



PAUL BRAY of Acton Citizens' Band practises with the Youth Band of Ontario at Fanshawe College, London, last Saturday. Members of the band are chosen by audition from all over the province.

Two local players

## Ontario Youth band five day creation

Two players with Acton Citizens' Band, Chris Halonen and Paul Bray, took part in the seventh annual band and choral workshop at Fanshawe College, London, on the weekend.

The two participated in practice sessions and then played in the rousing final concert on Sunday, which their parents attended. The workshop is sponsored by Fanshawe, the Canadian Band Directors Association and the Ontario Choral Federation.

Chris, who is 15, played first chair, third clarinet. He plays clarinet with the Acton band and his father plays trombone. They live in Georgetown.

Paul, who is 13, played first clarinet. He is a son of Joe and Melanija Bray, Elizabeth Dr.

The young players auditioned and were chosen to attend the prestigious sessions in London. They arrived Wednesday night and found the work very demanding.

Their bandmaster George Elliott attended as well, and met with other executive members of the Canadian Band Directors Association. Due to pressure of work Dr. Elliott did not run for election on this group's executive again.

Dr. Elliott explained the boys practised seven or eight hours each day and were "worn out."

They played with the Youth band of Ontario. As well, hand-picked adults formed an all-star brass band. Choral groups also were formed.

In the closing concert, all the groups came together for a very impressive concert. A highlight of the closing concert was the 1812 overture, with the sounding of the

traditional cannon coming in on tape.

Attending the final concert and various sessions at Fanshawe from here Dr. Elliott, Mr and Mrs. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Halonen, high school band director Dave Sale and Citizens' Band members Sue Sale, Jim Saxon, Bernie Freuler, Ian McGugan and Peter Zions.

Jim Saxon hopes to audition

for the workshops next year. Also in London for the sessions was Jack Carpenter. He was interviewing special guest Harry Mortimer O.B.E. who directs the All-Star Brass Band of Great Britain as well as other bands, and is well-known throughout the world for his recordings. The interview will be on Jack Kitchener radio program Music Hall at a later date.

## Nick Atkinson is "finest in Canada"

A former Acton Citizens' Band member, Nick Atkinson, has been labelled as the finest tuba player in Canada, and is currently playing for the RCMP band and the National Arts Center Orchestra in Ottawa.

Nick, although from Georgetown, began playing tuba with the Acton Citizens' Band under Alf Perrot at about age 14 in the early '60s. Later he left to become an Army Bandman.

During seven years in the army Nick obtained a degree in music. After leaving the Army he played tuba with the Calgary Symphony and at the Banff School of Fine Arts. During his period in Calgary he played the Vaughan-Williams tuba concerto with the orchestra which had been introduced to him by present Acton band director George Elliott.

At present Nick plays tuba with the RCMP band and with the National Arts Center Orchestra in Ottawa. At last weekend's Fanshawe Instru-

mental Clinic in London Nick played in the All Star Brass Band under Harry Mortimer OBE. It was here that Mr. Elliott met him, after seeing his name on the registration list.

Bandmaster Elliott, talking to Kenneth Moore, director of the RCMP Band, in an attempt to locate Nick, told him how Nick began his playing career with the Acton Citizens' Band. Bandmaster Moore stated that Nick was the finest tuba player he had heard in Canada.

Nick was very interested to hear about the Acton Band and asked about all of the band members he could remember. Although very busy mainly with Symphony engagements, Nick wants to come out to Acton sometime in the near future, conduct the band in a practice session, give some instruction to the band's tuba section, and meet all the old friends who were with him in the Acton Citizens' Band some 15 years ago.

## Robt. Little news

by Sharon Bendicks  
On Friday January 28 with the slight blizzard and band winds students were dismissed early. This added to their long weekend.

To end the anti-smoking campaign three students received awards of silver dollars for their posters. Ken Anderson won for the best grade eight poster; Tony Sheppard won for the best grade seven poster and Donald Wong won for the best grade six poster. The trustee, Bert Hinton presented each the awards on Thursday, Jan. 27.

Inter-house competition Here are the final standings for the month of January: First, Cheetahs, 1270 points; second, Lions, 1234 points; third, Cougars, 1070 points; fourth, Tigers, 1058 points; fifth, Jaguars, 1031 points; and sixth, Panthers, 958 points.

There will be two competitions "The snow marathon run" which will be run around the school. One day the boys will run and one day the girls will run. "Spellbound" will be the second competition when the grade seven, and eighth will have separate spelling competitions.

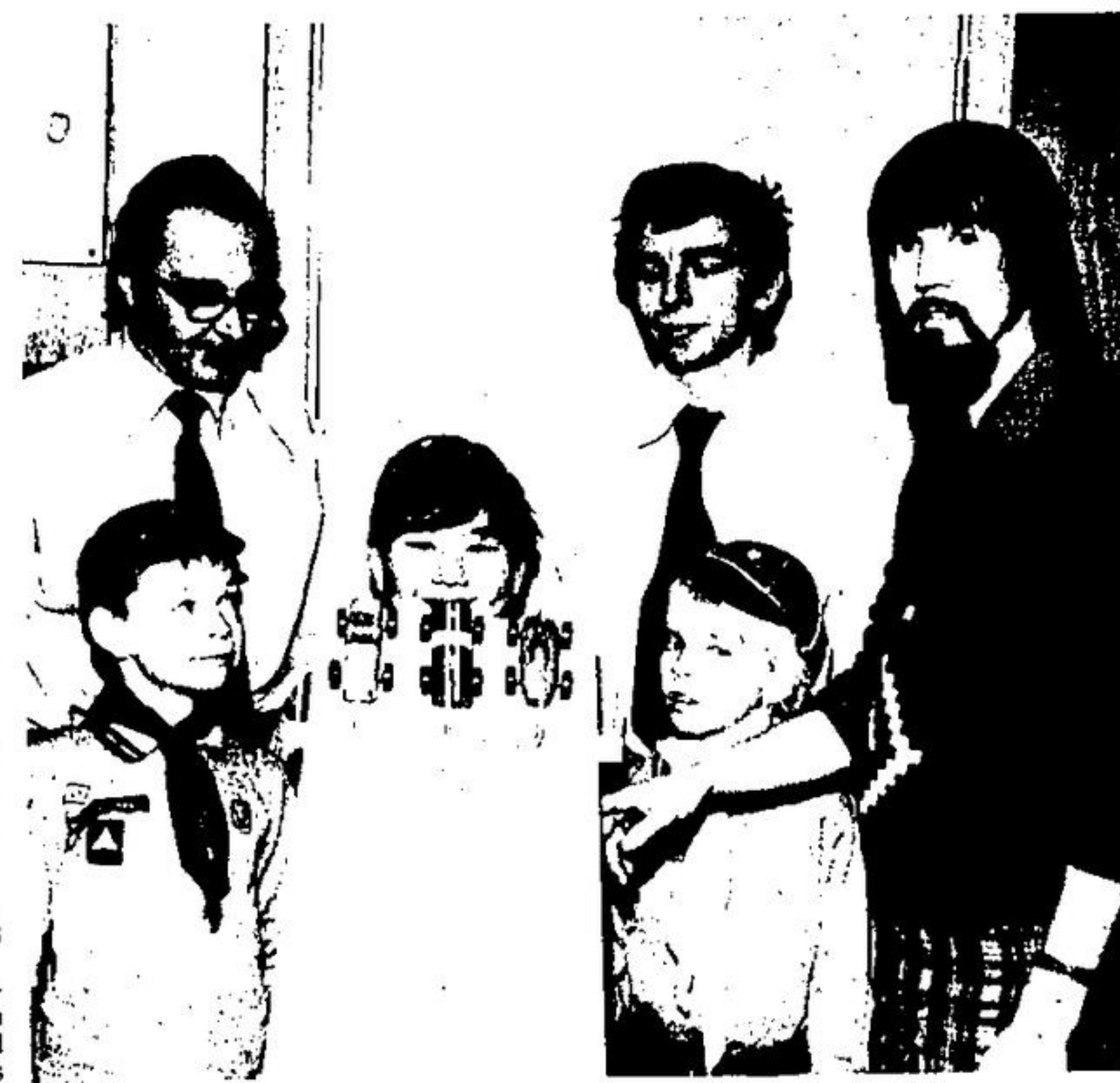
The Grade four and five's will be using the gym for Floor hockey which will be run by Mrs. Shirley Scott.

The boy referee will be managed by Barry McNabb and Laurie Moreau will manage the girl referees.

Members of the Hockey team this year are: Frank Noseworthy, Tim Baker, Scott Timbers, Tim Evans, Mark Staley, Mark Duval, Dean Hughes, Barry McNabb, Paul Campbell, Rob Vermeulen, Brian Demone, Mike Phelan, Paul Vermeulen, Donnie Thornhill, Ron Jackson, Rick Miller, Russell Blair and Paul Phelan.

Martin Street hosted the Viking girls basketball team, Wednesday. This was the second time these teams have met, as Martin Street beat Robert Little in the Red and White tournament. Robert Little won the game 25-23 on a basket by Yvonne Golden. Nancy Wong was top scorer with 12 points followed by Michele Jones with seven and Yvonne Golden with six.

On Monday morning Robert Little held its Public speaking contest finals. The winners were Kathleen Nolan and Lesly Kenny. Special thanks to the judges; Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Marks and Mr. Ellis.



GETTING READY TO SEE who wins the checkered flag in a club car race at the First Acton Pack's Monday meeting are three cubs and a trio of soon-to-be-made leaders. David Hargrave, Edward Wong and Anthony Walton wait for the start of their home-made cars down the 32-foot ramp. Jim Boyle prepares to release the brake while the makers of the ramp, Jim Phillips, left, and Mike Walton watch. Saturday the cubs take their cars to Knox Church in Georgetown for more races.

## Summer jobs for students

\$1,348,000 will be devoted towards funding of two student employment programs this summer.

The programs are part of the federal government's Student Summer Employment and Activities Program—SSEAP '77. It is expected that 510 students will be hired by the Health and Welfare Department alone.

The first program "Health Activities Summer Employment program for students" (HASEPS) will provide funds to assist voluntary health and health-related organizations in hiring students of the health professions and other students who represent resources which are needed by the health field.

Voluntary health and health-related organizations should submit applications to the Canadian Public Health Association, 1335 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1Z 8N8, before March 15. Students should apply

through the Canada Manpower Centres.

The second program, called "Non-Medical Use of Drugs Summer Resources Fund" is designed to involve students in the development and testing of more relevant community responses to problems associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs and to encourage research into specific problems surrounding the use of these substances.

The funds will provide employment for approximately 210 students at a total cost of \$600,000.

The program is administered through the regional offices of the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate located in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

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A grant of \$23,750 is to be made to the Oakville Public Library to share in the purchase of special furniture and equipment to establish "Talking Book Radio," the first Canadian radio broadcasting facility for the blind and print handicapped.

The Halton Hills Public Libraries will receive a grant of \$4,305 for the purchase of Canadian films and other materials.

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## Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

As part of their Winter Scouting badge, eight Scouts gathered at Scouter Mark Rowe's house on Sunday for a tobogganing party at the Sir Donald Mann (Glenlea) Park. It was followed by a hike and a tracking session in the nearby forest. After some hot chocolate, the Scouts returned outside for more tobogganing before going home.

The Scouts doing their bronze Winter Scouting badge must bring in their projects to this week's meeting.

The prizes for the pay-what-you-pull draw for the 1977 Canadian Jamboree can be seen on display at Pete's Barber Shop in beautiful downtown Acton. Be sure to buy your ticket from a member of Scouts Canada.

All permission forms and fees for the North Halton district winter Scout camp this weekend must be returned Thursday. Scouts

are to meet at the Scout hall in activity uniform Saturday morning at 7:15. Parents can pick the campers up between 5:30 to six o'clock on Sunday.

The first Acton Scouts will be serving dinner to the Rotary Club of Acton this

Tuesday at Blue Springs Scout Reserve. Scouts who need a ride out must be at the Scout hall before 4:45 that afternoon. All Scouts must wear complete ceremonial uniform right down to clean dress shoes.

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