

Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

The Acton Scout Group Committee and everyone who uses the Scout hall are certainly grateful to Bill Alton and Leroy McIsaac of Acton. These kind gentlemen volunteered their time, labor and equipment to lay the basement floor in the new Scout Hall on December 2. They were there until late in the evening working on the floor. Their expertise is certainly obvious. One can tell just by looking at the finished work. Thank you for a job well done.

On November 26, Miriam Alexander, Darlene Allison and Jackie Gicnac were enrolled into the first Acton Guide Company. Welcome, girls, into the movement which has a lot to give you if

you remember your promise to do your best.

The December group committee meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Scout Hall. Preparations are underway for the Santa Claus parade this weekend. Scouters from the North Halton district will be gathering at the King Wah restaurant Friday night for their annual Christmas Chinese dinner. Any Scouters who did not hear about it please come down to Georgetown. Time is 7 o'clock.

Please remember to purchase a ticket for that color television which you can win for Christmas. All the proceeds will go towards the new Scout Hall.



TWEENIES ENROLLED IN THE 1st Acton Brownie Pack sit around a mirror lake beside their toadstool. They are Marie Jocque, Lisa Cadenhead, Helen Staley, Doreen Hepburn,

Nancy van der Eyken, Sherry Evans, Karen Chatterly and Sally Patterson. Leaders of the pack are Brown Owl Mrs. Pat van der Eyken and Tawny Owl Mrs. Pat Peterson.

M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Sherry Holladay and Denise Paton

The Santa Claus at our school is coming along fine.

The grades sevens and eights are planning a Christmas dinner and dance. They are also working on a float for the parade.

The grades one, two and three wrote letters to Santa

and got them back last week.

Mrs. Bradshaw had started the grade eight girls macrame club last week.

The electives will be starting soon. The teachers are forming the clubs.

There was a hotdog day last Friday which was very successful.

Addresses please — Santa

Santa Claus made a long distance phone call to the Free Press from the North Pole yesterday and appeared to be quite upset.

It seems he has been receiving many letters from Acton and area children, who are not putting a return address on the envelope.

Santa explained that he is so busy packing toys, limbering up reindeer and manufacturing dolls and trucks that he just doesn't have time to go through his little red book and find any addresses he does not readily know.

His phone call to this paper was a plea for us to tell the boys and girls who are writing Santa to please put their return address on their letters to him. He enjoys getting your letters, and sits down every night before he goes to bed and answers them all. Santa said he did not want to miss anyone, but due to busy days ahead, he can answer your letter a lot faster if you put your address on it.



SNOWY OWL Mrs. Heidi Coleman (right) presents the Golden Hand award to daughter Denise Coleman at last week's Guide meeting. Other girls receiving the award are Sarah Homer, Lisa Morell and Dawn Cook. It is the last award for Brownies before they fly up to Guides.

Sue Baker discusses student reading abilities

Student reading abilities are a major concern of teachers at Acton high school. Last week Reading teacher Sue Baker conducted a discussion on how people read.

Miss Baker told the staff that research seems to indicate that some of the old ideas about how people read are not true. Reading is not a process of moving from letters to words to sentences and, therefore, understanding the meaning of the sentence. If this were true, we would forget the beginning of a sentence before we reached the end of it.

Instead, a reader makes predictions about what comes next in a sentence. If the meaning makes sense to the reader, he is reading effectively.

Miss Baker feels that it is very important for teachers to realize how reading actually takes place if they are to be able to help students with their reading problems.

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MURRAY MCNABB SENDS a basketball soaring towards basket during a practice at Robert Little school Monday. Other boys in the afterschool session line up for their turn at shooting. Boys participating in the hour-long practice sessions must have their school work completed before they take on the extra sports.

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Robt. Little weekly news

By Merle McNabb

European Handball has started in house leagues.

Boys and girls basketball team tryouts have been throughout last week. The girls' team is: Lori Vermuelen, Joanne Gordon, Deb Murchison, Azelle Laffin, Kelly George, Rosanne Nicholls, Tammy Gould, Gwenyth Gibb, Nancy Wong, Michelle Jones and Merle McNabb.

The boys' team is not quite picked yet, but should be by next week.

The dance will be held next Friday from 7.30 till 11.30.

Pop and chips will also be sold. Admission is 50c.

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