

Jean Layman

Getting the message out on scouts

Scouting is an active organization in Halton Hills that involves hundreds of boys and girls—and adults—and it's Jean Layman who makes sure that everyone knows it.

Since the late 1960s Layman, a service scouter with the North Halton District has focussed her camera on the scouting community in Halton Hills and passed her snapshots onto the local newspapers for publication.

Layman first became involved in scouting close to 45 years ago when she and her family took pizzas to scouts camping out at the 1955 World Jamboree in Niagara. The event impressed her little son John that both he and his mom joined the local association in 1959.

"John left after scouts, but I stayed," says Layman. "And I've loved every minute of it."

Layman knew nothing of photography when she first began taking her little German camera to scouting events. "No, I just prayed...and I still know nothing," she says. "But it's great seeing what the boys are doing."

Many of Layman's photographs of the local scouters are sent to Scout Canada's national newsletter, and just recently, a scout book has been released which contains many of Layman's photos over the years.

Besides taking photographs, Layman is also an instructor in knots.

Layman also joins husband Jack displaying miniature steam engines at steam shows around the province.

"They're like a bit of history," she says.



Jean Layman has devoted 45 years to scouting and has "loved every minute of it."

Photo by Ted Brown

Although at one time an avid collector of stamps and coins, she's set them aside for a more high-tech hobby—computers where she keeps in touch with scouters around the world.

The Laymans, residents of Georgetown for 42 years, just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September and they have two children, Frankie and John, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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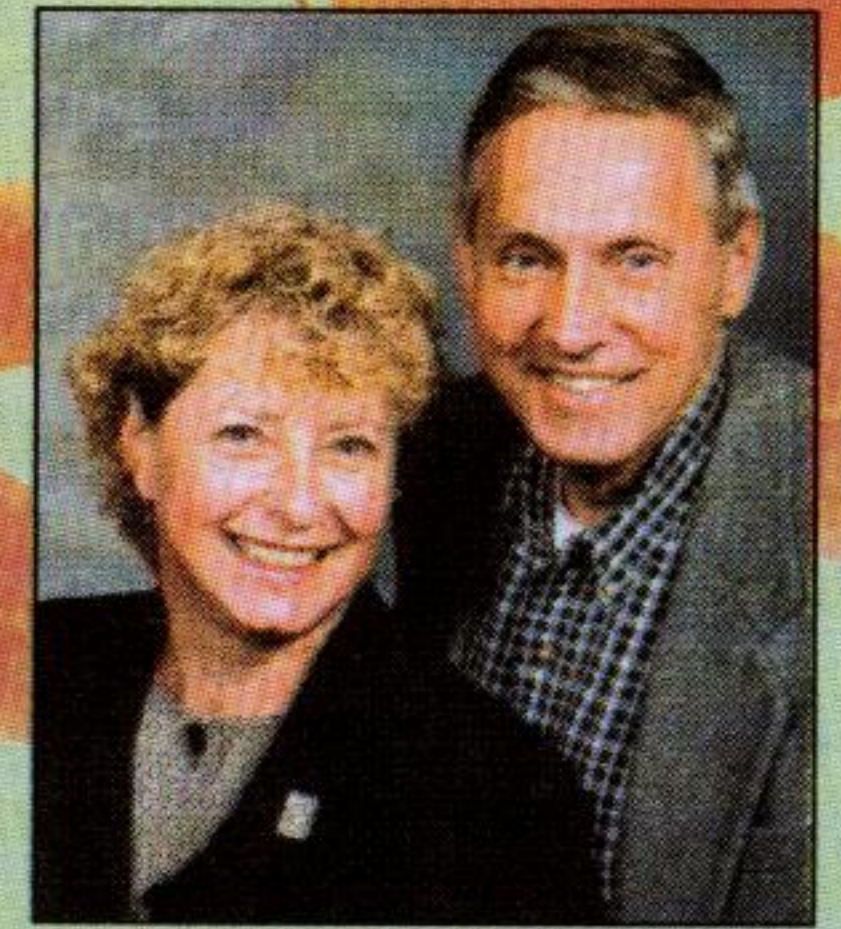
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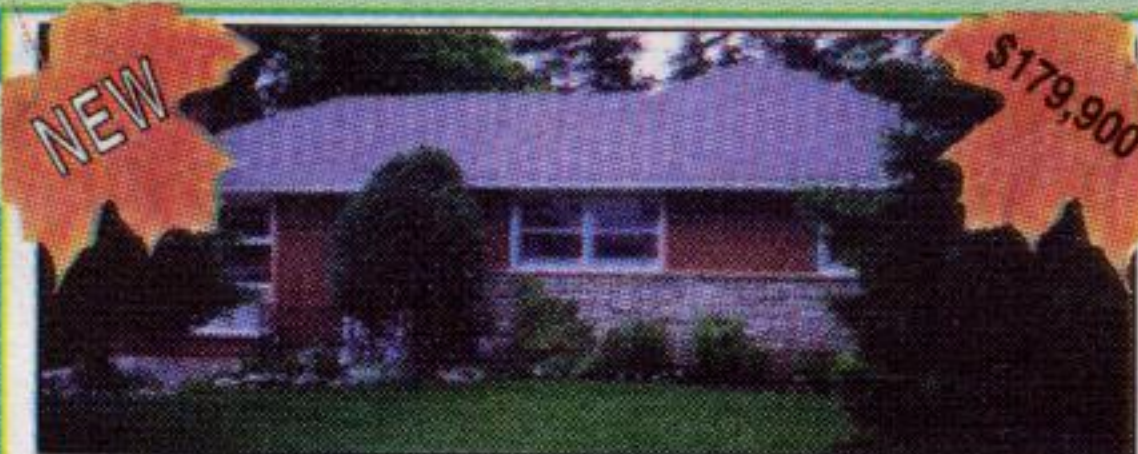
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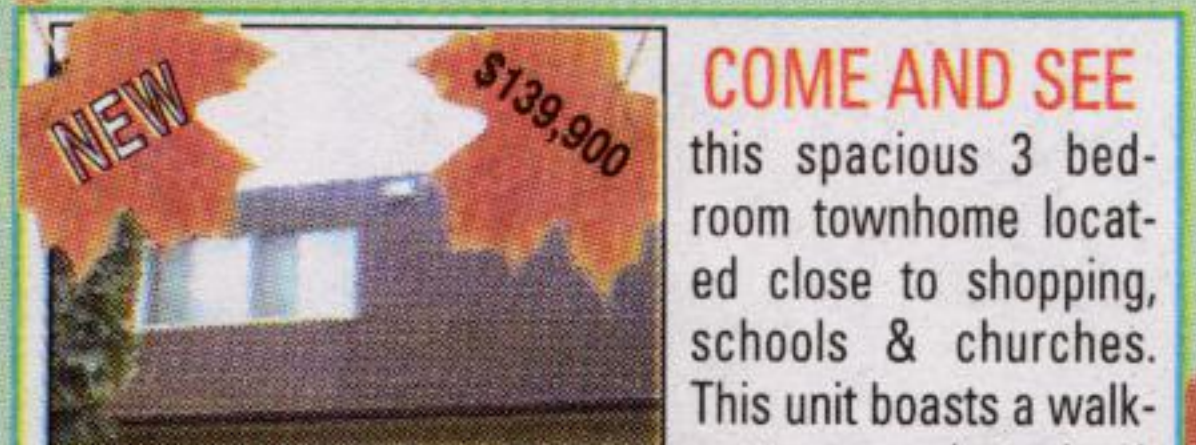
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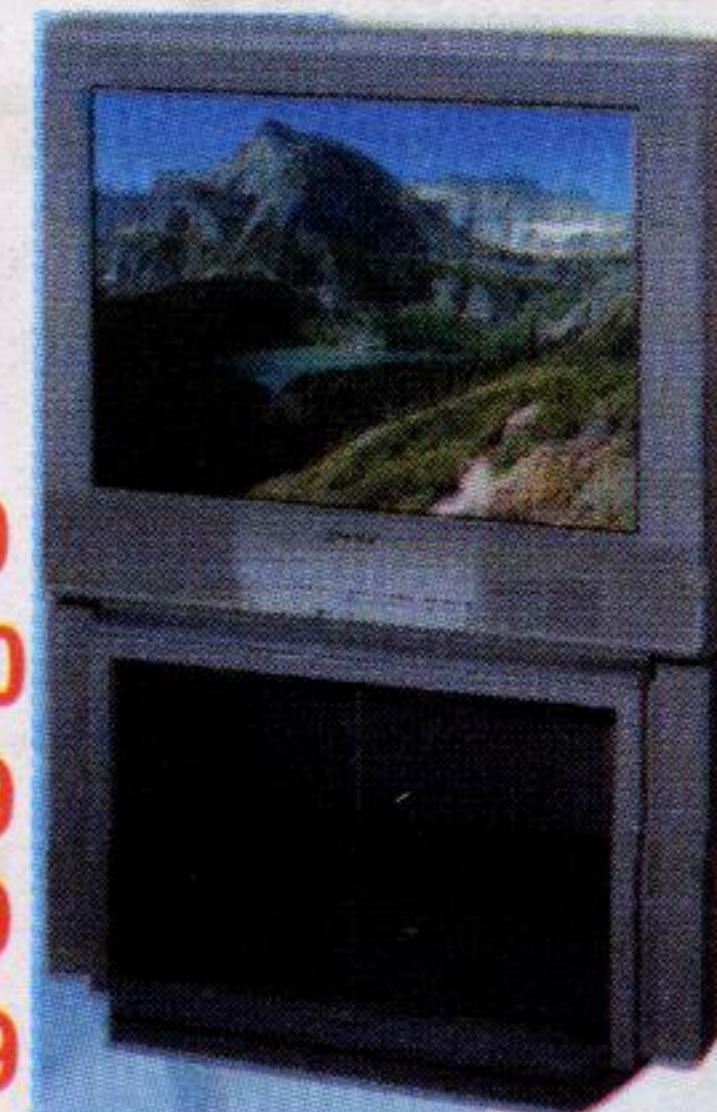
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