



MEMBERS OF THE Saxon family went for a tour of Prospect Park on New Year's day with a visiting pony and a Klondike sled, made by Jim

Saxon. The sled was used in the Scouts' winter camp out on the weekend.



GUESS WHO came to dinner? Trotting around the park makes a fella thirsty, so he joined the Saxon families and their guests for New Year's dinner.

Cartoon of the week



Free Press Youth page

Scout and Guide news

As the howling wind blew unchecked through the trees, a Boy Scout snuggled deeper in his sleeping bag. It might have been cold outside but he was certainly warm in his sleeping bag, surrounded by lots of straw, in the tent.

It was the First Acton Scout troop's winter camp on the Sixth Line Esplanade. The camp had started Friday night (January 2) at the Scout hall. That night had been spent at the hall, reviewing winter hazards and the means of having an enjoyable winter camp. After an uncomfortable night on the floor of the hall, the small group had breakfast and left for the campsite before 8:30 a.m.

The Scouts were driven to the Town Line where they loaded equipment onto a klondike sled and set off on foot for the camp. The sled was steered by Pathfinder Scout Jim Saxon while Peer Semma, Geoff Saxon, Eddie Blaser, Jock Garton and Frank Goulding turned into huskies and pulled the sled. After a long and eventful day the patrol prepared for evening. After a wonderful roast beef (guess how we cooked it) the boys and leaders played a few games. During these games, two Scouts and a Scout found out that sections of the pond were not as safe as they first appeared.

Sunday dawned as a beautiful day with a bright sun warming the cold bodies in the snow. The Scouts went on a hike on snowshoes around the property that morning. After games on the ice, they had lunch followed by a delicious birthday cake brought by Ceilia Saxon in order to celebrate Jim Saxon's birthday.

The klondike sleds were reloaded and mushed onto that final frontier before home, the Sixth Line. Scouters John Sharples, Mark Rowe and Rick Saville were the leaders on the camp. It is just impossible to express our gratitude to Mr. Blaser for that delicious roast beef and other items he donated to the troop. Unless you've done it yourself you just could not realize how good it tastes in the cold wilderness. Thanks also go to Peeter Saxon and Frank Goulding for their assistance in transportation. The district winter camp is on January 24 and 25 at Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp in Orangeville.

Here are the results from the swim session in Decem-

ber. In the Wolf Cub section 18 boys were present. Passing their pre-junior were: Craig Johnson; John Barrett; Jim Johnstone; Dan Miller; Dan Wood; Leonard Miller; Craig Bottomley; and Mike Henry. Passing the Junior were: Jim McVeigh; Gord Goulding; Jeff Wilcott; Paul Cargill; Chris Bottomley; Blake Norton; Tim Garton and Pat Garton. Passing intermediate was Stephen Dobson.

Leaders Pat Garton and Frank Goulding would like to thank Bob McKee, Karen Willmott and Hilda Goulding for helping out.

In the Scout section, 12 boys turned out to give the swimming badge a try. In the Bronze section Chris Wood, Peer Semma, Brian Hogan, Yves Savard, Dave Dunne, Dean Hughes and Steve Saxon were successful.

In the silver section, Cubs Ricky Dodds and Steve Dobson joined Scouts Edward Blaser, Frank Goulding, Jock Garton and Geoff and Jim Saxon in earning the badge. Thanks to the lifeguards, Dave Hannah and Paul McDonald, who are Rovers in Georgetown, for helping out.

The Beavers will be the first group to use the new meeting hall for a regular meeting. They will meet at their regular time tonight (Wednesday) instead of Thursday. This will be a permanent arrangement. When parents come to pick up their sons at 7:30, they are asked to go to the rear door as the First Acton Guide company will be meeting in the old hall.

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Robert Andras, Minister, Manpower and Immigration

Children help out

Four local children did more than sit around and watch television on New Year's Day.

Tim and Jerry Deboer of the Fifth Line and cousins Linda and Lewis Groenendyk of Roseford Terrace were watching the CKCO Telethon to raise money for cystic fibrosis research on January 1 when they decided to do their bit.

One of the Deboer boys has the disease himself and it was he who organized his brother and cousins to go out door knocking in their neighborhoods and raise money locally.

After half an hour, the two couples had raised \$54.35 for the good cause. The boys' father, Richard Deboer, then took Tim to the television station in Toronto, where he was interviewed by Dave Marsden before the cameras.

The money helped contribute to the total of \$730,000 which was raised during the holiday telethon.

Mr. Deboer told this paper that four years ago, there was a similar telethon to raise money for crippled children. He said his children went door knocking at that time also and raised money.

Quintet to play

The Sentieri wind quintet will be playing in public schools throughout Halton in the coming few months.

Musicians Paula Elliott, flute; Wes Foster, clarinet; Jon Peterson, oboe; Thomas Elliott, bassoon and Gregory Histic, French horn, all play with Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

They're due to appear at the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools March 30, with students bussed in for the concerts from Limehouse and Speyside.

They'll be at Brookville school March 18 and students from the Sunshine school will join the audience then.



TWO FLYING SAUCERS AND a toboggan zoom down a hill on New Year's Day. This lively trio found they could make a fast descent all on one vehicle, too. They are Gary and Wayne McEachern, 157 Elmora Dr., and their friend Kimberly Black, Oakville, who was visiting them. Christmas vacation brought perfect weather for outdoor frolicking.

Winter fun at area park

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are expected to be popular pastimes at Terra Cotta conservation area this winter.

Hello again

The youth page will be revived next week. Christmas holidays cut out the regular news from the schools.



GEORGE GARTON (Jock), seconder with the First Acton Scouts, packs his knapsack at the Scout hall Friday evening in preparation for the winter campout.

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"These are shocking tactics aimed at discrediting and silencing a responsible 800-member committee of concerned citizens WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS THAT OF DARING TO QUESTION THE OMNISCIENCE OF THE TYRANNIZING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM", said Ken Campbell in a subsequent news release. "This outrageous violation of our civil rights as parents and taxpayers makes the rack that was thrown through our children's bedroom window in reaction to our protests, look like a joke in comparison. IF THAT'S WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE PROMOTERS OF THE 'VALUES EDUCATION PROJECT', THE LANGUAGE OF MY FIRST LETTER OF PROTEST TO MR. WELLS WAS TOO MODERATE! If this is the crudely barbaric way Boards of Education function in Ontario, NO WONDER TEACHERS GO OUT ON STRIKE!"

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