



Local Scouts are still getting over the excitement of last July's giant jamboree in Alberta, and those who helped send a contingent of Halton Hills boys there received warm thanks last week. Gord Douglas, president of the North Halton District Council, presented a certificate of appreciation to Carl Klein of the Knights of Columbus, who provided bus transportation for local Scouts and their leaders to the airport for the flight west. The presentation took place at the District Council's regular meeting in Limehouse Memorial Hall.



You'd expect a group of Beavers to sing "Oh Canada" when they get together like this, but actually the young boys lent their voices to some seasonal tunes for the Limehouse Scouting "Christmas Spirit" show Friday night in the school gym. Their biggest hit, by all accounts, was "No More Neckties" - a paean to unpopular presents - and the Beavers were suitably attired with polkadot props.

Budget uproar continues, McDermid says

'Big Mac' in squeeze?

Pressure from labor organizations, businessmen and opposition MPs may cause Finance Minister Allan MacEachen to re-work his November budget after it caused a protesting uproar across the country.

John McDermid, Brampton-Georgetown MP said from Ottawa Friday that Mr. MacEachen and the federal government "are putting up a brave front" but he points out "the pressure has been phenomenal".

Mr. McDermid said tax mechanisms introduced by the budget has had more impact on residents than the government had expected it would. He contends the budget has hurt businessmen, workers and investors.

The country's economy is "dead in the water", the Progressive Conservative MP said, "and this country is too small to stop developing."

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'Christmas Spirit' in Limehouse
'No more neckties'

By JEAN LAYMAN
 Herald Special

"Christmas Spirit", presented by Limehouse Scouting was enjoyed by all in attendance last Friday evening held in the Limehouse School gym. Dave Shrubsole was master of ceremonies and opened by welcoming all parents, friends and guests.

The cub choir under the leadership of Akela Elaine Hannah and assistant cubmaster Guy Toller sang several carols. Matthew Williams played two piano solos. The beavers looked charming in their neckties doing choral reading. Aunt Marie always gave Dad a Necktie and, this year, Dad says "No More Neckties". Beaver Jason Williams played two piano solos.

Mr. Shrubsole introduced Gord Douglas, president of North Halton District Council, who was the guest speaker and told a story "Watch for the Falling Rock". The story was told with the audience watching an object on the wall with Mr. Shrubsole operating the overhead projector.

Fables by "Aesop" (Scoutmaster Dennis White) were well enacted with scouts taking part in four stories. Assistant scout masters John Tamas and John Grace, who helped make this part of the program as real as The Fox and the Grapes.

A real highlight of the evening was "Twas the Night Before Christmas" put on by the Venturers and Rangers and right from the time, "when out on the lawn there came a crash", the audience was spellbound.

The concert ended with Christmas carols with Dave Shrubsole leading and Bob Pinkerton playing the piano.

Halton joins insulation furor

Halton medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole has asked that regional council press the federal and provincial governments to provide special subsidies to homeowners who own houses insulated with urea formaldehyde insulation (UFFI), helping them remove the insulating foam which is suspected of generating harmful formaldehyde gas. The provincial government argues that it and its provincial neighbors have been trying to get compensation for their residents from the federal government and Ontario claims it receives 200 calls a week from homeowners concerned about the UFFI problems. The gas produced by the foam produces symptoms similar to allergic reactions - watery eyes, itchy skin and even dryness and nose bleeds, Dr. Cole says. As of September, 71 referrals for further gas testing were sent to the province's health ministry for further testing after initial tests were conducted in homes by the region's health unit.

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