



Moving Up

The First Limehouse Brownies has a special enrollment ceremony to welcome new members to their group. Seen here are new members Gaelan Leckle, Kerri-Ann Wild, Almee Jones, Jillian John, Bethany Booker, and Carley Crichton. (Photo submitted)

Scouters face busy times

by Jean Layman
Herald Special

The North Halton District Council of Scouts Canada opened the new year with a meeting at the Optimist Hall on Jan. 4. A full complement of members was on hand for the meeting.

President Ric Golding welcomed the large gathering and introduced the new secretary, Mrs. Dawn Livingstone.

The Scouts Canada slogan, "You Can Make The Difference When You Add One More" leader, boy member, adult member, or one more, went to the program for boys in Beavers on up to Rovers.

Coming events discussed included the Craft Workshop for first year Cubs to be held Jan. 21 at St. Andrew's United Church hall. Contact person is Cubmaster Steve Norman.

North Halton District winter camp for Scouts will be held

February 11 and 12 at Ebor Park, Blue Springs. The 3rd Acton Venturers will be in charge, and the contact person is Derek Pollitt.

The North Halton District Cub Kar Rally will be held Feb. 18 at Knox Presbyterian Church hall, Georgetown.

Church parades, banquets and special events will be held during Scout-Guide Week, Feb. 18-26.

Halton Regional Conference '89 will be held March 4, at E. C. Drury High School, 55 Ontario Street, Milton. All group committee members, District and leaders are requested to register early and select their choice of sessions. Contact Larry Kivell at 878-2794 or Ric Golding at 877-8774 for further information.

Don Buckles reported on fund raising. The Trees for Canada project has been scheduled for April 29. John Sharples volunteered to assist in the Acton area and Ric Golding will assist in the

Georgetown area.

Treasurer Barb Durham presented a report, and a lengthy discussion on special events for the Bang-O-Rama was convened.

District Commissioner Elaine Hannah received the District T-shirts from Sandy Booth. All groups are requested to get their orders in as soon as possible.

Ms. Hannah reported the First Aid Course was starting to fill up with registrations for January. Contact person is Jim Auger at 853-0184.

North Halton District Council expressed condolences to the Owen family for the loss of their son, John Jr.

The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 1 and the annual general meeting will be held March 1. Both will be at the Optimist Hall, on Highway 7, west of Georgetown.

Plans being made for Plymouth trip

By J.T. HAYES
Branch 120 PRO

The Georgetown branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 11 (tonight) for the Plymouth group, and other interested parties. For further details, contact Comrade Norm Ward.

Get those dues in now

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 Georgetown, Ladies Auxiliary reminds members that we are into a new year. The dues for 1989 are now past due. If you are still unpaid please pay them by the end of January. If you are unable to make the January meeting you can leave them behind the bar or send them to Jean Reid, 30A Queen St., Georgetown L7G 2E8.

There was bowling in Oakville Jan. 7 and Georgetown came in first. Congratulations Marion Carney, Jean Foster, Trudy Paul,

CAR CLUB: Winners in the Jan. 5 draw were 397 Jim Fisher; 78 Edith Shoebridge; 410 Colin Gibson; 329 H.T. Henderson; 138 Claudette Caldwell; and 198 Eleanor Nicholson.

SPORTS: For in-house cribbage, the Sam Tennant Memorial trophy will be competed for on Saturday,

Leanne Hall, Hazel Dumper and Anne Nicholson. Oakville was second, Acton B third and Acton A third. Jean Foster had high triple with 729.

Saturday, Jan. 14 is euchre in Acton with registration at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15 there will be a zone meeting in Milton. The Color Party is to be there for 12:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 1 p.m.

Our meeting on Jan. 19 should be interesting as Zone Commander Muriel Pick will be attending. Please try to make it out for the meeting.

Lifestyles

Brampton teen's murder hits close to home

People often ask you, as a reporter, to write an article on some topic they want to voice an opinion on. Usually, you listen, and sometimes, you do something about it.

The murder in Brampton last week of a 19-year-old guy really threw me. Brampton... It's on our doorstep, location-wise. This bustling city is in the heart of suburbia. It should feel as secure as going home.

So when a police officer friend suggested I talk about Patrick Healy, viciously stabbed in an apparently unprovoked attack, I obliged.

Straight out of high school, and sitting in his Dodge Charger with a girlfriend, chatting at a local park, Patrick was killed - stabbed - "at least three times" in the rib area.

Most of us have been to parks at night. Being 19 years old was not so long ago for me, and sitting in a car with a friend is not an unlikely scenario.

But in Brampton lives were changed forever. A young girl witnessed a murder. And a mother who tried to revive her son as he hovered near death's door, failed in a piteous attempt: the boy was already dying when his girlfriend drove him home.

What a memory for a mother to have of her son! And what a burden to put on a teenage girl who will forever live in fear.

The media didn't hesitate to jump on the bandwagon in pointing

Company charged

The Ontario Environment Ministry has charged a Campbellville company with shipping an unclassified pesticide to one of its customers.

King Pesticides Limited operates a pesticide packaging and distribution facility. The charges allege that, on May 13, 1987, the company shipped King Warble Fly Spray Powder to the Ministry of Natural Resources contrary to the Pesticides Act. King Warble Fly Spray Powder was not at the time classified for sale in Ontario by Regulation 751.

A court date has been set for 9 a.m., Jan. 23, at the Milton Courthouse.

accusatory fingers. I remember turning on the radio and hearing



Kell's Korner

Donna Kell
Herald Staff

that two black men, possibly driving a 1982 Charger, were on the loose somewhere in the Metro area. They were suspected in the stabbing death of Patrick Healy.

As it turns out, both men were not black. One was Portuguese. But what was really outrageous was the media's attempt to connect the murder of victim Patrick Healy with the police shooting of Mississauga youth Wade Lawson. Was it revenge for the life of the black youth shot after he was discovered in a stolen car, they asked. People look for answers. "Why," asked the Toronto Sun in a bold red headline plastered over the graduation photo of the dead Patrick Healy. "Why," asked the press at conferences around town.

Why, indeed. Murder is not new to anybody. It's certainly happened throughout history, in every country in the world, and in every social class of people. But in our Utopian worlds, here in Suburbia, in smaller towns, murder is an outrage confined to the television set. It happens in Nicaragua, Libya and even in Toronto. But it doesn't happen here.

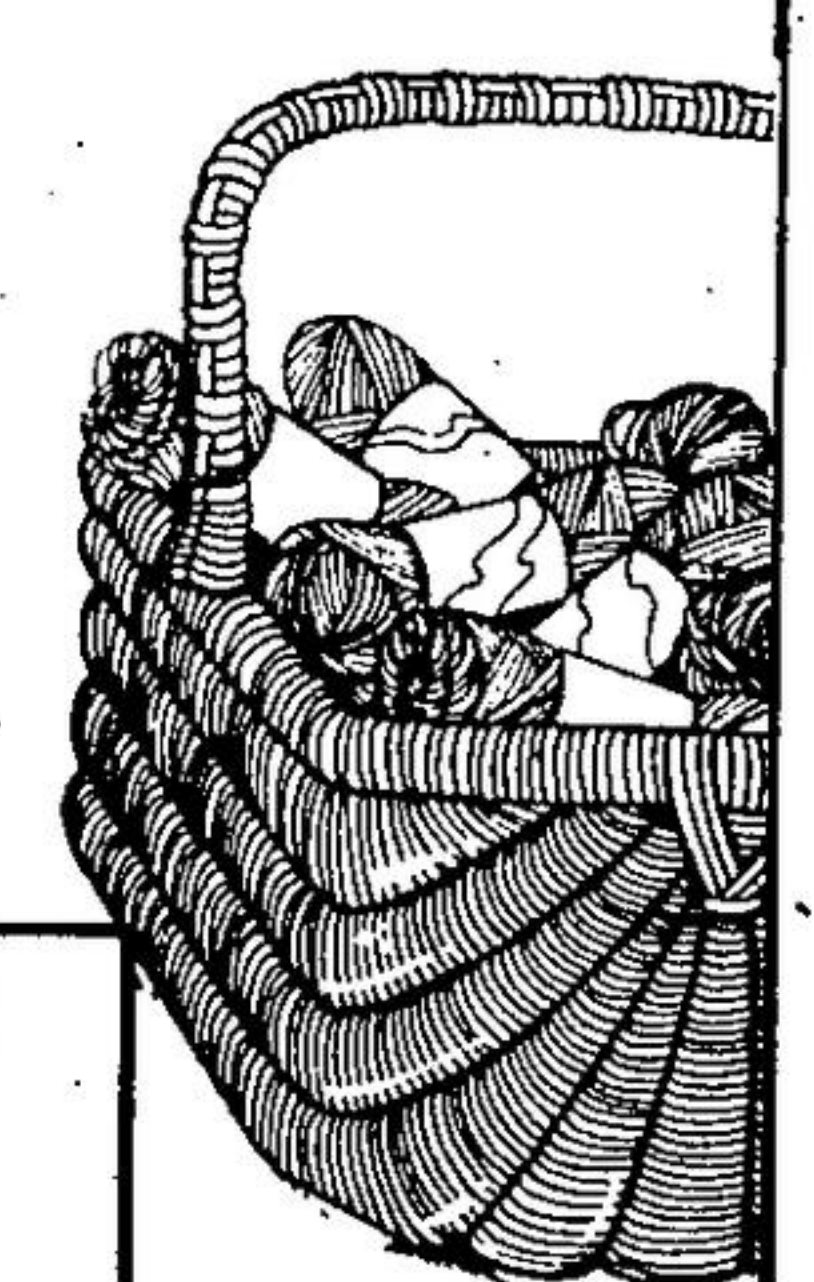
Things change. Now it does happen here. With a piece of metal, two thoughtless animals took the life of an innocent teen. Stealing from him his life, they also stole something from all of us: our innocence.

Perhaps that's why the murder of Patrick Healy cuts so deep.

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