

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Howe

The Optimist Club of Georgetown sponsored a 50/50 draw for North Halton district Scouts for the Canadian Jamboree in Prince Edward Island. The draw was held at Zellers in the Georgetown market on Saturday, March 12. The very surprised winner was Mrs. Cindy Owens of Brampton. She received a total of \$338. The same amount went to the groups that sold the tickets.

First Acton Scouts would like to thank everyone who supported us by buying these tickets. If you have any saleable goods that you want to get rid of, the Limehouse Cubs and Scouts would like them. An auction and flea market will be held on Saturday, April 23. Please call 877-8071 if you want a collector to stop by.

The first Acton Scouts have postponed their Spring sleep over for one week. Return the permission forms and funds this week for the April 12 and 3 event. This will be an excellent training for summer camping, so please ensure that you attend.

Earn badges
The second Acton Girl Guides have had a busy winter working on badges towards the Physical Fitness Emblem. To achieve this emblem, a girl must have four badges in both the fitness and skill categories.

There were other badges earned also, which were: Miriam Alexander, athlete, keep fit, health and hostess; Ruth Alexander, athlete; Carol Chappel, athlete, health and keep fit; Theresa Conroy, keep fit; Dawn Cook, athlete, health and keep fit; Susan Dickson, athlete, keep fit; Linda Duncliffe, athlete, keep fit; Terry Duncliffe, athlete, keep fit.

Donna Evans, athlete, keep fit; Nadine Ewart, athlete, keep fit; Sandra Girth, athlete, keep fit; Joye Gerth, athlete, health, keep fit, and Physical Fitness Emblem; Lynn Gordon, athlete, keep fit; Patricia Henry, athlete,

health, keep fit; Lesley Kenny, athlete, keep fit; Beverley Le Clair, athlete, health, keep fit; Sandra Le Clair, athlete, health, keep fit; Lisa Mason, athlete, health, keep fit, skater, collector and Physical Fitness Emblem; Connie McCristall, athlete, keep fit; Monica Musselle, athlete, keep fit; and Cindy Pettibone, health, keep fit, and Physical Fitness emblem.

All these badges will be presented at the next meeting. Without interested community minded citizens willing to teach and test badminton, the Guiding movement would not be what it is today. We offer a special "Thanks" at this time to John Kavanagh, Catherine Gardner and Marianne Lindsay for "Helping Us Grow".

The first Acton Guides have also had a busy winter. The following badges were earned: Carey Martin, houseworn; Ann Beettom, petkeeper, cook and little house emblem; Debbie Payne, swimmer; Sharon Bendicks, child care and campfire leader; Donna Beettom, hostess; Janice Raine, keep fit; Sarah Homer, junior camper; Elke Haugen, musician; Karen Steckley, baker.

The fire brigade badge was earned by the following girls in a course kindly given by Larry Brassard of the Halton Hills Fire Department. Tracey Allen, Meredith Caissie, Anne Beettom, Donna Beettom, Denise Coleman, Yvonne Dunnett, Elke Haugen, Helen Lampkin, Marie Lamareche, Carey Martin, Debbie Payne, Monika Schumeth, Karen Steckley and Carol-Ann Waskalik.

Please note that April's Group Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Scout Hall. Thanks to Jean Vaughan and Helen Rowe for their contribution to this week's column.



MEMBERS OF DR. PAUL TAMBLYN'S Outdoor Education class visited the sugar bush and maple syrup operation of Eldon Comfort recently. The students, instead of attending classes at Acton High School, learn the arts of 19th and early 20th century pioneers in addition to approaches to problems of today and the future on the teacher's loaned Everton Road farm. One week after visiting the sugar bush they were using a wood-burning stove to sugar off their first batch of amber colored liquid.

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Attendance cut by flu bug

School absenteeism was up at the beginning of this month, most likely due to the flu bug that has been making the rounds in town. Lyn McLaren, principal at the high school, says that almost 20 per cent of the students were away on one day early in the month. A six per cent absentee rate is about average, he said. Most of the students were out of school for about three days. School nurse Mrs. Val Walters says the worst day for her was February 28. "I usually have three or four students in during the day but that day I saw 12 and then stopped counting," she said.

Most of the people she saw complained of sore throats and the younger ones had stomach aches as well, she says. The principal of Robert Little School Hazen Allen

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Will gain experience in leadership program

Public and high school students who want to work with the Halton Hills Recreation Department during this and future summers will be interested in the new Leadership Development Program planned for this year. The department is looking for 20 students, 13 or older, to take part in the program this summer. Successful applicants will receive two weeks of theoretical training followed by a month's placement with the local recreation program of their choice.

Recreation co-ordinator Miss Anne Pickering said the first stage of the course will include training in leadership, program planning, first aid and child behaviour. During the second stage students will be able to apply what they have learned and gain practical experience working in day camp, playground or swimming pool programs. The course starts on July 4 and winds up August 12. Graduates will receive a certificate of achievement.

Baton lessons offered

Girls from five years of age and up are welcome to register for baton lessons at the Acton YMCA on Thursday, March 31 and Saturday, April 2. Batons can also be purchased on the spot.

Queen Street burglary

Burglars struck a Queen Street apartment last week, according to police. Papers were strewn about and drawers opened. Entry to the apartment was gained through a rear window.

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Robert Little news

by Sharon Bendicks

Last Friday at 3:30 the annual March Break or Winter Break began. The teachers will get a break from the kids and the kids likewise.

Have a safe Holiday!
Inter-House Competition
The standings as of March 17 are: Cheetahs, 2215 points; Lions, 2032 points; Tigers, 1960 points; Cougars, 1949 points; Jaguars, 1786 points; Panthers, 1768 points. Any of these teams could place differently.

Hockey team
The team participated in the school hockey tournament held in the Gordon Alcott

Memorial Arena, Georgetown. In the first game against M. Z. Bennett the R. L. team won with a score of 4-2.

In the second game against Stewarttown the Robert Little team won 2-0. In the third game against Centennial the Robert Little team won 2-0. In the fourth game against Fairview the R. L. team lost 2-0. In the final championship game the R. L. team lost to Fairview 5-0. Congratulations boys!

Money raising
The weekly hot dog days have recessed until April 15.

Talk to students about VD, drugs

A bid by Trustee Bert Hinton to start a dialogue "between members of Halton Board of Education and students throughout the region about sex and morality, venereal disease, alcohol, drugs and youth unemployment failed to win much support Thursday.

Hinton wanted the board to set up a small committee which would meet a few times and see what could be done to improve student social services in Halton.

Director of Education Em Lavender pointed out many people share Hinton's concerns and many groups like the social planning councils, children's aid, youth committees and counselling services are busy looking at problems such as the ones the Acton-Esqueving trustee brought up. He added many teachers, administrators and trustees are involved in these various groups.

Several trustees observed problems like those Hinton mentioned are best solved at the school level and community groups with education staff involvement, and they felt little need for a board committee.

Hinton said a similar committee was set up at Sheridan College while he was chairman of the board and it worked out well. He said all groups concerned with student problems should be brought together to coordinate their efforts.

Trustee Jim Clelland said he was sure no board members were against the intent of Hinton's motion but there are already many people involved in student problems and a board committee wasn't needed. He did

think the student-trustee seminars of a few years ago could be reactivated. "We have been a little slack in this area in recent years and student-trustee seminars would be a good place for these concerns to be raised.

Summer jobs offer

The Lorne Scots Regiment in Georgetown has 18 openings for students this summer in a summer militia training program.

Of the 20 positions available only two are filled at the present time.

The program pays \$17 a day for eight weeks which is \$1,000 for the summer. Applicants must be 17 years of age to qualify for the training.

Chairman is picked

The Education Relations Commission has named a Queen's University law professor as chairman of the arbitration board which will hear Halton Board of Education's grievance against the teacher's embargo on chairmanship positions. Kenneth Swan was named a chairman of the board, on which Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation choice Elliot Posen and board nominee Douglas Laidlaw will also sit. Laidlaw and Posen could not choose which one of them would be chairman so the Education Relations Commission appointed Swan.

The board says the OSSTF has broken the collective agreement by telling its members not to apply for chairmanship positions with the board. The board says this is a violation of the rights of management clause of the board-teacher contract.

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