

Stampede, hiking, camping await local boys at 'C.J. '81'

The North Halton Scout district is sending a contingent of 73 people to this year's Canadian Jamboree, but no one's going by canoe - the Jamboree is in Alberta. In 1977, a Venturer Company from Georgetown canoed to the national Jamboree in Prince Edward Island, under the guidance of their advisor, the late Howard Powell. This year,

no one is planning on canoeing to the Mananaskis River between Banff and Calgary, although some will be driving out.

About 18,000 Scouts, Venturers and Scout leaders from across Canada are expected to attend the Jamboree, which runs from July 1 to 10. The contingent from North Halton will include 59 boys, nine leaders and

five people who'll be among the volunteer staff at the Jamboree.

Represented at the jamboree will be the 1st Georgetown Scouts and Venturers, the 8th Georgetown Scouts, the 1st Acton Scouts, the 1st Limehouse Scouts and Venturers and the 5th Georgetown Venturers.

Those attending have to pay their own way, either raising the money themselves or with help from their parents. The total cost of the trip, including air fare and registration, is about \$483.

RAISE FUNDS

Elaine Hannah, cub coordinator for the district, said the volunteer staff are collecting beer bottles and newspapers, and have delivered telephone books, sold chocolate-covered almonds, candles, and pens, and catered a luncheon in an effort to raise money for the trip.

Murray Harrison, Don Tipple, Helen Beckett and Evelyn Owen will be working in the trading post, the staff feeding area, and in scout program control at the jamboree while the scouts are taking part in 18 activities organized for them.

George Henderson, Scout Master in the 1st Georgetown Scout troop, said the scouts



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will receive a selection of 18 activities, of which they can choose 12 to participate in.

The activities include a trip to the Calgary Stampede, a tour of Banff, an overnight hike, a day hike, an obstacle course, pioneer activities

and Indian village activities. The Jamboree will be divided into 13 sub-camps with 1,500 boys in each camp. Each sub-camp is operated like a camp itself.

Before the scouts head for the west, they have to have some practice camping with the lightweight equipment which they'll be using at the jamboree. The idea is to make sure the boys have sufficient camping experience that they won't spend all their time doing dishes or setting up camp, Mr. Henderson said.

The scouts will have to pack their tents, stoves and other equipment into backpacks to take on the plane with them, and it will take some practice sessions to determine how everything is going to be carried, Mr. Henderson said.

The site itself is in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and it's not unknown for the temperature at night to drop around the freezing mark at the mile-high location of the jamboree, so the scouts will have to be prepared for all kinds of weather, Mr. Henderson warned.



Long-time scouters Jean Layman and Dave Hastings have smoothed the way for many scouts over their years working with the boys of Georgetown. Here they are shown with one of the 1st Georgetown troops they led. The uniforms have changed somewhat since those days, but Scouters Jean still emphasizes the importance of a well-kept uniform in "bringing out the real boy."

Beardmore provides 'ship', Sea Scouts set sail in Acton

Acton's Sea Scout troop held its first meeting in its very own landship Monday thanks to the generosity of Beardmore Tannery in donating the use of the company hall on a regular basis.

Skipper Steve Ormsby says the troop began meeting in November, but met irregularly because of lack of facilities. The Beardmore offer has given them a home and the nine boys will now be able to meet each Monday.

Sea Scouts are just like land Scouts, he said, except they have the additional knowledge involving water skills. They'll attend the same scout jamborees and meet the same requirements.

The troop will be able to use Fairy Lake for some of its water activities like canoeing and swimming and may use a small boat on the lake one day.

The need to have strict

discipline when handling watercrafts gives Sea Scout leaders a better opportunity to incorporate a bit more militaristic or regimented discipline for the boys, Mr. Ormsby said.

Although the troop hasn't received much publicity, it didn't just spring up suddenly. Trinity United Church, which sponsors the troop, has had a beaver colony and a cub pack with sea scout beginners for the past couple of years and it was simply a matter of extending the organization to the scout level as boys matured through the ranks.

The Sea Scouts are 11 to 14 years of age, as are their "land-locked" counterparts. Mr. Ormsby hopes a Sea Venturer group can eventually be added as well.

Sea scouts may not be as well known here as land scouts, but they have been around just as long. Lord

Baden-Powell, the man credited with starting the scout movement, was actual-



ly a Sea Scout, Mr. Ormsby said.

Sea scouts wear blue uniforms rather than the familiar green ones worn by land scouts. Until recently, they wore the white sailor hat associated with the navy.

Now, however, headquarters has given permission for the boys to wear a blue beret instead. Mr. Ormsby sees this as a good thing, since the white hats cost about \$25, while the blue ones will be around \$8.

The troop is not actively seeking new members, but Mr. Ormsby feels they could handle about 20 boys with the four leaders they now have. They have nine now and will receive three more when cubs from the 2nd Acton cub pack are ready to move up.

Mr. Ormsby was a sea scout leader in Scarborough before moving to Acton. He and Troop Chaplain Rev. Chuck Beaton, or number one as he is also called, were both sea scouts themselves, but Quartermaster Terry Bridge and Mate Brian Hahn were not in the movement before they took on the job of leading the troop.



Religion is an important part of the scout and guide program as is shown in this outdoor service at the Haliburton Scout Camp on Doe Island in 1955. Scouts and guides in Acton will be holding a special service at Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday in honor of Thinking Day, the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Georgetown scouts and guides have chosen to postpone their joint service to May 31, and will be holding an outdoor service in Cedarvale Park.

Six local scouts at '55 World Jamboree

Former Scoutmaster Bob Hardman of Georgetown has good memories of the first and so far the only World Jamboree of Scouts to be held in Canada, although he spent most of his time driving a truck around the camp grounds.

Almost 11,000 scouts from about 70 different countries attended the eighth World Jamboree at a military site near Niagara-on-the-Lake in August, 1955. Among the 3,400 scouts attending from across Canada was a contingent from Georgetown which attended the jamboree to work.

Queen Scouts Ross McGilvray and Jack Livingstone and Scouts Tom Forgrave, Bob Tracey, Bill Farmer and Barry Jeffrey made up the Georgetown contingent, which helped keep the jamboree running smoothly.

Mr. Hardman, who still lives on Normandy Boulevard,



Bob Hardman (centre front) led local contingent

drove a truck delivering each day's rations to the various campsites.

"The worst trouble was getting up at 4:30 a.m.," he said.

AROUND WORLD

The big advantage of the job was getting to talk to scouts from all over the world as he dropped supplies off at their campsites. But Mr. Hardman found that instead of learning about the native countries of the scouts, he spent much of his time answering questions about Canada.

In spite of the massive operation involved in running a jamboree, there was no confusion, Mr. Hardman said. Everything started and finished on time.

The camp was like a miniature city, with a hospital in the

school nearby, staffed by army, navy and air force doctors from the military installation where the jamboree had been set up. A large stage was set up where the different troops from different countries put on displays each day. Mr. Hardman said. The jamboree even had its own newspaper, the Jamboree Journal. Dave Dills, a well-known Halton scouter and former publisher of the Acton Free Press, worked on the staff of the Journal.

VERY SPECIAL Evenings at the jamboree were very special, Mr. Hardman remembered.

"There were campfires at each of the campsites, and sing-songs in different languages," he said. "We had a march-past one day with all the different scouts of all colors and uniforms - it was

Guides greet nine more Brownies

By BARB HADDON Herald Special

The 1st Limehouse Brownies and Guides took part in a "Fly-up" ceremony Feb. 4 at Limehouse Public School.

The following Brownies flew up to Guides: Lesla Shrimbole, Susan White, Debbie Fiddler, Leanne Burt, Karen Case, Shannon Burrell, Leah Stansbury and Vicki Hill.

The enrollment ceremony will take place next Tuesday (Feb. 24) at the school, between 6:30 and 8:30.

The Guides have been busy working on badges, and thoroughly enjoyed a "Cameo" liquid embroidery workshop Jan. 27. A special thank you to Laurel Vielstra for demonstrating and making it a fun evening.

The January meeting of the Limehouse L.A. was held at Marsha Batchelors. It was decided that the mother and daughter banquet will be held March 12. Parents will be notified of time and place. Thank you, Marsha, for supplying the meeting place and lunch. The February meeting will be at Elaine Little's.

The bottle drive will be coming up in April, so please save any jars or bottles that you might want to contribute.



Beavers



North Halton district cubs competed in the annual local Kub Kar Rally Saturday at the Acton Legion. The winners, (left to right) Shawn Carney, Ryan Carney, Greg Socha, Doug

Thompson, Tod Helkas, and Greg Fisher (not shown), will compete in the regional car rally in Milton Mar. 14. The cubs and their fathers work together to design, build and race the cars.

Greg Socha had fastest entry in N. Halton Kub Kar rally

The North Halton District Annual Kub Kar Rally was held in the Acton Legion Hall Saturday.

Cubs from Georgetown, Norval, Ballinafad, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Acton arrived so proudly at the Legion Hall with their mini-models, with streamline chassis and different

colors to boot for this grand prix. Close to 130 boys and 70 leaders and parents were in attendance to help cheer the Kars on.

The best design prizes went to Shawn Carney of Norval Cub Pack with first, 2nd to Greg Fisher of Glen Williams Cubs.

Winners of the race were 1st Greg Socha of Limehouse, 2nd to Doug Thompson of 4th Georgetown and 3rd prize to Tod Helkas of 2nd Georgetown.

The organizers of this event were chairman Bill Ingles of 1st Acton "B" pack, Gord Kemp 3rd Georgetown, Robert Foster of 1st Lime-

house and Rosa Walsh of 1st Acton "A" and Elaine Hannah.

Films were shown both in the morning and afternoon while the boys waited for the different heats.

District Commissioner Steve Thompson and District council president Jean Belshaw attended this event.



Rovers

really something to see."

Mr. Hardman also recalled the large-scale religious services, with all the Catholic scouts gathering for mass, followed by scouts belonging to the Church of England later in the same spot at the same altar.

One of the highlights of the jamboree for Mr. Hardman and Rosa McGilvray was meeting Olive Baden-Powell one day as she walked through the camp. Mr. Hardman had met Lord Baden-Powell some years earlier as a scout in England, and mentioned this to Lady Baden-Powell.

"She was a real lady," he said.

Mr. Hardman, who retired from scouting at the age of 60 on his doctor's advice, says the world jamboree was the highlight of his 15 years as a scout leader.

"It was a privilege to attend the jamboree, even to work," he said.

The World Jamboree will be returning to Canada in 1983, being held in Alberta on the site of this year's Canadian Jamboree, midway between Calgary and Banff.

On-again, off-again history, but scouting here since 1908

The scout troop known as 1st Georgetown received its charter in 1949, but scouting was active in Georgetown within six years of the formation of the movement in 1908, former scout master Albert Tost says.

Scouting was basically the same then as it is today, although there have been some new badges added, and scouts today get to travel further on their camps, Mr. Tost said.

"When I was with the scouts, the furthest I got away was the Fourth Line," he said.

Mr. Tost was a scout during the First World War, and while he and his troop were out on an overnight camp, their scout master, Lt.-Col. Ballantine, received his call to go overseas. He left the camp and Jack Blair took his place, Mr. Tost said.

Once he started to work, Mr. Tost left the scouting movement, but later return-



SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK

Boys and girls interested in joining scouts and guides, but don't know how to go about it, can contact either the North Halton District Scout Commissioner Steve Thompson at 853-2820, or Division Guide Commissioner Barbara Phipps at 877-8355. That goes for adults who are interested in becoming leaders as well. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Phipps will direct potential recruits to the right group, and help potential leaders through their training.

ed to take charge of 70 boys, cubs and scouts, during the Second World War. Because there were two age groups, he split them up for their

weekly meetings, but took them out together on weekends for hikes and corn roasts, with some outdoor skills thrown in.

The troop, which marched in the victory parade when the war ended, raised money for their uniforms by collecting waste paper and selling it, Mr. Tost said.

"The worst thing was collecting that paper," he said. "We had the back end of the Carpet Barn building jammed to the roof with paper. We had to bundle it up, and we'd take the boys down to help us, but when they found the funny papers, they were gone."

Mr. Tost took the scouts on a trip to Toronto to see Roy Rogers at Maple Leaf Gardens in what turned out to be the last trip the boys had. They arrived in Toronto and had lunch, saw the TV cowboy, had dinner and insisted on going to the movies. By the time the bus arrived back in Georgetown, the boys' parents were on Main Street "raising the devil" because they were so late, Mr. Tost recalled.



SCHOOL'S CARNIVAL SWEEPING SUCCESS

Students at Stewarttown Senior Public school took last Wednesday afternoon off to enjoy winter activities at their potato sack relays, football throws and, of course, broomball. carnival amidst blowing snow and chilly temperatures. Students