

*Downhill all the way*

# Scouts race for Soap Box title

By JEAN LAYMAN  
Special to the Halton Hills Weekend

April 25 was the scene of a Soap Box Derby held at the United Aggregate Quarry for 11 neat looking soap box cars for North Halton

Scouts. North Halton District Scouts from Georgetown, Acton and Glen Williams raced a number of heats to arrive at the fastest speed. Organizers for this event was Troop Scouter Ron Birrell of 3rd

Acton and Troop Scouter Alex Furness of 1st Glen Williams. The speed of the soap boxes were clocked with radar by Provincial Constable David Thomas of the Milton OPP Detachment and Leader Sherry Freeman assisting.

The Georgetown Optimist Club provided trophies for this event with the first place winner being Scout Isaac Ferguson, 1st Glen Williams with a time of 46; second place winner Scout Adam Cass of 3rd Acton, time 47; third place winner Scout Ken Stanley of 3rd Acton, time 48. Presentations were made by Ron Birrell and Optimist Craig Booth. Consolation prizes went to first, Philip Eddolls of 3rd Acton and second, Jordan Furness of 1st Glen Williams.

Scout Christopher Frei of 5th Georgetown was awarded a special award, as well as a fine when Provincial Constable David Thomas clocked his soap box going at 50 km per hour. The soap box was built to a five-foot long specification, qualifying this soap box to race in the Regional Derby held at the hill on the Guelph Line close to Kilbride on Sunday, April 26, winning a bronze and with Scout Jim Harper of 5th Georgetown driving.

A vote of thanks goes out to all Leaders and parents helping to make this another successful event. Special thanks to United Aggregate Quarry, Acton Home Hardware, Dover Elevator and Irene Birrell.

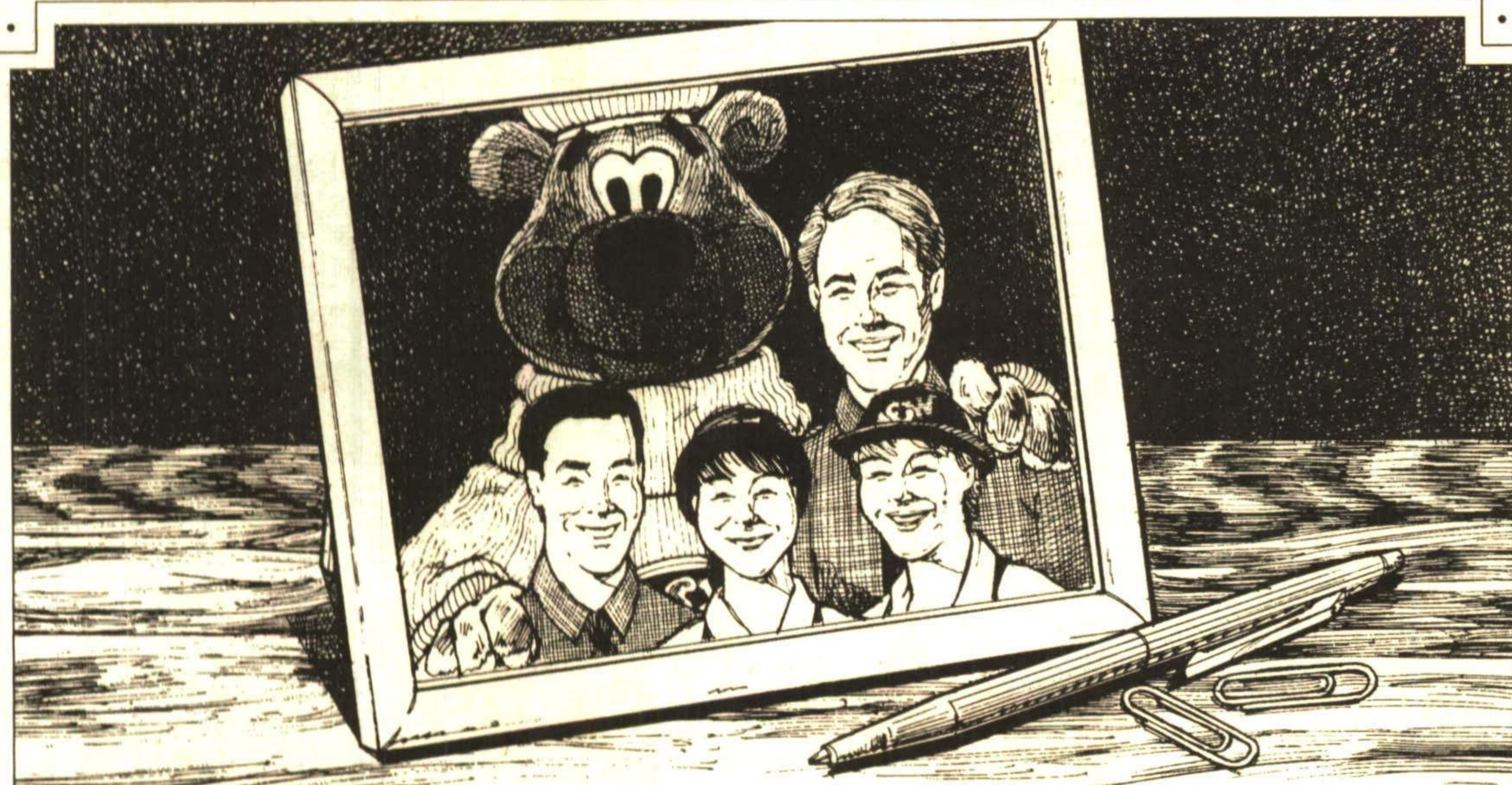


## Just like old times

Scouter Jean Layman plants a tree during the Trees for Canada planting party last Saturday. Layman planted 100 trees in 1972 as part of the Trees for Canada pilot project 20 years ago. Scouters from across Canada have been taking a day to plant trees every year since. Scouter Layman gets a hand from 1st Acton Cubs Josh Hill, Matthew Henderson and Joey Parker. Close to 200 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from north Halton planted 5,000 trees in the Terra Cotta area this year.



A little too fast down the hill? This north Halton scouter seems to have had a run in with Ontario Provincial Police officer David Thomas of the Milton detachment during the Soap Box Derby at the United Aggregate quarry recently. Actually, Thomas was on hand to tell the drivers just how fast the downhill racers had gone, using a radar gun to record the times. Scouters from Georgetown, Acton and Glen Williams took part in the event.



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