

SCOUTER'S CORNER



Murray Harrison (centre) was presented with a plaque for his dedicated 19 years of service to 1st Acton. He was presented with his plaque by (left) George Henderson, and Sam Assad (right), the group committee chairman of 1st Acton. (Photo by Jean Layman)



These four gentlemen will be in the Middle East March 9 for a whirlwind two-week tour of Israel. They are (from left) Venturer advisor Mike Walton, Jamie Hollett, Aaron MacFarlane and Dave DeForest. (Photo by Jean Layman)



A Religion In Life award was presented to Scout Mark Rattenbury and Cub Andrew Muir, Ken Nokes (extreme right) made the presentation to Andrew while Troop Scout Art Cousins made the presentation to Mark Feb. 25 at a gathering to celebrate Scout Week. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Award to 'Chopper'

By JEAN LAYMAN
Herald Special
Feb. 23 the 1st Acton Beavers, Cubs, Venturers, leaders and parents celebrated the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell with a birthday cake at the parent-son banquet.

Group committee chairman Sam Assad welcomed the gathering to First Acton Baptist Church where the young ladies social committee catered dinner with Venturer Jamie Hollett offering the blessing. Sam Assad thanked all of the leaders, having the main section leaders introduce their assistants. Guests attending this special celebration dinner were Brian Robertson from the Rotary Club, 1st Acton's sponsor, Elaine Hannah, Jean Layman, John Sharples, Murray Harrison and Chris Sharpe. A presentation of a plaque was made to Murray "Chopper" Har-

risson for 19 dedicated years of service in the largest youth organization in the world. Murray served in many capacities starting as Cub Leader in 1968 followed by being a Scout Leader, Assistant District Commissioner of Scouts, District Commissioner, Group Committee Chairman and then in charge of the Scout Hall. The presentation was made by George Henderson.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by customs inspector Chris Sharpe. Chris later demonstrated with his trained male Labrador Retriever Concor how it is possible for dogs to sniff out drugs. Chris and Concor search air luggage, parts of entry, warehouses etc. Concor is his master's constant companion at work and at home - he's considered family. Sam Assad thanked everyone for coming and for everyone helping to the success of the Scouting banquet.

Beavers don headpieces for Indian sing-song

By JEAN LAYMAN
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1st Georgetown Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, leaders and parents gathered at the St. John's United Church Hall in observance of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's birthday Feb. 25. The celebration was part of Scout Week.

Don Buckles welcomed the gathering. The head table guests were Crystal Douppagne and Lori Darcie, choir director and pianist for the Cub choir, Elaine Hannah, Jean Layman, Cubmaster Ken Nokes, assistant student minister Brian McIntosh and Heather Kennedy, treasurer.

Brian McIntosh offered the blessing and the United Church Women under the leadership of Evelyn McCallum served an excellent dinner.

Brian McIntosh presented the coveted Religion In Life awards to Scout Mark Rattenbury, 4th Stage, and Cub Andrew Muir, 3rd Stage.

Jean Layman presented Johnny Bilik with the district trophy for having the fastest Kub Kar at the rally Feb. 20. Elaine Hannah presented Beaver Leader John Weir with a part one training certificate.

Scouts entertained everyone with an amusing skit followed by the Beavers doing a song with Indian head pieces which they had made, led by Beaver leaders Dianne Wagner and Doug Perrin on the piano. The Cub Choir sang two numbers with Crys Douppagne directing and Lou Darcie playing the piano. The program continued with several films.

Parent-son banquet

By JEAN LAYMAN
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Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, leaders and parents gathered at the Legion Hall Feb. 23 for the 3rd Acton parent and son Scouting banquet.

Group Committee Chairman Terry Schick welcomed the large gathering. Captain Wilson Perrin offered the blessing. Terry Schick introduced the head table guests who were Brian Robertson, 3rd Acton Treasurer and his son Tommy, Ulrich Watermann, Michael Schick, Lee Martin, Assistant Cubmaster Eve Martin and Jean Layman.

Highlighting the evening was a presentation by Ulrich Watermann on Goldie his Golden Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon. Mr. Watermann told the large gathering all about Goldie and what magnificent fliers and hunters they are.

Golden Eagles will prey and attack on ground squirrels, rabbits and larger animals, especially in winter. The Golden Eagle has a wingspan up to 7 1/2 feet, he said. The Peregrine Falcon is a much smaller bird of up to 20 inches. The Peregrine is an extremely fast flier and is capable of stealing its food from other birds, he said.

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A plane will crash but don't be afraid

Somewhere in Halton Hills a plane will crash on Tuesday March 8 at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

In the hills

Red Cross month

Did you realize Red Cross will train you as a volunteer? The hardest thing to find is people willing to give up some spare time to be volunteers... if you will give the time, Red Cross will give the training.

Improper turn

A charge of making an improper turn was laid at an 8:05 p.m. accident Feb. 23 on Guelph Street. A 1986 grey Ford, driven by a 38-year-old Georgetown woman, was westbound on Guelph Street slowing to stop at a private drive.

Invalid members

Memberships in the Georgetown Hospital Corporation which were purchased last April for the General Meeting are now invalid.

The Hospital Board says they work on a calendar year so all 1987 memberships except for lifetime memberships ran out on Dec. 31.

The membership fee for one year is \$5 but a lifetime membership costs \$50.

But don't run for cover. Halton Region is just testing its emergency plan by setting up a simulated plane crash that day.

The object of the operation is to see how well the various organizations and departments in Halton work together in an emergency situation.

There will be a group simulating a crash at the scene of a plane crash but the Region has decided not to actually crash a plane somewhere in town.

The operation, nicknamed "Touchdown" will be more in depth than any other emergency activity held in the Region so far, said Halton's Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming.

Touchdown will give the Region's Emergency Control Group experience at working together, he said.

It will test their ability to communicate with people at the scene and other departments and agencies, said Mr. Fleming.

Although there won't actually be a crash at the scene, the Region wants to involve both the police and the local media to simulate the roles they would play in a real emergency.

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Holy Cross presents play 'his last days'

Holy Cross Parish Community's Easter musical production "His Last Days" will be presented March 3, 4, 5, 6 at Holy Cross Church on Maple Avenue.

For the second year, this moving musical, based on Jesus' last days on earth, is being performed by members of the Parish community.

A cast of more than 70 - from age 7 to 70 - is matched by an equal number of people working behind the scenes.

March 2 at 8 p.m. seniors are invited to a special free performance.

A bus will be available to transport seniors to and from the church. For more information call 877-3975.

Last year's performances were sold out, and indications are that this year's will be also. For tickets please call 877-6189 or 877-8151.

Gravel royalties

Halton Hills town council is awaiting government legislation which would see an extra \$400,000 a year come into town coffers.

The government is expected to pass legislation that would allow the town a four cent royalty for each ton of aggregate produced in the municipality.

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The Halton Roman Catholic School Board is offering an optional French Immersion Program to its English language students entering Grade 5 in September 1988.

Registration is scheduled as follows:

HALTON HILLS: Saturday, March 5, 1988

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
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