

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

MINIMUM MAINTENANCE GARDENS

Garden maintenance shouldn't be a constant chore that you dread. If you're having trouble keeping up with the work consider the following suggestions:

- * Plant new dwarf varieties where possible. These plants generally grow slower and do not become an overpowering size. Consequently, they require less, if any, pruning, to maintain them at a reasonable size.

- * Restrict yourself to plants that do not require a lot of special care. i.e. Acid soil or winter protection or pest control.

- * Apply a mulch to flower and shrub beds. This will keep weeding and watering to a minimum. A depth of 2 to 4 inches of mulch is required to suppress weed growth.

- * In the spring apply a slow-release fertilizer on hanging baskets (Plant Prod 14-14-14), Roses (6-12-6), Shrubs (C.I.L. 5-10-15), Evergreens (C.I.L. 10-3-6) and Vegetable Garden (C.I.L. 5-10-15). This fertilizer will slowly release nutrients throughout the season. One to two applications are required during the growing season. Water soluble fertilizer provides the nutrients faster but they have to be applied every week to two weeks throughout the season.

- * If you are constantly edging your flower beds, consider installing lawn edging. The heavy duty, deep edging will be more effective at keeping the grass roots from creeping into the bed.

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Scouts and Guides join for fun day

By JEAN LAYMAN
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The Annual North Halton District Scogui — Scouts and Guides — was held at Ebor Park, Blue Springs Scout Reserve June 4-6 with 132 Scouts, Guides and Leaders attending from Acton, Ashgrove, Georgetown and Milton.

Camp Chief, troop scouter John Rothwell and Guider Vicky McGonigle welcomed the large gathering during the opening ceremony Friday evening. A dance and informal campfire followed.

Of course, on Saturday it rained buckets, but everyone had a great time, with events all day:

- Bike Race and Aerial Runway looked after by 1st Georgetown Venturers
- Orienteering and Archery by Milton Rangers
- Rope Bridge and Capture the Water Bucket by Acton Rangers and Venturer John Eddolls
- Crafts by Guider Margo Welke of Milton
- Wagon Building for a chariot race by Rangers
- Camp Chief Challenge. First Aid was looked after by Frank Fuller, Lynn Clark and Anne-Marie Miller
- The campfire Saturday night was looked after by Mark Quaglia and Geoff Tomkinson, and Jenn Hunter.

Sunday morning all members paraded to the chapel for the "Scogui's Own," led by Deputy district commissioner Steve Thompson and A.D.C. Andrew Kayess.

A Chariot Race by all 10 patrols was great fun. A few crashes made it quite exciting. This was followed by a balloon water toss; all Leaders and participants took part.

Following lunch, the Closing Ceremony took place and the presentation of Crests and Scogui



Presenting the plaque to the winning patrol was Councillor Rob Heaton, Guider Carol Atkinson, 5th Milton, Halton Division Commissioner Marilyn Rutland, District Commissioner Elaine Hannah, Amanda Keith, Robin

Atkinson, both 5th Milton Guides, Shane Fera, 5th Georgetown Scout, Guide Jennifer Kearns, Guide Erin Goodyear, Pathfinders Kristin Harding and Ginny Dymment and Troop Scouter Gary Frei.

Chips were presented by the Camp Chiefs.

The winning patrol overall for the camp was patrol number 7 which included Shane Fera of 5th Georgetown, and Amanda Keith, Robin Atkinson, Jennifer Kearns, Erin Goodyear, Kristin Harding

and Ginny Dymment, all of Milton. Camp Chief John Rothwell thanked all Leaders for their help and support. Special thanks to Troop Scouter Gary Frei for making the Scogui Chips.

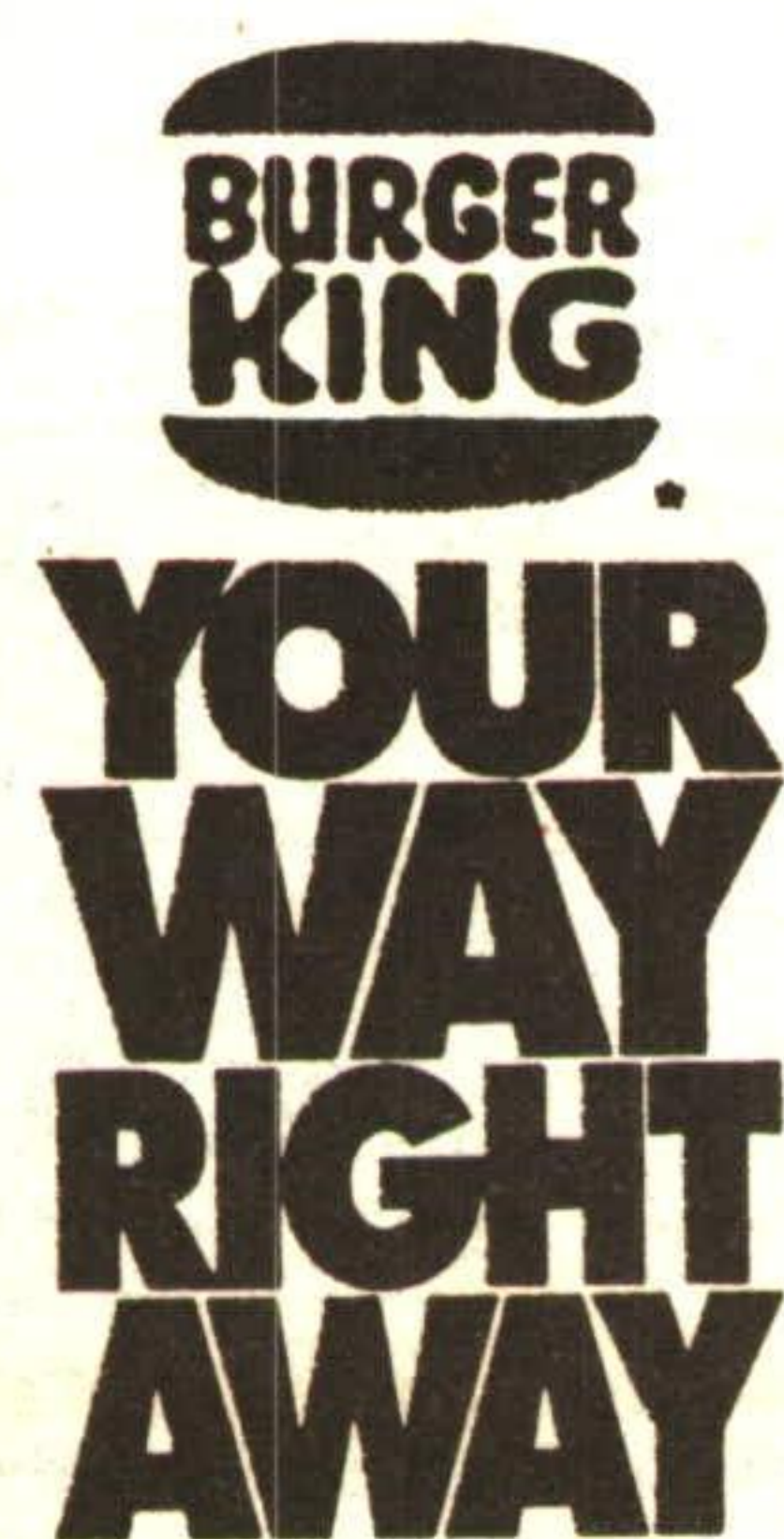
Representing the Milton Council was Councillor Art

Melanson for Mayor Gordon Krantz and Councillor Rob Heaton representing Mayor Russ Miller.

Others visiting during the weekend camp was Halton Divisional Commissioner Marilyn Rutland, Elaine Hannah and Steve Thompson.

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