

Scouts, Guides celebrate formation

Guides look at past, future

by Pat van der Eyken and Jean Vaughan
1979 marks the 70th anniversary of Canadian Guiding, which originally started in St. Catharines. To commemorate this occasion, the Brownies and Guides will be planting zinnias in Acton in the Spring.

Watch for our "aware, care, share" buttons this year, symbolizing the worldwide Guiding theme for the International Year of the Child. On October 17 it has been designated that the Canadian Brownies and Guides do without one of the ten rights of the child for the entire day.

On June 16, the Girl Guides of Canada, Halton Division are hosting Scougai '79. Scougai '78 was a joint rally planned by the Boy Scouts of Canada, North Halton District, to join Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in a day of fun, competition and singing. We will be meeting at the Camp of the Woodland Trails for another exciting day with each patrol again made up of both boys and girls.

Acton District Brownies and Guides are currently involved with several groups making tray favors and donating toys to the hospitals for the children's wards.

We in Acton are very fortunate to have excellent camping equipment

and we are very grateful to Reg and Bea Ginger who work diligently to keep the tents repaired and waterproofed. Many districts do little camping as it is difficult for some women to leave their families for any length of time. The girls in Acton have been very lucky to have Guides able to take them camping.

You will soon see our girls in blue and brown going from door to door taking orders for our traditional Girl Guide cookies. We would appreciate your support again this year as in the past. The Acton District Council is as follows: district commissioner for Acton, Patricia van der Eyken; deputy commissioner, secretary and public relations rep., Jean Vaughan; treasurer, Helen Rowe; camping committee, Reg and Bea Ginger; convenor, Heather Homer; badge secretary, Bonnie Dunn.

First Acton Brownies: Brown Owl, Pat van der Eyken; Tawny Owls, Pat Peterson and Veronica Langridge; second Acton Brownies: Brown Owl, Nancy Little, Tawny Owls, Ann Norton, Leslie Johnston, Erica Mathews and Anne Dunston; third Acton Brownies: Brown Owl, June Payne; Tawny Owls, Mary Elliott, Jan

Soytjere and Jo-Anne Blomberg. Fourth Acton Brownies: Brown Owl, Lynn Waterhouse; Tawny Owls: Linda Widish, Kristine Bruce and Nancy Hagan; and our newest unit meeting at Speyside school, the fifth Acton Brownies, Brown Owl, Martha Casson; Tawny Owl, Shirley Skeggs.

First Acton Guides, Captain Alison Ginn; Lieutenants Pauline Barlow and Susan Carter; second Acton Guides, Captain Margaret Hamilton; Lieutenants Alison Willmott and Annelise Bazzard.

Starting in September, Guiding will have a new look. Brownies will be from age 6 to 9, Guides from age 9 to 12, the new group (of no name yet) 12 to 15, and Rangers 15 and 17. This will be one of our biggest challenges as this means new meeting nights, new uniforms, new Guides, and a new program to learn. Any women interested in promoting good citizenship, independence and the Sisterhood of Guiding should consider the self-satisfying role of Guider

Acton Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies were represented Sunday at the annual Baden-Powell Service at Trinity United Church.

The Acton Citizens' Band opened the service with the Rev. Charles Beaton performing the call to worship. As the color party entered the church and the flags were presented, the congregation of children and parents joined in the opening hymn.

Father Leo Speagle of St. Joseph's Catholic Church said the prayer of invocation, and David Piehl played the guitar and lead in the singing of Kum By Yah, Put Your Hand in the Hand, and He's Got the Whole World.

Monica Mussell read the first lesson, followed by Scott Nowlan with the second lesson. Rev. John Cooper, of the Christian Reformed Church read a message, and the audience sang O Jesus, I

have promised. The Beavers, Brownies and Guides and Cubs and Scouts read out their individual prayers.

Eight members of the movement received their Religion in Life awards at the same time.

Father Leo Speagle, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church presented Gerry Van Der Eyken with his awards, with Rev. Chas. Beaton, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church presenting Adrienne Kovacs and Shaun and

Jim McVeigh with theirs. Ken McKee and Ted Moyse received their awards from Rev. Len Ewing, St. Alban's Anglican Church and Pastor Brian Rennie, of the Pentecostal Church gave Wm. Inglis his award. Shannon Lindsay was absent for the occasion.

The offering, to go towards the World Friendship Fund to aid the Scouting movement in poorer countries was taken up and closing prayers and the Lord's Prayer were said. The congregation joined in the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the benediction.

Scouts '78

by Jim McVeigh and Calvin Robinson
The Scouts had a good year in 1978.

We started our year in August, and it took two

weeks to get everything running smoothly. Our normal meeting consists of badge passing, opening games, patrol organization, campfire and a review of activities coming up in the future. Our Scouters are Mark Rowe, John Sharples, and Rick Gibson and our District Commissioner is Murray Harrison, (Chopper).

The boys in our troop are Adrian Alder, John Barrett, Derek Boyle, Darren Edmundson, Andrew Ferguson, Tim Carlton, Tim Height, Victor Hinojosa, Kevin Hoerig, Ted Moise, Chris Luison, Don McDonald, Malcolm McLelland, Jim McVeigh, Scott Nolan, Calvin Robinson, Steven Inotai, Ken McKee and Brian Steckley.

As Thinking Week is the most important time of year for those in the Scouting and Guiding movements, the Acton District Girl Guides would like you to help us celebrate the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Powell by visiting us at the IGA on Main St. for a free piece of birthday cake and a cup of coffee on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the cake is done. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Guides will be giving the cake out on behalf of all the Brownies and Guides in Acton.

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Acton's history is interesting

by Mark Rowe
The year 1978 marked the 70th anniversary of Scouting around the world and in Canada. It was begun many years ago by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. Shortly after the Girl Guides began, with which Lady Baden-Powell became associated.

Acton began its own Scout troop in October 1915. We certainly have never looked back since then. The town wanted the Scout Association and has supported it strongly ever since. The greatest monument to this support is the Scout Hall itself. Built in 1949, it has been home to generations of Acton Brownies, Guides, Cadets, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and more recently Venturers and Beavers.

As with any volunteer organization, the Scouts and Guides have had their ups and downs. But they would have died long ago if the people of Acton had not believed in them and supported them. For these hundreds, even thousands of children, thank you. The volunteers in Acton have been so numerous I could not begin to list them for fear of omitting someone.

Since last February, the movements in Acton have maintained themselves. We have four Brownie packs, two Guide companies, two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs, a Scout troop and a Venturer company. The Brownies did open a fifth pack under Acton district and it is located in Spey-

side. The next year however, promises growth. The Girl Guides of Canada have modified their program and expansion is even now being planned for the sections in the Boy Scouts.

Therefore I must extend a plea for new leaders. Volunteer organizations are just that and cannot exist without people donating their time. Besides needing leaders in growth areas, many leaders in established groups take a break for a year or two or more away. So please consider donating your time to help the cause of bringing up the children of Acton to become the future citizens of Acton and Ontario.

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