

Herald picture parade



The Toy Town Troupers were a hit with parents and children who attended the theatrical performance Sunday at the John Elliott Theatre. The Troupers were in town courtesy of the University Women's Club Super Sunday Series. Here, characters argue about who is on the "other side of the fence." (Herald photo)



Park School Grade three students John Ogden, 8, and Sam Southworth, 8, proudly hold their unbroken egg, which survived being thrown from the roof of the school March 22. Students had to design and build a container capable of holding a raw egg and having it not break when hurled from the school's roof.



Olan and Nanie Bentley from the State of Ohio were in Canada this weekend to take part in the Jim and Alma Doane "seat meet". Saturday the Doane's hosted an all-day exhibition of antique cast iron seats, some of which were sold and traded throughout the day. The Doane farm is on Wanless Road north of Highway 7 and west of Mississauga Road. Cast iron seats come in all kinds and haven't been made for farm implements since the 1920s. However, the value of the individual and colorful objects can go as high as \$2,500 per seat. (Herald photo)

Keeping the 'out' in word scouting

By JEAN LAYMAN

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Keeping the "out" in the word Scouting in mind was the objective for 1st Hornby Cubs, Leaders and parents March 26 at the Terra Cotta outdoor education centre.
The Cubs had a lunch cooked outdoors and then hopped on a wagon for a hayride. They were taken to the base camp to learn how the North American Indians, in a primitive way, made grain sugar from maple sap.
Assistant Cubmaster Sandy Caves, an outdoor education teacher at the Jack Smythe Field Centre, demonstrated with the wooden tongs how to lift the heated rocks into a hollowed-out log. Sap had been poured into the log which is used as an evaporator.
The heated rocks were put in by the Indians and this was how the sap boiled down to form syrup.
Sandy held a tribal "Maple Moon Dance" or celebration dance, led by Cubmaster Roy Frost while she beat the drum. The dance was the toe, heel dance, typical of Indian dances of today.
On display in the outdoor classroom were furs, wooden buckets, shoulder yoke, sap dishes, etc. Early pioneer settlers had more tools to work with and some of these

were on display.
Next the boys got to empty hundreds of litres of sap into the gathering tank. Then before going to the sugar shack, Assistant Cubmaster Hans Trevisanos found a large maple tree using the caliper to judge how many sap spiles the tree would take.
Assistant Cubmaster Sandy Caves had all of the tools and she showed the Cubs the current way to drill the hole on the south side. The flowmore tablet was inserted then the spile was hammered in, followed by hanging the pail and lid. Sap flowed immediately.
Sandy told the boys all about the sun providing energy, water from the clouds and the raw material, carbon dioxide.
The sugar shack has the most important equipment, the large evaporator, the storage tank, holding box, sap pan, syrup pan and finishing pan. The fire box is kept going to make this delicious syrup.
The hayride was supervised by Assistant Cubmaster Chris Sharpe who drove the Cubs back to the centre, where everyone was served ice cream topped with maple syrup.
Others assisting were Louise Sharpe and Mrs. Mimagh and all the parents.



1st Hornby Cubs, Leaders and parents visited the Jack Smythe outdoor education centre at Terra Cotta to have a first hand look at all the processes involved in making maple syrup. Here, Cubs Zak Wilson and Mark Page empty sap buckets. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Water study for 15 Princess Anne lots

The 15 lots on Princess Anne Drive will not be sold until the town has completed a \$25,000 hydrology study of the area.

Town councillors hope the hydrology study will ease the fears expressed by residents of the area at a public meeting March 3.

The town wants to sell 15 lots to raise approximately \$1 million to help pay for the \$6 million civic centre.

But residents are worried about the water pump in the area. Most are worried about the possibility of water contamination from surface runoff, and the possibility of leaking sanitary sewers. Residents also want a buffer zone around the well which is owned by the Region of Halton.

In a recorded vote, only Coun. Joe Hewitt opposed the hydrology study.

Coun. Hewitt said town and regional staff have given verbal assurances there will be no effect on the water quality and quantity around the well.

"This whole situation is a political decision," he told councillors Monday.

The study could well cost a lot more than \$25,000 because establishing the terms of reference could take some time, he said.

"I think all the concerns have been addressed to the public and the public aren't happy. They want something from an expert. For what reason?"

Coun. Hewitt called the decision "irresponsible" Tuesday morning.

Even if the hydrology study shows it's safe, the sheer size of the underground aquifer, which stretches from the fairgrounds to Limehouse, said Coun. Hewitt, means that contamination could come from anywhere.

He said the \$25,000 study is being conducted "to appease a few neighbors."

"I personally think that's irresponsible," said Coun. Hewitt.

"I'm totally concerned about the environment but I hate to see taxpayers' money wasted for a report that's going to sit on a shelf," Coun. Hewitt said Tuesday.

"I won't pass the buck onto somebody else and waste taxpayers' money foolishly."

But Coun. Pam Sheldon, Chairperson of the Municipally Owned Property Committee which recommended the hydrology study, said she wants to "make sure the risk has been addressed."

"An awful lot of people and councillors from that ward are asking questions," said Coun. Sheldon.

"I don't want to make a mockery out of the public meeting."

"We can't treat ourselves any differently than we treat developers," added Coun. Sheldon.

She said there is nothing wrong with making a "political decision."

"You're damn right it's political. What's wrong with listening to the people," she said.

Coun. Betty Fisher said the town "must be accountable for the quality of the water supply."

"We have to have some conscience about that."

She said it would be "bad faith to presume certain things" about the lots.

"This is not a political decision. This is a practical decision. I don't make political decisions."

Mayor Russ Miller agreed with the decision. "We owe it to the people that represent us to be positive

about anything that we do," he said.

The price of the lots are going up right now so there's no harm in waiting, said Mayor Miller.

Coun. Hewitt said the town is losing \$8,000 a month interest waiting to sell the lots.

Coun. Norm Elliott agreed with hiring the hydrologist.

"If a developer made the same request without a hydrology report 'we'd laugh him out of this room,'" he said.

"We have to have that piece of paper in our hands. There's no other way. It's a logical, obvious and almost mandatory step."

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