

Medal for Sea Scout 'skipper' bringing 27 years service to town

BY JEAN LAYMAN Herald Special

Mike Ormsby and Ken Bowers of 2nd Trinity Acton Sea Scouts delivered a letter to "Sandy" Aubrey Booth, of Raylawn Crescent in Georgetown Saturday to inform him he was to receive "Medal of Merit Award", for especially good service in the Sea Scouts.

Lieutenant General A.C. Hull, National Commissioner on behalf of Chief Scout, His Excellency the Governor General, sent notice to Mr. Booth for his 27 years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth moved to Georgetown recently from Montreal and arrangements will be made to invest Mr. Booth with his decoration in that city.

"Sandy" joined the Scout Troop in Calgary at the age of 12. With his family in 1932 he moved to Vancouver, where he was asked to assist with the St. James Sea Scouts. Despite being underage he took the Sailing Instructor's Course, and was registered as a civilian instructor and acting Assistant Sea Scout Master.

In 1934, Sandy took the Scout Master's Warrant course and was made Assistant Sea Scout Master until relocating to Montreal in 1938.

In 1959 Sandy's oldest son joined the Cartierville Good Shepherd's Cub Pack and Sandy joined the group committee, the same group with which he is still registered.

From 1961 to 1964 he served as Secretary, also taking the Sea Scout Leader's Course.

In 1965 he was appointed Assistant Sea Scout Master, a post he held until 1968. One of the highlights of his tenure was a two-week cruise up the Rideau Canal with his Scout Master, Fred Budden, and 14 boys during the summer of 1965.

Sandy often took his Sea Scouts sailing on the Whaler S.S. Scourger.

Sandy spearheaded the organization of the Quebec Sea Scouters' Council in 1969, whose aim and objectives were to promote Sea Scouting.

Sandy organized Sea Scout Rendezvous and helped organize the First Comprehensive Seamanship Course for Sea Scout Council, including an in-depth manual for trainers and participants, and was a member of the original training team to give the course during 1968, all while still serving as Assistant Sea Scout Master of Cartierville Good Shepherd Troop.

In 1969, Sandy formed the Cartierville Sea Venturers and was advisor until moving to Georgetown.

Sandy received his Venturer Advisor's Wood Badge in 1970.

Since 1973 Sandy has been ADC Venturers with the St. Laurent Cartierville District. Also served as a trainer on

four Troop Wood Badge part 1 and part 2 courses. He attended C179, Jan-Bec 90 and met his Venturers in Alberta for C181.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth have a son Craig in Mississauga, son Neil in Georgetown and a daughter out west.

District Commissioner John Sharples was on hand to congratulate Mr. Booth when the two Sea Scouts delivered

the letter honoring him. Mr. Booth will serve on the North Halton District Service Team for the 81-82 year.



Halton Region Scouts played host to 14 English counterparts recently when members of the Co-ed Apex Venture Scout unit from Feltham, near London, toured area attractions and enjoyed the hospitality of families in Limehouse, Acton and Milton. After presenting their hosts with tokens of appreciation in the form of Royal Wedding souvenirs, the visiting English Venturers expressed a wish to return again soon. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Sights to see, homes to visit for English Venturers

Herald Special Fourteen members of the Co-ed Apex Venture Scout Unit, of Feltham, North West London, England recently spent three weeks in Canada.

Hosted by Halton Region, the group made Woodland Trails Camp their main base. Woodland is located west of Speyside General Store on the Sixth Line.

Mr. and Mrs. John Symons, leaders for this Co-ed Venture Scout Unit had a joyous time, as did the members too. John Symons, Venture Scout Leader, and Kathy Symons, Assistant Venture Scout Leader joined in on all activities.

Others were Paul Burrows, Neil Polter, Michael Holton, David Cox, Nicholas Holton, Paul Webb, Patrick Shaunton, Nigel Foreman, Alison Helm, Karen Teagle and Scouts Keith Symons and Andrew Messum. A 50-mile hike on the Bruce Trail was part of their summer expedition, a requirement for

the Queen Scout Award. A unit work party at Blue Springs Boy Scout Reserve near Acton spent two days doing a "Good Turn to Scouting" and was much appreciated according to Provincial Field Executive Bob Carlaw.

Home Hospitality was a highlight for the Venture Scouts last weekend with some staying in Acton, Milton, Limehouse homes and at Don and Debbie Tipples. Scouters Mr. and Mrs. Symons stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walton of Acton. In return for the Home Hospitality, the guests presented each of the families with Royal Wedding Books and the Commemorative coins, the official souvenirs of the Royal Wedding.

Other features of the trip included two days of canoeing, bowling and visits to the Science Centre, Wonderland, Ontario Place, C.N. Tower, Niagara Falls, Lion Safari, a

Blue Jay ball game Friday. Many of these trips were made possible when Mr. Symons rented a van.

Besides being educational and interesting, the three weeks were fun filled. North Halton could expect to see

some of these young people return in the near future.

District Commissioner John Sharples and Venture Leader Danny Lamarche were on hand Saturday afternoon as the group were packing to make their return trip home on that evening.

Byron St. petition

Town council was presented a petition containing the names of 49 Byron Street residents Monday night. The Georgetown residents maintain that the road's surface, drainage and lack of sidewalks makes for some pretty treacherous passage, especially for senior citizens and they are angered that road repair for Byron isn't likely in the near future. Town engineer Bob Austin explained that Byron's reconstruction has been scheduled for 1985 in the long-range forecast approved by council earlier this year, but acknowledged that a report on the situation is being prepared. Byron is located in the west end of the community's Delrex subdivision, between Windsor Road and Edward Street.

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Stuart-Hagge joins Health Council

Herald Special At a recent meeting, the Halton District Health Council elected its officers for the coming year commencing Aug. 1, 1981.

Estrid Manore of Oakville was re-elected Chairman for a further one year term; G.W.E. Gordon of Burlington was re-elected Vice-Chairman and Robert Martin of Horsey and Edgar Foster of Milton were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Continuing Council members include Diane Ball and Mayor Harry Barrett of Oakville, Dr. George Torrance and Joyce Armour of Burlington, Douglas Brock and Patricia Stuart-Hagge of Georgetown.

Five new members to Council were appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor. These are Bonnie Brown and Dr. Erhard Busse of Oakville, Dr. J.W. McFarlane of Burlington and Regional Councillors Patrick McLaughlin of Burlington and Bradford Clements of Milton.

The Halton District Health Council, one of 23 in the province, is a voluntary body whose main task is to provide advice to the Minister of Health on the planning, development and co-ordination of health care resources for Halton. These volunteer members are representative of both users and providers of health services from across the entire region of Halton.

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