Fireflies mark 12th birthday with camp-out, cook-out

The Georgetown Fireflies celebrated their 12th annual Birthday Campout on the June 19 to 21 weekend at the Albion Hills Conservation area. Thirty-eight families from various C.F.C.F camping groups attended and thoroughly enjoyed the activities of the weekend along with the superb weather provided by the weatherman.

Friday night was Hospitality Night and It gave the campers an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and chat about bygone days while enjoying cake and coffee. Saturday morning saw the Fireflies serving their Pancake Breakfast to the hungry campers and everyone left the tables renewed with strength for the full day of activities

ahead. The children participated in the Childrens' Games with much enthusiasm and everyone came away a winner. The Scavenger Hunt for the 10-12 year olds was very challenging and the successful contestants were: GIRLS --Jane Bloomfield, Kelly Harrison and Jennifer Ridley: BOYS - Scott Ellis, Trever Kemp and Gary Woolley.

The teenagers came out in full force for their Lawn



Superior Shoe Repair proprietor Gordon Cavic used to sell shoes in Acton until his Mill Street shop was gutted by fire. Now, conscious of the fact that modern consumers prefer to fix their old shoes rather than buy new ones, he's in the repair business, both in Acton and in the Georgetown Marketplace. Peeking over the doors behind Mr. Cavic is his son, Gordon Junior (right) and a friend, George Georgeans.

(Photo by Maureen Edward)

Used to sell, now Gordon repairs shoes

By MAUREEN EDWARD Heraid Special

"Many people are repairing rather than replacing shoes, Gordon Cavic, owner of Superfor Shoe Repair said recently. Certainly, the opening of Mr. Cavic's second shoe repair

shop in the Georgetown Marketplace is proof positive of this trend. His other store, which is also called Superior Shoe Repair, is located in Acton, next to the YMCA.

The high cost of leather and suede have virtually priced these materials out of the shoe market in most people's opinions, so man-made leather and vinyl shoes have become an economical alternative for the budget-conscious individual.

As an offshoot from these high shoe prices, consumers are trying to maximize the utility of their shoes by having them repaired rather than throwing them out.

"The average person can't afford to throw out an expensive pair of leather shoes just because there is a hole in the sole," Mr. Cavic said.

Mr. Cavic has been a shoe-. maker since 1958. He trained in Yugoslavia, where he custommade shoes. Eventually, he settled in Acton and sold new footwear at his own store. called Elissa Shoes. Unfortunately, the shop was destroyed by fire. Replacing the stock which had been burned would have been an expensive proposition, so Mr. Cavic decided to repair shoes rather than sell

Mr. Cavic would like to see more people become skilled in shoe repairing.

"It's a good business, but it is mostly people from Europe who are shoemakers," he said. According to Mr. Cavic, the Oakville Campus of Sheridan College offered a program in shoe repairing a few years ago, but the course was cancelled due to lack of interest. It's obvious that Mr. Cavic

takes pride in his work. "I love the trade," he says This same feeling is conveyed

in the care that he takes to keep his shop clean and tidy. He is even personally responsible for the interior decorating of his store.

Mr. Cavic has a complete line of mechanized equipment from buffers, heel sanders and trimmers to a heavy duty sewing machine, all of which assist him with his work, Rest assured he uses the best materials he can find for a repair job, since he wants to keep his customers happy. Mr. Cavic will be pleased to give you an estimate on anything which can be repaired.

Perhaps this trend in repairing shoes rather than throwing them out, is another indication of the movement in the direction of the conserver society.

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Dart tournament and the winners were: First place - Sharon Anderson and Jeff Houch; Second Place - Nadine Rice and Craig Ogle.

The adults, not to be outdone by the teenagers, held a tournament also. After many oohs and ahs and much laughter, the Champions were Fiona Sumpton and Vern Ogle; Championship Runner Ups - Lorrie Harker and Stu Hesse. The Consolation Winners were - Sally Caldwell and Dennis McGuire with Helen Anderson and Ray Passfield being the Consolation Runner Ups.

Saturday night entertainment was a rousing game of Bingo to the delight of young and old. On Sunday morning the campers attended a short Church Service followed by the drawing of names for the pre-registration prizes. Eighteen families were lucky winners thus ending a successful, fun-filled weekend.

The following weekend was a Pool Party at the home of Sally and Dave Caldwell. The eight families attending had a great time swimming, playing horseshoes, lawn darts and singing around the campfire. It was especially good to see Mel Holdahl out and enjoying the fun after having been in the hospital for some time.

The Barrie Boomerangs held their Strawberry Festival July 3 to 5. Eight families of Fireflies made the trek to the Utopia Conservation area near Angus for a fun weekend. Even though it poured buckets of rain, the camping spirit was never dampened and the many activities such as horse shoes, family games, lawn darts and a family dance went on as usual between the downpours of rain.

The next regular meeting of the Georgetown Fireflies will be held on Sept. 15 at the Canada Trust building in

Thieves load up

Thleves breaking into the Quick-Pik Variety Store on Guelph Street in Georgetown made off with a hefty haul in the early hours of last Wednesday morning. Halton regional police reported that thieves broke into the store by smashing the glass in the front door and stole over \$1,000 worth of merchandise, including 70 cartons of cigarettes, some lighters and a garbage bag full of magazines. Approximately \$500 in damage was done to the display cases in the store.

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After a chilling tour through the haunted house, the kids were given a calming note of encouragement about their future from the resident gypsy palmist Heather Braithwaite, Jamie Irvine seems to be seriously contemplating what the future holds for him as Heather reads between the lines. The fun took place at the Georgetown YMCA's day camp at Terra Cotta Conservation Area last week.

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The provincial culture and recreation ministry has agreed to wait until Aug. 31 for the town to decide whether or not the century-old Acton

town hall is worth saving. The new deadline for grant applications will help the town complete structural and other studies needed to determine if restoration of the building is still feasible. The studies were announced shortly after counclilors declined last month to throw their full support behind the old town hall's survival without knowing what the restoration costs would be. The grant deadline was then Aug.

About \$5,000 has been com-

restored.

Acton residents largely through the community's Actario lottery, have managed to match the \$40,000 laid aside by

mitted by the municipality

toward further researching the

hall's fate and there is a

possibility that the ministry

may subsidize part of the

studys costs. A majority of

councillors during a stormy

June 22 council meeting exp-

ressed concern that the town's

share of the restoration, cur-

rently pegged at the \$40,000

estimated costs of tearing the

building down, would suddenly

grow if they passed a resolut-

ion promising to see the hall



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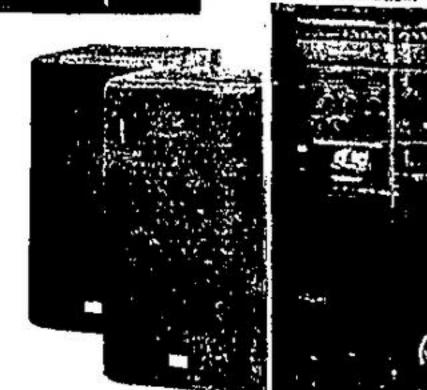
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