FOCAS ON SNOWMOBILING

Esquesing deputy reeve Russ Miller's rooters were vocal and even carried a placard at the Jaycees' snowmobile races at Stewarttown. Miller and Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith finished even-steven in a challenge race which ended up with both drivers speeding down the home stretch from the wrong direction.

— Photos by Allan Grant

Panic in the pits. But the concern disappeared when the sputtering growl turned to a high pitched whine, and the patient grabbed some of the prize money in the next race.

Even small types found the two-day snowmobile races more fun than a bowl of pablum

Polar Bear Snow Trails at Stewarttown was the gathering point for many of the province's top snowmobile race drivers recently when Georgetown Jaycees held their second annual International Snowmobile Races.

As well as cash and trophies the best drivers were after the all-important points necessary to reach championship status.

The two day events featured 5 modified classes, four stock classes, three ladies classes and a junior class.

In the fastest class Modified E, the drivers were after $438.50 for first, $200 for second and $135 for a third place finish.

The prize money scaled down from that to $30 for a third place finish in junior. In all it totalled $4,769.50.

"Hey, if you're getting on I'm getting off," says Phil Clayton of Webb's Ski-Doo racing team as a Polaris driver appears to be changing horses in mid-race. No injuries resulted from the spill, however the two day meet did produce a broken arm, a sliced artery, and sprained wrist.

Snowmobile racing women are no less feminine than women with other pursuits. Ski-Doo speedster Betty Berger of Willowdale couldn't resist checking to see if her helmet was straight before going out for her race at the International Snowmobile races at Stewarttown February 6th and 7th.

Complete Tests at Cub Skating Party

19 - 21 - 35 - 50 - 85! How would you like to have a age? That's what happened Pack of Cubs guessing your the other night when the 5th Georgetown B Pack gave a surprise birthday party for their Akela, Mrs. Terry Colter

The party was planned by the Cubs and the work was done by the Cubs. One Six made place cards, another Six made paper hats, another planned the games and another Six looked after the refreshments: ice cream, cookies and pop — topped with a delicious birthday cake.

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Georgetown District Cubs are having their own Winter Olympics! Cedarvale Park is the place and Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon is the time. Cubs are reminded to bring sleighs, toboggans, skates and a big, wide Cub grin. Ask Akela about the rest of the information all you second year Cubs.

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Bill Schreiber, the Akela of the 1st Scotch Block Pack, was host at a skating party at his home for his own Cubs and several boys from the 5th Georgetown B Pack.

On such an icy day there was a roaring fire outside by the rink as well as one inside in the family room where the boys put on their skates in comfort and stepped outside to skate.

The Cubs completed some of the tests for their skater's badge, played some games and then went tobogganing. They finished off their day with hot chocolate and cookies. Parent, Ernie Rosset drove the 5th Georgetown boys.

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All Cubs, Scouts, Venturers Rovers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from Georgetown and district will attend a folk mass at Holy Cross Feb. 28. Parents and friends are welcome too.

FLAG FLAP

Mrs. Joyce Lock, R. R. 3, Georgetown, took Esquesing council to task for flying a torn Canadian flag, atop the municipal building, when she wrote a letter to council, Monday night.

She said the flag was tattered, and pointed out that it should be raised at sun-up and lowered at sunset. She asked if the township didn't have a few dollars left to replace the worn-out flag.

Cr. Len Coxe agreed with Mrs. Lock and council okayed the purchase of a new flag.

"We won't send one of the girls in the office out at dawn to raise it, and at night to lower it" commented Reeve Tom Hill.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario's 1970 burley tobacco crop is now estimated at about 2,500,000 pounds from 1,276 planted acres. In 1969 the yield was 3,544,341 pounds on 2,120 acres.

Centennial Movie Could Be Ontario Place Feature

Georgetown's Centennial public school is one of 288 public and high schools all over Ontario where enthusiastic students have turned producers, cameramen and actor. Their goal: to have their films presented for the thousands of visitors to Ontario Place, beginning late May.

Movie making has caught the imagination of today's young people. They bring to it the same gusto that their parents had for watching Saturday matinees at the neighbourhood movie house. With this in mind, the Department of Trade and Development invited Ontario public and high school students to produce their own three minute 8 m.m. colour films, portraying the communities in which they lived.

SHOOTING STARTED

Young film-makers of all ages have accepted the invitation and shooting's under way. Their film handiwork will be viewed by visitors to Ontario Place, the new 96 acre showplace in Lake Ontario, off Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

At Ontario Place, in one of the five 'pods' of the giant exhibition pavilion, it is planned to have 288 of these films on view in a self-contained exhibit that utilizes a multi-programmed, multi-selector projection system. The visitor simply selects the place of interest to him, presses a button, and watches a three minute silent colour film made by the students of that locality.

Cost of producing each three minute film is absorbed by the individual school. The Department of Trade and Development will select the suitable films for presentation in the Ontario Place exhibit.

THROUGH THEIR EYES

This student-created exhibit will show many aspects of Ontario and its way of life through the eyes of young people, using a modern communication method with which today's youth everywhere are identifying. The films will bring together widespread parts of Ontario, to form a unique panorama of the province.

The students, like all film-makers, face a production deadline. The films must be submitted to the Department of Trade and Development in Toronto no later than February 25.

BALLINAFAD

Members to Decide on Riding Club's Awards

The annual meeting of the EB-HO riding club was held in the Ballinafad Community Centre, Saturday, Feb. 6. President Duncan McDougall called on Frances Smith to read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. Faye Wellington gave a complete treasurer's report.

The election of officers for 1971 came off very smoothly under the jurisdiction of Al Court who is head of the nominating committee. Following are the officers for the current year. President Duncan McDougall; vice president Russ Sears; secretary Donna Hamilton; treasurer Faye Wellington. The directors for the horse shows were appointed as follows — junior Melanie Sears; intermediate Al Court; western, Robert Frost; Bryn Robertson; English, Bruce Coates and Tobe Riley; newsletters Mrs. Van Dam; entries Margaret Riley, Eleanor Taylor, Vi Sears, Edna Court; refreshments Tobe Riley; public relations Ruth Burt.

Each year three awards have been given for the club's motto, horsemanship, sportsmanship and fellowship. The winners of these awards will be decided by the members by filling in a questionnaire. The awards will be given at the end of the season. The new executive then took over the meeting. A skating party was planned for the near future, also a horse clinic will be held at the home of the president Duncan McDougall.

A letter written by Bruce Coates regarding improvements for the English section of the shows was read. Further considerations will be given to his suggestions.

Quite a few new members have joined the club this year in anticipation of some good competitive horse shows for 1971. Refreshments of do-nuts and coffee concluded the evening.

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Residents of the village were very much interested in the letter in last week's Herald from Rev. and Mrs. James Kirkwood, who have been working in the foreign mission field. They are now living in Kalulushi, Zambia. Jimmy was born in Ballinafad and spent his childhood and teenage years among us. We look forward to their returning to Canada when we hope to hear more of their experiences working among the Africans.

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We extend sympathy to Mr and Mrs. Jack Kirkwood and family in the loss of Mrs. Kirkwood's brother Fred Cole whose death occurred at his home in Acton last weekend.

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The group committee meeting for the Ballinafad community of the Cubs and Scouts met in the community centre on Monday night, Feb. 8. The district commissioner Mr. Douglas was present, also the assistant district Cub Master, Mr. Owens. They discussed discipline of the Scouts, plans were made for the father and son banquet which will be February 26, also a rummage sale for sometime in March.

— Winnifred Smith

CANVASSERS NEEDED

March is Red Cross Month in Canada, the time when the Canadian Red Cross makes its annual appeal for funds. Canvassers, 16 or older, are urgently needed for this year's campaign Be a good citizen. Volunteer as a canvasser for the Red Cross in our community. The more canvassers there are, the less time and effort it will take to meet this year's objective. Help spread the work load.

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