

Baden-Powell service fills Trinity Sunday

The United church was filled Sunday afternoon for the annual Baden-Powell church service.

Participants filled the front half of the church and friends the back half for the happy and impressive service.

The Beavers, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts all

rose and repeated their group's Promise during the service.

The Rev. Charles Beaton conducted the program.

Father James Smye gave a brief address especially to the young people. Your uniform tells something about you, he said. It tells that you do your



RELIGION IN Life awards were presented at the annual Scout and Guide Week church service Sunday. Those who received awards: front row left to right Martha Armstrong, Nancy Norton, Duff McGillivray, David Slaney, Ted Moysie; back row Jerry van der Eycken, Nancy van der Eycken, Jock Garton, Lisa Gilliss, Lisa Gilliss, Ted Moysie, Duff McGillivray, David Slaney and Martha Armstrong. Taking part in the presentations were the Rev. Len Ewing and the Rev. A. H. McKenzie as well as Mr. Beaton and Father Smye. Mr. Ewing also expressed thanks to the leaders.

McKenzie-Smith news

by Carole Lovell and Chris Baginski

Congratulations to the wrestling team for their fine effort against Centennial school last Monday. Dax Coates won his game. Jock Garton put up a strong fight against an Ontario Junior champion and so did Jim Allan. Congratulations to all.

The Centennial Girls overcame the McKenzie-Smith girls last Monday by a score of 34-24. Our girls had numerous scoring chances but could not get them in. Lori Drysdale was top scorer with 14 points. Kelly White and Mardie Phillips played well offensively. Next game is tomorrow against Martin St.

Last Wednesday, our "Phantom" boys beat Brookville 49-13. The star of the game was Paul Nolan who scored 14 points and played a very good game.

On February 8, our school had a winter carnival. In this carnival, the grades 6, 7, and 8's competed in 12 unusual events. There was: an exploding island; a big-foot race; a hot seat race; a fancy footwork race; a figure eight; crazy bowling; a hill climb; a sled pull; broom ball; and another sled pull. All these zany events were made up by Mr. Roche and Mr. Boycott. Our school is very grateful for the effort and time these teachers put into these events.

Acton High notes

by Janet Howe

With semester two beginning just three weeks ago, it's time to select new courses for next year. The system for next year has changed with classes extended from 60 minutes to 70 minutes. Students will take a maximum of eight courses which will now be worth one full credit rather than .85. This means that only 27 credits will be needed for a grade 12 diploma instead of 32.

The winners for the Valentine Day loneliest teacher award were: Paul Tamblin, third place, Dave Jones, second place, and Harold Swallow, first place.

Last Friday Acton High held a Valentine's dance. The cafeteria was brightly decorated for the occasion. Students danced to the music of the disc jockey company "Discus". A good time was had by all.

On Wednesday, March 8, 40 students from English 552 and 441 will visit the McMichael

Art Gallery in Kleinburg.

On March 9 a three hour long matinee performance of the ballet Romeo and Juliet will be performed at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto featuring Karen Kuin and Luc Amyot. Romeo and Juliet choreographer, John Cranko's highly-acclaimed dramatic ballet captures the pageantry of the Italian renaissance. The music brings the play to life, providing students with an unforgettable theatrical experience.

Interested students at Acton high will be going to this performance. This trip is also open to parents. For information on tickets, parents can contact Herbert Kolm, 20 Seincliffe Road, Thornhill, Ontario.

Free Press Youth Page

Scouting landmarks

Some of the highlights in the 70-year history of Scouting in the world:

- 1908 — Scouts first formed in England.
- 1914 — Boy Scouts of Canada incorporated.
- 1916 — Wolf Cubs begin.
- 1920 — First World Jamboree in London, England.
- 1955 — Eighth World Jamboree, Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario.
- 1968 — First Arctic and Northern Jamboree.
- 1972 — Beaver program launched for boys 5-8.
- 1977 — Canadian Jamboree held in P.E.I., with several local boys in attendance.

Window display

On Saturday morning a few of the members from the Scout and Guide movement were downtown setting up the window display for Scout and Guide week, February 19-26. Various articles from the different groups in the organization were set up in Pete's Barber Shop window. Leaders and children from all sections of the organization were on hand to share the work load.

St. Joseph's

by Tatjana Jansen and Joanne McArthur

On Monday, the Halton Regional Health Unit came to St. Joseph's school for the application of paste and fluoride gel to the teeth. All the grades from one to eight who had permission from their parents were given this treatment.

The finalists from the speech contest, who are going to Milton for the Halton County Finals are Frank McGrath and Kim Muspratt. Today, Wednesday, Kim Muspratt, the school finalist will be going to the Halton Separate School Board Finals in Burlington, Holy Rosary

School. The results of these two contests will be listed in next week's column.

The grade one and two class is preparing for the five weeks left in lent. They are also talking about community helpers such as policeman, firemen and mailmen.

The three and four class is studying desert life and are going to have a celebration for lent with Father Smye.

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Youth Page Editorial Millions touched Scouts, Guides

Not many organizations around the world can take credit for touching the lives of millions of people both young and old. Not many groups can celebrate their 70th anniversary. And still other groups cannot claim to be the largest youth organization in the world.

However, the Scouting movement can claim all these things and even more. Every youngster who has ever belonged to one of the many facets of the movement has learned something from his or her experience. It may have been several badges earned, even top honors received, or it may have been just a sense of values and learning to work together with others. Whatever it was all were touched.

This week is Scout and Guide Week, a time for all to stop and pause, and grasp the true meaning of the organization. The group was formed 70 years ago by Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Both celebrated their birthdays February 22, and even though both have died, their contribution to the world will hopefully live on forever through people like the Acton members.

Acton is celebrating its 63rd year with Scouts and Guides. Over the years, Brownies and Cubs have been introduced, and more recently, the Beavers and Venturers. The town should be proud of their youngsters and leaders. Not many days go by when the members of the Scouting movement are not noticed throughout the town.

They have braved the bitter cold in the Santa Claus parades, dried out after a display at the fall fair was rained out. They sell cookies and apples to raise funds for themselves, and show up at almost all public functions.

Their uniforms are a symbol of their strength and world-wide unity. Acton's boys and girls should be proud of their special clothing, and not ridiculed in any way. Members wore these same uniforms to school today (Wednesday) in a symbolic gesture of celebrating the founders' birthdays.

Unfortunately, this is the first Scout and Guide Week without Lady Baden-Powell, as she died last year. However, she and her husband will never be forgotten for what they have contributed to society. Their name will live on forever as generation after generation will carry on the traditions they began 70 years ago.

Happy birthday, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell—and happy anniversary to the Scouting movement.

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Robert Little

by Krissie Dawkins

On Tuesday, February 21, Scott Nowlan will be going to Milton to compete at Martin Street school in public speaking. Scott's speech was excellent at our school, so we all are confident that Scott has a good chance of winning. Good luck, Scott.

Miss Preston has started a basketball clinic for children eight to ten years old. After the clinic is over we will be competing in groups against other people.

The season for girls' floor hockey is over. After all the exciting games the standings are, Leafs first place, Islanders, second, Flyers, third, and Rangers fourth.

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Students and teachers from the 'Music Stop' who recently passed, with honours, their respective University of Toronto, Royal Conservatory of Music, exams

M.Z. Bennett news

by Victoria Rodriguez

A new activity has begun at M.Z. Bennett School. Each morning at 11:35 the Health Hustle is played over the P.A. system. There are seven tapes, all consisting of different songs. The students and their teachers do exercises to the songs. Each tape will be played for a month or so. There are many exercises

done to the music which build up muscles and improve fitness. Everyone is enjoying this new activity.

The winter carnival is coming up this Friday, and everyone is excited. We'll have more about the carnival in next week's column.

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This June 810 new teachers will graduate from the College's Toronto and Hamilton campuses. The Ministry has been reducing enrolment at the College by about 25 per cent a year over the last three years.

Mr. Wells said that enrolment at the Toronto campus will be limited to 300 and at Hamilton to 150.

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