

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Responsibility was the key theme for last weekend's camp attended by Patrol leaders Jim Saxon, Daryl Allinson, seconded Rob Lambden and Scout Geoff Saxon. The boys planned and ran their own camp all weekend. No leaders or parents were in attendance and the Scouts proved that they are quite capable and responsible campers. The boys held the camp in order to receive certain badges.

Lord Rick of Cobblehill (Rick Saville) and Sir Longshanks (Mark Rowe) would like to remind last weekend's campers that they will never surrender.

Many thanks go out to the parents that attended last

night's group committee meeting.

In order to raise funds for the maintenance of the Scout hall, the Acton group committee is selling draw tickets on a giant Easter bunny and two eggs. The draw will be held on March 27.

Scout David Bell and patrol leader Jim Saxon have earned their Pioneer award, after much hard work. This is roughly equivalent to the old second class badge.

The leaders of the Cubs and Scouts would like to thank John Lambden very much for his informative and interesting Scuba diving demonstrations. We are sure that the boys enjoyed it just as much as we did.



HARRIET KNOR, library technician at the high school, shows parent volunteer Rene Watson a new book which just arrived at the library. Mrs. Watson is one of four volunteers who help in the library on a part-time basis.

Resource centre keeps ladies busy

Running a resource centre is a full time job for Harriet Knor, the library technician at the high school. For this reason, she has four part-time, volunteer assistants.

Mrs. Tom Watson, Mrs. Ray Arbie, Mrs. F. Bowen and Mrs. B. Pendergast are in the centre on different half days during the week. Between the four of them, there is someone there every day except Friday.

Harriet keeps them busy doing such things as typing cards, processing books for circulation and keeping the vertical file up to date.

working as a parent volunteer if time permits. "You get a certain insight into the workings of a school that you'd never get from your kids," she said as she typed up some cards.

Working in a resource centre has given the women a chance to learn the Dewey Decimal system, which they have gradually picked up during their work, as well as seeing the new books which come into circulation.

Mr. Watson admits that sometimes she catches herself looking through the books, wanting to read them, and has to force herself to set them down. "But it's all in a day's work."

New insight
Mrs. Watson, who works three half days, recommends

New policy will stress 3 R's

A new curriculum policy announced last week by Education Minister Thomas Wells for the primary and junior divisions of Ontario's public and separate schools stresses reading, writing and arithmetic.

In presenting the new policy document to a meeting of

educators Mr. Wells said that it was "in part a response to general uneasiness about the basics."

"In elementary education the most publicly voiced concern is with the basics—what many parents and others often call the three R's and what the new policy document calls the basic skills fundamental to continued education."

The new document, the Minister said, will demonstrate that the schools had not lost sight of the basics and that if some had they would be put back on course.

Formative years
The document, entitled "The Formative Years," sets out four basic goals for the elementary schools. They are: to acquire the basic skills fundamental to continued learning; to gain the knowledge and attitude needed for active participation in Canadian Society; to develop



HAVING A delightful afternoon together in the United church nursery are Duff McGillivray, Margaret Sale and Maureen McGillivray. The world day of prayer service was going on upstairs.

News from Robert Little

By Merle McNabb

Basketball season is now over, having a fun season. But the girls' team is playing the women teachers at Robert Little on Tuesday after school. Students are allowed to watch and cheer. Who's going to win?

The Robert Little Hockey Team played their first game

last Wednesday morning. It was an exhibition game against M. Z. which we lost 7-1. They played hard, but it was a good game. Too bad we lost though.

The Student Council are planning to have a Spring Day. Students are to wear spring clothes.

Sex education

Parents form group to advise on course

Last Wednesday's Family Life meeting at the high school dealt primarily with sex education in our schools and how courses can be improved to be more informative, and helpful to the students.

Approximately 25 concerned parents attended the meeting and discussed the family life program as it is presented in the school today and how it may be taught in the future. The parents formed an advisory group to help in this area of study and to improve and expand it.

Bruce Andrews, chairman of the physical education program, told the gathering of the present course, and how it is taught only to physical education students as an option. Mr. Skerrett, director of Student Services at the high school, feels many students

who need this particular education are being missed, by not having it on their curriculum, and said he would like to see it expanded to other areas of study.

Definite need
Mr. Skerrett says there is definitely a need for better education in family life in the schools. Increases in unwanted pregnancies and the rising venereal disease rates, across Canada, in the young, are evidence of this need.

Help from the school's program and the church in co-operation with parents, could be one solution to this problem. "Moralizing, in itself, is not enough, however," Mr. Skerrett commented.

Some parents agree with the program if it has a moral approach, according to Mr. Skerrett. "But whose morals are correct?" he questions. "There are no set standards of morals." He explained that this is what causes the confusion and frustrations among students. The teenagers have to make their own decision on what is right or wrong.

David Marsh, the vice president of Pauline Johnson collegiate and vocational school in Brantford, who is involved in a similar program in Brant county and was present at this meeting, feels that Halton's guide lines for such a program are "way ahead" of what they had in his county. He was quite impressed with the Acton system.

"What is it we have to provide?" Mr. Skerrett pondered. Each person has his own

set of values, and the facts must be presented. "Information doesn't lead to promiscuity, or to irresponsible behaviour," he told the parents. He felt withholding the information can only increase the chances of a mistake.



Carrier of the week

New carrier is Debbie Murchison of 121 Church St. She takes the Free Press to homes on Elgin, Agnes, Church, Mill, Maria, Eastern and Frederick Sts. Debbie is in grade seven at the Robert Little school. She likes pets and at home has a dog Susie, a cat Smokey and eight rabbits.

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in the North Halton Area

"HANDICAP SWIMMING"
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"The Formative Years," Mr. Wells said, will counter every difficulty in primary-junior education nor will it meet all of the objections of every critic of the school system. But it will provide a clear sense of direction for those who plan programs for the schools and for the classroom teachers, he said.

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AHS Notes

by Marg Jongama

This past Saturday Miss Sue Burns went with twelve students to the Quarterama Horse Show. This Horse Show is the second largest in North America. There were many different classes, such as English and Driving. The students also visited many of the Tack Shops on display. They were also fortunate enough to see Christelot Boylen give a display on dressage and Tom Gayford give an exhibit in jumping. The outing for Miss Burns and the students was a very enjoyable and educational one.

in Thursday's class. This Friday at Acton High school, Casino Night will be held. The basic ideas of all those coming is to make money, win prizes and to have the time of your life. Some of the games being played are roulette, checkers, chess, and bingo, plus many many more. So come on out and have some fun.

Also, this Thursday, the first report card of the semester will be talked by the teachers. They will be sent home with the students to be signed.

Gym meet
Three intermediates and one senior from Acton High School competed at the Halton East Gym Meet. The three intermediates were Tammy Beeler, Julie Beeler, and Tineke Vryenhoek. Tammy scored 5.43 on bars and 5.96 on beam. Tineke scored 5.76 on floor.

In the senior category Jocelyn MacMillan scored 6.35 on beam in which she placed third. In vaulting, she placed second with a score of 6.83, a stomp vault. On floor she got 8.60 and on bars 4.43. Jocelyn placed third all round with a score of 24.1 in the senior category. She is eligible to compete at the Halton Meet on Thursday March 13, 1975 at White Oaks.

Health Food stores
Today (Wednesday) Louise Gatenby with fifteen grade twelve Home Economic students went to Guelph. They went to visit two Health Food Stores, which were the General Store, and the Eureka Health Food Store. The students learned how this food was sold. At the General Store, the food was sold in open barrels while at the Eureka Health Food Store the food was packaged. The students checked the prices and purchased some foods. On the way back to the high school they stopped at a regular food store and compared prices. They plan to cook a meal from this food

Ancestors

Britain provides the best conditions for studying genealogical records while researching ancestry, according to Don Wilson who is organizing a three week genealogical research tour to England and Scotland this summer.

Wilson, co-ordinator of Genealogical Studies at Sheridan College, says British records are more accessible, more complete and more detailed than those in Ontario.

Easter is only two and one-half weeks away.

Provincial 4-H leaders gather

by Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative
John McKinnon, Milton; Bert Stewart, Hornby; Stan May, Hornby; and Bob Lasby, Rockwood represented Halton 4-H leaders at the annual provincial 4-H Agricultural Leaders' Conference held in Toronto on Feb. 21 and 22.

During the conference, the leaders took part in workshops and discussion groups covering numerous aspects of 4-H. This included a panel discussion on 4-H Councils, a session on 4-H resource materials, ways to improve local meetings and the role of social recreation in 4-H programs. Elgin Craig, a 4-H'er from Peel, shared his experiences at regional, provincial and national 4-H activities.

ference was Ken Lewis, a students' counsellor with Centennial College in Toronto. Mr. Lewis worked with the leaders for a full morning to improve their ability in communicating with young people. Later the same day, the 4-H leaders developed recommendations and goals for the 1975 4-H program.

Margaret Woof, Supervisor of Junior Extension, Home Economics Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, was guest speaker at the annual banquet Friday night, and shared her ideas on "the qualities of leadership."

Also attending the banquet were William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food and Mrs. Stewart.

The nearly 100 delegates to the conference represented over 1,500 4-H Agricultural Club Leaders in Ontario.

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M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Dorothy Bennett

First, I would like to make a correction that was made in last week's article.

The price for peanut sales was wrong. It is \$1.50 for large cans and 75c for small cans. The profit is 30c for small cans and 20c for large cans.

A hockey game was played, M. Z. vs. Robert Little. We beat them 7-1. The goal scored by Robert Little was by Shane Withers. The goals scored by M. Z. were by Bruce McPhail, Wade Vickery, 1; Bernie Harding, 1; Charlie Kinal, 1; Kevin Weir, 1; and Greg Ivany 1.

The girls pushball games started, but not many girls

showed up. Red, Yellow and Blue hardly had any players causing the girls to lose their games. Come on, girls, get out and play your games. Your team needs you! Boy's games are coming on great. Badminton has started with girls and boys playing before and after school. Good luck everyone.

Approval

The Sheridan College Board of Governors last week approved a report which outlined the basic concepts for housing a Provincial Resource Centre at Sheridan for the development of women.

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