

## Eden Mills Guides, Brownies

by Diana Wallace

With camp only a few days away, we have been busy thinking about all the things we have to do to prepare for it. All our cookie money was given to our Deputy District Commissioner and our share will help go towards camp too, if necessary.

Monday found us planting new seeds and flowered plants into little boxes. Each brownie took home a selection. We decided to do it by the Dam as the evening was warm and lovely. Except for the mosquitoes, we had a good time.

The Monday previously, was a busy evening with our new brownie Tracy Bradburn enrolled, and a brownie Carrie Kirton from the Campbellville pack who is joining the Eden Mills Guides had her fly-up ceremony with us. Her Brown Owl, Mrs. Clegg, parents of both girls, and Mrs. Chesworth with a group of guides, joined us for the evening.

We are busy collecting as much information as we can on the "New Orleans Mardi Gras". We have chosen this for our camp theme this year. Fortunately, hot dogs are one of the symbolic dishes which we know will be acceptable with all the brownies. With everything in green gold and purple which are the official colours, we are all set with paints, icing sugar, jellies, balloons, costumes, masks, and a large mural on the wall to set the scene for the big parade. We plan on having our parade followed by a bonfire on the Saturday evening.

1st. Eden Mills Guide Company  
Mrs. Edna Balmer, our South Wellington Division Commissioner, visited our meeting to present prizes from the Division Crest competition. As second prize winner Sharon Vox received a

beautiful handcrafted maple leaf pin made by Mrs. Balmer herself, and both Sharon and Delia Chesworth, who received an honourable mention for her design, were given one of the new crests.

Many Guides and their leaders assisted in the annual Eden Mills Community Club membership drive on Saturday May 8.

Our Guides are progressing well with their map and compass work and three of them joined the Spring Orienteering meet of the Guelph Gators in Arkell last weekend. Towards their artist badge some Guides have spent two weeks experimenting with printing and trying the varied techniques of stencilling, stamping, potato, onion and turnip prints, hectograph duplicating, and linocuts which are turning out very well.

First Aid  
After four weeks of First Aid instruction from Mr. John Ford of the St. John Ambulance Brigade 15 Guides were tested by examiner Mrs. Douglas of Guelph. Everyone was very nervous but after being presented with three "cases" the girls were into the swing of things and all passed. St. John badges were presented at the close of the examination much to the delight of the girls who rushed home to show their parents.

One father immediately asked his daughter "What would you do if I fainted?", and her mother coming in a few minutes later asked exactly the same question! We didn't hear the answer but remember Mrs. Douglas' words "We hope that you never HAVE to perform First Aid, but it is comforting to know that you can."

Our new First Aiders are Tammy Ailsop, Christina Bell, Margarita Bell, Iona Chesworth, Paula Hayward, Sarah Hayward, Michelle Heard, Sherry Kirton, Anne Masson, Ann Schwartzburg, Rachelle Tarrant, Audrey Van Driel, Kathy Van Rhijn, Michelle Wallace, and Lisa Webb.

# Next round in corridor fight won't call election: MPPs

The next round in the fight for an independent study of the Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor may be fought at Queen's Park, but no clear cut decision is expected, say two Liberal MPPs.

Speeches by Julian Reed (L. Halton-Burlington) and David Peterson (L. London Centre) focused on the soon-to-be-completed report by the select committee on hydro rates which is expected by the end of May.

Mr. Reed of Norval, and Liberal energy critic Peterson said they hoped to get a debate based on the report in the legislature. Mr. Reed, who sits on the all-party committee, told 160 area residents at Erin last Wednesday, that he is attempting to include in the report a call for an independent study of the 500,000-watt corridor.

Both the Liberals and New Democratic Party (NDP) adopted the Interested Citizens' Group's (ICG) position on the corridor question. The ICG wants a non-Ontario

hydro study carried out on the Bradley-Georgetown route.

The meeting, sponsored by the ICG was called to discuss citizens' rights, but was dominated by the corridor issue. Ontario Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell, on April 7, gave Ontario Hydro the go ahead for construction of the power line.

The corridor is to carry power produced at the Bruce nuclear generating station to Metro Toronto and area. The ICG maintains that the route selected by the corporation is longer and more expensive than alternate routes. One such alternate path would parallel an existing power line from the Bruce, on Lake Huron to Essa, near Lake Simcoe, where it would tie into another existing line going north and south.

The select committee on hydro rates was struck to prepare guide lines for Ontario Hydro for the next ten to 15 years. Mr. Reed said that if he is unable to include in the committee's report a section on the Bradley-Georgetown issue, then he will write a minority report.

Even if the select committee's report is tabled, a debate fought and vote taken with the minority Tory government losing, Premier William Davis may not choose to interpret the result as a vote of confidence, Mr. Peterson said.

Election  
"I personally don't think the premier will call an election on this issue. That is the political reality," Mr. Peterson said.

There are four seats at stake along the corridor's route, Mr. Reed said, and added that three of them are held by Liberals.

"Your case is legitimate, fair and just", Mr. Peterson told the ICG. "Please keep fighting".

Mr. Peterson agreed with ICG chairman Bill Mann that if the combined Liberal-NDP defeated the Davis government in a House vote, the Conservatives would have a moral obligation to accept the select committee's report. NDP leader Stephen Lewis, at another ICG sponsored meeting at Durham last month, committed his party



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to a non-Ontario Hydro study, if an election puts the NDP into power.

Slap  
Even if government policy on the hydro corridor does receive a slap on the wrist by an opposition moral victory, land acquisitions by Ontario Hydro along the route are expected to continue.

If an independent study is not shortly granted, Mr. Reed told the audience, there will probably be legal delays of up to two years.

The ICG is encouraging farmers, whose land falls into the corridor, to delay as long as possible Ontario Hydro's attempts at land acquisition.

"What can people do? We don't want to go home dejected and leave it in the hands of the select committee," a lady in the audience said.

"You can put as many legal blocks in their (Hydro's) path as you can to delay, delay, delay," Mr. Mann said.

Leonard Manion, R.R. 2, Conn., told the audience that farmers in the northern portions of the line, near Hanover and Durham, have blocked Ontario Hydro from their land and will continue to until ownership falls to the corporation in about 13 months.

Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney attempted to take up the power corridor question at the ICG's request, but he was told that cabinet policy is not in the ombudsman's jurisdiction.

Truth  
"I'm hopeful that the truth will prevail one of these days", Mr. Mann told listeners.

MPP Reed said that Ontario Hydro claims its growth pattern for energy consumption shows a 6.9 per cent increase per annum.

Energy consumption in other areas of North America has slackened off, Mr. Reed said. One expert, Mr. Reed did not name, predicts that the growth pattern for energy consumption in Ontario will diminish immediately.

Mr. Reed prefaced his remarks by saying he had no

concrete information, but: "It appears to me that the reduction of the growth rate in Ontario has started and if it continues for 18 months, we'll see a new growth pattern. Something Ontario Hydro did not count on."

The corporation has the ability to cut down costs, Mr. Reed said. "When Ontario Hydro was told to decrease \$5-billion in capital expenditures, they came up with a plan in three weeks to accommodate the cut", he said.

Next holiday is next Monday, May 24—Victoria Day. More holidays are scheduled July 1, Aug. 1 and Sept. 6.

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"YOUR CAUSE is just", MPP David Peterson told the ICG at Erin. He told the group to keep on fighting.

## Student graduates



Stephen Webster, son of Walter and Mary Webster of 131 Station St., Rockwood, recently graduated from Centralia College of Agricultural Technology in the animal Health Technology program. Stephen plans to work for Dr. S. Alkomeide, Dr. Turnbull, Dr. Bach, Dr. McCall, Dr. Johnston, Seaforth Animal Clinic, Seaforth, Ontario.

## Reed - Smith bid for hydro study

Liberal Leader Dr. Stuart Smith and Julian Reed M.P.P., Halton Burlington, met with the Minister of Energy and ministry officials Monday morning, in an attempt to persuade the Minister to authorize an independent study of the Bradley-Georgetown corridor, as requested by the Interested Citizens Group.

According to a statement from Reed's office, "Stuart Smith expressed his deep concern that the people had been misled into believing that public participation would affect hydro's decision. The Minister on the other hand, stated that the line from Bruce to Milton had really been determined by Dr. Solandt's decision to place the connection at Milton, and that subsequent studies were concerned with minor changes.

"He also contended that an independent study may take up to two years, and would be just as costly as fighting legal delays that will inevitably result through expropriation proceedings.

"In spite of the Minister's lack of co-operation, the Liberal party will continue to press for an independent study", Reed said.

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