

# Summer Cadet Program Goes Over Well With Lorne Scots Recruits

Ever considered a fun summer of marching, signal and weapon instruction, more marching, map reading instruction and even more marching?

Fun? The 80 students who have enrolled in the Lorne Scots' summer militia program say it is.

Monday through Friday, they assemble at the Brampton fairgrounds at 8 a.m. and undergo their basic training until 4 p.m. During the seven weeks, they will go on a number of map marches to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, where they also do recreational training.

### GOING TO CAMP

They will spend five days at Camp Petawawa from Aug 9 to 14. There they will be taught to fire rifles and machine guns, using live ammunition; map reading, watermanship and cliff-sealing.

The courses are designed to provide trained militiamen. The government supports the courses because they are a form of summer employment for students. (Students are paid at the rate of \$7 per day or approximately \$350 for the summer.)

Officer in charge of the course is Major A. V. Goodman. His second in command is Warrant Officer William Adecock, and Sergeant Charles McConnell is the person running the general militia training (GMT) course.

"I am most impressed with the type of boy employed for this type of work," Major Goodman said. "They're neat, clean and readily adapt to the disciplined sort of approach we have to use here."

### PARENTS HAPPY

He feels that the efficacy of the program is shown by com-

ments received from parents at the graduation exercises, held at the conclusion of the course. "The general theme of their comments is that we have changed their boy for the better and that all boys should have some training like this," he said.

"These students are pretty keen," said warrant officer Adecock, a seven year veteran with the Lorne Scots. "They do as they're told and try their best to learn. They are all pretty happy here. I think, and they're eager to work."

Sergeant McConnell, a militia man for four years, agreed. "Most summers, the kids are pretty sharp but this group is the best I've seen. They've come the longest in the shortest time."

Why do the students join the militia for the summer?

Bruce Belbin, 16 joined because "I wanted to learn the basic training. After I'm finished here, and when I'm old enough, I want to join the air force and this will prepare me for it."

He thinks the training is "good. It's hard work but I think that it's enjoyable as well."

Mike Bishop, 16, just drifted into it. "I was looking for something to do during the summer," he explained, "and found this. I joined because I thought it might be good."

### ENJOY IT

He hasn't been disappointed. "I really enjoy it. Sure it's a lot of hard work but there's a lot of good guys here as well. I'll probably join it next summer."

For John Bloom, 17, practical considerations provided the impetus for signing up. "I needed the money but I think I might have joined anyway," he said. "I wanted to learn this training so that, if there's ever a war, I'll know what to do."

He has been getting a "great kick out of it. It's really good we get around by going on 'camps and field trips and we get to shoot rifles. It's great."

"I had nothing to do for the summer so I joined," said Ron Thompson, 16, "it keeps you busy I think I might remain because I enjoy it. It's fun."

### JOINING FULL TIME

The lure of the unknown drew Norman Belton, 16, of Georgetown to the Lorne Scots. "It was something I'd never tried before and I thought I'd like to see how it works."

He has liked it and the experience has "convinced me. I had thought about joining full time before and now I really think I will. I'm definitely going to be back next summer."

Doug Bardeau, 17 is another who joined out of curiosity. "I wanted to get the army's basic training so I could find out what they do and find out what it's really like."

His curiosity has now turned to enthusiasm. "It's great," he said. "Everyone 16 years old or over should join. It's a heck of a lot better than just hanging around street corners for the summer, which is what I'd be doing otherwise."

Recruits who successfully complete the course will be offered a chance to join the regiment permanently.



There's a lot of foot-slogging when Lorne Scots' militiamen walk from Georgetown to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area on a six-mile trek. They learn map reading along the way.



Robert Hilson and Ian Mooney receive last minute instructions from headquarters over one of three field sets used during training.



Taking aim, from left, Richard Rak, Randy Milne, and a Georgetown youth Robert Meluish. The weapons are FN automatic rifles — unloaded.



Corporal James Bloom, right, instructs Howard Mills of Georgetown, and Robert Hilson in the finer points of the 30 calibre general purpose machine gun.

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### BY-PASS CONSTRUCTION STARTS THIS WEEK

ORANGEVILLE — Orangeville by-pass which is under construction will put an end to mile long traffic jams through the centre of this town Mayor Gordon Bredin said. The two mile new section through farmland east of Orangeville will link highways 10 and 24. The \$500,000 by-pass is to be completed next summer.

### ON FRINGE OF BOOM AREA

ACTON — Acton is at the edge of the fastest growing part of Ontario, the Golden Triangle area, which is bounded by Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph and Galt, Preston, Hespeler, Ont.

ario's regional planners see a bright and busy future for this neighbouring area, according to a 175 page report on social and economic prospects issued last week.

### RECORD CROWD CLOSES GATES

ROCKWOOD — Rockwood Conservation Area Park crowd hit a new record high Sunday, July 28. A two hour shutdown at the main gate was required to stop cars from entering as all parking areas were filled. The beach was packed with bathers and wary lifeguards had to be on their toes to keep an eye on the horde. Not all in attendance were there legally since some used an entrance off a township roadway to escape the admission price.

### DOGS BOTHERING FARMER'S SHEEP

CAMPBELLVILLE — Ken Jensen of Campbellville is a sheep farmer who is having trouble protecting his herd from dogs in the area. Mr. Jensen has seen dogs on at least two occasions. One last week left a ram lamb in pretty bad shape. He said there was no indication of the dogs being rabid. Mr. Jensen is keeping the lambs in the barn during the night as a precaution against night attacks.

### STUDY SEWAGE PLANT CAPACITY

MILTON — Future housing and apartment developments in Milton hinge on the capacity of the town's sewage disposal plant and right now no one is sure just how much more sewage it can handle. Although the town's population is just over 7,000 and the plant is designed to handle a population of 11,000, engineers from the Ontario Water Resources Commission are worried that the present plant won't handle an additional 4,000 people.

### FIREFIGHTERS SETTLE FOR TWO YEAR CONTRACT

BRAMPTON — Brampton firefighters have signed a new two year contract giving them increases of 11 1/2 per cent this year and 7 1/2 per cent in 1971. The increases will raise a first class firefighter's salary to \$8,950 from \$7,920 retroactive to January and to \$9,150 for the balance of 1970.

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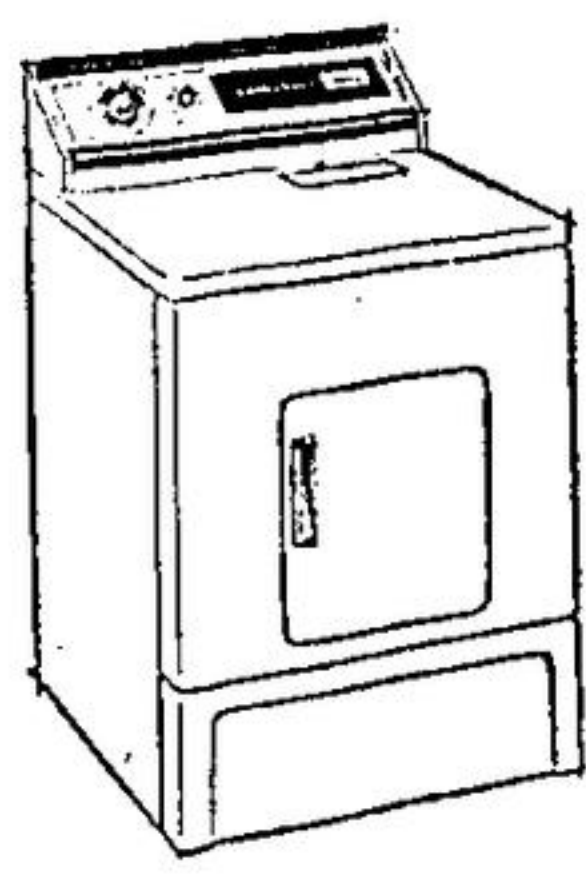


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