

Cadets plan May 24 expedition



PITCHIN' IN

Dwayne Cunningham (left) and Dave Goudle shouldered their share of the burden last week as Georgetown District High School students fanned out across the community collecting waste from streets. The event, held Thursday, was part of a week-long public awareness campaign organized by the Ontario Hunters and Anglers Association and supported by Shell Canada Ltd. and the provincial environment ministry. It was held to get people to "pitch in" instead of littering roadsides and parks. The high school's campaign was headed by teacher Bill O'Relley and "Pitch-in '82" ended Saturday.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

It'll be another month or more before most of us are talking about camping, but Georgetown's Royal Canadian Air Cadets 750 Squadron have already spent two weekends in the great outdoors and plan a third end-of-season expedition on the May 24 weekend.

Taking the first big step toward the coveted Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold, which Prince Philip himself presents to recipients, Georgetown air cadets headed into the rugged

territory around Milton's Kelso and Rattlesnake Point conservation areas April 24 and 25.

Cadets and their instructors hoped to qualify for the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (with silver and gold to follow) by trekking 15 miles carrying 50 to 60-pound backpacks between the two park areas. About a mile and a half of the journey took them through knee-deep swampwater.

Cadet Astrid Bernhardt, who handles the squad-

ron's public relations, reports that all participants "made it to Rattlesnake Point alive, set up camp and then pigged out".

"The night's entertainment was a roaring fire, a star-filled sky, bad jokes" and a spontaneous quartet of crooners "singing songs not quite ready for the rest of the world". Then it was sleep time until 6 a.m.

"On the way back," Cadet Bernhardt reports, "the swamp was bypassed

and the seven miles were completed in about two hours. There was so much time to spare that the group rested on top of the escarpment at Kelso and looked out upon the rest of the world just taking in the sun and feeling great, blisters or not.

"It was a terrific trip," she added. "The morning after is another story."

Taking part in the Bronze Award trip were Cadets Kiss, Groskorth, Beaumont, Collier, Gray, Zander, Boettcher and Watterworth.

The following weekend, the squadron had a "strictly-for-fun" expedition in which members got a chance to match their skills against those of Milton and Guelph air cadets in a war games exercise.



Tackling the rocky precipices and rough foothills along the Niagara Escarpment may mean a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award for Georgetown Air Cadets who hiked from Kelso to Rattlesnake Point conservation areas recently. Braving the swamps, thornbushes and craggy bluffs of Escarpment territory were (left to right) Cadets Kiss, Groskorth, Beaumont, Collier (sitting), Gray, Zander, Boettcher and Watterworth, who were accompanied by Officer Cadet Bernhardt and Instructor Gourlay. (Photo by Astrid Bernhardt)

Elections June 6

Arrow will be entertaining in the Lounge Saturday evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary general meeting commences at 7:30 tomorrow (Thursday). This is the meeting for the election of officers for the coming year. Let's have a good turn-out.

It is a busy time of the year for the branch executive. They have conducted the elections for Brampton and Oakville. Representatives were at Acton branch and the branch was represented at the Lorne Scots Association in Brampton.

Do not forget our own branch general meeting May 27 which is nomination night with the elections



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

to take place June 6. A good turn-out and well-thought nominations will ensure the branch is well run in the following year.

The Imperials Pioneer Days dance will wind up the Georgetown Pioneer celebrations June 19. There will be a live band, buffet, lucky draw prizes, spot prizes, fancy dress prizes and a Naughty Nineties Revue. This will

be a gala evening and tickets are now on sale at \$5 per ticket. Get your ticket early, this dance was a sell-out last year.

In the swim, June 6-12

As residents plan summer holidays and look to local pools for recreation, the Georgetown District Red Cross wants to remind people about water safety. Town council, acting on the Red Cross' behalf, has declared the week of June 6 to June 12 as Water Safety Week in Halton Hills.

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