

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

School has started and so are the Scouting and Guiding groups in Acton. The Cubs held registration night for last year's Cubs on Monday night. The Brownies, Guides and Rangers will be registering tonight (Wednesday) in the old Scout Hall. The Beavers will also hold registration this evening in the new Scout Hall. Scouts and Venturers have been meeting regularly for the past four weeks.

Idea squashed
Plans to create a second Beaver colony have had to be postponed due to lack of uniformed leaders. This is extremely surprising considering the best recruits for Beaver leaders are ones with absolutely no Scouting experience. It also appears as if the second Cub pack, formed last season, will have to be disbanded. It certainly seems as if parents imagine leaders are qualified people sent from Ottawa wanting help from only other Scouters. I assume you, leaders are devoted local people with other interests, jobs, families and responsibilities. They can use your assistance immediately, whether it is in a uniformed, bi-weekly, or monthly capacity. By showing up every week it shows that they care for your boy and I'm sure you do too.

On September 2, senior Scouts Darrell Allinson and Brian Hogan bid a fond farewell to their fellow Scouts and their scouting activities. They were invested by Harold Saville, assistant district commissioner for Venturers into the first Acton Venturer Company. Now an entire new field of adventure has been opened to them. We know they will make the most of it and we wish them the best of luck.

Revised archery
The first Saturday in September was the Acton Scouts first Archery contest. A bow, target and the arrows were provided by Voyageur Scout Chris Wood. Although the contest was quite informal, it revived interest in archery. It is hoped that archery will be available at the troops' "Octoberfest" camp in October.

Four new Scouts of the first Acton troop were introduced to Scout style camping last weekend. A training camp was held for Blake Norton, Ricky Dodds and Kevin and Frank McGrath at the Ponderosa in Nassagaweya. They left Saturday morning from Acton and returned Sunday afternoon. Valuable camping skills, which cannot be taught in a room were acquired. "Jock" Garton and Mark Dawkins took advantage of the opportunity and also went on the trip, camping close by.

Reunion
Saturday night, the air was filled with strange noises as the voices of hundreds of Scouters rose in song at Blue Springs Scout Reserve. The annual Gilwell reunion was in progress there. Scouters from across the province and a few from other provinces and countries, who have completed their Gilwell training course, gathered at Blue Springs.

All Scouters and interested parents are reminded of the group committee meeting next Tuesday at the Scout Hall. The meeting will start at 8.30. Every section must present a budget, to the chairman, for the following Scouting year.

Readying for fair
Although most groups have not held their first regular meeting yet, they hope to make an appearance in the Acton Fall Fair parade. Most sections will be marching in the grand parade, so would parents please encourage their children to participate. We would like to have an excellent turnout for the biggest and best parade in Acton. Meet at the High school at 11.30 Saturday morning.

Be sure to visit the display on the fairgrounds by the first Acton Scout Troop. If Court of Honour plans are fulfilled, it may prove to be quite interesting. All Scouts must be at the Scout Hall at 8 a.m. Saturday. Do not wear uniforms but you may bring them if you will not be returning home before noon.

Have an excellent weekend everyone and I'll see you at the fair.



SCOUT BLAKE NORTON breaks up firewood last weekend while at a camping training camp held in Nassagaweya. Ricky Dodds and Kevin and Frank McGrath also participated. photo by Mark Rowe

Parents' Night has informal setting

The staff of Acton high school will hold its opening Parent's Night on Monday, September 20 beginning at 7.30 p.m. The purpose of the evening is to enable the parents in the

community, particularly those with children enrolled in grade nine, to meet the teachers in an informal setting.

After registration there will be a brief message from the

principal Dean Fink, and one or two other members of the staff. Parents will then have the opportunity to view and discuss the various school program with staff members. Coffee will be served.

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Youth Page writers keep readers up-to-date

With the return of students to their classrooms, Free Press readers will see a return of school columns and articles.

Jennifer Rowe will once again this year be the high school correspondent, keeping students up-to-date on happenings in and around the school. Jennifer did a very good job last year at her post, but she still needs the help of students and staff to help her in her work. Anyone with any news is asked to notify her, or leave a message in the office.

Other students throughout the school will be asked by teachers to submit articles on various activities whether it be a field trip, project etc. In this way, the general public will be able to keep in touch with the goings-on in the school, and at the same time the students will have the experience of seeing their work published.

Correspondents for Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett school have not yet been chosen. Last year's writers, Merle McNabb for Robert Little and Denise Paton and Shelley Haliday for M.Z.B. have now graduated to high school. The Free Press hopes to fill the two voids as soon as possible.

Mark Rowe is also back this year with the Scout and Guide news. He has been writing this column for three years and during the regular season only missed one column due to exams. Mark is in his second year of Guelph University. Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Rangers, Venturers, Beavers, parents and anyone else interested will be kept on top of things through Mark's column. He is himself a leader with the Scouts.

Last year the Free Press introduced cartoons and poems by students. Although these do not appear regularly, they are a great asset to the youth page.

For all the news on schools and youngsters' activities, the Free Press Youth Page is available weekly. Reporters need readers help, however, to give them news tips and ideas.

Appointments at Acton high

Halton Board of Education announced the appointment of three teachers to positions of responsibility at Acton High School Thursday night.

Brian Downes was named acting chairman of pure sciences for this school year while Allan Eastwood and Wally Rowley were named as associate chairmen of pure sciences.



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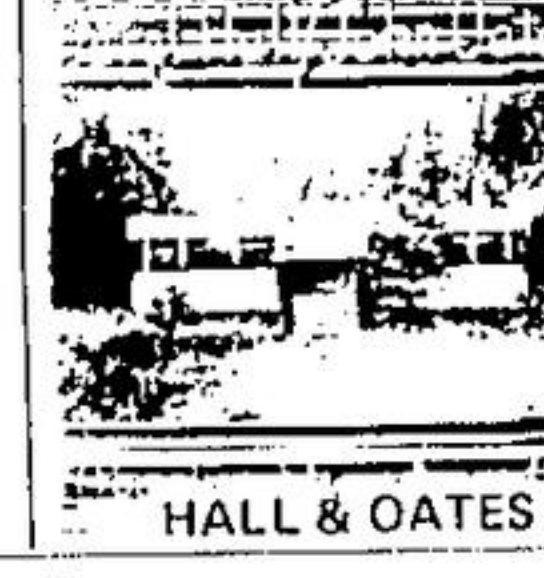
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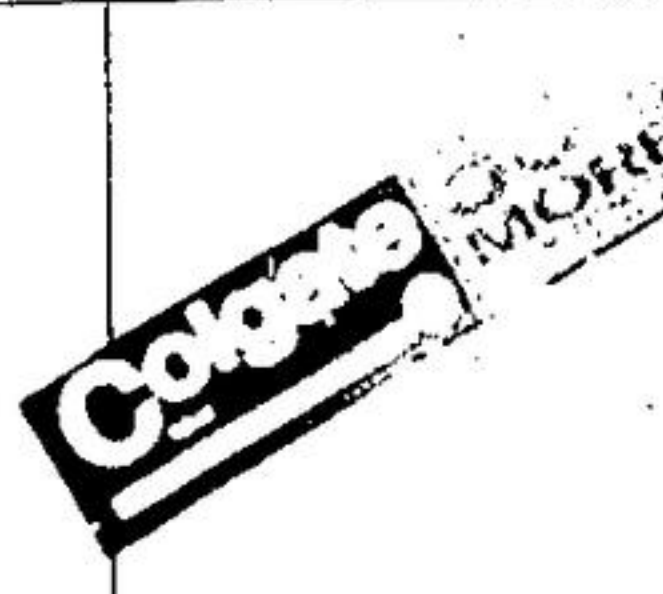
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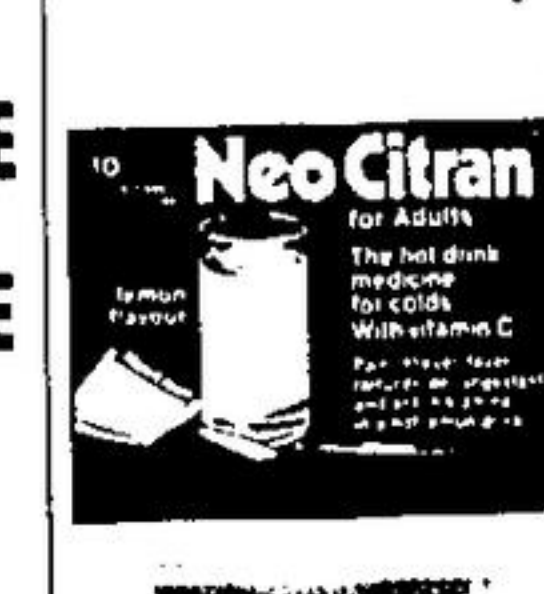
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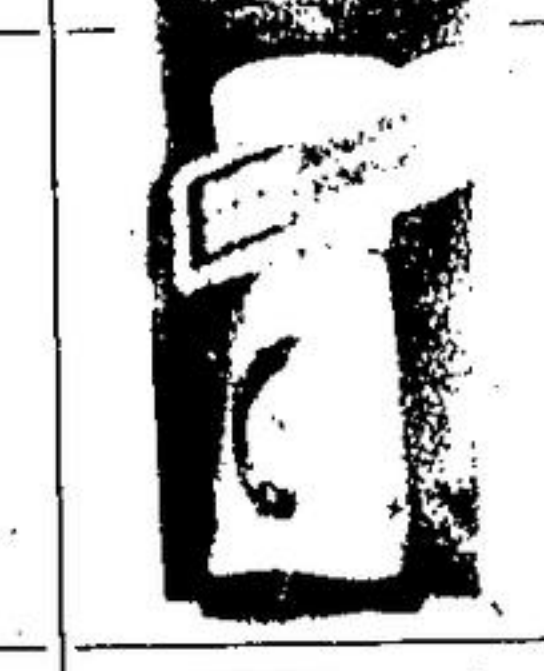
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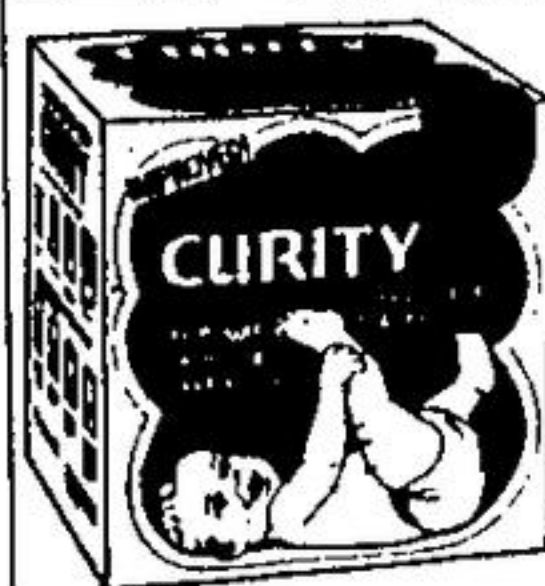
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