



Mike Graham-Smith Georgetown canoeist braves the wilderness

By ROBIN BAKEWELL,
Herald Staff

On arriving in Canada from England about 18 years ago Georgetown's Mike Graham-Smith had absolutely no canoeing experience. Now he sits on the board of directors with the Wilderness Canoe Association.

"I bought a canoe because I thought the kids would like it. I was the only one who was interested and became hooked on it," Mr. Graham-Smith said. He joined the WCA after learning through a friend that the association existed and wanted to get involved with others who shared his interest in canoeing.

Mr. Graham-Smith calls the WCA "quite informal" and said the association offers as many different types of trips and outings as there are canoes.

He said canoes can range from a price of about \$300 to \$1500 depending on what you

want to use them for.

"The cheap ones serve their purpose but are difficult when you want to do different things with them. Some people end up buying two or three canoes," he said. Mr. Graham-Smith has been on various trips with the WCA which take place from the moment the ice melts through to the fall.

MISSINAIBI

Last year he spent two weeks on the Missinaibi River in northern Ontario where he paddled solo with another party from the WCA. They travelled about ten miles a day and saw only four other people that were not involved with their trip.

One of the problems with such a trip is how to get back to the car after travelling down river for 150 miles or so. On the Missinaibi River trip the WCA party left their vehicles near the trans-Canada Highway, loaded their canoes,

gear, and themselves onto a train and paddled back towards the high-way.

Mr. Graham-Smith said the cost of taking a canoe on the train is approximately equivalent to the cost of one adult fare. The train will usually drop you off wherever you want and have been known to stop for passengers who flag them down, although this is not advisable as Mr. Graham-Smith has heard of them just waving back and continuing.

MOSQUITOS

Black flies and mosquitoes don't pose much of a problem for Mr. Graham-Smith who just uses a regular repellent. There are specially treated jackets which can be used and head nets which are also useful although he says they are a nuisance when it comes time to eat.

"Once out in the wilds the animals don't like humans and tend to take off. They seem to be more of a nuisance in permanent areas such as campsites and dumps where they have lost their fear of people," he said.

During the Missinaibi River trip Mr. Graham-Smith said he only saw one bear which was trying to flee as fast as possible.

RAPIDS

Through his involvement with the WCA Mr. Graham-Smith has done a fair amount of rapid shooting. He cites the best place for this as the Whitewater Preserve on Gull River in Minden. Designed more for kayakers the rapids can be controlled by a dam at the head of the run. Mr. Graham-Smith wrecked a canoe there and said, "if you get in trouble on the first set of rapids the second set will get you."

As far as rapids are concerned he prefers Elora where there are always pools between the rapids where you can "fish people and equipment from the river."

One word of warning from Mr. Graham-Smith if anybody is planning a long trip with a partner in a canoe. Go with someone you know very well or have canoeed with before.

Says Mike Graham-Smith about choosing your canoe companions: Do it carefully. "You can have the greatest arguments with someone in a canoe and there is absolutely nowhere to go."

GDHS plan for Camelot

The GDHS Music Theatre Club is undertaking one of its most ambitious undertakings in its forthcoming late November production of Camelot, Club President Julie Nipper said today.

Auditions will begin Friday, Sept. 7 to fill the large cast required. Singers, dancers, actors, gymnasts, even breakdancers will do their stuff under the watchful eyes of the stage director, Mr. Craig Farquhar, the choreographer, Mrs. Yvonne Oldaker and the music director, Mr. Ralph Ursel.

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Herald Staff

Want to learn how to lure volunteers to your organization? The North Halton Social Planning Council is going to share its secrets with you.

The Council has slated three workshops for the fall, with the first beginning in October, that are open to everybody.

The first workshop deals with the recruitment and training of volunteers. The second is on grantmanship, or how to take advantage of available government grants or money from foundations.

You'll also learn how to fill in the application forms for these grants and to identify whether they're core or project funds.

The third workshop deals with board and staff relations, looking at how they relate and work together.

"We did a preliminary survey of 60 North Halton agencies and they established these three as the topics they'd be most interested in," Maureen McCallum, a Council member said.

The workshops are to be held at the Georgetown District High School from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Legion ladies

By MARJORIE TUTTY Herald Special

Welcome back from Liz McNeilly, our President, your executive and myself to all our members who have been away on vacation. An executive meeting was held Sept. 4.

Our next general meeting will be Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. Please keep this date open and join your comrades for an informative evening. There are many events coming up in the next few months and your Auxiliary needs help and attendance at these functions.

Your contributions (pies) for our booth at the Georgetown Fall Fair to be held on Sept. 7, 8, 9 are greatly appreciated. You may leave your pies at the Legion on any of the above dates and Hazel Dumper and her committee members will transport them to our booth.

There are a few tickets available for our Birthday Supper. Phone Hazel at 877-9438 for your tickets.

The Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Convention is in Niagara Falls, Ontario Sept. 9. Your accredited and fraternal delegates will be in attendance and your Color Party will be marching in the commencement parade Sunday. Theima Green has had to return to the Georgetown Hospital. We send our very best wishes to you.

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SEPTEMBER 9th 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

* LATE REGISTRATION: SEPT. 20th 7 P.M.-9 P.M.

* A late registration fee of \$10.00 per application will be assessed on each application received after September 9th, 1984

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Sept 9 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.	Sept 9 4:00 to 4:50 p.m.
Sept 15 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.	Sept 15 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

MINOR ATOM	BANTAM
Sept 8 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.	Sept 8 2:00 to 3:20 p.m.
Sept 9 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.	Sept 9 5:00 to 5:50 p.m.
Sept 15 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.	Sept 15 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

ATOM	MINOR MIDGET
Sept 8 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.	Sept 8 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.
Sept 9 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.	Sept 9 8:00 to 8:50 p.m.
Sept 15 8:00 to 8:50 a.m.	Sept 15 5:30 to 6:20 p.m.

MINOR PEE WEE	MIDGET
Sept 8 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.	Sept 8 5:00 to 6:20 p.m.
Sept 9 2:00 to 2:50 p.m.	Sept 9 7:00 to 7:50 p.m.
Sept 15 5:30 to 6:20 p.m.	Sept 15 6:30 to 7:20 p.m.

PEE WEE	JUVENILE
Sept 8 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.	Sept 8 6:30 to 7:50 p.m.
Sept 9 2:00 to 3:50 p.m.	Sept 9 7:30 to 8:20 p.m.
Sept 15 6:30 to 7:20 p.m.	Sept 15 7:30 to 8:20 p.m.

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