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Girls work for badge, learn fire prevention

The second Acton guide company went to the fire hall on Thursday night with their captain, Margaret Wilson. While there, they took notes on fire safety, fire prevention and how to put out different kinds of fire. This week they will be tested by fire chief Mick Holmes in hopes of achieving their fire brigade badge.

Mr. Holmes also showed them how to use a fire extinguisher in case of emergency, and showed the proper procedures for mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The qualifications of the fire brigade badge are: un-

derstanding the nature of fires and its causes, the danger of smoke and fire, different types of fires, understanding the methods of extinguishing various types of fires where no regular extinguisher is available and using common types of fire extinguishers. They must know the safety precautions taken to prevent fires when it strikes, and understand and inspect fire hazards. The guides must also know how to sound the alarm, both to the fire department and steps to be taken to save lives. They must know the dangers of panic and how to avert it and

how to extinguish fires in their own home or another person's clothing.

Artificial respiration, approved by the St. John Ambulance Association, or the Red Cross must also be known, as well as special precautions required for lighting and putting out a camp fire and camp stoves. The final requirement they must meet before achieving this badge is to recognize dynamite and detonators and know what action is to be taken on finding them.



DAVID JONES TEACHES environmental science, science and biology at the high school. When not dragging his cast around, Mr. Jones likes to play tennis, and enjoys cross country skiing.

Sheridan trailer

The Sheridan College Arts and Crafts trailer at M.Z. Bennett public school involves more than 150 children.

These children take five, one hour sessions in the unit of their choice. These classes are an elective and are not compulsory.

Ceramics, leather work, working with wool and macrame are offered to interested students during the mornings.

Adults On Tuesday afternoons and evenings, the 25 adults who registered will be taught ceramics in a 30 hour course. Classes are for 10 weeks and are three hours a day, one day a week.

On Wednesday afternoon a "working with wool" program is to be taught. This includes inca loom weaving, macrame and crochet.

Because there were not enough people signed up for the harness loom classes and the painting course, both had to be cancelled. However, as soon as enough people are interested, the college is prepared to start classes immediately.

David Jones is science teacher

By Laurie Mellor David Jones came to Acton because he wanted to teach in a small school and he liked the idea of teaching with a few good friends. David, has taught in an open classroom but he wanted the chance to teach in a regular classroom so he came here.

Mr. Jones is teaching Environmental Science, Science, and Biology. He majored in Microbiology at the University of Guelph. Mr. Jones participates in the Outers and takes some of his

classes on camping field trips. He is also a staff representative on the students' council.

Photography, tennis, and cross country skiing are Mr. Jones' hobbies. He is single and is a Leo, but says he only believes in horoscopes some days. He has only one superstition—that it is bad luck to kill spiders.

Mr. Jones likes teaching because he feels that it is a good way to get to know people, and he hopes he stays on at Acton.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Beavers got off to a tail-slapping start Thursday evening. It was an extremely successful night for the newest members of the Boy Scouts of Canada. They will meet every Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

The second Acton Guide Company visited the Acton fire hall last Thursday evening and were given training for their fire brigade badge by fire chief Mick Holmes. This Thursday the girls will be tested for their badge.

Conference Leadership begins at a young age. Six scouts from Acton were among the 42 that attended the patrol leaders pre-training conference, held in Acton on Thursday evening. Registration began at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Scout Hall while Beaver's finished upstairs. The boys were put into two troops with four patrols each. This conference was to brief the scouts on the North Halton District Patrol Leaders Camp, which will be held this weekend at Blue Springs Scout Reserve.

It is a wonder that Acton was chosen for the conference. Perhaps some people are realizing that Acton does exist!

Music training took place at Robert Little School, Monday evening at 7 p.m. Two ladies from Georgetown instructed 40 representatives of the two

Former MP at Sheridan

In an informal and candid manner former Halton MP Terry O'Connor fielded questions from Sheridan College students yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

O'Connor, who sat in parliament for 18 months from Dec. 1972 until his defeat in the June federal election, said it was frustrating for him as an individual to run a good campaign and still lose.

O'Connor strongly urges people to write to their MP and use him to get their ideas through to Ottawa. "I was influenced many times by comments or letters from constituents. I would get as many as a dozen letters and unless I felt a real deep-hearted way about an issue, I would consider them. Many times it depended on the power and strength of the individual letter writer."



BRIAN SKERRETT CONGRATULATES Debra Bousfield on graduating from grade 13 and also for being an Ontario scholar.

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My life in the listening business

BY BETTY KENNEDY

I find hosting an interview show is a lot easier than explaining how you do it. I don't think you can be in this business without being genuinely curious about people, about their lives, and the million things that make them different from each other. But a person's difference doesn't always show on the surface and you can't force it out. It takes a lot of listening, not only to the person's words but to the hidden man or woman behind them. My main effort is always to make the person feel at ease, to let my guests know the moment they walk into the studio that they'll be treated with respect and thoughtfulness. Putting people on the spot or deliberately embarrassing them doesn't interest me. I want them to relax and explore the things that really mean something to them. When a long-time international star tells you candidly she has no difficulty relating to huge audiences,

it's only in one-to-one relationships she can never make it, you know you have reached that person. She becomes a real person talking, not just a stage personality. It's that kind of response that suddenly makes an interview take off. What I am after is exactly that personal, human quality of a guest which can often lend a new perspective to a story. Many things about a

good interview are the intangibles you simply can't explain. The tangibles are easy enough—the amount of homework done in advance and your own ability to concentrate completely on the guest. If someone controversial is presenting an unpopular view, the listening audience is entitled to a fair and impartial presentation. I believe it is the audience, not the interviewer, who judges the merits of a guest. Audiences have a lot of common sense and are quite capable of arriving at their own decisions. Broadcasting takes you into many different worlds, but always it is the people, what they think, what they feel, why they do the things they do, that count most.



Personally yours
Betty Kennedy



TWELVE GIRL GUIDES were at the fire hall on Thursday night in order to learn fire safety. This will help them on their way to the fire brigade badge. Left to right, Theresa Conroy, Marie Louise Turnbull and Patricia Henry listen to fire chief Mick Holmes give instructions on how to use the dispatcher radio.

AHS Notes
by Marg Jongsma

Acton High's annual Commencement was held last Friday. The evening was well attended and ran very smoothly. A banquet for graduates and teachers was held prior to the exercises and a graduation dance followed. Andrea Broostad was valedictorian as well as winner of several scholarships. Last week Acton junior girls defeated White Oaks 53-39. This was their fifth victory in as many games. This week they take on Perdue in Oakville. Keep winning, girls! It is nice to have a winning team especially when all of our opponents come from schools that are two or three times larger than ours. Travelling On Wednesday October 23, geography teacher Jim May, will be travelling to Chicago to attend the national council for geography education. Also on Wednesday there will be a chess tournament at T.A. Blakelock High School. Our team will be attending this tournament. Good luck! On Thursday October 24 Susan Burns from the Guidance office is taking 65 students to tour Guelph University. This will be an all day outing for the students. On Friday October 25, 25 experienced outers from the high school will unite with Lakefield Outers on a co-op weekend. Many activities are being planned for this weekend. This will give the students from both high schools a lesson on working with each other. Also on Friday, 30 students will be going to the Chinese Exhibits. June Levy's Art class will be enjoying this outing.

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