

# Religion in Life award important to Scouting

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Herald Special  
The Scouting program has many badges and awards which the boys may earn but the Religion in Life Emblem ranks as one of the higher awards.

The Emblem consists of a great circle, the symbol of Eternity, in which appear the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, alpha and omega, the symbol of God Himself, reminding the wearer that the worship and service of God must form a part of life's program from beginning to end. This Emblem is granted to a Cub, Scout, Venturer or Rover who has completed the requirements laid down by their own faith or denomination and to the satisfaction of their minister, priest or rabbi.

The Emblem of the Jewish faith depicts the Menorah, the Jewish symbol of light, whose gentle rays overcome the darkness in the world.

The Religion in Life Emblem was instituted with the co-operation of the churches in 1947. There are four stages to the Emblem, coded by colored borders and the requirements are tailored to age groupings. Stage 1 has a yellow border and is for typical ages 8, 9 and 10. Stage 2 has a green border and is for typical ages 11 to 14. Stage 3 has a blue border and is for typical ages 14 to 17. Stage 4 has a red border and is designed for ages over 16.

A boy may start at any stage appropriate to his age and capability and the stage earned may be carried into the next section i.e. - Stage 1 if earned in Cubs may be worn when he is in Scouts, Venturers or

Rovers. Only the highest stage earned is worn. A certificate signed by the member's religious authority and section Scouters is issued with each stage of the Emblem.

Common categories in each of the four stages have been agreed upon by all churches using this Emblem:

Word of God consists of learning about the Bible, faith and beliefs of the member's own church.

Worship of God consists of taking part actively in the worship and services which take part in his church.

Witness to God requires the boy to continue his activities in the home and in the life of the community. Daily living and service projects are encouraged here.

The Religion in Life program is intended to not only increase the boy's understanding of his own faith and its

doctrine but to relate this knowledge to his place in the home and community.

There is an increase in the number of churches having active Religion in Life programs - St. John's, St. Andrew's and St. George's in Georgetown and St. Joseph's in Acton are among these churches in North Halton Scout District. This program certainly adds to the quality of Scouting in the District.



Georgetown area scouts and guides prepare to leave Knox Church to take part in last Sunday's parade commemorating "Scout and Guide Week". Prior to the parade, Rev. Peter Barrow conducted a special service. (Herald photo)



The Knox Church basement filled to overflowing last Sunday as Georgetown area scouts and guides gathered in preparation for their "Scout and Guide Week" parade. (Herald photo)



The Limehouse Girl Guides and Brownies held a party at Limehouse Public School last week to celebrate Scout and Guide Week. Attending the festivities were (back row from left) Sabrina Papp, Judy Carroll and Leah Stansbury as well as (front row left to right) Shannon Burrell, Karen Case and Lesla Shrubsole. (Herald photo)



At the parent-son dinner held last Wednesday, the fourth Georgetown Cubs, Scouts and Beavers presented three major awards to their members. Receiving his Fifth Star was Tim Osterhof, left while Greg Mills was awarded his Camping Crest and David Ryan, right, received his Sixers Woggle. Watching over the boys is Akela Jim Basinger. (Herald photo)

## BUSY SCOUT AND GUIDE WEEK

## CPP increases monthly payments

A nine per cent increase in Canada Pension Plan benefits, effective this month, has been announced by Health and Welfare Minister David Crombie. The minister also announced new maximum amounts which will be paid to persons who qualify for benefits in 1980.

The current retirement pensions, disability and survivors' benefits, paid to an estimated 1,138,200 persons, will be raised by nine per cent to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index. Approximately 720,500 of these persons are retirement pensioners, while 78,700 are disability pensioners, and 189,100 are surviving spouses.

Another 120,800 payments are for children who receive benefits as orphans or children of disabled contributors. In addition, there are 29,100 combined benefits, such as for a surviving spouse who receives a retirement pension and a survivors' benefit.

For persons qualifying in 1980, the maximum retirement pension will be \$244.44 a month. The maximum disability pension payable in 1980 will be \$240.58 a month, while benefits for disabled contributors' children and orphans of deceased contributors will be \$57.25. The maximum monthly surviving spouse's pension will be \$148.92 for persons under 65 years of age and \$146.66 for spouses 65 or older. The maximum lump sum death benefit payable in 1980 is \$1,310.

These increased benefit levels, for persons who qualify in 1980 reflect the rise in the contributory earnings ceiling (Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings), which was recently announced by Revenue Canada as \$13,100 for 1980.

The rise in the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings results in an increase in the maximum amount of money people contribute to the Canada Pension Plan and therefore an increase in benefits.

## Disregard property tax credit

J.R. Giles, director of Federal Income Tax in the Hamilton area wants to remind all taxpayers to ignore all references to the mortgage interest and property tax credit on their 1979 income tax returns.

Approximately six million special returns were mailed to taxpayers - containing provisions for claiming the credit.

The legislation allowing persons to claim the credit was not approved by Parliament and therefore is not in effect for the 1979 tax year. Last week's defeat of the Conservative government which proposed the credit is expected to see the scheme scrapped.

Mr. Giles says that taxpayers should discard copies of Schedule 11 if included in their returns.

## Lotteries generate \$357 m

Since provincially-run lotteries began five years ago, \$357 million in profits have been generated for the benefit of all Ontario residents, according to the Ontario Lottery Corporation. These proceeds are distributed in the form of cultural, recreational, health research, environmental, social service and hospital capital grants.

The Corporation last week reported on research showing that over 86 per cent of Ontario households participate in provincial lotteries, with the majority of players buying only one or two tickets per draw.

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## NOTICE

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All claims against the Estate of Douglas Andrew Coupland, late of the city of Brampton, in the Regional Municipality of Peel, Manager who died on or about the 21st day of August 1979, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 24th day of March, 1980; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

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