

Scouters have been helping environment since 1973

It was business as usual for 150 Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from neighboring townships of Peterborough while the rest of the world was preparing to celebrate Earth Day 1990. The boys once again helped out the environment by participating in their annual Trees for Canada Program.

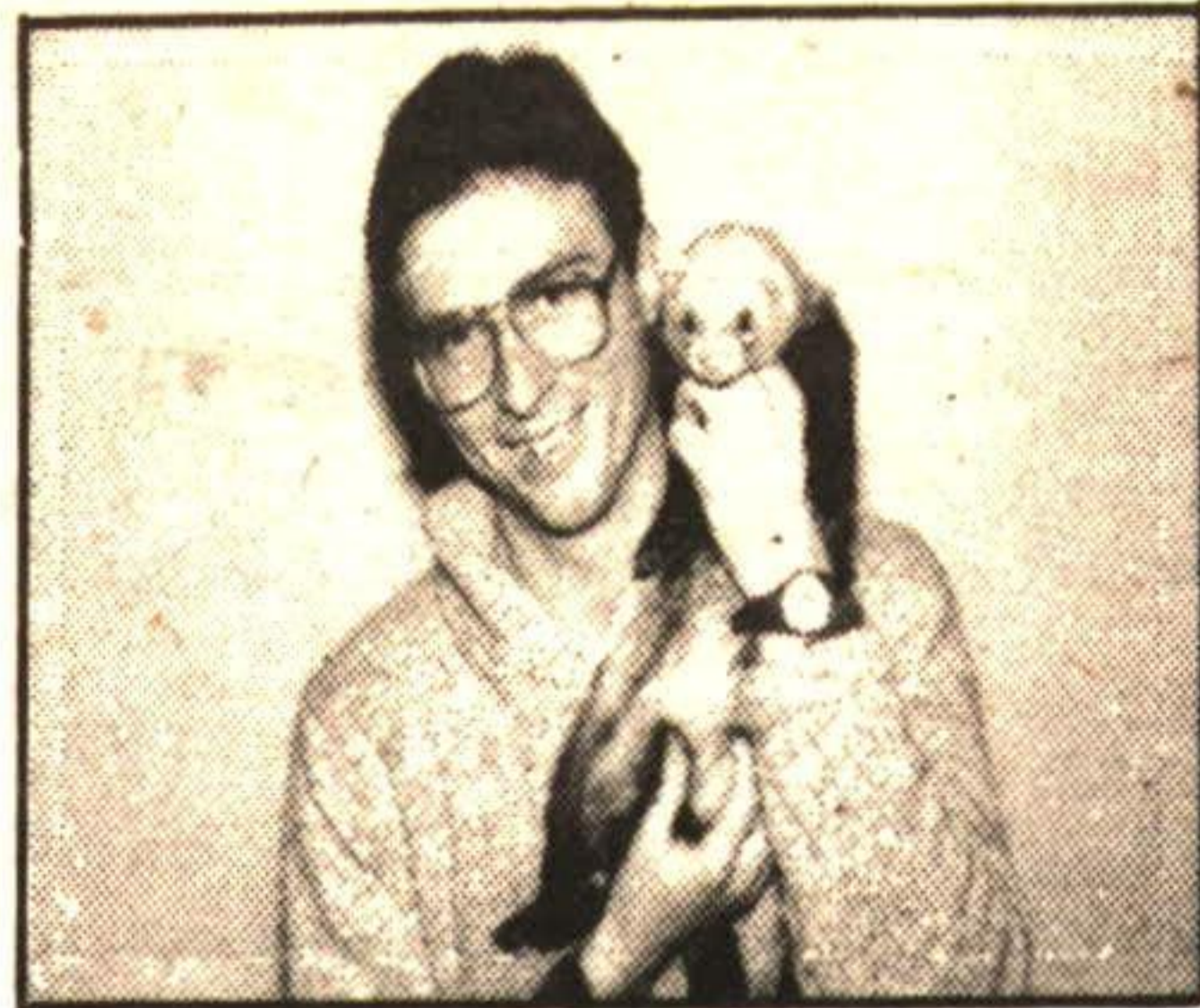
Early Saturday morning the groups of youngsters, accompanied by parents and leaders, trekked along a marked trail and gathered in an open field. It was on this old pasture land that the Boy Scouts of Canada initiated their first pilot project of enhancing wildlife habitat by not only planting the usual coniferous seedlings but hundreds of wildlife shrubs as well. The two major components, food and cover, were provided for proper wildlife management.

1990 marked the 18th year for Trees for Canada and since the National Council approved this promising program in 1973, approximately 40 million tree seedlings have been planted by Ontario's future conservationists. The program was first established generally to help reforest Canada's depleting timber resources by reclaiming fields no longer under cultivation and patching up old logging sites. More than \$800,000 was donated towards the greening of our country, with close to one million people supporting the Trees for Canada program in 1989.

As the Wildlife Habitat Facilitator for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, working in conjunction with Wildlife Habitat Canada, I had a chance to meet with Ben Kruser, the National Program Director of the Boy Scouts of Canada, to have the two conservation groups working together cooperatively on a mutually beneficial project—such as wildlife habitat enhancement. We decided that leaders should promote the planting of wildlife shrubs and additional tree species to provide a much more 'diverse' habitat to spring planting sites.

It was stated in November of 1989 by Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of the World Scout Bureau, that during the period from April 1, 1990 to August 31, 1991 the World Scout Committee had decided to declare "World Scout Environment Year." Along with the environmental concerns recognized by the committee as requiring urgent attention such as: global warming, destruction of the ozone layer, deforestation, increasing use of chemicals and threats to the marine environment, this 'enrichment' to the Trees for Canada program will increase the awareness of the loss of wildlife habitat and desertification of agricultural lands, subjecting these issues to intense discussion, debate and action during this special year.

Bill Lanouette, the landowner



Nature's Way

By KEVIN CALLAN

who invited the boys to plant his property, had been planting trees and shrubs in his old pasture fields for three years now, but this year he decided to ask for a little help.

"I figured the enthusiastic youngsters could plant twice the amount of nursery stock in a few hours than I could in a few days.



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By noon Saturday, almost 2,000 spruce and over 100 Russian olive shrubs were planted on my property," Mr. Lanouette stated while handing out well-deserved hotdogs to the hardworking boys.

"This program benefits everyone," said Mr. Lanouette. "The boys gain first-hand experience in reforestation, the environment is naturally enhanced and habitat for wildlife is greatly improved."

Next year Mr. Lanouette plans to open up his property to junior conservationists to further enhance his land for wildlife.

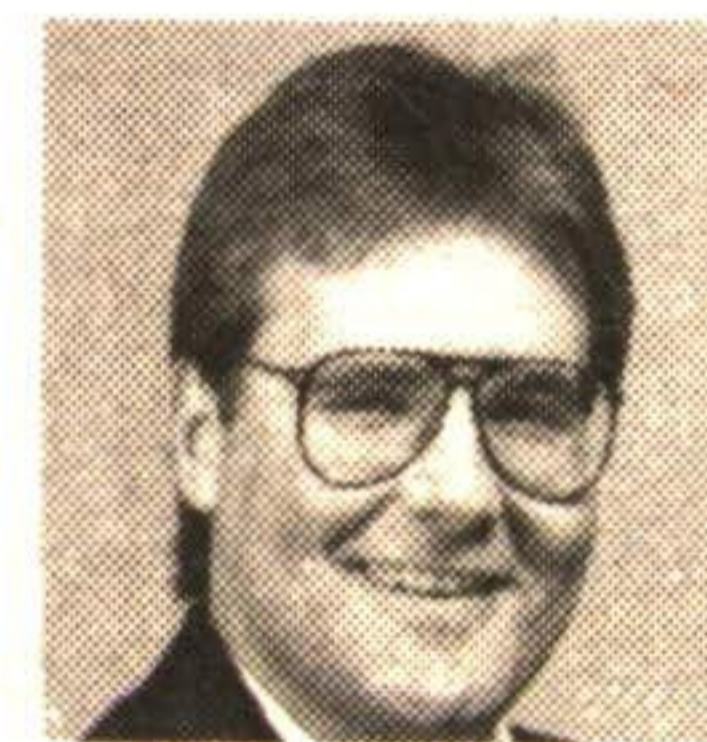
Projects for constructing nesting boxes for kestrels, bluebirds, and screech owls and perching posts will be provided for hawks.

The Trees and Shrubs for Canada program will be spearheading the efforts of the Boy Scouts of Canada to support the World Scout Environment Year. If you are a leader and are interested in providing shrubs with next year's annual spring planting day or initiate other habitat enhancement projects, contact either Ben Kruser at (613) 224-5131 or me, Kevin Callan at (705) 748-6324.

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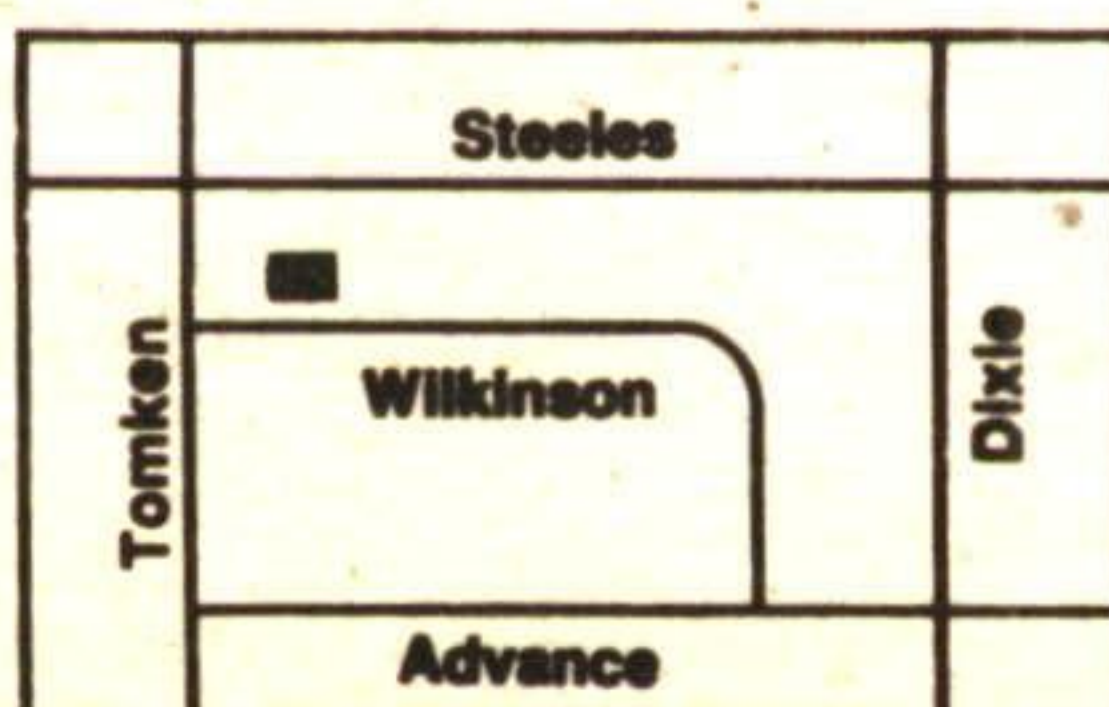
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- Wrong
- Wonder
- Goat pullover (2 wds)
- Den
- Nurses
- Southern staple
- Venezuela river
- Defeat
- Dresden, e.g.
- Horsepower
- Residue
- Pursue
- Sandra or Ruby
- Charles' lady
- Portion
- Male pig
- "Jones"
- Main artery
- Office of Naval Research (abbr.)
- Seth's son
- Spotted gown (3 wds)
- Sickly
- "... Harry"

DOWN

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- Actor Howard
- Required subject
- Notre Dame's city
- Persian poet
- Sister for short

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20 Beginning for "ator" or "ola"
21 Pitcher's bag
22 Actress Maureen
23 Elviate
24 Swindle
25 Aida
27 Steuth Charlie
30 Puzzle
31 Bandleader brothers
33 Descend
34 Peasant
36 "Hello...!"
37 Devine and Williams
39 Suff. for major
40 Dance step
41 Mineral
42 Quirk swim
43 Metal
44 Drain
45 Firmament

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