



FLY UP FROM 9TH BROWNIE PACK to 6th Girl Guide Company took place last Tuesday for these seven Brownies: (clockwise from lower right) Cathy Ryan, Deborah Hall, Joanne Powell, Dawn Russell, Karen Edgar, Kim Somerville and Juanita Millesse. The fly up took place during a potluck supper at Harrison School where about 35 parents were present.

Guides object to column

by Halton Division, Girl Guides of Canada
Georgetown East & West Districts

With a definite lack of enthusiasm, we as volunteer leaders, are wondering whether the opinion in Mrs. De Facendis' paid article is the same as the majority of parents. Is it worth our effort to start again in September? Probably 150 Guides from Halton Division will decide your girls are worth it.

Contrary to last week's article, there are only minimal waiting lists, if any, and we do not blackmail mothers into becoming leaders. The only pull involved in getting your child registered in the movement, is the one needed to take the phone off the hook to call us!

As general information: Lady Baden Powell lived for many years with her husband camping in Africa. Needless to say, paid household staff is not needed in a tent. The Brownie program is made up of two parts: the Golden Bar & the Golden Hand. These are a series of simple tests designed to develop the girls co-ordination, interest in nature and ability to do things for themselves. Interest Badges should be attempted only if the Brownie so desires. We do stress to mothers that should they have a daughter wanting to pass an Interest Badge the child should have some prior knowledge and ability to pass the requirements before attempting it. If the Tester or Mother (as in the case of the Cook's Badge) passes the test without the child honestly completing the requirements, we feel that this destroys the whole fundamental idea of badges and instead teaches the girl dishonesty. Lady Baden Powell gave us a program that is designed to build a girl's moral character.

All of our leaders are unpaid volunteers and the majority mothers. We give of our time to your girls because a great satisfaction and enjoyment is derived from being a leader and working with children. For those parents who have given us moral support in the past, we thank you. For those parents who use us as a babysitting service, perhaps you should evaluate our organization thoroughly before making rash statements. We like what we do! Do you like what you are doing?

Column unfair to Brownies

To the Editor of the Herald: I would like to comment on the column "It's time for Brownies," by Susan De Facendis in the May 26 Herald. I'm sure it was written in jest, but it came across to me as quite a putdown to the Brownies and their wonderful organization.

I don't know what pack she is trying to register her daughter in but I didn't have any "pull" and I had no trouble at all on registration last fall. We didn't have to put on a "two year waiting list." My daughter was cheerfully welcomed and accepted immediately as a

Twelve in the 13th Brownie Pack. The Ladies Auxiliary consisting of all the mothers, have really no pressure put on them to help although your services are welcome however small your contribution may be.

The earning of the different Brownie badges are an incentive to learn something about that particular skill and then to pass tests, frequently occurring in the home under the watchful eye of the mother after the child has practised a few times. Obviously her daughter was trying it for the

first time if all three eggs hit the floor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brownie leaders for their fine work and dedication not only in the 13th pack but all over Halton.

I think Susan De Facendis has said it all, to quote, "With a definite lack of enthusiasm..." With an attitude like that she is better off not registering her child now or ever. The amount of success is whatever effort and enthusiasm you and your daughter put into it.

Mrs. Lynnda Gilbert.

Beware of "Grizzly"

To the Editor of the Herald: I am writing this letter as a warning to parents with young

children. I want to warn them about a movie my mother took my brother and I to see tonight. It was called "Grizzly" and man was it gory!

I made "Jaws" look like a fairytale with so many bodies being torn apart by the grizzly bear. My brother actually

enjoyed the show. We are both sorry we made our mother sit through this show.

There were a lot of young kids there (as young as three-year-olds). I doubt if they will sleep very good tonight. So parents, please see the show before you let your kids see it!

Sandy DeCoste (age 11)

Parent protests lack of crossing guard

Following is the copy of a letter sent to Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett.

Dear Sir: I am concerned about the lack of a regular school crossing patrol on Mountainview Road South, Georgetown near Sinclair Avenue.

You are, in fact, my last resort and I would like my fear for the lives of the local children placed on record in your office.

During the last two weeks the regular crossing warden has been away. I understand

that she is on holiday in Europe. Last week there was no one on the crossing at all. My wife and I made arrangements to take our two children to school and to meet them.

At the beginning of this week I telephoned local police office where I was told that, really, the responsibility rested with the municipality although it was suggested that I might like to speak to the Safety Officer Sgt. Bromley.

The officer was not available when I called so I called the

town clerk. Here I was told that the town was merely responsible for hiring school crossing personnel and that the police department had the job of supervising them.

The town clerk also said, incredibly, that people were apt to grumble when a police officer had to be used for a school crossing, in the absence of a crossing patrol, because of the expense!

I am aghast that the cost of paying a police officer for two hours per day can even be considered on the same scale

with the lives of our children. I fear that I told the town clerk, in no uncertain terms, what I thought of his economics. He remained calm and friendly, however, and promised to speak to the police for me.

A short while later Sgt. Bromley phoned me. He explained the difficulties involved in the deployment of the Georgetown police personnel and promised that whenever possible the crossing would be covered by a police officer. Indeed for the remainder of that day a police officer appeared at the appropriate times.

On the following day the police officer was replaced by a little schoolboy of perhaps nine or ten years with a pink fluorescent Sam Browne and a great propensity for larking about with the other children. He might as well have not been there. It was on this day, after speaking to a number of other concerned parents, that I decided to write to you.

If you know the area at all, you will be aware of the dangers about which I speak. The young people from the local high school and others use the road as a practice run for the Indianapolis 500. It is only a matter of time before one of our children is killed or at least seriously injured. I do hope that you will be able to find the time to consider this matter before someone is seriously hurt.

David Richards,
16 Mountainview Road St.
Georgetown.

Timbrell replies to Hydro editorial

Hydro facilities will be controlled by province

To the Editor of the Herald:

Your editorial of May 19th, entitled "Hydro is not above the law" has been brought to my attention. I must say it causes me concern, and I believe it reflects a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the current problem of the zoning by-laws in Halton Hills.

I would like to review the case based on the records of the ministry of energy which indicate:

1. By-law 23-69 as amended by By-laws 11-70 and 12-70 passed by the Council of the former Corporation of the Township of Esqueping and presently in force in part of the Town of Halton Hills does not provide for the construction of any works or undertakings of Ontario Hydro in the town.

2. In December, 1973, the Council of the Town of Halton Hills was requested to amend the by-laws to permit the erection of two distribution stations to serve the Town of Halton Hills. Subsequently, Ontario Hydro applied for an amending order to the Ontario Municipal Board directing the Council to pass the amending by-law.

3. After a public hearing held on July 26, 1974, the Ontario Municipal Board reserved its rulings to permit the Council to pass the amending by-law which was done on October 8, 1974, and allowed the distribution stations to be constructed.

4. On June 4, 1974, the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills passed By-law 74-51 which is a comprehensive zoning by-law. Ontario Hydro pointed out that Zoning By-law 74-51 did not include a public utility exemption clause.

5. Ontario Hydro applied to the Ontario Municipal Board for relief from this by-law.

6. On April 5, 1975, the Ontario Municipal

Board refused to grant the requested relief. You have probably noted from the above amendments to the by-laws when distribution stations had to be built to serve the people of Halton Hills.

The transmission line now under question is a 500 kV line connecting the Bruce A Generating Station to the Milton Transformer Station. This transmission line is for the integrated transmission supply of the province including the citizens of Halton Hills. Clearly, it is established that facilities built by Ontario Hydro for the service of the entire province must be under provincial control.

Your comment on the respect with which the Ontario Municipal Board is held is appreciated but, I believe, there is a lack of understanding about its authority. The O.M.B. is not supreme, as there are provisions for appeal from an O.M.B. decision to the Ontario Cabinet. Ontario Hydro therefore, is not above the law as you suggest, rather it is following procedures which are established by the Legislature.

Ontario Hydro does not deserve the derision of your editorial or being pointed out to us a villain in this matter. Ontario Hydro has for over seventy years served the people of Ontario well and built an efficient electrical power system for the province. They are subject to the policy direction of the provincial government, elected by the people of Ontario, and the policy must be formed with the interest of all citizens of Ontario in mind.

Yours sincerely,
Dennis R. Timbrell
Minister of Energy

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