

Ladies basketball champs



The Mustangs took top honors in the Georgetown Ladies Basketball League this season, defeating the Trojans 2-1 in the best-of-three championship. Members of the team are, front row, from left, Mern Lott, Lorraine Brown, Wendy Moore, Diane Gardner. Back row, Penny Wright, Melanie McCracken, Carol Kovacevic, Chung Kim, and Deb Barber. (Herald photo)



The Capricorns were winners of the consolation trophy in the Georgetown Ladies Basketball League, after they downed the Cougars in the deciding game of a best-of-three final series last Wednesday. Front row, from left, Lauree Heinz, Kerry Gibson, and Maureen Kerr. Back row, Sandra Cousens, Marie Smith, Donna Greenwood, Tracey Yofke, and Kelly Cunningham. (Herald photo)

Chief executive of Scouting

Blain pays visit to Halton

By JEAN LAYMAN
Herald Special

Mr. Jim Blain, Chief Executive of Boy Scouts of Canada made his official visit to Halton Region April 21. Mr. Blain was accompanied by Regional Commissioner John Ollivier, Regional President Bob Edwards, and Field Executive Larry Adams. The day started with a Cable 4 interview with Bob Edwards. Following lunch at Jack Tanners, visits were made to Milton Scout Shop, Burlington and Oakville District Offices, a Beaver Colony meeting, and a Scout Meeting.

The busy day was followed by a dinner, and meeting of District presidents, commissioners, and kay volunteers, held at the Bayerischer-Hof.

Mr. Blain also visited the Regional Office at Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton.

Attending from North Halton were President Rick Golding, District Commissioner Elaine Hannah, Evelyn Owen, Jean Layman and Gord Douglas.

Mr. Blain is responsible to National Council for the operation of the National Offices in Ottawa. For the co-ordination of the Variety of Services it provides for over 300,000 Scouts, Scouters, Committee personnel in Canada.

Jim Blain joined the largest Youth Organization as a Cub. Continued to a Scouter, then a District Scouter, all in Burnaby, B.C.

In 1961 Mr. Blain joined the staff of Boy Scouts of Canada as Field Executive in the Northern British Columbia Council, then on the Vancouver Island, Victoria, Fraser Valley and Edmonton.

In 1970 he became Executive



Jim Blain, Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts made a visit to Halton recently, and met with several local scouting groups. Seen here, at a dinner are, from left, Regional President Bob Edwards, Field Executive Larry Adams, Mr. Blain, and Regional Commissioner John Ollivier. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Director of Quebec Provincial Council and in 1981 he became Chief Executive of Boy Scouts of Canada.

Mr. Blain spoke to the large gathering following dinner, of his many experiences. He recommended the OUI in Scouting and most important was to have fun. Having the right person in the right job makes for growth in the organization. A question and answer period followed with interesting results.

Mr. Blain and his wife Gloria live

in Ottawa. They have one son and three daughters all living in Southern Ontario.

Mr. Blain has always been active in the United Church of Canada serving as teacher, superintendent and leader of youth groups. Very involved in sports as well.

Bob Edwards, Regional President, presented Mr. Blain with a token of appreciation for the visit to Halton Region. Regional Commissioner John Ollivier, on behalf of the Region, thanked Mr. Blain.

CVCA seeks better image

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority wants to clean up its image with residents of Belfountain.

The Authority runs the Belfountain Conservation Area, a small recreational area centered in the village.

"The image of the Authority in the Belfountain community is extremely poor. Residents tend to blame us for attracting great crowds to the area and see little in the way of positive contributions to the community through the provision of open space," said Ken Owen, the CVCA's Manager of Land Resources.

A report prepared by Mr. Owen said the area becomes "inundated" with tourists especially during the fall change of colors.

"The area is surrounded by residential dwellings of the village and so is easily accessible without entering through the front gate.

"The financial implications of this situation are unquantifiable but are estimated to be considerable. Enforcement solutions and increased police patrol are ineffective and also costly while only treating the symptom and not the problem," said Mr. Owen.

The CVCA should "instill a greater sense of the Authority as a member of the Belfountain community, as opposed to an irritant."

The CVCA is going to give all Belfountain residents free use of the

area, place flower planted boxes throughout the villages, offer space in the gardens in the Belfountain Conservation Area to the local garden club and sponsor a village "Appreciation Day".

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Young Parents Program

Showing kids we care

A new program to support pregnant teens and young parents will begin next month in the Georgetown area.

The Young Parents' Program, funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, is a branch of The Open Door Youth Centre. It hopes to provide the support that the extended family once supplied in our grandparents' day.

The Young Parents' Program, for those between the ages of 15 and 23, will operate on Mondays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., with lunch, provided, at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Road South (corner of Sinclair and Mountainview).

Monday's programs will be just for the moms. Childcare will be provided while the moms enjoy the opportunity to make new friends, talk about their interests and concerns, learn about their community's services, plan for their futures and have a break from their youngsters.

Friday mornings will be for both moms and kiddies - a special time for them to enjoy creative, fun-filled hours with their youngsters, under the direction of an Early Childhood Education teacher. As well, there will be special outings and activities planned according to the group's interests and needs.

The Young Parents' Program will

provide: care for babies, play groups for children, a parent/child library, a clothing exchange, home visits, peer counselling and referrals to other community services. The entire program, including transportation, is free! Plans for the future include a Dad's Program and a Recreational Program.

The Board of The Open Door Youth Centre believes very strongly that there is a real need for support and information in the community for pregnant teens and young moms and hopes the Young Parents' Program will fill that need.

Assistance is requested from the area in the form of volunteers to help with driving and childcare and of donations of babies' and children's clothes, children's books and other supplies.

Contact Star McGuire, the outreach worker for the Young Parents' Program, at 873-2966, if you have any questions about the program or can be of assistance in any way. Show our kids that we really care about them.

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