

Scouter meet aids Army



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"Ho Fun!", a good turn done for the Salvation Army - all to a musical beat - was held last weekend for Scouters-In-Training (SITs) at Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton.

Co-ordinated by provincial field executive Bob Carlaw and course leader Dave Shrubsole, the fun workshop of building and learning drew members from Campbellville, Acton, Georgetown, Kitchener, Oakville, Orangeville and Mississauga. Assisting were trainers Lucy Bedford, Jean Busch and Glen Mader, all of Kitchener.

Assistant provincial commissioner Rev. Paul Jackson of Oakville, representing Halton region, addressed participants during lunch, expressing hope that all would return to their groups with increased knowledge of Scouting and better appreciation for its Aim: The Aim of Boy Scouts of Canada is to help boys, youth and young adults develop character as resourceful and responsible members of the community by providing opportunities and guidance for their mental, physical, social and spiritual development.

In the afternoon, Wayne Boniface of Kitchener showed the SITs how to make rope ponies and Jack and Jean Layman of Georgetown demonstrated the fine art of magic wands and Chinese ladders. Lucy Bedford and Jean Busch had earlier instructed on Christmas crafts and name tags. Special guests at the Christmas dinner Saturday evening were Salvation Army Envoys Mr. and Mrs. Doug Vale from Acton. Mr. Vale described his previous charge in Toronto and related the Army's motto, "Hand to Man, Heart to God". Dinner was enjoyed at a table decorated by Lucy Bedford in a Christmas theme with hand-crafted

log candle holders and colors representing each Scouting section. Santa arrived on schedule and the toys made by the participants were presented to the Vales to be given to needy children. Campfires were held both nights with songs, skits and yells. Sunday started with a Scout's Own service and the day's workshops included "Understanding Boys". Each participant received a wallet-size certificate commemorating an enjoyable weekend that also featured a visit by a bow-decked Christmas goat named Felton, owned by Lisa Shrubsole. Larry Peck of Orangeville deserves a hearty thanks for looking after the meals.

Safe driving push plans revealed

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Solicitor General George Taylor and Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner James Erskine have revealed a program designed to make Ontario highways safer over the holiday period and keep drinking drivers off the road.

Both Mr. Taylor and Commissioner Erskine, who is also chairman of the Ontario Traffic Safety Council, emphasized that police would be doing their utmost to get drinking drivers off the road. One of the methods will be by enforcing the temporary suspension law - which requires marginally impaired drivers to surrender their licences to police for 12 hours if it is so indicated by a portable breathalyzer known as an Alert device.

He said some members of the public seem to regard it as a measure to be used only during the holiday season, when in fact, the OPP alone has issued more than 9,000 suspensions already this year.

Giftwrap hazard

Christmas gift wrappings are potential fire hazards, the Ontario Safety League states, and should be removed or disposed of as soon as the presents are opened.

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With an extra 1,400 square feet newly added, Hazen's owner John Postma has display room for the lawn and garden equipment, snowblowers and Kawasaki motorcycles he sells. The Sinclair Avenue shop has been in Georgetown ten years and Mr. Postma anticipates sales to get even better with the extra showroom. People like to handle the equipment before they buy, and now there's room to let them.

(Herald photo)

At Hazen's, you try 'em on for size

People won't buy bikes unless they can sit on them, and John Postma doesn't blame them.

To make their decision easier, Hazen's owner Mr. Postma, 38, has moved into an extra 1,400 square feet of space next door to his 55 Sinclair Ave. shop in Georgetown.

With the extra space to display his equipment, Mr. Postma expects sales to improve.

The ten-year old business was taken over three years ago by Mr. Postma and his four-year old German Shepherd Max.

"It bugged me not to have the display room," he said. "Expanding is a sign of being successful and I don't think it's a bad time to expand."

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