

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Last weekend was the annual North Halton District Winter Scout camporee. It was held at Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp near Orangeville. The participating groups were first Acton, first Georgetown, second Georgetown, fifth Georgetown, first Glen Williams, first Norval, first Milton and fifth Milton Boy Scout troop. There were 91 Scouts and 22 leaders in attendance.

Acton decided to get an early start Saturday morning so we slept at the Scout hall Friday night. Everyone got a good night's sleep, so good in fact that we slept in until seven in the morning. We arrived at the camp and joined the first event. The Scouts had to race one mile with their equipment for the camp either on their backs or in the klondike sled they had constructed.

Search
Shortly after camp was set up the boys searched for a mystery item around the camp. The weather then took a turn for the worst as rain started to pelt down on the campers. After a while the rain changed to snow with flakes as large as golf balls. This snow continued to fall for the rest of the camp.

Cubs from Acton and Georgetown visited the camp in the afternoon as Scouts attended the various events. Saturday evening the Scouts constructed winter survival shelters. But by seven o'clock Mackenzie Lodge, the only heated building at the camp was filled with 113 men and boys and their wet clothing.

The Scouts had a question period on winter survival followed by a snack. By 8:30 all the Scouts were in their tents snuggling up in their warm sleeping bags. The leaders held a singsong and discussion period before going to bed.

Sunday morning started at 7:30 with a log sawing contest. Flag break and Scouts Own was held at 9:30. Scouts then attended their final events which were first aid rescue, wood transport, compass

estimating, fire lighting and relay race. These events were started on Saturday. Klondike sleds were a very important part of the camp. Menu's and campsite inspections were also marked down. The points were tallied out of a possible 300 points.

We won

The final horseshoe was held. The winners of the 1975 North Halton District winter camp trophy and the Excelsior award had 232 points. They were the First Acton Scout Troop. Troop Scout Rob Paterson, Patrol leaders Jim Saxon and Daryll Allinson, and seconders Rob Lambden and Geoff Saxon. Pat Jacobs and Bev Baker ran up to the front of the horseshoe and with big smiles on their faces received the glittering trophy and the excelsior award.

Scoutmaster John Sharples and counselors Rick Saville and Mark Rowe watched proudly as their Scouts ran back to their places. We had won again. The troop had won the 1974 summer camporee last June. But the other troops put up a valiant effort and Acton did not win by such a great margin as last time. Second place was awarded to first Georgetown pack with 218 points. Third place went to another patrol of first Georgetown with 206 points. Fourth place was tied by Glen Williams and fifth Georgetown with 204 points each.

The seven Scouts then transported their gear to the gate and loaded it. We climbed into the cars and with smiling faces and drooping eyelids drove home to waiting parents.

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The eight year old Cubs from Acton attended the Cub craft conference in Georgetown on Saturday. Much was learned and even the leaders had fun.

All parents are asked to send in Scout and Guide Banquet forms and money to their sons or daughters next meeting.



DARYLL ALLINSON and Rob Lambden head toward their snowcovered tent in a Klondike sled on Saturday at the annual Boy Scout winter camporee. The 1st Acton Scout Troop came in

first in all competitions, over several other troops. To the left is a make-shift fireplace made out of half of a barrel.

Photo by Jim Saxon



FIRE LIGHTING contest was one of the events the 1st Acton Scout troop participated in to win first place and two trophies at the annual winter camporee near Orangeville last weekend.

Photo by Mark Rowe

Scouts place first at winter camporee

Free Press Youth page



BOYS FROM the first Acton Scout troop braved the cold and snow last weekend to attend the annual winter camporee at Orangeville. Daryll Allinson, Rob Lambden, Geoff Saxon and Pat Jacobs tend to the cooking. What is that old saying, "Too many cooks spoil the supper?"
Photo by Mark Rowe

63 cubs, 12 leaders in craft-go-round

Saturday, January 25 was the scene of a craft-go-round for first year cubs at the St. John's United Church. Sixty-

three cubs and 12 leaders participated in the series of crafts.

Jean Layman of 1st

Georgetown demonstrated bookmarks. Bill Schriber of 1st Scotch Block showed how to make tractors out of empty thread spools. Terry Colter of 5th "B" Georgetown produced trivets from pop-sicle sticks. Elaine Hannah from 1st Limehouse designed nature pictures. Roy Gale of 4th Georgetown constructed sailboats made from clothes pins and toothpicks. John Hayes of 1st Georgetown made toothpick structures, while Carol Witcher of 5th "A" Georgetown fashioned woggles from plastic lacing.

The conference was organized by Steve Thompson of 1st Limehouse and Assistant District Commissioner Terry Colter led the boys in the Grand Howl to open the program. 1st Georgetown Cubs ladies auxiliary served refreshments.

Elaine Hannah, who was celebrating a birthday, received a song from the boys and a card signed by the leaders as a souvenir. A game was played under the leadership of Jim Hammer and John Hayes while Jean Layman did the closing Grand Howl to end a fun-filled day.

Details expansion

Barry Wray of Sheridan College told Halton Regional Council of plans to expand the college with a new Brampton campus.

Study

By Anne Opsteen

The Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club held the second meeting at the Agricultural Office on Tuesday, Jan. 14 commencing at 8 p.m. Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley welcomed some 32 members to the meeting. The leader for the club will be George Swann assisted by Cecil Patterson.

The members viewed a film about the digestive tract of ruminants. Guest speakers for the evening, John Anson and George Swann led a discussion about the pathology of poultry. Club members examined several chickens with various diseases such as hepatitis and heart attack.

The club was divided into three groups to study various subjects of animal disease. The topics to be studied are bacteria and disease, internal and external parasites and nutrition and its effect on diseases.

OFY grant deadline

Final application date for Opportunities for Youth grants for 1975 is February 21—earlier than in past years.

There is an application form available at the Free Press office for any group which might want one.

The grants are available to groups of young people to carry out projects of their own planning. These projects operate during the summer months and the grants cover both salaries and operating expenses.

Successful applications in Acton in the past have been for music instruction, help for the elderly, and cleaning up of the creeks and streams.

Helen Leavelle has the application form, if anyone wishes to have it or get more information.

Primary classes dig philharmonic

The auditorium of Pineview School was filled with children ages six to eight and the subject was philharmonic music. A bad scene you might surmise? Not so.

There was hardly a wriggle or a squirm as the

"Metamorphosis - 3" group of chamber musicians went through their program on the oboe, bassoon and piano.

The instruments were brought alive by the trio, including Sandra Watts, oboe; John Courtney, bassoon and Monica Gaylor, piano. Children from Park School were bussed in for the program by these musicians who are highly experienced in the field of chamber music and who collectively have performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Hamilton Philharmonic, for most of the major Ontario universities and festivals and for CBC and CHCH-TV.

Live art
This live introduction to philharmonic music is sponsored by the Halton Board of Education and is shared by a second trio, Live Art. They are artists-in-residence with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and are an exciting trio of piano, percussion and double bass.

These trios will visit Georgetown again Feb. 6 at Harrison School and April 15 at George Kennedy School with Glen Williams visiting and Wrigglesworth School with Limehouse visiting.

No school Friday

There is no school for elementary students Friday.

This Friday, Jan. 31 and Monday, Mar. 10 are Professional Activity Days. On these dates all public elementary schools in Halton County will be closed while teachers attend workshops and in-service sessions and interview parents.

There are 600 overseas students at the University of Guelph. Some of them go out speaking to students in local schools.

These trios will be in Acton on March 19 to visit M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little Schools.

Optional attendance deadline

Application forms are available in the schools for students who wish to attend a school other than the one in their immediate area. Known

as the "Optional Attendance" plan, priority is given in the order in which application forms are received.

The deadline is Feb. 7 for

Sept. 1975. If the student is accepted in the requested school, the Halton Board will not provide special transportation.

AHS Notes

by Marg Jongsmu

Yesterday was the last day of the semester. To celebrate, a dance was held at the High School. Playing was the group Fludd. Many turned out to enjoy in the fun.

On Friday, January 31, a work shop on values will be held in Oakville. Attending this work shop from Acton high school will be Mr. Keith Black. This work shop concerns what values should be taught in school and how these values should be presented. Such values as honesty, value of work and values of your society may be discussed.

Also on Friday in Oakville the course "Like Reading" will be continued. Those going from Acton high school are Ian Downie, Ken Ellis, Miss Sue Baker and Dave Jones.

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