



OUTDOOR EDUCATION—If you know how to look and what to look for you can see plenty of life in the smallest streams. Mike Hume (left) and George Crothers are two Grade 8 students from Upper Canada College spending time at the Outdoor Education School in Norval. Upper Canada College has owned the Norval land since 1913. (Herald photo)

War prevented UCC move

Land used for outdoor school

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If it wasn't for World War I, Upper Canada College may have moved their Toronto-based private school to Norval. That and a lack of funds stopped the move, School Director Don Kawasoe said.

Instead, what the boys' school has on its 400 acres is the Norval Outdoor School, which has its entrance on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The chief purpose of the school is "to promote conservation and to help students feel comfortable and confident in the outdoors," Mr. Kawasoe said.

Some students of the downtown Toronto school don't get to the country very often and this gives them that opportunity. The Norval property is used mostly by prep school. Grades 3 to 8, and students spend as long as a week at a time on the land.

There are three main buildings on the property. One is a house for Property Supervisor Jack Dray; he

has been there 10 years. The other buildings are the Stephen House built in 1965 and the Norval House built in 1939. The houses are where the boys stay, eat, learn and more.

When the land was bought in 1913 most of it was farmland. Since then it has been reforested to create a buffer between the school and the encroaching outside world. It was the Noble farm before 1913.

Over 15 years ago, a teacher at Upper Canada College starting bringing out Grade 8 boys to spend a week in Norval. They planted trees, performed stream studies and camped out.

The program has blossomed since then and now it is an important part of an Upper Canada College students' education. What is taught at the Norval Campus relates to what is taught in the classroom, Mr. Kawasoe said.

The boys look forward to coming to Norval. "They go home with some pretty good stories about this place," Mr. Kawasoe said.

Upper Canada College is in the middle of making long range plans for the school. Those plans are complicated by development around the property.

The school is quite independent but keeps in touch with planning departments in Halton Hills and Peel. Right now, they are concerned about a proposed landfill site in Peel which is close to the school. It could mean increased traffic and damage to the ground water, Mr. Kawasoe said.

The school has had some problems with hunting and littering on its land. They do not mind people using the land, provided visitors have permission.

"We are pretty happy with what we have. We will continue outdoor education as long as we can," Mr. Kawasoe said.

Explore the outdoors

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority's Conservation Areas are now open for the summer season. These areas include the Orangeville Reservoir Conservation Area and Monora Conservation Area which are located at the northerly tip of the Credit River watershed.

South of these areas is the Terra Cotta Conservation Area and the Belfountain Conservation Area, and in Mississauga, the Meadowvale Conservation Area. You and your family can enjoy a variety of recreational experiences from hiking and fishing to camping and picnicking.

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No crowds this summer in Europe

Travel to Europe this summer if you want to avoid long lines. Southern Europe is the best pick by far.

The reason for this change in Europe's popularity is the threat of terrorism and Expo said, Suzanne Lake, manager of Goliger's Travel at the Halton Hills Shopping Centre.

People are also concerned about the exchange rate, said Rick Bonnette, owner of Acton Travel Ltd. at 56 Mill St. E. Last year the British pound was worth \$1.70 Canadian. This year it is worth \$2.12 Canadian, he said.

Mr. Bonnette's first hand look at security at European airports including Athens' airport was enough to make him feel totally safe. "Security is very strong. At Athens I was checked twice," he said.

The lack of European travel has not hurt business at Goliger's Travel or Acton Travel. People are just going elsewhere.

That switch is good news for Canada. Expo '86 with an expected attendance of 20 million is this year's major attraction.

Should one not choose to go to Expo this could be the best year to travel to Europe. Fewer people will be there, which means access to tourist sites and hotels will be easier.

There are also many great specials available to European-traveller. Air fares are lower, Mr. Bonnette said.



Rick Bonnette

Discover world of Tin Lizzies

England and Northern Europe have remained popular destinations, but Southern Europe is suffering a lack of North American tourists, particularly tourists with American dollars, Mr. Bonnette said.

Mr. Bonnette just returned from a trip to Southern Europe and Turkey. He saw few American tourists. Canadians wanted everyone to know where they were from, he said.

One elderly Canadian man in Greece had a two foot Canadian flag blowing from the shoulder strap of his luggage, Mr. Bonnette said.

Twelve Americans travelling aboard a four-day cruise off Greece were applauded by the predominantly European passengers. There were 12 Americans and 20 Canadians on the ship. Generally 30 to 40 per cent of passengers are from the United States, Mr. Bonnette said.

Goliger's Travel has had no bookings to Italy or Greece so far. Since the raid on Libya, Acton Travel has had no booking to southern Europe. Those who booked long ago are not cancelling, said Ms. Lake and Mr. Bonnette. But there are not many of them.

Both travel agents agree the reaction to the terrorist threat is exaggerated. "It's not as bad as the media makes it out to be," Ms. Lake said.

Discover the era of goggles and dusters, Packards and Model T's at the Ontario Agricultural Museum's "Tin Lizzies and Rumble Seats", Sunday, May 25. Antique cars dating from 1896 to 1966, will be featured as part of the national judging meet of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada.

The day's events begin at 10:30 a.m. with the judging of over 15 classes of antique vehicles. Other activities include a special display of 1957 vehicles. At 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., don't miss the action of the Model T Assembly Team as they re-assemble a Model T in less than 5 minutes.

Throughout the Museum's 32 hectare site, demonstrations such as spinning, weaving, wheelwrighting, blacksmithing, farming activities, and a steam operated shingle mill will highlight your visit.



Scouters true

District Commissioner Sandy Booth congratulates John Stephens, First Linehouse Cub Leader, and Ken Paisley, First Acton Cub

Leader, following the presentation of a wood badge, beads, neckerchief and parchment for the Gilwell training at Blue Springs Scout Reserve.

The presentation took place at the Optimists Hall during the April Scouters Club. (Herald photo by Jean Layman)

Be a good time Blues Brother

Are you a frustrated Blues fan, looking for a group of people to share your type of music with? Even if the answer is no, the Rockwood Hotel is the place where your musical tastes may turn topsy-turvy.

All you have to do is spend a few minutes talking to the promoter of Bob's Goodtime, Joe Pinto. Joe is a committed and loyal follower of the Blues and he's anxious to share with you the history, the excitement, and the glamor of some of the top names in the business.

Bob's Goodtime is a lounge downstairs in the Rockwood Hotel featuring live bands who play a variety of music. A lot of the sounds are naturally Rhythmn and Blues but there's also a healthy mixture of Rock 'n Roll at Bob's Goodtime.

"We're trying to get away from the heavy metal and head-banging stuff," says promoter Joe Pinto, known in the music business as Little Joe.

The 120-seat capacity lounge is suitable for dancing and Little Joe wants to encourage people to get up on the floor and have a good time.

"We're trying to change the at-

mosphere. We want to get it to the point where it's THE place to go," he said.

Little Joe is a professional harp player and singer and the manager of Bob's Goodtime is Bob Dean, a keyboard player who has played with a variety of Blues bands in Toronto.

Their knowledge of music firsthand helps them in selecting the top-notch talent now being lured to the lounge.

The May 1 opening of Bob's Goodtime was a sellout, featuring Hock Walsh, a former member of the Downchild Blues Band. The musician liked it so much at the Rockwood Hotel that he decided to book in for the following two nights, said Little Joe.

The James Anthony Band was at Bob's Goodtime May 8-9 and next weekend it will be the band Southpaw, in the good old Florida tradition of the Allman Brothers and Lynrd Skynrd.

The following week Piece of My Heart will do a tribute to the late Janis Joplin. Special guest will be Eugene Smith playing his Miami

Vice hit called Rock by Day, Roll by Night.

Other bands which have already been at the lounge or that will be coming are Lucky Dog Blues Band, and Zero Defect. An outstanding blind guitarist called Jeff Healey will be coming to Bob's Goodtime during the summer. He's performed at such places as Toronto's Albert's Hall, The Pine Tree, an upscale club in Chicago called The Diamond plus Spanky's in Brampton.

Bob's Goodtime hopes to expand shortly to improve their lighting and stage capacity. Thus far, their budget has been doubled in their commitment to bring better music to the lounge.

Also available at Bob's Goodtime are snacks for the hungry ones. Listed on the menu are burgers, fries and Chicago-style chicken wings.

The menu itself is an item you might consider taking home. It's a collage of Blues pictures, famous lyrics and sayings from some of the top musicians in the business.

Now if all that doesn't turn you on to Blues, phone Little Joe and he will convince you!

IN THE HILLS

GLT open house

The Georgetown Little Theatre invites you to an open house May 31 at their Stewarttown Road home. Their archives, costumes, props, and theatrical techniques will be on display for the theatre curious. The open house is between 2 and 4 p.m.

Potluck supper

The Georgetown Widows Contact Group is having a pot luck supper at Knox Presbyterian Church May 27. The meal begins at 6:30 p.m. and all widows are welcome. For more information call May Deckart 877-4435.

Saving history

Are you interested in historical properties in Halton Hills? Would you like to help ensure their preservation? A local steering committee is being formed to work out an effective action plan. If you would like to help, please call Edward Tooke at 877-3736 after 6 p.m.

Plant sale

The Georgetown and District Horticultural Society is holding its annual plant sale May 24 at 10 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Everyone's welcome to come and check out the greens.

Fair times

The Nassagaweya Fair is being held on Sat. June 7, 1986 at the Brookville Public School from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A day of fun, food and fitness is planned for all ages. There will be displays of aerobics, crafts, and dancing; sports tournaments; community information booths; prizes and draws.

The theme of this 4th annual fair is "Fitness '86". Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Cracks to seal

Cracks in Trafalgar Road, from Highway 7 down to Derry Road will be sealed this summer through a regional tender to cost Halton Hills \$6,885.

The tender by Tykes Road Preservers of Stevensville, Ontario was accepted for the asphalt surface road.

Sealing of cracks prevents moisture and de-icing chemicals from penetrating through the asphalt surface, and fights against deterioration of the road base and asphalt pavement. According to Halton's public works director, this is a cheap way of giving the road surface a longer life.

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