

# Scouting Around

By John Toit

Scouting in North Halton is trying to ready itself for a sharp increase in membership and it's all because of something that's recently received a great deal of news coverage.

Everyone's been talking about the seven per cent tax increase and how it could be a long, cold winter if we're all afraid to turn up the thermostat. As a result, crash courses in advanced fire lighting are being given to Scouts around the area, for those of you who have daughters and not sons, never fear. I hear that the Guides are learning to knit heavy sweaters and suits. Once again it looks like "Scouting" to the rescue.

Active group

I recently had the pleasure of receiving a copy of the 1st Ballinafad Cub Pack Newsletter. This newsletter is compiled by Marny Willaio who is their group publicity chairman. This newsletter is read by all parents of Ballinafad Cubs and by the sound of things, they're a very active group.

Just last month the boys had a trip to the Science Centre. Mrs. Willaio said in her letter "Judging from the tired bodies and sore feet, a grand time was had by all." Since there's nothing greater than a cub's curiosity, I'd imagine that was a very accurate statement. However, they must have had a speedy recovery because two weeks later the "Blue Six" went bowling.

We should be hearing more from the Ballinafad Bunch as time goes on because in the coming months they're arranging a trip to Fantasy Island and a bazaar. There's one word to describe a group like the 1st Ballinafad — "busy."

Sweet trip

Some of you may remember reading of the 5th Georgetown B pack trip to Toronto to see the parliament buildings, the stock exchange and other attractions. Evidentially, city life didn't appeal to everyone, or at least that's what I thought after reading this report by Terry Colter, which I have entitled "Everything you wanted to know about maple syrup, but were afraid to ask."

Last month the 8th Georgetown "P" Pack visited the Bruce's Mills Conservation's Sugar Bush. Accompanying the group were Akela Terry Colter and assistants Brenda Davis and Malcolm MacLeod. Helping with the driving were Al Fraser and Ken Jones.

Drop-in camp

Venturers in North Halton District have been keeping busy. Last month during holidays, 4th Georgetown Venturers held a "Drop-In" camp attended by Venturers from 1st and 5th Georgetown companies, Norval Rangers dropped in one evening for a campfire.

On March 29, 4th Venturers toured the Douglas Aircraft plant under the guidance of Bob Carlaw, a Scouter from Oakville District.

Glen Williams Venturers, being opportunists, took advantage of living at the starting point of the Crazy Boat race. They ran a small food booth and raked in \$38. Not bad for a day's work.

Not long after that, the Glen Williams Cubs, Scouts and Venturers held a Hobby and Craft Show at the Glen United church, modelling, coin collecting, short-wave sets, models and even paintings were on display.

A very informative "Scouters Club" was held in the Glen recently. It took the form of a "Youth Forum" and benefitted from the wisdom of the panel which was composed of Dr. Hoddinott, Dr. Mead and Barn Rennick and Ron Chilton of the teaching profession.

After reading all this, you're probably wondering what Venturing is all about. Venturers are fellows between the ages of 14 and 16 who form companies varying in numbers. They are largely responsible for designing their own programs and have an adult advisor to help them pull off their projects.

First aid in this District shouldn't be a problem, 16 Venturers and their leaders successfully completed a St. John Ambulance course and they say they are looking forward to commanding the first aid ten of Scouting's '73. It's always reassuring to have competent first aiders at the ready no matter what the event.



MANY articles of clothing, books and baked goods were available at a rummage sale sponsored by the Heather Club of Knox Presbyterian Church last Friday afternoon. Ruth Brent checks the selection of dresses. (D. Gibbons photo)

## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Sometimes, when defending, it's not a case of knowing what to lead, it's a case of knowing what not to lead.

Here is an excellent example from the boards at the Acton Bridge Club where declarer is defeated because the defense would not lead a certain suit.

South dealt with neither side vulnerable.

|             |              |             |             |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| NORTH       |              | EAST        |             |
| S-A3        | H-J 10 9 4 3 | S-Q J 9 5 2 | H-K 8 2     |
| D-A J 5 4 2 | C-7          | D-10 8 6    | C-Q 9       |
| WEST        |              | SOUTH       |             |
| S-10 8 6    | H-A Q 8      | S-K 7 4     | H-7 2       |
| D-9 3       | C-A 10 8 4 2 | D-K Q 7     | C-K J 6 5 3 |

The bidding:  
North EAST SOUTH WEST  
1H Pass 1C Pass  
2D Pass 1NT Pass  
3NT. All Pass 2NT. Pass

Opening lead—Four of clubs.  
If you do not agree with South's opening bid, then suppose he

### Holiday

The Victoria Day holiday is Monday, May 21 this year.

passes. In that case North will open the bidding and three no trump will be reached in any case. At the Acton Bridge Club all pairs reached three no trump but only two of them made the contract.

Since South did not rebid his clubs, West does not know if it is a real suit or just a starting bid. In any case West should lead his fourth best club. Dummy will play the seven. East the queen and declarer should win with the king.

Ninth trick  
Declarer is looking at eight top tricks. He has two spades, five diamonds and the one club that he just won. If the defense will cooperate he would be able to get a ninth trick. To put pressure on the defense, declarer begins by running all five diamond tricks.

Declarer can discard a heart and a club with ease. East must hang on to a club to help his partner and he is worried about hearts so he will have to discard two spades. West can easily discard a club and a heart.

Templation  
After the five diamond tricks, declarer leads the heart jack, which is won by West.

It is a great temptation to West to try to establish the club suit. West has a heart entry and it looks as if he could get some club tricks. However, he should think back to trick one.

On his initial club lead, East played the queen which denies holding the jack. Therefore declarer has the club jack and if West leads clubs, declarer gets another trick in that suit.

## Decision in two weeks on pheasant pen objection

The question of whether or not pheasant pens on the property of Bill Donaldson, west half of Lot 3, Con. 7 could eventually produce a situation objectionable to his neighbor Ronald Jeffrey will be discussed further by Enquiring Council in committee before a decision is made.

Council received a letter from Mr. Jeffrey complaining that the number and size of the buildings on the Donaldson property may become objectionable and also result in a health hazard.

Appearing before council to reply, Mr. Donaldson said he had been told by township officials he needed no building permit to construct the pens which he said are 16 feet long facing each other with a 5 1/2 foot walkway in between.

When pointed out that he had used six gallons of paint on them now and they're not painted yet," he told council. He said he feels he is conducting an agricultural use of the land. The birds which he shows are all kept in pens and there is no smell, he said. He said the pens are 27 feet from the Jeffrey property.

In answer to a question from Councillor Dick Howitt, clerk-treasurer Delmar French confirmed that the township building by-law calls for a 100 foot sideyard for a barn.

"But the building inspector said they were shelters," Mr. Donaldson interjected. Building inspector Tom McLean also in attendance at the meeting agreed, saying he would call them rain shelters.

Potential situation  
Taking his turn to speak, Mr. Jeffrey conceded that the Donaldsons have done a tremendous job with their backyard, but added that he is still concerned an objectionable situation could result.

"If the land were sold, it could be rabbits later on, then there could be a small situation. It's getting confined. It could get to be all pens," he said.

Mr. Donaldson countered that the pens are portable and can come down as fast as they went up.

Deputy-reeve Len Coxe suggested the matter be referred to committee for further discussion.

"If we think we need more information, we'll call you both," Reeve Tom Hill concluded. Reeve Hill promised the men an answer in two weeks time.

## Permit produce sale if it's home grown

Enquiring Council Monday night assured Don Roberts, a resident of Lot 4, Con. 2 just north of Milton he may sell vegetables and produce from a stand on his property, provided it is produce he has grown himself.

Mr. Roberts first appeared before council to request that his land be rezoned commercial to allow him to open up a plumbing business with his brother, but

Deputy-reeve Len Coxe explained the township's holding by-law prevents a change in land use until such time as the official plan and zoning by-law come into effect.

Surrounded  
It was Mr. Roberts' argument that commercially-zoned land lies all around his property. He referred to McKinley Transport and Duranto's Towing Service.

When the subject changed to the sale of produce, Mr. Roberts pointed out that there is another stand in the area at which not only home grown produce, but oranges and bananas are being sold.

"I would have to think they may be contravening the by-law. It should be looked into," Deputy Reeve Coxe commented in reference to the existing stand.

Reeve question  
Councillor Dick Howitt felt it is a question of whether or not the stand was operating prior to the passing of the holding by-law in 1969.

Council also assured Mr. Roberts he needs no license to sell home grown produce and that he may rent property behind his own to grow vegetables.

## Decoration Day planning begins

Decoration Day representatives from various organizations met last Wednesday. Elected to plan this year's event are president Jessie Coles, secretary Helen Jockoe and treasurer Dave Hunter.

There were six organizations represented at the meeting in the library board room. The groundwork was laid and final arrangements will be made at a meeting Wednesday, May 16.

Decoration Day is the first Sunday in June, this year June 3.

## Addresses needed principals' party

Students in every public school graduating year since 1940 are being personally invited to Principals Recognition Day May 28. Conveners have been named for each year, beginning with Earl Masales, who's searching out his classmates of 1940. G.W. McKenzie's first year here.

But naturally there are some blanks in their lists, and convener Mrs. Kathy Sanford has compiled a list of names referred to her as "location unknown."

Also quite a few teachers who have moved on cannot be located. Can you help? Let Mrs. Sanford know at the Robert Little school if you have addresses for any of these former students or teachers.

- Class lists  
1940—Edward Russell, Howard Killick, Roy Wood, Margaret Foster.  
1941—Jack Crawford.  
1942—Sabina Janik.  
1947—Wanda Timbers, Bill Dron, Ina Harding, Helen McIsaac, Ruth Smith.  
1956—Edith Francescato, Doug Gregory, Bill Healey, Jeff Morris, Doug Ruddick, Robina

- Sagaski, John Tripp.  
1959—Robert Little School, Carol Evans, John Boardman, Pat Quennell, Edna Lamonte.  
1963, M.Z. Bennett School, Pauline Beland, Howard McBeth, Darlene McCurdy, Jake Pasma, Helen Wilson, Terry Swim, Bob Browne.  
1972, M.Z. Bennett School, Terry Jeffrey, Ryan Reed.

Missing teachers  
Former Robert Little teachers not located are Elizabeth MacArthur, Muriel Chambers, Miriam Ritchie, Elizabeth Dryden, C.M. Bell, Joanne (Shortill) Ridler, E. Henderson, Mrs. Norma Brock, Nina Kelly, Ruth Henderson, Bette Hawke, Shirley Williams, Miss P. Barrett, C.E. Murison, J.G. Griffin, Mrs. A. Gwizdala, C. Laughlin, M. Gordon, Elaine Elder, Mrs. Barber, Marlene Taylor, Verna Tomplar, Mrs. Barbara Mann, Mrs. Helene Reynolds, Miss Elaine Ellis, Miss Marian Gallagher, Carol Pugsley, Mrs. Nancy Webb, Helen Baker Farrow, William Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Skirrow

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