellows will be carrying all their gear on their back. The hike had a good turnout last year, and everyone in attendance had a good time.

The training sessions were held in St. George's church, and the 40 scouts in attendance received instruction in subjects such as first aid, pioneering, how to properly pack their gear and other topics related to the hike. It should be a great weekend.

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Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson

Last Wednesday we had our Mini School. The preparations became a bit hectic near the end, but the day turned out to be a success.

The hard work of Mrs. Joan Morgan and many students contributed greatly to result of the day; an equal amount of effort was put forth by Mrs. Joan Campbell and Mrs. Betty Tamas toward the luncheon for staff and guests.

The speakers seemed to enjoy themselves as much as their audiences. We appreciated their participation in our Mini School for without them, of course, there would not have been one. Student response was good although a few were disappointed when a couple of our guests, unfortunately, couldn't make it.

"Whiskey Howl" was the name of the group that played at our dance on Friday night. Students felt the band was good. Whiskey Howl is a blues group that has a record out. They are currently playing in Toronto.

O.P.P. warning
Police at the Acton detachment hand out a warning this week — the bylaw for overnight parking will be enforced all year round, not just in the winter to aid snow removal.

Minor accident
On Sunday a minor collision was investigated on Church St. at Eastern Ave. There was no charge, according to Acton O.P.P.

BROWNIE AND GUIDE "Citizen of the Year" Mrs. C.K. Browne and Golden Age Club executive member Mrs. George Fryer received special attention at Saturday afternoon's Brownie-guide tea at the scout hall. Doing the honors dressed in their guide uniforms are Monica Heptner and Judy Pink. (D. Gibbons photo)

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