

'Twas a bargain heyday for residents as Halton police hold annual auction



Tim Smelko of Appleby Line in Milton walked into the auction to find his old bicycle frame being sold. His bike was stolen earlier in the year but he hadn't found out until several months after the theft, and hadn't reported the loss. It sold for a couple of dollars. (Herald photo)

Toby Colish, 7, and his dad Clayton, from Acton, both bought new bicycles at the police auction Saturday in Georgetown. Besides bicycles, there were tires, skis, watches and car radios up for bidding. Over 200 people turned up to place their bids or just watch the action. (Herald photo)

Where can you buy a tricycle for 25 cents these days? Georgetown's Darcy Boudreau is no sleepy shopper: he knew where to go for his trike. Darcy bid for it at the annual police auction Saturday morning. Of course, it's a little rusty, and it's not brand new, but that's okay for Darcy, who's starting kindergarten next week. It was half his allowance.

Over 200 people turned up to bid under sunny skies and Darcy wasn't the only one who left the parking lot of the Halton regional police station on wheels.

So did Toby Colish, 7, and his dad Clayton, from Acton. "It's better than my other bike," said Toby as he rode away. After paying for news-

paper ads and the students hired to help, the police auction netted \$5,000, money which will go back to the regional treasury.

Vasa Gorgiev also bought a new bike so she can go riding with her family.

"My bike is 100 per cent better than this," bragged her young son Mike. Mrs. Gorgiev spent \$18 for her two-wheeler.

"The bikes are going at pretty reasonable prices; some of them are worth over \$100," said Tom Gibbs of Georgetown. "I've already bought a bike. Now I'm interested in the skis. I'm going to see how the prices are for them."

He'd bought the bike for his 12-year-old son in his first time at the annual auction.

Tim Smelko of Appleby Line in Milton wasn't too pleased by the surprise he got at the auction. He'd had his bike stolen this year, but didn't find out until several months after the theft. He didn't report the loss.

"As soon as I walked in here I saw it being auctioned off. A guy bought it for a couple of bucks," Mr. Smelko said, amazed to find his old frame up for sale.

"That's all that's left of it," he said, pointing to a yellow bike frame without tires. "That's how the guy bought it."

Mr. Smelko was sure it was his old bike.

"It's a Paris bike. They don't sell them around here," he

said. The frame still had the Eiffel Tower insignia on it to prove it. "I had it for about ten years. I guess I got my money out of it," he said. He'd bought it for \$100.

"So now I'm here to spend some more money to buy another ten-speed," he said. He'd already set his sister Janice up with a new \$60 ten-speed.

Besides bikes, the auctioneer was holding up hubcaps, tires, skis, car radios, bike helmets, watches, a charm bracelet, a baby buggy and even a wallet.

"How much money is in it?" asked somebody in the crowd. "I don't know," laughed the auctioneer. "If I did I might want to bid on it myself."

Church series returns next week

Scouts' Apple Day Oct. 17

By JEAN LAYMAN Herald Special

North Halton District Council of Scouts Canada president Gord Douglas opened the first meeting of the 1981-82 season last Wednesday night at Limehouse hall, reminding group representatives about Apple Day coming up Oct. 17.

In charge of the annual sale are Gord MacLeish (877-8967) and John McMurray (877-9507).

Boy Scout calendars are available from Carson Mininch at 877-7565.

The Huck Finn Raft Race comes to Acton's Fairy Lake this Saturday and Sunday as part of the Fall Fair. Acton's Sea Scouts are hosting the event, but any interested non-Scout groups are welcome to float an entry. Contact Dis-

trict Commissioner John Sharples at 853-1966 or provincial field executive Bob Carlaw at 853-3337.

Clint Crosswell, chairman of the 75th Anniversary committee, advised all members to begin their craft designs ready for judging later this fall. Members gratefully acknow-

ledged a recent cash donation to the Scouting movement from Standard Products (Canada) Ltd. in Georgetown. Sandy Keir is in charge of a Scouting display for the Georgetown Fall Fair Oct. 2 and 3.

All registrations are due in at District Council Oct. 23.

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