

# Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Beavers of Canada is the official name adopted by the Boy Scouts of Canada for their new programme for boys five to Cub age. Canada is the only country in the world to have a Scouting program for this age group. The only Beaver colony outside of Canada is in Germany in the Maple Leaf Region. These are the sons of R.C.A.F. men.

Beavers, although operating in Winnipeg for a few years on a trial basis, was not recognized as a part of the Boy Scouts of Canada until October 31, 1974.

Acton's first colony started shortly afterwards under the leaders Andrea Sharples, Betty Gough and Linda McGreene. This is also the only colony in the North Halton district although there are hopes of starting one in Georgetown next year.

**Story**

Beavers, like Brownies and Cubs, are based on a story. Their's is called "Friends of the Forest". It is basically about a beaver family and the human family that moves into the cottage near the beaver pond. The story stresses awareness of nature, learning through fun and group experiences. Thus the Beaver motto "Sharing, Sharing, Sharing".

All the leaders share the responsibilities. There is no Akela, Brown Owl etc. The leaders names are chosen from the story by the boys themselves. The boys decided to call Andrea Sharples, Hawkeye, Betty Gough, Rainbow, Linda McGreene, Bubbles and Rob Paterson, Tictac, Leonard Miller, a Scout that helps the Beavers, is called Deer.

Then there is Keeo, an important beaver who was struck by lightning and turned silver. He can talk to humans and is therefore very important. This role is played by Cub Joek Garton. If you will recall, the Cub uniform is silver (gray). He is the person who helps a Beaver swim up into Cubs when the age of eight years is reached. Instead of a totem or a load-

stool, the Beavers have a great brown beaver. He is fed at every meeting by the Beavers with their dues, which is the only coin in Canada with a beaver on it (a nickel).

In the place of badges, the Beavers receive their tails. What's a beaver without his tail? These tails are based upon their age. A blue tail signifies discovery and is for a five year old. A red tail is for an exploring six year old and a white tail is for the helpful seven year old Busy Beaver. These felt tails are made and sewn on their hats, by the Beavers themselves.

**Uniform**

A Beaver uniform consists of a neat little brown vest with blue pockets, a knicker and a blue coby hat with a brown trim. The blue signifies the sky and water while the brown represents the earth and the color of Beavers.

These leaders really do a lot with these kindergartens to grade two children and many parents realize this. Many phone calls have been received by the leaders from parents asking if their son may be a part of this great learning experience. Unfortunately with only a few leaders, only a few boys may join. The need is, once more, for leaders. If the colony could get more leaders they could take more boys or even perhaps start another colony. If you really love five to eight year old boys, then maybe you should be a leader. Phone any one of the leaders in this article and just talk about the possibilities.

**Scuba diving**

John Lambden was out again last Thursday night with his scuba equipment. This time he gave a thoroughly enjoyable demonstration to the Beavers. Thanks again. Remember to bring your tickets for the Easter egg draw into your next meeting.

## Winter break

Winter break for all students next week. Winter break comes during spring this year.



CHRIS ROGERS takes his first breath as a scuba diver at the Beavers' meeting on Thursday evening. John Lambden showed the boys the proper breathing methods. Chris Pearson, (left) who was helping out that evening and Andrea Sharples help Chris as he watches how much air he is breathing.

# Thousands of dollars floating around gym

Peter Arbic walked out of the high school gymnasium on Friday night with \$22,749 as the result of wheeling and

dealing his money at Casino Night. The money wasn't real, but it did get him two free tickets

to the Toronto Toros hockey game against the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Peter was the top winner at Casino night. Admission into the event was \$150, which entitled you to \$2,000. Each additional \$2,000 cost \$1. Several games of chance could be found in every nook and cranny of the gym, as roulette, craps, crown and anchor, poker, chug-a-lug, seven over, seven under, lucky quarter, dead eye, darts, bingo and rummoli were played.

Over 150

More than 150 students braved the snow storm outside, to venture to the school and try their luck. While music played and hot dogs were served, dice were thrown, wheels were spun, and money either lost or won.

The person winning the most money by the end of the night got first choice at several prizes.

Gary Barends won the second most money, walking off with \$19,860. Tom Ryan, with \$17,900 was in third place. They also won prizes of their choice.

Acton may never be known as the Las Vegas of Canada but it does have a few parallels.

## Sex film for parents

Tonight, (Wednesday), there will be a showing of the film, "Sexuality and Communication, at M. Z. Bennett school resource centre.

There will be a discussion of the film and its use in Family Life Education in the schools following the film presentation. The program begins at 7:30 and refreshments will be served.

Brian Skerritt, student services chairman, who will be moderator of the session, has asked that attendance be limited to parents and interested adults.



## AHS Notes

by Marg Jongmsa

Last Friday night, the Phys. Ed department held its annual Casino Night. Many turned out to enjoy and participate in the fun and games which took place in the gym.

On Wednesday, March 19 and on Thursday, March 20 the French students of Acton high school will be tested orally on their French. These tests will be held all day on both days.

This Wednesday night, a dance will be held at Acton high school. Playing is the great group entitled Diamond Back. The festivities will begin at 8:30 and will run to 11:30 p.m. Come on out and join in the dancing, and don't forget to bring a partner.

On Friday, March 20, winter break begins for the staff and students of Acton high school. It will run to Monday, March 31, inclusive.

by Helene Gunther

On Wednesday, March 12, Mrs. L. Gatenby took 15 girls from her grade 12 home economics class on a shopping spree to Guelph.

First stop was the Eureka Health Food Store where the health foods were packaged. Next we stopped at the General Store, where most of the food was sold in bins — the old fashioned style. Our last stop was Macs Health Foods where again the foods were packaged.

The aim was to observe the different kinds of health foods available. While at these stores we purchased a number of foods which we will prepare in class later on in the week.

Next we went to the supermarket in Sunnybrook to compare the prices of health foods to supermarket foods. I think the trip proved to be very interesting and everyone came back with their own ideas regarding health foods.

## M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Dorothy Bennett

## O.P.P. beat Marauders

The M. Z. Bennett Marauders were defeated by Milton O.P.P. by a score of 47-40 during a basketball game held at the school on Monday. Grades four to eight watched the game, paying 25 cents for admission. A door prize of a radio, donated by Gary Barton of Glenlea Drug Mart, was won by Brian Hogan.

Approximately 120 students watched the game, raising \$36 for the school's safety patrol. The patrol hopes to buy crests for their jackets.

"My Side of the Mountain" is this week's movie. The cost is 35 cents and it is taking place at M.Z. Bennett in the gym.

The boys and girls basketball teams played teachers yesterday and the score will be in next week's column.

The Milton O.P.P. came and defeated our boys 47-40 in basketball.

The boys hockey team played Robert Little and beat them 8-1.

The pushball games for girls are not running smoothly. Come on, girls, get out and support your team. The boys' games are running great.

A skate-a-thon is being held by the Rotary Club and students are out to get sponsors.

The one who gets the most money will get a T.V. the second place a tape recorder, third place a transistor radio.

Brian Hogan won a radio which the safety patrols were selling tickets for. They raised \$36. Good work.

## Jocelyn in P-H meet

Jocelyn MacMillan of Acton High placed 10th in the uneven bars event at last week's Halton high schools gymnastics championships to qualify for the event at the Peel-Halton championships in Burlington yesterday (Tuesday).



BRIAN HOGAN held the winning ticket for the radio at the basketball game at M. Z. Bennett. The M. Z. B. Marauders were defeated by the Milton O.P.P. on Monday. Corp Larry Scott, captain of the O.P.P. team, and Bruce McPhail, captain of the Marauders presented Brian with the radio.

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