

Winter break activities dull and interesting

Junior Farmers attend meeting



Ray Humeniuk



David Bell



Brad Jenkinson



Dave Somerville



John Toebes



Larry Manina



Lynn Fisher

by Peter McCusker

Most parents and teachers wonder what their children do during the March break. Over the past week of either cold or wet weather, youths of Acton were offered longer skating time and swimming at the Lions pool.

Georgetown Y held programs for area youths but other than these no special programs or activities were offered by the regional municipality.

John Toebes of Main Street said he fooled around playing road hockey and began preparing for lacrosse. He said there could be more things to do and said he would like to see another arena in town because "If you want to rent the ice you can't because it's always booked up."

Lynn Fisher of R.R. 4, Acton, said there is plenty to do around Halton Hills and she isn't bored. She spent most of her time on the "break" skating at the Georgetown Figure Skating Club.

She said that she doesn't go into the pool hall and would like to see a theatre come to town.

Dave Somerville of Churchill Rd. N., said he spent the time riding his bike around and swimming at the Acton pool. There are enough activities and he was not bored. He is looking forward to soccer in the summer months and was glad that there was a lack of snow so bike riding was easier.

David Bell of Elmore Dr., did some reading and played hockey. He said there were enough facilities in town but would like to see a theatre here. He goes to Guelph or Brampton to take in movies and goes skating on Saturday. When interviewed he was scouring the town for a doodle-art poster.

Brad Jenkinson of Jeffrey Ave., would love to see a longer March break but said the board of education wouldn't go for it. He knew

that there was skating offered nearly every day but he hadn't made use of the facilities.

He wasn't bored but stated he wished the arena roof would get fixed and a theatre come into town.

Ray Humeniuk of Mowbray Rd., said there was not enough for kids to do. He said he would like to have seen dances held at the high school or concerts at the park.

He skated and played hockey for the Detroit team in the Legion midget house league.

Larry Manina, of R.R. 4, Acton, said he went into

Georgetown to do nothing and didn't use any of the town's facilities. He said, however, the town should have a cinema.

He said he was bored. Hanging around on street corners isn't what it used to be when women and young girls wore interesting outfits. But many youths keep the faith and make it into a part time profession.

There were things to do during the March break and there'll probably be more in the summer. Then, however, street standing will be a more cosy and scenic activity.

Youths plan carnival

The new youth group at the United church has only had a couple of meetings but already is planning a special project—a carnival. In the hope of raising a little money for their own projects, they are arranging the indoor carnival to be held in the church Saturday, April 19 from 1.30 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

There will be about 20 different carnival games operated, suitable for youngsters from about age three to 14. Public school students are expected to be the main customers at the carnival, where for only a dime they get five tickets to play games.

Winners get more tickets. There are no prizes—just fun. About 25 adults have said they'll help out with the after-

noon program. There are about 16 members in the new youth group, mostly from grades seven and eight.

They meet every third week. On March 21 they enjoyed a unique East Indian supper at the home of leaders Sue and John Dunne, on the fifth side-road of Erin township. The Dunne family lived in Bombay for two years.

About 17 learned how to cook curries and make Indian bread. A film from the United

church was also shown.

On Saturday, March 29, the group travelled to St. John's Church, Oakville, to hear the gospel folk group Hebron.

They were very impressed with the musical program. On Easter Sunday they held a breakfast, specializing in pancakes and waffles, with about 12 attending. It was a special timely morning of fellowship with the minister the Rev. Eric Nelson talking to them.

The group has also had two toboggan parties and they expect to have a weekend camp in June.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Last Thursday the first Acton troop welcomed Edward Blaser, Brian Hogan and Peer Semma into the Boy Scouts of Canada. They were invited by Scoutmaster John Sharples.

The new Scouts had plenty of time to make new friends because Thursday was the first evening of our sleepover for 1975.

After the investiture and games the 12 Scouts were instructed in estimating and compass. Scoutmaster Rick Saville then showed the boys a few films. Harold Saville helped us by leading the campfire for that evening. This was followed by more games, mug-up and then supposedly bed. Eleven Scouts stayed for the sleepover.

Hiking Friday, the Scouts went on an orienteering hike out and around the Sixth Line, Acton. They employed both map and compass to find the spot where the leaders were waiting. The Scouts met the Acton Venturers, who were camping out there, and some Scouters from the 66 Hamilton groups but they did not find us. We all finally met up not far from the cars. After supper that certainly

called for a little talk about orienteering.

Following this John Lambden gave the boys a demonstration on fire lighting without matches. The Scouts then enjoyed a few games and some more films. After a singsong and mug up, the boys had a chance to beat up the leaders, but they were not successful.

Saturday, the Scouts worked on their personal fitness badges. The sleepover ended about three o'clock as the tired boys trudged home. The nights do get very short at camps, but nevertheless the Scouts had a great time and were given a lot of valuable training for summer camping. Everyone is reminded to bring in their logs of the sleepover to tomorrow's meeting.

The draw for the giant Easter Egg and the two rabbits was held at the Scout meeting Thursday. The prizes were donated by Hinton's Store. Three Scouts drew the winning tickets for winners G. McHugh, 274 Mill St., first prize; D. Macfarlane, 138 Churchill Rd. S. and Mrs. Pruefer, 73 Nelson Cr., consolation.

Thank you very much for supporting the organizations.

Cubs visit by GO Train

On Tuesday, March 25, 17 Cubs of the 5th Georgetown "A" Pack, accompanied by their leaders, parent volunteer Mrs. Naomi Brennan, and three Scouts, travelled from Oakville by Go Train to visit Toronto.

After a tour of Union Station, where the highlight was a close-up view of the Turbo, they visited the Toronto Dominion Center and the Museum. Returning by subway to union station they again boarded the Go Train for the return journey to Georgetown. For many travelling by Go Train and subway was a new experience and added to the fun and excitement of the day's outing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lambden, Mrs. Pat Garton and Rick Gamsayger were invited as leaders in the First Acton Cub pack on March 3, by Gordon Douglas, District Commissioner of North Halton District.

Each leader has children in the pack who took part in the investiture ceremonies.

Free Press Youth Page



GETTING READY to hit the sack at the Scout Hall sleep out is John Toebes from the Acton Scout Troop.

M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Dorothy Benn

I would like to apologize for missing last week's column. I forgot all about it because of the holidays. Sorry! Well the holidays are over and everyone was back at school Tuesday. Since it was April Fool's day, many students had lots of jokes to play. But so did the teachers. Mrs. Bradshaw, of 8a, told her class they had to write a 1,000 word essay about the production of food. Then after everyone had written out the assignment she said that it had to be on blue paper. She said it had to be on April 15 and in G&K Hieroglyphics. "April 15"

weren't last words. A skateathon will be held Sunday and students are still getting sponsors. Many students are participating in M. Z. students have as good a chance as any to win a prize for their school. I would like to congratulate the boys on winning the hockey tournament. And also her class they had to write the students for supporting their team.

Blizzards Easter Monday was marked with blizzardy snow squalls all day.

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