

837 boys register in Scout program

Canada's largest volunteer youth organization the Boy Scouts of Canada, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and the North Halton District, which includes Acton, Georgetown, Ballinafad, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Norval has 837 boys registered in the program. Broken down into groups there are 249 Beavers, 259 Cubs, 128 Scouts, 21 Venturers, 148 leaders and 32 group committee and district council members.

This is Scout and Guide Week and most of the boys, and leaders will be taking part in events to mark the occasion including Scout-a-Rama last weekend and the church parades this coming Sunday at St. John's United, Holy Cross, Norval Presbyterian and Ballinafad United. Two church parades are also scheduled at Limehouse Presbyterian and Trinity United, Acton, the next Sunday, February 27.

There have been 15 groups registered with the North Halton District, since its beginning and the list is as follows:

Georgetown
1st Georgetown first registered May 25, 1921 until October 25, 1937 met in St. Georges Anglican Church. Rev. John Smith of St. John's United Church reactivated 1st Georgetown in St. John's United Church and registered in 1948 with Charter number 90.

War comes
2nd Georgetown registered September 2nd, 1935 till 1938. Reactivated October 26, 1956. St. George's Anglican Church.

3rd Georgetown registered in Knox Presbyterian November 2, 1957 left in limbo June, 1961.

4th Georgetown registered October 30, 1959, in St. Andrew's United Church.

5th Georgetown registered April 3, 1961, Holy Cross formerly on Guelph St. now on Maple Ave.

6th Georgetown registered January 18, 1962 at 1st Baptist on Main St.: inactive January 16, 1970.

7th Georgetown registered February 19, 1962, inactive May 17, 1971. Sponsored by Legion, met at Armies.

7th Georgetown Rovers registered February 28, 1963.; inactive February 14, 1968. Sponsored by Legion and met at the Rover Skip home, Joe McConkey.

8th Georgetown registered Mar. 3 of 1966, sponsored by the Legion - met first in

Kennedy school and now at St. Francis School.

9th Georgetown registered April 24, 1968, inactive June 1969. Sponsor, Sacre Coeur Church.

Acton
1st Acton registered July 27, 1922, sponsor Rotary Club now.

2nd Acton registered October 20, 1979, Trinity United Church.

1st Ballinafad, registered March 6, 1961. Inactive 1978. Reactivated in October 1980. Sponsor: Community.

1st Glen Williams registered March 14, 1957.

1st Limehouse registered November 3, 1958. Sponsored by the Women's Institute.

1st Norval registered January 21, 1929.

1st Ashgrove registered May, 1962 to present and still going.

1st Hornby April, 1959, to 1961, r activated in 1962.

1st Scotch Block registered September, 1962, to present and still going.

Gord Douglas is president of North Halton District Council.

District commissioner over the years have included:

1957-60, David Dills, Acton.

1960-62, Bill Belleghan (deceased).

1962 for 3 months acting D.C. Doug Ward.

1962 to 1966 Vic Gunn, Georgetown.

1966 to 1968 Doug Ward, Georgetown.

1968 to 1970 Norm Herbert (deceased), Georgetown.

1970 to 1976 Gord Douglas, Georgetown.

1976 to 1979 Murray Harrison, Acton.

1979 to 1980 Bob Barber, Acton, formerly of Georgetown.

1980 to 1981 Steve Thompson, Acton.

1981 to present John Sharples, Acton.

In 1983 thousands of boys and leaders are preparing for the XV World Jamboree in Alberta. This event will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Scouting. Over 15,000 boys from 100 countries will join together to look ahead to the future of Scouting.

Going to the World Jamboree in July 1983 from North Halton District are: Jean Layman, Dave Shrubsole, Elaine Hannah, Evelyn Owen, Leader-Venturer Advisor Brent Collier, Brian Collier and Don McDonald and Dawn Lockhart (a leader here who lives near Woodbridge?)



One of the more spectacular starts at the Scout-a-Rama in Cedarvale Park, Georgetown, Saturday was water walking over Silver Creek. Scoutmaster Rick Symmes assists Scouts Paul Tufford and Greg McEachern in midstream. John Valentine, John Shaw and

Craig Marshall were also helping. Scout-a-Rama is a joint venture of Kicking off Scout-Guide Week and also the 75th anniversary of Scouting. Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Scouts, Venturers and their leaders attended the event.



Scout emblem used in 150 countries

As Scouts around the world celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Scouting in 1983, questions are being asked about the origins of the Scout emblem.

The basic design of the emblem is used by Scouts in all of the 150 Scouting countries and territories. The Scout emblem is one of the more widely recognized symbols in the world, because it has been worn by an estimated 200 million former Scouts and is used by 16 million present Scouts.

As Lord Baden-Powell wrote, "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps

for orienting them with north." Lady Baden-Powell said later, "It shows the true way to go." So the emblem helps remind a Scout that he is to be as true and reliable as a compass in keeping to his Scouting ideals and in showing the way to others.

In Scouting, the three tips of the emblem represent the three main points of the Scout Oath or Scout Promise. The two five-pointed stars represent the original 10 points of the Law (and in some countries they also stand for truth and knowledge).

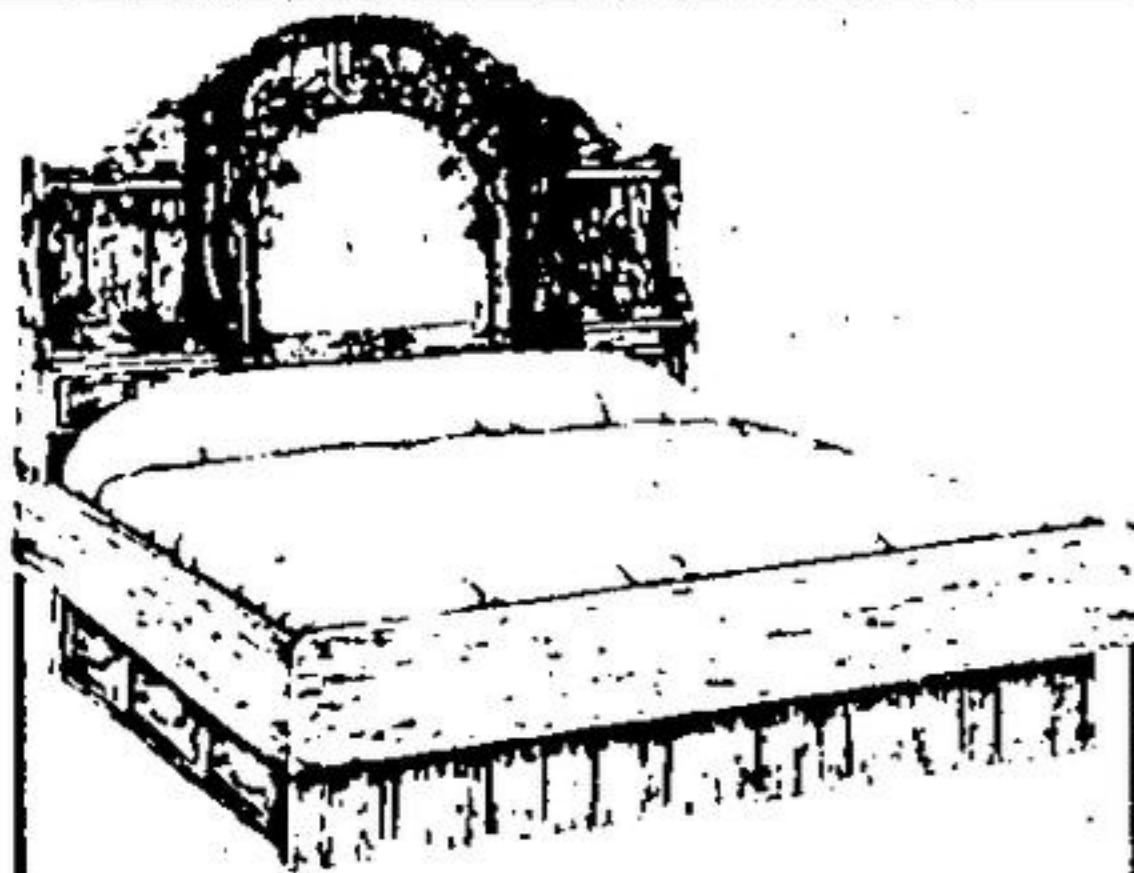
The World Scout Emblem utilizes the

arrowhead surrounded by a rope in a circle, tied with a reef or square knot to symbolize the unity and World Brotherhood throughout the Scout Movement.

The arrowhead and rope are white, on a background of royal purple, the colours chosen by the Founder. In heraldry, "purity" is the virtue most frequently symbolized by white, while the royal purple denotes leadership and helping other people.

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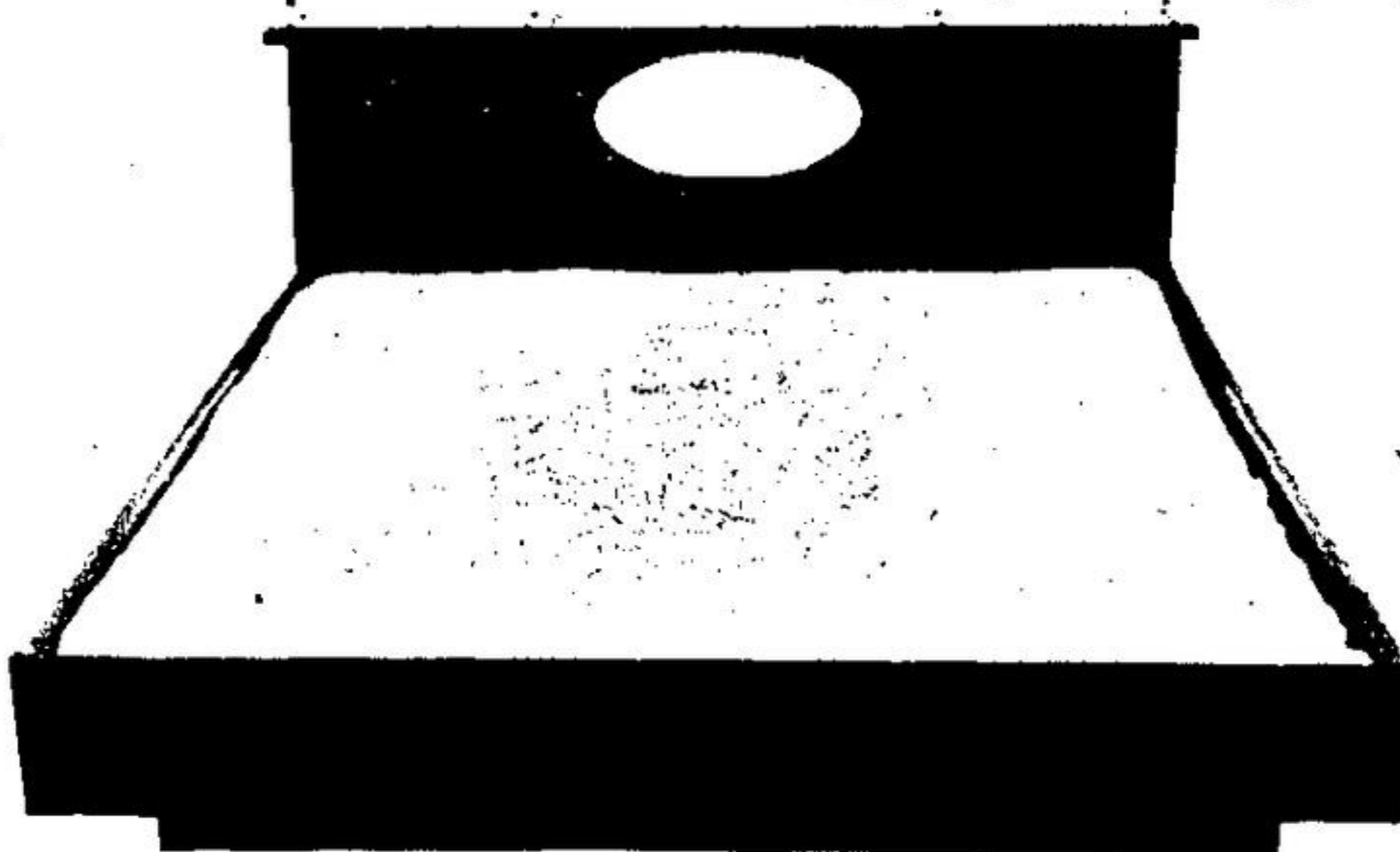
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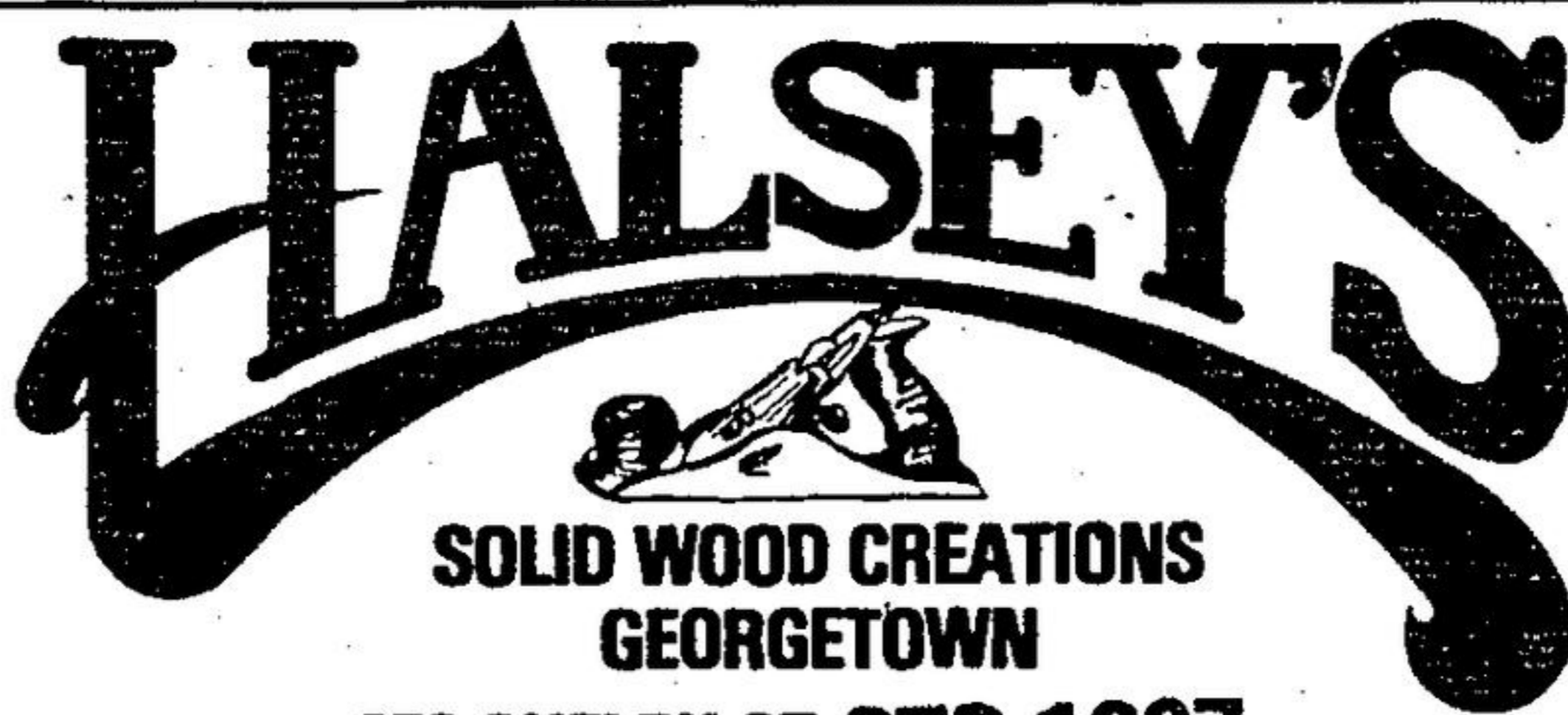
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