

Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

Scout and Guide week for 1976 is now over. But everything that was brought to the fore this week will certainly not be forgotten by the groups.

Our activities unofficially started with the Acton Church parade on February 8. On February 14 the Cubs and Scouts had a hike and later that day, leaders put up a window display. Tuesday, Feb. 17 was the second annual Scout, Guide and parent banquet at the Legion.

Wednesday evening, Scout leaders went to Scouter's Club. On Thursday Troop Scout, James Saxon, went into Venturers. Saturday was spent working on the Scout hall. Sunday afternoon was the district church parade in Georgetown. That evening was the official opening of the new addition to the Acton Scout hall. It was well attended and went off very well.

The children honoured Lord and Lady Baden-Powell by wearing their uniforms to school on Friday. Their birthdays (they were born on the same day) were on Sunday. Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World, is doing well at a nursing home near the home of her grandson, the third Lord Baden-Powell.

The North Halton district church parade on Sunday afternoon was very successful. Scout and Guide groups from Georgetown, Norval, Acton, Glen Williams, Limehouse and area attended the service. Terry Coulter, Steve Thompson and Sal Cultrara organized the event at Holy Cross Church. The guests were Father Pieve Wood, the Rev. Ridley, the Rev. R. Ruggie and the Rev. P. Barrow. The Scout and Guide Mothers provided the buses for the Acton participants.

As of March 3, the first Acton Beaver Colony will have room for five more boys. They will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Only five and six year olds will be taken. If you are interested bring your lad down to the meeting at six o'clock on Wednesday.

The Acton Scout Group Committee will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 at the new Scout hall. Please try to attend.

Thanks, once again to everyone who helped make Scout and Guide Week a success. Thanks also to this paper for the excellent support it gives the Acton Scout and Guide Associations.



PIECES OF RED ribbon will be souvenirs of Saturday's official opening of the scout hall addition. Jaye Gerth and Marie Lamarche present pieces of ribbon to District Commissioner for Guides Dian Ewart, and District Commissioner for Scouts Gordon Taylor.

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MURRAY HARRISON, Assistant District Commissioner (left) of Scouts and Scout Leader John Sharples, (right), present Scout Jim Saxon with his Chief Scout Award, the highest honor a Scout can obtain at the Scout and Guide banquet, February 17. Jim was also invested into Venturers during the recent Scout and Guide Week.

Scout and Guide banquet saw many youngsters' debut

by Mark Rowe

Many young people had their stage debuts the evening of Tuesday, February 17. It was the second annual Scout, Guide and parent banquet at the new Legion hall and the groups were entertaining their parents.

First the Beavers came on stage and sang a few delightful tunes, announced by Beaver Michael Hannah.

Then, all three Brownie packs covered the stage and area in a sea of brown uniforms as they sang some cheerful songs.

The two Cub packs came on

stage next and showed us what Cubbing was all about. Skits next.

The two Guide companies entered and had a camp skit showing the girls working on doing a bit of sleuth work to find the missing Scouter. The Venturers and Rangers found each other in their co-produced skit.

Finally the myths about the glory of being a Guide leader were quickly dispelled by the Guides of the Acton district. That ended a most delightful evening which had started at six. Guests were treated to a

delicious turkey dinner by the Scout and Guide mothers. As plates were cleared away district commissioner, Dian Ewart and assistant Scoutmaster, Mark Rowe led everyone in a singsong.

Don McDonald then introduced the head table of Scout and Guide Mothers. President, Barb Murchison, district commissioner Dian Ewart and her daughter, division commissioner Joy Cox, assistant district commissioner for Cubs, Terry Coulter and for Scouts, Murray Harrison and of course, Don McDonald and

son, Barb Murchison followed this by presenting Canada Cord holders Judy Pink and Karen Vander Eyken with gifts.

Murray Harrison then had the pleasant duty of presenting James Saxon with the highest award in Canada, the Chief Scouts' award. Barb Murchison also presented him with a gift.

Helpers in the kitchen, included the Rotary Club and everyone who cooked the turkeys. Barb Murchison and Juanita Lamarche also helped put the entire event together.

Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering



The high school swim team has finished their training season with fine performances by all. Swimmers who are also members of our pool staff, Dave Hannah, Deb Rippon and Steve Stanley did exceptionally well, with Debbie placing first in the 200 metre freestyle.

The recreation department swim team is busy practising for a rematch against Caledon, Sunday, March 7 at Mayfield pool. Halton Hills team will be trying for their second victory. Incidentally, we are looking for a name for these swimmers. Any ideas.

The synchronized swimmers are having a synchrothon this Wednesday. They hope to be able to raise enough money to buy costumes for the routines they will be doing this April in our synchro competition. Already, teams from as far away as Quebec have confirmed their interest in coming to compete. It seems we may have as many as nine teams from various areas participating. Twenty percent of the money raised will go to Synchro Canada to help

support our national swimmers.

A reminder that the Sport Cavalcade will be in Acton, Wednesday March 3. Films are planned for interested viewers that night. They will be shown in the school classroom nearest the pool. The van will be open to the public from 5 to 10 p.m. at M.Z. Bennett School.

Clinic

The synchro examiner's clinic is on this Sunday, February 29. There is still time to enrol. It is hoped that many people from this area will become qualified examiners so as to increase the already growing interest in synchro.

A number of ladies have expressed an interest in taking synchro lessons. We still need more to form a class, so if you're out there hiding, step forward. It is an excellent way to tone those stomach and arm muscles.

If you're wondering when public swim times are, brochures are available at the pool. Any questions can be answered by phoning the pool at 853-3140.



GUIDE KAREN VANDER EYKEN shows District Commissioner for Guides Dian Ewart the present she received at the annual Scout and Guide banquet February 7. Karen and Judy Pink were honored for obtaining their Canada Cord.

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Acton high notes

by Jennifer Howe

Even though one of the new budget restrictions affects field trips, they still play an important part in education. The students of Acton high are finding that even if it means that they must contribute more money to cover the cost of the bus it is worth the extra expense so that they can learn by doing rather than just hearing.

On Tuesday of last week, Louise Krueger took her grade nine and other interested Home Economics students to Hespeler Mills. Here they went on a tour around the factory and were able to select patterns and fabric for the sewing project they will undertake this term.

Today (Wednesday) Johan Wilkinson took her grade 11 English classes to the St. Lawrence Centre to see a production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". This is a modern version of the play. Mr. Geoffrey Sansom is planning to take his grade 12 English classes along with interested Drama Club members to see Hamlet at the Stratford Festival later on this year.

On Friday, we ended the "Ten days for World Development". This was a week long happening at Acton high where staff and members of the community gave lectures on some of the world's developing countries. These people had all spent considerable time in countries such as Kenya, Africa, India, Tanzania, and West Africa. On Friday a film was shown and the starve-a-thon conducted. It was hoped that instead of eating lunch, staff and students would contribute the money usually spent, towards OXFAM. The \$70 collected will be greatly appreciated by others less fortunate than ourselves.

On Friday, the boys basketball team, the Redmen played their last regularly scheduled game. They lost to Georgetown at Georgetown high. However last weekend they went to Stayner where they played in a tournament

and took the championship. You're a good team and we're proud of you boys! A special thanks should go to Coach Rick McArthur who has put a lot of time and effort to make this team the great one that it is.

Also finished for the season is the Girls Volleyball team. This was their first year and even though they won only one game they continue to fight and train so that they will come back bigger and better next year. Coach Harriet Knorr put it well when she said that maybe they didn't win too many games but they sure had a lot of fun. It is better to have played and lost than never to have played at all.

On Wednesday of last week Nancy Reed came to the school to give students interested in pursuing medical careers, information and literature. She had literature available on everything from nursing and doctors to therapists and psychologists. The students who attended, found this talk most interesting and informative.

Dr. Paul Tamblin's Grade 12 Outdoor Environmental Science class is planning on leaving Thursday at 2:15 for Algonquin Park for their winter camping expedition. They will be gone until Saturday.

You had better start out this term well by getting all those assignments in. Reporting Day is March 17 right before the midwinter break. Almost the Ides of March.

Also on February 29 is the trip to Dorset. This is a student communications workshop and has been run very successfully several times before. They are a little short of people this time so if you are interested in going, see either Sue Burns or Brian Skerrett at the Student Services office.

Don't forget the dance tomorrow night at the high school. It begins at 8:30 and runs till 11:30. The music will be supplied by a disc-jockey. Be there!

Enforce drinking age Halton students urge

Students surveyed by Halton Board of Education about the effects of the lowering of the drinking age a few years ago from 21 to 18 have called for better enforcement of the law so 15 and 16 year olds can't buy liquor. Director of Education Emerson Lavender reported to the board Thursday that students thought the use of drugs has steadily declined in relation to the increase in drinking and attributed this to the lowered drinking age.

The pupils surveyed said most young people believe drinking is more socially acceptable.

He said the students were fearful if the drinking age went up again drug use would increase.

The high school students didn't think the lowered drinking age affected 18-year-olds very much because many were already drinking but added it is affecting 15 and 16-year-olds. They urged

stricter enforcement of the drinking age laws although noting many 15 and 16-year-olds can pass for 18.

Lavender pointed out the biggest surprise of the survey was the students suggested the age a person can begin to drive be moved up from 16. Trustee Ernie Bodnar suggested the board leave the problem in the hands of Queen's Park which is doing a study of the effects of the lowered drinking age.

The board decided not to support a Lambton Board of Education suggestion that the drinking age be raised from 18 to 20.

Robt. Little weekly news

By Merle McNabb

Last week our boys beat M. Z. 29-25 and our girls beat them 21-17. Tonight girls play Brookville. Results next week.

This morning the boys' hockey team played M. Z. Results also next week. We wish our boys the best of luck in the future games. The boy's captain is Donnie Brouillard and assistants are Todd McIntyre and Trevor Gardener.

Also today the kindergartens went to the fire hall for a tour to learn safety without causing fires. Unfortunately on Friday

there was a break-in at our school. We are thankful nothing was taken. Therefore all hot-dog money will go to the bank the day of collections to prevent further break-ins.

M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Sherry Halladay and Denise Paton

On Monday and Tuesday last week, a man named Mr. Comfort came to talk to the sevens and eights about his trip to Africa, where he stayed for 15 years. The school would like to thank him for his interesting presentation.

The trip to Ottawa has been planned for the Grade 8's. The Accomodation of the trip will be at Carleton University. It will be from Tuesday, May 18 until Thursday, May 20. The school is planning to

take six chaperones. There will be a meeting about the trip on Wednesday Feb. 25. Mrs. Lush and 60 other students from grades 4 to 8 went to the ballet on Thursday afternoon, which was very successful.

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Girls create designs at their third meeting

By Julie Pierce
The North Halton Dublin French Knots held their third meeting at the home of Mrs. Anne Dodds on Wednesday, February 18 at seven p.m.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. Then Penny Kirton took the collection. After roll call Mrs. Dodds read some information on how to create a design. The girls filled in many circles and flowers with different designs. Then, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Dodds showed them how to place their design on the material.

Members received material from Mrs. Hunter which they had ordered. The girls then began tracing their sampler pattern and cutting out their placemats and wall hangings. Beverly Metherell, Bonnie Metherell and Penny Kirton are making wall hangings while Mona Tonelli and Julie Pierce are making placemats.

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