

Outlook on Halton Hills

Ad-Venturing in Israel

Six Venturers from North Halton spent two weeks wandering through 2000 years of history during a recent trip to Israel.

"Every day was an exciting day," said Georgetown Venturer leader Wayne Pollitt. The only problem with the trip was it was too short.

After a 14-hour flight on El Al airlines, Mr. Pollitt, his son Derek and 28 other Venturers and Scouts from the greater Toronto Region, began a 14-day vacation exploring 14 cities such as Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv.

"It just took the first day or two to get used to the Israeli currency," Mr. Pollitt said.

Having a tour guide, who worked as an archaeologist, was an added bonus, in that he knew the history of the places the Venturer troop toured.

A visit to the underground city, which is completely buried, proved exciting.

We had to go down a hole in the ground and pull ourselves through a tunnel, Mr. Pollitt said.

Seeing the Masada was special. "It was different looking at things over 2000 years old," Derek said.

During the Roman invasion 980 Jews lived on top of the cliff in the middle of no man's land for a number of years. Rather than be conquered by the Romans, the Jews took their own lives.

The Venturer troop also walked through the Valley of the Cross and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Swimming in the Dead Sea was an experience. If you opened your eyes they got burned, because of the salt



Wayne Pollitt and son Derek hold up a Coca-Cola shirt they got in Israel. The pair returned from a two-week trip to the country recently.

and if you got water in your mouth it tasted terrible, Derek said.

"You can float about, quite nicely," Mr. Pollitt said.

The pair walked the 10 stations where Jesus carried the cross. All the significant things taught in the Bible are in churches scattered throughout the country.

Father and son found a few differences in Israel compared to Canada.

The food is kosher, Mr. Pollitt said. Pork was not served for breakfast, which usually consisted of eggs, orange juice, cheese, rolls, tomatoes, green peppers and fish salads.

At dinner, meats, such as chicken, turkey and beef, were served.

There were a lot of military men around, Derek said, especially in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

"Almost every street corner had two or three," he said, although everyone they met was friendly.

Some of the soldiers would trade bullets for Canadian flags.

While they were over there, the Canadian Venturer troop met up with three Scout troops. Scouting is big in Israel, Mr. Pollitt said.

The North Halton Venturers got involved with the trip through a Toronto Venturer troop, which put out a pamphlet. "We just picked up on it," Mr. Pollitt said.

New Sheridan president named

Mary E. Hofstetter has been appointed the third president of Sheridan College effective July 1, 1988, Sheridan Board of Governors Chairman Dianne Sutter announced recently.

A Burlington resident, Ms. Hofstetter has been Vice-President, Academic at Mohawk College in Hamilton since 1984. She held a number of positions at Conestoga College in Kitchener from 1973 to 1984, including Associate Director, Applied Arts and Business, chairman of Applied Arts, and Director of College and Community Relations.

"The new Sheridan president has demonstrated a clear sense of vision regarding the future of community colleges in a time of restraint and has shown a strong eagerness to tackle the issues facing Sheridan in the future," said Ms. Sutter.

"Mary Hofstetter will lead a team of Sheridan employees who are integral to the success of a college dedicated to the quality of education," said Ms. Sutter.

Since the announcement last September that current College President Don Shields would retire June 30, Sheridan's Board of Governors has conducted a coast-to-coast search for president. A presidential profile was drafted with input from every level of the college community.

"The reputation of Sheridan College elicited a large response from extremely well-qualified people. Ex-

tensive interviews took place," said Ms. Sutter.

Ms. Hofstetter, 41, was appointed by the full Board of Governors April 20 following a recommendation by a search committee, headed by former Board Chairman Bert Chalmers, and comprising an additional eight members of the College Board. The committee included representatives of faculty, staff, student and administration constituent groups.

"Mary Hofstetter will be the catalyst for the continued growth of the College and will work well with

all employee groups at Sheridan.

"Sheridan has had a fine reputation over the past 20 years, and the next 10 years are crucial," said Ms. Sutter. "The strength of the past can be built upon and new challenges will be faced by the new president."

Current College President Don Shields retires June 30. Mr. Shields began his career at Sheridan in 1967 as Dean, was appointed Vice-President in 1972 and named President in 1981.

Sheridan's founding President John Porter retired in 1981 and died in 1983.

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Ambulance quarters expanded

Volunteer ambulance workers will get a Georgetown apartment at cut rate.

The 17 Guelph St. residence, atop the ambulance building was rented to Walter and Jean Asseltine for \$450 a month including utilities. When the Asseltines leave the building May 1, the town of Halton Hills will drop the rent to \$225 plus utilities and the ambulance crew will move in.

The ambulance service needs the space to store medical supplies, conduct training courses and for offices.

"The extra space would be greatly appreciated," said Douglas McLeod, President of the Halton Hills Ambulance Service. Membership of the ambulance service is at 50 members, but Mr. McLeod expects an increase to about 70 members.

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