

Bob Carlaw

Halton leader took scouting north

by Jennifer Barr
Scouting is alive and well in Halton thanks to people like Bob Carlaw of Acton, Provincial Field Executive for the Scouting movement in Ontario.

Currently living at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve residence in Naasagaweya, Bob was instrumental in bringing Scouting to the far north of Ontario.

Scouting is active in Indian tribes in places like Wunnumun Lake, Sachigo Lake, Muskrat Dam, thanks to this Acton resident. The movement is now going so strongly, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and leaders from the Keewatin District are planning a trip to the United States.

Although Bob's current responsibilities include being in charge of Scouting throughout the Region of Halton and looking after the Scout leader training centre at Blue Springs he is particularly proud of the four years he spent working out of Thunder Bay introducing Scouting to the area.

Water Buffalo
Bob hasn't always been

in Scouting. Up until joining the staff of the Scout movement, he was employed at Douglas Aircraft as a quality management source representative.

He'd been a Scouting leader since 1954 mostly in Milton moving through the volunteer ranks of assistant Scoutmaster, assistant Rover leader, Rover leader, Scout leader, Venturer advisor and a member of Oakville's Service team and assistant district commissioner for training.

However, in 1974, Bob felt the need for a change of pace and, when he was offered the Thunder Bay post he jumped at it. Fortunately his wife Marlan jumped with him. "This is really where it's at," he grins, "the job's like being a minister," he says commenting on the drop in salary and the willingness to travel to any part of the country.

Travelling by plane from Thunder Bay with the help of a trapper, Bob contacted northern villages and set up programs in six remote hamlets. It's not as easy as it

sounds. The job necessitated constant public relations work, appearing at radio talk shows, setting up his itinerary. He had to work with the volunteers, set up the sponsor partnership with service clubs and generally spread his own enthusiasm.

It worked. Scouting in the far north is growing fast and is a boom to the young lads and men who need the adventure and character building offered through the movement.

"Scouting is reinforcing the phrase 'partnership'," Bob comments. "Water Buffalo", as he is called by his Indian Scouts, found his four year experience in the north an extremely rewarding one. Although hampered by lack of funds, Bob was impressed with the amount of support and volunteer help he received from adults in the community. The chief of every Indian village was always actively involved with the starting of the troop.

Scouting growing Back at Blue Springs for the past two years, Bob has been concerned

with training courses. His basic assignments include serving on the Committee for Manpower Development and being secretary to the Ontario Rover Round Table group.

He is in charge of the area including Oakville, Milton, Burlington and Halton. He says there are over 5000 scouts and 1000 volunteers in Halton Region alone.

Bob is particularly

keen on developing programs for older boys of Venturer and Rover age. He feels only by gearing these programs to the interest of modern boys can scouting survive and grow. With this in mind today's programs lean heavily toward adventure and service to the community. A youth leadership program has come out of the Mississauga disaster search and rescue teams, a

voyage program for youngsters interested in canoeing—the Rendezvous Voyageurs pilot 96 canoes 150 miles through the waterways of the far north each summer. "There's lots of positive things going on. We have to set goals for the five sections of scouting," says Bob referring to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers. "We're looking at every

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Members of the United Church Quilting Ladies and Cancer Society Activity Group displayed some of the moany items they have made at last Wednesday's Acton Cancer Society pot luck supper. They make these items for cancer patients and their families and they are sent to Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Henderson General, Hamilton, and Children's Hospital in Ottawa. The ladies are, left to right, Elma Braida, Eilmer White, Irene Terry, Elsie Reed, Dorothy Simmons and Jayne Telford.



Marie Anthony

Obituary

Marie Anthony

Anna Marie Anthony, lifelong Acton area resident died May 19 1980 in her 31st year after a lengthy illness. Wife of Frank Anthony of Limehouse. Mrs. Anthony spent the last part of her illness in Toronto General Hospital.

Other interests included cake decorating and crocheting. It was said of Mrs. Anthony she would always be ready to help other people, young and old.

Born on July 20, 1949, Mrs. Anthony married her husband Frank on February 1, 1969 in Georgetown. She leaves to mourn a young son, Kevin, parents, May and Fred Laing, sisters Irene Forbes and Shirley Laing and brother William Laing all of Acton.

Affiliated with the Anglican church, Mrs. Anthony was given a memorial service at St. Albans Anglican Church, Acton on May 22, 1980 with the Reverend Arthur Tribe officiating.

Obituary

Ninian Lindsay

Ninian Lindsay, well-known horse breeder, trainer and showman, and lifelong Esqueing resident, died Monday, May 26.

Since 1977, Mr. Lindsay had resided in Acton Seniors Residence and died suddenly in Guelph General Hospital.

Born April 2, 1900, Mr. Lindsay was in his 81st year. Residing most of his life on his farm on the corner of Fourth Line and Highway 7 east of Acton, Mr. Lindsay raised Clydesdale and Hackney horses showing at the CNE and Royal Winter Fair as well as other area fairs. Many of his prize Hackneys were sold to the United States and the Toronto Police Force.

Mr. Lindsay's other interests included flower growing and keeping Shorthorn cattle earlier in his farming career.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ninian Flockart Lindsay of Acton and cousin of Esqueing clerk, the late K.C. Lindsay, Mr. Lindsay is mourned by two sisters, Jean and Anne, and brother Dr. J.C. Lindsay, all of Toronto.

A plaque is being erected in the Acton Seniors Residence by Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, proprietors of the residence,

in memory of Mr. Lindsay who was their first resident.

Funeral services took place Thursday May 29, 1980 at Shoemaker Funeral Home, Reverend C.P. Beaton officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Clarence and Bruce Coles, Mac Sprowl, Harvey and Austin Young and Clarence Denny.

Aerial ladder

Halton Hills should have a new fire truck equipped with a water tower and aerial ladder by 1981.

Monday Halton Hills general committee approved the tender of \$205,000 for the new piece of firefighting equipment which will be used throughout the town.

The winning tender of \$205,000 was from

Superior Fire Trucks of Kingston and it wasn't the lowest or highest bid but best met Fire Department requirements.

It is also \$15,000 over the budgeted amount of \$190,000, but that shouldn't be a problem since it likely won't be delivered until 1981 when the additional amount can be budgeted.

Community Services

(Continued from page 5) ancies in or around Acton. Accommodation with family or friends is also examined. If worse comes to worse the mother will be sent to a Salvation Army hostel in Guelph or Brampton, the abused wife hostels in Hamilton or Etobicoke or even put up in a motel. Now the mother needs financial assistance.

Region welfare or provincial mothers' assistance are pursued. Efforts are also made to get the woman a job and once she has a job to secure day care of some kind for her children. Staff use all their contacts in the community to find the woman a job.

Not run all services Mrs. Grubbe notes the centre wants to help fulfill needs in the community, not necessarily run services, since it doesn't have the manpower or finances to run everything that is needed.

"We act as a resource. The aim is to get services and programs run by the community, they belong in the community, not to run them ourselves," Mrs. Grubbe explains. The idea is to get the community to help itself. She notes 20 years ago the community pitched in to solve problems and provide community services. However, in a large way, community participation, helping one's neighbors, has stopped. Mrs. Grubbe suspects it's because of a number of

reasons, including peoples' fear of getting involved, more women working, more people commuting to work. Then people started looking at social workers and services to solve every problem. Today that attitude is changing and people view social work as a "drain on their taxes and a pain."

Not a social worker Mrs. Grubbe says she isn't a social worker, and in fact has no formal training in the field. "We are just trying to help people help themselves by using the resources that are right here in their community."

The centre has even provided people with information about when public skating is on and was once asked by a resident how someone gets fleas out of a rug. So it is obvious it has become far more than a referral service in the past five years.



Bob Carlaw, Provincial Field Executive for the Boy Scouts of Canada, who resides at Blue Springs, communicates with his area representatives by C.B. radio.

Harris St. "speedway"

Harris Street in Rockwood is "like a speedway" according to a villager who wishes the township would do something to slow traffic.

G. Peacock wrote Eramosa Township Council concerning Harris St. He stated that "sometimes it's like a

speedway . . . I suppose sidewalks would be just wishful thinking."

Many children and elderly people walk on the street, according to the letter.

Township Reeve Bill Adsett said he has asked the provincial police to patrol the street.

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