

MILTON O.P.P., who headed up Tuesday's 86man search of the dense bush in Nassagaweya, confer with one of the boys' fathers. From left are Cpl. Larry Kneale, Venturer lead-

er Andris Silis, Cpl. Kenneth Kingman, John's father Wayne Sawyer and Heavy Equipment School instructor Ron Hart.

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86 men join in big search

adventuresome Remembrance Day hike for five Venture Scouts from Oakville Monday morning, resulted in a chilly and disillusioning night in the dense bushlands of Nassagaweya for two of the boys.

Separated from their pals and hopelessly lost as darkness closed in at suppertime Monday, 14-year-olds John Sawyer and Valdis Ozols of Oakville wisely decided it was better to face a cold night in the bush than stumble around in the darkness. Meanwhile parents and police were alerted and an all-night vigil was kept around the perimeter of the southern Nassagaweya area where they had last been seen, and early the next morning an 86-man search party was had left early Monday for their underway before the two boys hiking companions. The tinfoil finally turned up-cold and hungry and tired, but unharmed and still gay spirits. osaits - followed.

Remembrance Day, 1968, will probably be a day long to be remembered by both boys and their families.

John and Valdis, with fellow Scouts Andris Silis, Danny Grant and Imry Pallagi, all 12th Oakville Venturers, set out at 9 a.m. Monday on their planned map and compass hike. Their leader Mr. Silis had decided the hike should start on Nassagaweya's Sixth Line, starting not far north of Five through the bush-covered escarpment and through the area known as Hilton Falls. All carried matches, compasses, topographical maps of the area,

and food for the noon meal. When the leader met the boys at the rendezvous point at 4 p.m., only three showed up. John and Valdis had become separated somehwere in the bush. When they had not made it out by 6 p.m., Mr. Silis notified Milton O.P.P.

For the remainder of the evening O.P.P. cruisers circled the area bounded by Five and Fifteen Sideroads, Guleph Line and Sixth Line, hoping to pick up the stray boys if they headed towards the nearest road. But John's father Wayne Sawyer told police his son was an experienced bush traveller and knew the area pretty well, as he

had often hunted rabbits and fished in the streams there with him. He said John would likely bed down for the night, rather than stumble around in the darkness.

Police kept up their all-night vigil and when the Scouts had not been heard from at daylight, extra officers were called out to start a search. Cpl. Larry Kneale who headed up the 14-man police contingent said he wanted to give the youths an hour or so of daylight to make their way out of the bush, before launching any search efforts.

Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Silis set out at 7 a.m. to follow a trail the boys had been blazing, and after an hour reported only finding some tinfoil and a note the boys and colored stips of paper were used to mark the trail they had

Meanwhile, instructors and students at Sheridan College's Heavy Equipment School on the Sixth Line heard about the boys' plight and, to a man, volunteered to tramp the bushes and aid the police in the search. Their offer was quickly accepted, with thanks, and 68 men strolled out of the school to line up for a briefing.

stretch of the Sixth Line.

struck off into the bush. They had gone less than a mile when a siren from the roadway sounded the "all clear" and shouts of "they're out" and "they've found the boys" echoed through the bush. The big search fizzled out quickly after only 30

after all were reunited. "We hid



2-4 million gallons of water available here

quadrupled is assured, members of Milton Council were told Monday by geologist Jack Kirk of International Water Supply.

Mr. Kirk noted council presently has a permit from the Ontario Water Resources Commission to take 1,000,000 gallons daily from the deep well at Kelso. He assured members there was 2,000,000 gallons daily and possibly 4,000,000 available from the town-developed source.

He suggested contact with the

expand the supply, which would also prevent encroachment. To augment the present supply drilled about 100 feet away existing holding tank would be to one of the lines.

provide 2,000,000 gallons daily would, with pumping facilities included cost about \$100,000. Engineer Ken Hyde told

council the present line from Kelso to Milton would carry

Turn up stolen goods

possession.

Extensive investigations by Milton Police during the past two weeks have turned up over \$1,200 worth of stolen property and 11 charges of theft and possession have been pressed against a group of local residents including adults, youths and two

Most of the stolen property has disappeared from the north Oakville area near town, and turned up either in town or in north Oakville. Several of the charges have yet to be heard in court, Chief Ray Andress said.

On Tuesday of last week a \$300 snowblower stolen from Hand Chemical Industries Ltd., a \$200 motorcycle missing from a Nassagaweya home, an \$85 power mower stolen from Milton and a boy's bicycle, owner unknown, were recovered by Milton Police. One man was charged with two counts of theft and two of possession, two juveniles faced theft charges, and another man was charged with theft. Investigations resulted in a further charge against one man for theft of gasoline.

Thursday \$150 worth of fireworks missing from Hand Chemical turned up and one man was charged with theft. Monday of this week another \$450 worth of fireworks and plastic kitchenware, also owned by Hand Chemical, was

again be in the ring. Keen

observers of the township scene

expect all the present office

holders will again be contesting

George Currie is the present

reeve of the township, Tom Hill

is deputy-reeve and councillors

are C. F. (Pat) Patterson, Bob

present Esquesing School Board

has said he will run for the new

The South American "kissing

bug" can tolerate radiation

powerful enough to kill a man.

Bill Lawson, a member of the

Lawson and Wilfred Leslie.

County Board of Education.

worth over \$1,200 recovered and one man was

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A water supply that could at least be tripled and possibly Commission for permission to daily and it had been planned that a second line would be added when demands exceeded that amount. The two lines had another well would have to be been favored rather than a single large line, to insure a flow to from the present well but the town if anything should happen

Questioned on the timing in It was estimated a new well to developing an additional source, the engineer suggested the town could proceed now on developing and proving the well and leave it capped until demand showed a need to install the pumping facilities. It was estimated four to six months would be required for developing a well.

The engineer was asked whether development of a new well or installation of a larger line from Bronte St. to the reservoir should be the priority item. The engineer asked time to check required fire flows and pumping data before offering an

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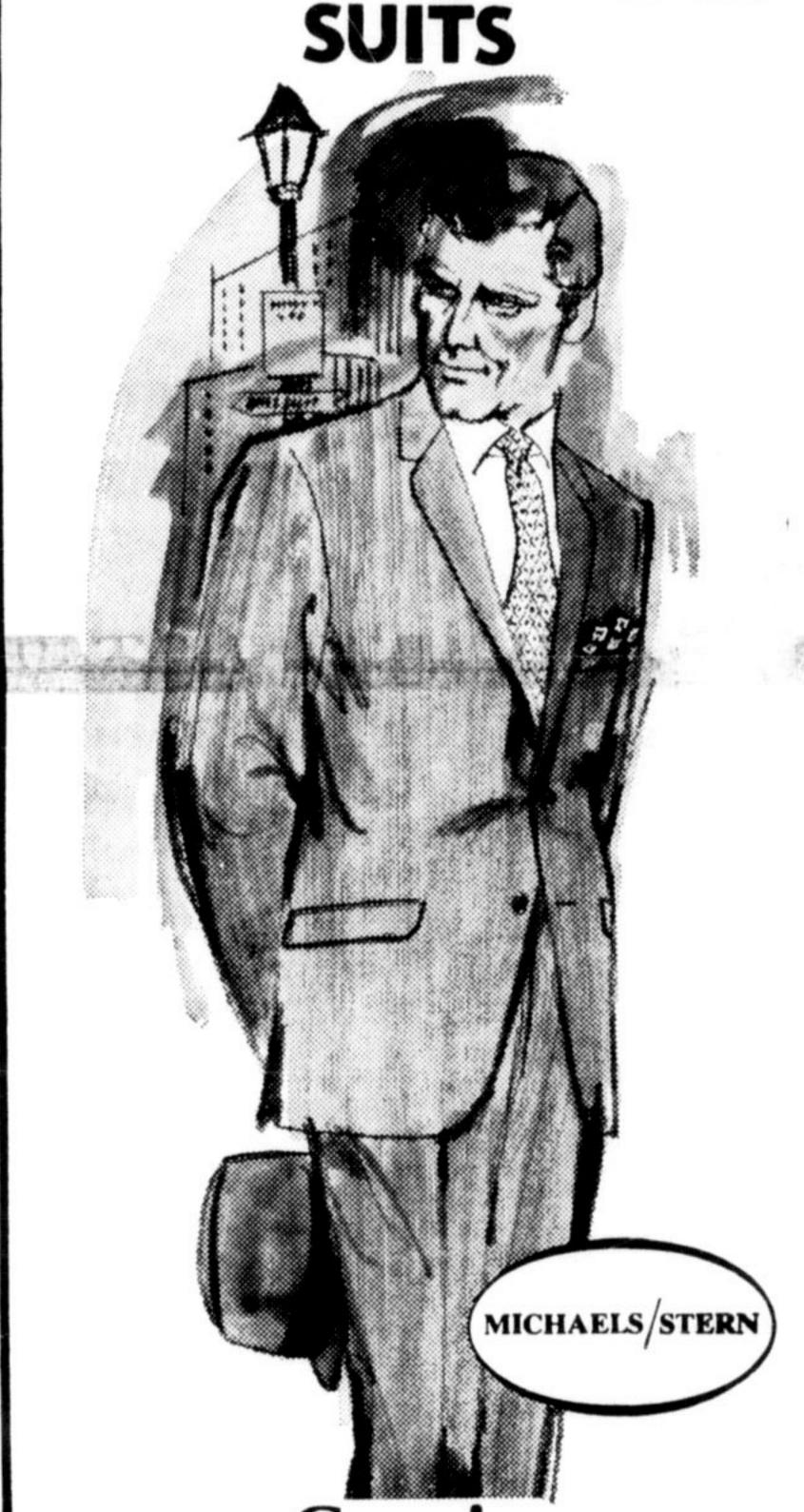
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their trail markers," he said sheepishly. Then, "we got lost". With darkness coming on quickly, the boys said they found a comfortable spot near a beaver pond on the escarpment,

in the bush to go back and steal

made a circle of stones, lit a fire, and settled down for the night. They were cold, though-they ran out of wood around 1 a.m. and were afraid to go too far away for more wood. Temperatures through the night dipped to below freezing.

Fears that one of the boys must have been hurt were quickly dispelled. They said they waited until nine o'clock before heading out toward a nearby quarry they could hear working.

Electors in Esquesing will be

nominating candidates for the

offices of reeve, deputy-reeve

and councillors for the first two

year term in the township's

history at the nomination

meeting next Monday night.

Also to be nominated are

candidates for the new Halton

The nomination meeting will

be held in Esquesing community

hall at Stewarttown starting at

incumbents have not declared

themselves, Deputy-Reeve Tom

Hill has indicated his hat will

Although most of the present

County Board of Education.

7:30 p.m.

John Sawyers's parting comment was a glib "when can we have another hike?" Esquesing electors

When the boys were still missing at 8 a.m., Corporals Larry Kneale and Kenneth Sideroad and heading westerly Kingman split the searchers-now totalling 86 men-into two groups and spread them out over a two mile

At 8.45 a.m. the searchers

minutes of walking. Const. Doug Ormsby, who had been patrolling the perimeter roads, spotted the two lads walking across the fields at Halton Heights Country Club, about half a mile south of where

the nearest searchers walked. "We were playing a trick on the other three," John told his relieved parents and the police

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nominate candidates

their seats.

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