



## Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

After a very successful weekend, the North Halton district winter Scout camporee ended on Sunday afternoon. Acton was awarded second place. A patrol from first Georgetown captured the trophy from Acton with 282 points. Acton and a second patrol from first Georgetown tied for second with 280 points.

After spending the night at the Scout hall, the Scouts woke up at five Saturday morning. After breakfast and loading up, the Scouts and three leaders left for Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp near Orangeville.

Race to start  
The first event was a race in with Klondike sleds carrying all necessary gear for the weekend. The 14 patrols then quickly set up camp. After flag break the patrol leaders handed in menus. They were then given the task of counting all the outhouses in camp and coming up with a number. The groups then started into the events. There was rescue and first aid, relay race, wood transportation race, snowshoe race, estimating, compass and water boiling. The patrols who came from first, second, third and fifth Georgetown, first Acton, first Glen Williams and first Norval were also marked on survival questions on Saturday night. This was followed by a slide show on the 14th world jamboree held last summer in Norway.

Acton and fifth Georgetown. Total Scout attendance was 79.

Attending Scouts  
The Scouts from Acton were Jim Saxon, Geoff Saxon, Peer Semma, Rob Lambert, Joek Garton and Edward Blaser. Many thanks to Mr. Blaser for use of his pick up which was invaluable.

Frank Goulding brought seven Cubs up to the camp on Saturday afternoon. These Cubs will be advancing to Scouts in the spring.

Pathfinder troop Scout James Saxon successfully completed the last requirement for the Chief Scout award last Tuesday evening. He made a report to the Rotary Club of Acton on Scouting in Acton and his Scouting experiences. The Chief Scout award is the highest award in Scouting in Canada. Jim will be awarded as soon as approval has been received from his excellency the Governor General, Jules Léger.

Scouters' Club went off quite well last Wednesday evening. Many thanks to the Scout and Guide Mothers for the delicious refreshments.

Last Wednesday was an important evening for eight Beavers. Anthony Larsen, Tod Lazenby, Craig Cadenhead, Matthew Marsh, Bradley DeMone, Anthony Walton, Andrew Marsh and Duff McGillivray were tested into the colony. Proud parents and the Beavers were treated to refreshments afterwards.

The Acton group committee and Scout and Guide Mothers held a joint meeting last night (Tuesday) at the Scout Hall. The fruitful by-products, if any, will be disclosed in next week's issue.



FIRST ACTON SCOUT patrol clowns it up at the beginning of their winter camporee held in Goodyear Memorial Scout camp near Orangeville on the weekend. The Scouts came in second behind a Georgetown patrol.

Photo by Mark Rowe.

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## M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Julia Bowen

In health this week, the grade eight girls are discussing the effects of smoking. The class was decorated with posters against smoking.

Preparations are getting underway for the grade eight trip. It's promised to be a good one.

Student council is getting ready for the Valentines dance. Decorating will be done by eight A.

This week the grade eights filled out their option sheets for high school. It's quite a job trying to figure out what courses are right for you.

Some students from grades four to eight are taking a trip to see a ballet. It is going to be held at the O'Keefe Centre on Thursday, February 19.

On Friday Jan. 22 the high school put on a presentation

about their theatre arts class. It was really good. The presentation was performed to show us learning skills and how you progress through the years.

The girls' basketball team played Centennial Thursday, losing by 34 to 17. Better luck next time.

Friday is a holiday for public school. Everyone's looking forward to it.

The school is selling chocolate bars to raise money for the grade seven and eight trips at the end of the year. They are being sold for \$1.00 each.

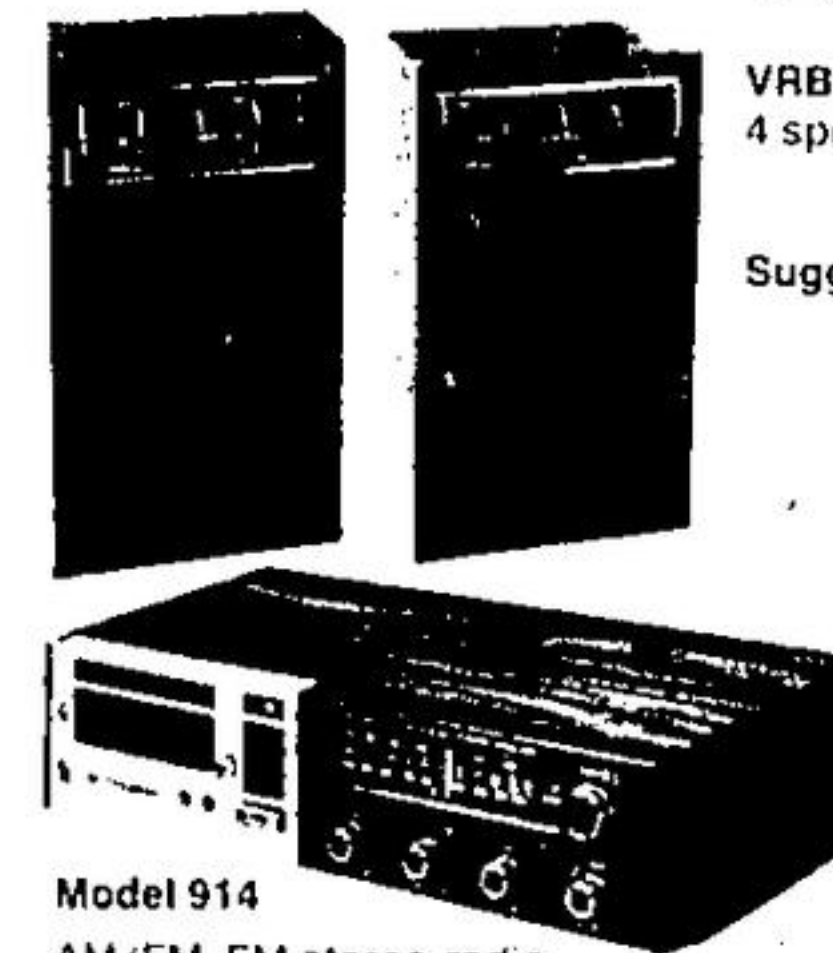
Tickets are being sold for a radio draw. They are 15c each or 2 for 25c.

These are the events for this week. Keep posted for all the happenings at M. Z. Bennett.

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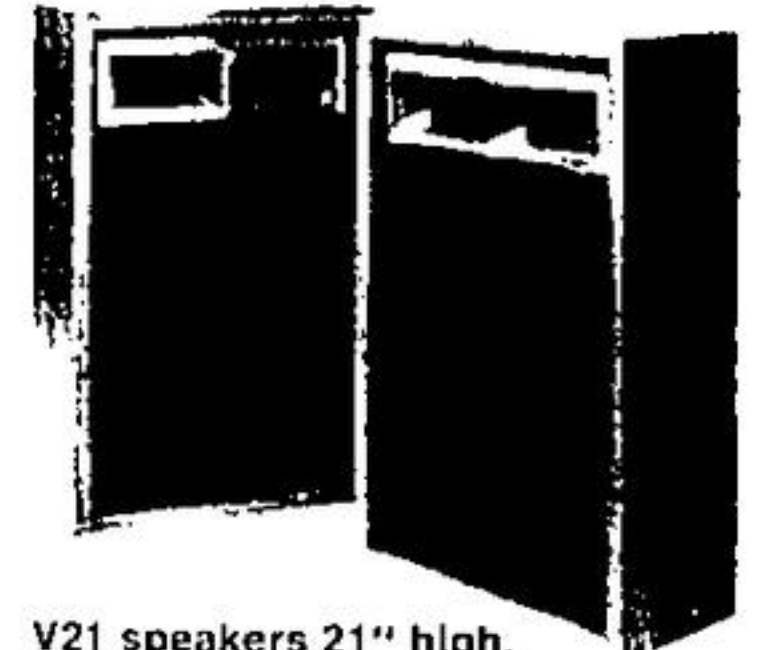
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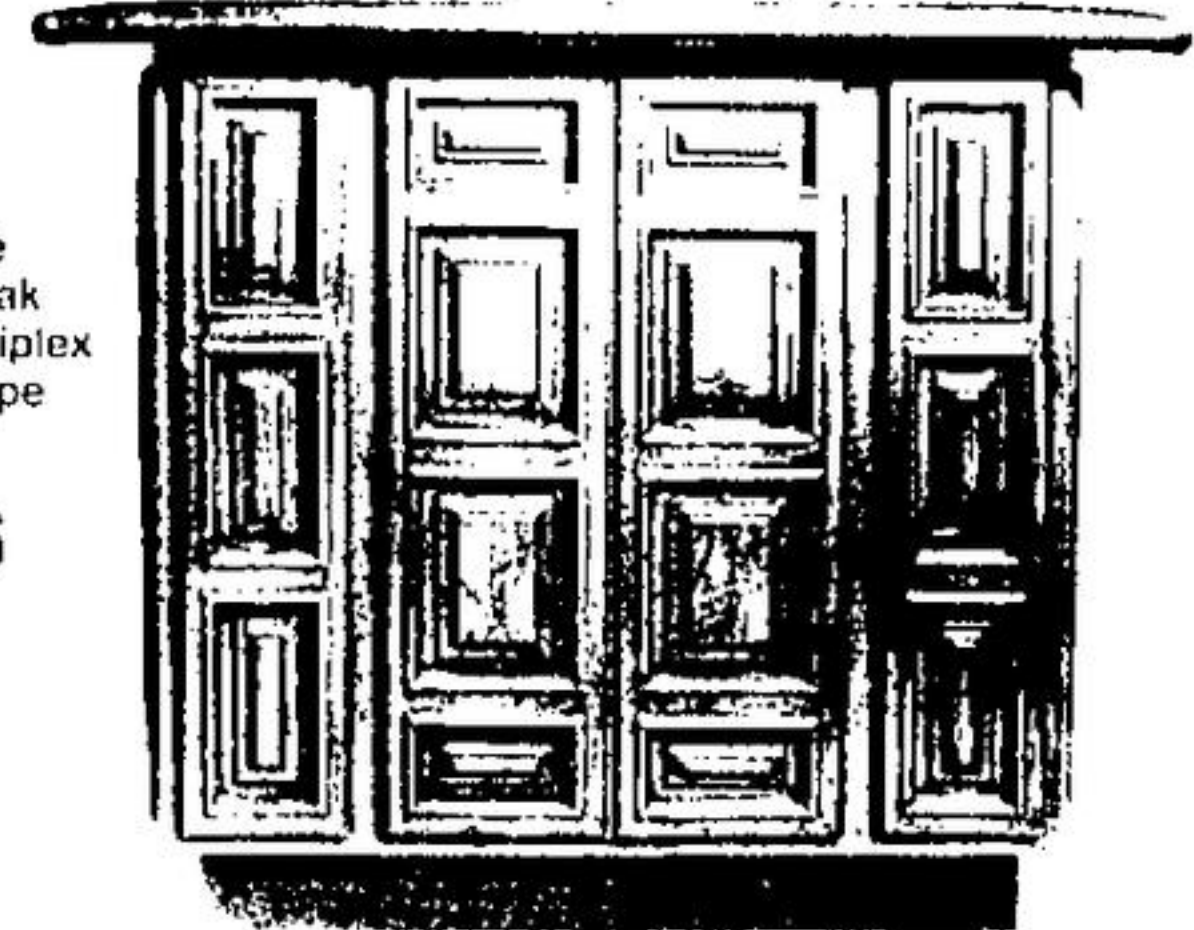
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PEER SEMMA of the first Acton Scouts does his share of dishes at the Winter Camporee in the Goodyear Memorial Scout camp near Orangeville on the weekend. The Scouts of his troop came in second.

(Photo by Mark Rowe)

## Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering



It has been quite awhile since the last column. So let's get up to date on what's happening at the pool. First a thanks to all those swimmers who participated in our aquatic show before Christmas. It was a pleasure to see so many interested parents and friends come out to watch.

The following synchronized swimmers passed their Star I award on December 10: Renata Brillinger, Sharon Campbell, Anne Charlebois, Sharon Cook, Debbie Geberlein, Elizabeth Moore, Debbie Rupert and Sharon Vos. The star exam was a combined effort with swimmers from Auelph, Orangeville, and Georgetown participating.

Three of the Acton pool staff also passed an award recently. Leslie Graham, Susan Ancker and Deb Rippon earned their Award of Merit which is a Royal Life Saving award. Congratulations to all of these swimmers for a fine effort.

Swimming lessons have started again. Enrollment this session is over the 250 mark with many swimmers registered in the higher awards. This shows how the swimming level ability has increased in Acton in only one year. Keep up the good work swimmers.

One program which is a bit

different this session is our Ladies Keep Fit classes on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. For 50c a session you can swim, exercise and sauna. The more the merrier, so if you're not doing anything Wednesday afternoons come on out.

It seems that the colder weather is bringing more swimmers to the pool. That seems strange but it could be the warm saunas and the 82 degree F. water that is attracting them. Whatever the reason, swimming is an excellent form of exercise and can become an inexpensive family outing.

Next week we will have winter safety rules so look for this column.

Due to the public school and high school holiday on Friday, the pool will be open in the afternoon from two to four p.m.

Eliminate small classes to save money—Trustee

Halt Board of Education decided Thursday to investigate the possibility of scrapping some courses with low enrolments to save money.

Trustee Edna Robinson noted there were 98 credit courses offered in high schools last year in which there were less than 15 pupils.

"There are many courses which attract small numbers of students and serve the needs of few pupils," she said.

Miss Robinson suggested all high school credit programs should be reviewed "with the view to reducing as soon as possible those with low enrolment."

She said many of the small classes are in crowded schools and elimination of some of them would leave classrooms open to help relieve crowding.

Miss Robinson predicted there would be a substantial saving in supplies and equipment since many of the low enrolment courses are expensive technical programs. She added other classes with few students include Greek, Latin and Spanish.

The trustee questioned the ability of the board to continue paying for courses which benefit only a few students in these tough economic times.

She suggested in some

## HETA head defends conference agenda

Carole Anne Yuzwa, President of the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA) said Thursday she was disappointed the Halton Board of Education wiped out a goodly portion of the HETA planned professional development day agenda for January 30.

Thursday, the board passed a motion restricting topics at Halton's nine annual professional activity day conferences to subjects which will increase the teacher's performance and effectiveness in the classroom.

"I still believe the day was

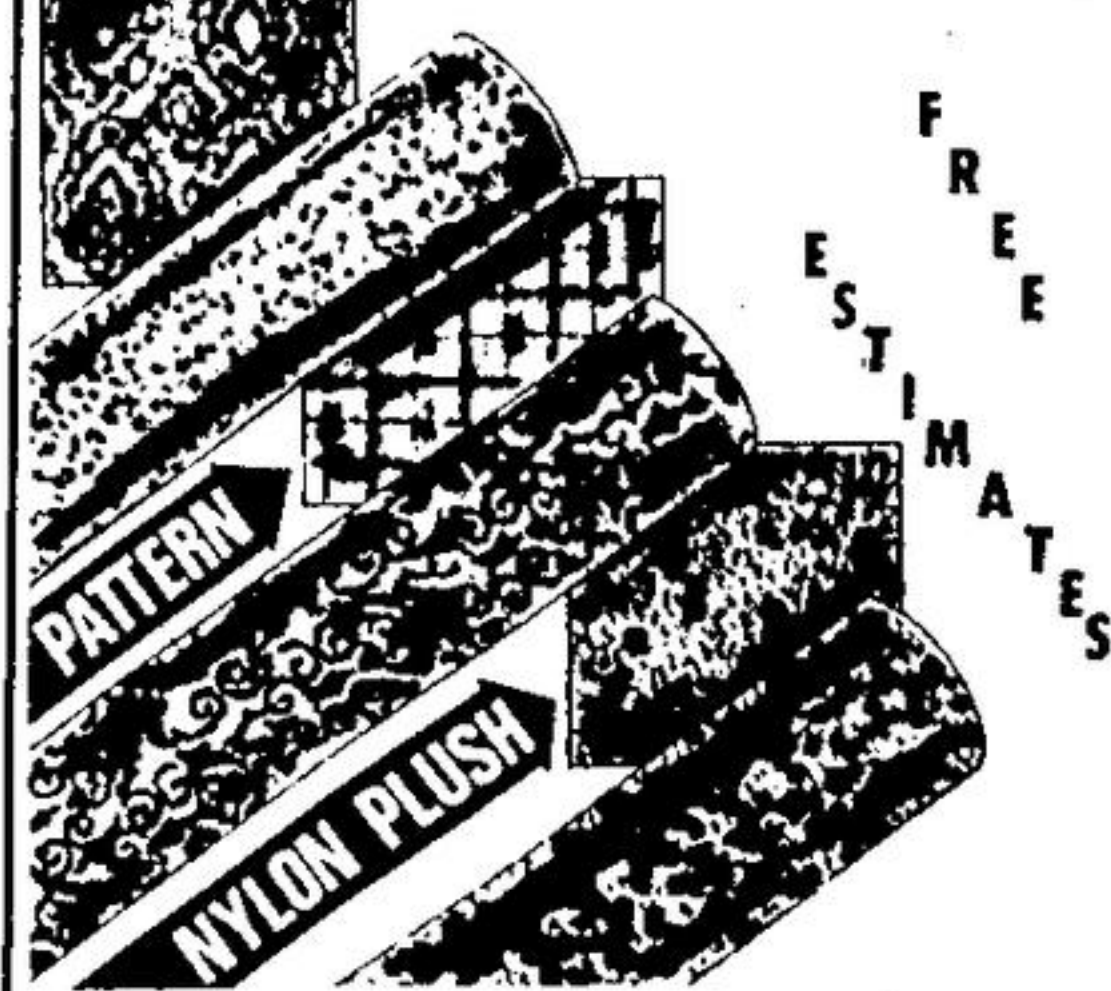
planned reflecting a responsible posture but I like to think HETA and the board administration can modify the agenda and make the day a success," she said in an interview following the board's decision.

The head of HETA blamed outside influences like the Metro Toronto teachers' strike for changing the climate of teacher-board relations. She added the entire provincial climate in education caused the board's decision against the teacher's agenda.

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## Appoint Charlotte Ironside

Charlotte Ironside, long term member of Georgetown Fair Board has been appointed to Sheridan College Advisory Committee for the school of design, at Lorne Park.

Her background and experience in judging crafts, needlework, cooking at fall fairs all over Ontario was given as part of the reason for her appointment.

She has served on the provincial board of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies for many years, serving as president and for 15 years as secretary.

She has been a member of Georgetown Fair Board for more than 25 years, and has been secretary and treasurer. She was the first woman to officially open Georgetown fair, when she snipped the ribbon last year.

Mrs. Ironside, a resident of 22 Sideroad, has been a member of Georgetown Arts and Craft Society almost since its inception and has displayed her crafts at the annual exhibition.



Mrs. Ironside

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## Buses cancelled due to icy conditions

Transportation to get to school. At least one student was driven in by car, according to a secretary.

The cancellations were the second in less than two weeks. On January 14 the buses couldn't make their trips because of a storm which left several inches of snow throughout the area.

This weekend's cold weather and blowing snow terminated Sunday night when temperatures climbed high enough to make it rain, causing havoc on roads.

Least affected

Robert Little school was the least affected by the cancellation of buses as only 28 students rely on that mode of

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