

Now 250 boys involved

Predict growth in Scout movement

As the town of Milton grows and its population rises, greater demands will be placed on the Scouting organization in the town. Within the next few years the present total of 250 boys involved in Venturers, Rovers, Scouts and Cubs will rise to 600 or 800 boys.

Charlie Mills, a man who is now chairman of the house committee and a man who has been involved with Scouting over a number of years, told The Champion Scouting has gone through a lull and was now experiencing an upswing and he is confident the upswing will continue.

"Milton is a good Scouting town," Mr. Mills said, recalling

how the citizens of the town came to the rescue of boys stranded at the jamboree at Kelso three years ago. Scouting will go ahead in leaps and bounds, he predicted.

Scout-Guide week
This week is Scout and Guide week and is being celebrated locally. Sunday a church service was held and during the week Scouts will attend one of two dinners being held to honor Scout Week.

Scouting has changed considerably over the past few years. Rather than the leader assuming the role of a teacher he now concentrates on supervision and encouraging leadership.

Rather than the leader studying radio repair he'll bring a radio repairman to the group and allow questions and answers on the subject. This way the leader doesn't spend all his time studying and the boys get first rate answers.

Need leaders
Latest count shows 14 boys in Venturers, 15 in Rovers, 84 in Scouts and 130 in Cub groups, plus a total of 25 leaders. Leaders are the biggest need at the current time.

One of the biggest projects the Rovers and Venturers have worked on over the past year is the construction of five canoes. Last year canoes were needed for

a camping trip. Five were made but plans for now are to make three more and sell them to revive the "kitty". Resources were drained to buy materials for the canoes.

Leadership courses are available to the Rovers in which they spend 10 weekends a year at camp and on course. "This is a wonderful thing and great training for the community leaders of tomorrow".

Cubs are for the youngest set of boys and the cub movement plays a large role in encouraging brotherhood. "Boys are never left standing alone; they are brought into the group in the Cubs," Mr. Mills notes.

Scouts learn many things in the course of their training. They all take first aid from St. John Ambulance, they spend six to 10 nights on a fireman's course. "This is all wonderful. They are Johnny on the spot when it comes to a winter camp," Mills said.

Mr. Mills emphasized the need for leaders. He claims persons need not worry about qualifications. He said all sorts of training for leaders was available. He anticipates leaders will come from Rovers who outgrow the group.

Will boom
Mills predicts that with the expansion of Milton the enrolment in the various groups will boom, more new leaders will be needed and a headquarters in or near Milton will be necessary to run the North Halton Area. Currently part of North Halton is looped in with Oakville and part with Guelph and Burlington. Mills sees a time when North Halton will provide its own headquarters.

"I hope the churches don't take over individual groups," he noted, pointing out possible friction between groups that wouldn't exist if they all operate under a common roof.

Many of the Milton group's activities operate from the Scout Hall at the fairgrounds. Mr. Mills said he hoped to make the hall available for senior citizens to play shuffleboard.

New camp
The hall is used for the fall fair and Steam-Era in the fall and other organizations use it occasionally. Perhaps the greatest move for Scouting locally in the last few years is the Sixth Line Nassagaweya camp serving the White Oaks group.

The camp has adequate room to do most anything boys could want. Camps are held on an overnight or weekend basis now more than before when the camp was in Northern Ontario. The most recent project there is planning for a swimming pool. It is thought a pool at the camp may become a reality in the next year or so.



NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS of Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped chat with Rev. Dr. Robert Rumball at the annual meeting. The three women are Joan Scott, Sandra Shrier and Pauline Casey. Dr. Rumball was the guest speaker for the evening.—(Staff Photo)

142 Guides, Brownies, Rangers honor founder in special week

Sunday, Feb. 21 marked the beginning of Scout-Guide Week throughout the world, in honor of founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Most of Milton's 96 Brownies, 38 Guides and eight Rangers joined the Cubs and Scouts on Sunday afternoon in a parade from the Holy Rosary Parish Hall to the church, where they renewed their pledges.

At 1:30 on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Legion Hall three girls will receive the highest award a guide can obtain, the "Gold Cord". They are Leasia Windmoller, age 17, Kathy Mullin 16, and Debbie Miller, 15.

Milton Central District Commissioner Mrs. Ray Andress explained the award is only given to girls who have given exceptional duty. She explained that in order to receive the "Gold Cord", a Guide was required to give at least three months service to the community, such as helping at the Centennial Manor or with the St. John Ambulance. Also they have to work on three projects for the troop, besides earning their pioneer and camper badges, and give a 20 minute talk on a foreign country.

Some of the individual projects these three girls have included the

planning and organization of excursions to Centre Island and the Ice Follies, mother and daughter banquets, bazaars and day outings.

Joyce DeKoeper will organize the ceremony on Sunday as one of her three projects to also earn the award, and Karen Gotro will give her 20 minute speech.

Raise own funds
The guides are self-supporting, with much of the money being provided by the bazaars and bake

sales. They are not charged for the facilities where they hold their meetings.

The girls go on many outings, most recently to the museum at Kelso. In the summer, there is a camp about 85 miles northwest of Milton which the girls are encouraged to attend.

The next main event will be around the beginning of May, when the Girl Guides will go around door to door selling cookies.

Pension plan costs Authority \$7,500

At a cost of roughly \$7,500 a year, Halton Region Conservation Authority has almost unanimously approved a pension plan for present and future employees.

Following more than an hour and a half's discussion a recorded vote was taken and only Oakville councillor Robert Hooper was opposed to the pension plan suggestion. "We're just using the taxpayer's money and I personally don't believe in adding expenditures to the budget," he remarked.

Eleven of the 29 present authority employees were in favor of the pension plan, and of the 11 the majority were under 55 years of age.

Member objects
It was first suggested to the

board that present employees who did not want to join the plan should not be forced into signing, but any future employees to join the HRCRA staff be asked to contribute to the plan.

Kelly New of Oakville objected "to the compulsory aspect of the plan" and was firmly backed by other authority members.

William Spall of Mutual Life Assurance Co. spoke to the group and outlined the details of the plan.

The plan will cost members five per cent of their total earnings less 1.8 per cent for Canada Pension.

Mr. Hooper asked for a recorded vote and raised hands showed he was the only one opposed.

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Scout week service

"Don't sell your product short"

"You have a wonderful product to sell, don't sell it short," Rev. Father J. J. Murphy told an audience of 150 uniformed Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cubs and Scouts assembled at Holy Rosary Church on Sunday afternoon. Father Murphy was speaker during the annual church service commemorating Scout-Guide week in Milton and it was the first time the service has been held in Holy Rosary.

Any structure depends on its foundation and good citizens grow from a good foundation too, he told the young people. Their worth to the world "depends on the path of life we tread—there are no detours and there are no shortcuts," warned the priest.

"Don't sit back"
He urged the youngsters to maintain their involvement with their community and their country. "You will get as much out of it as you put into it," he said—"don't sit back with your hands outstretched and expect everyone to fill them from their own efforts."

Father Murphy also commended the Scout and Guide members for joining a group where discipline is taught. You must learn to obey now so that later in life you will be able to give out the orders, he concluded.

Due to the weather, no parade was staged. The church-goers assembled at Holy Rosary Hall and marched in groups into the Martin St. church.

Heart Fund blitz turns in \$1,485

To date \$1,485 has been sent to the Canadian Heart Fund Association by Milton Heart Fund blitz organizer Mrs. D. O'Connor. Although the returns from the industrial campaign are still to come in, Mrs. O'Connor reports she is "quite pleased" with the results of the local campaign.

The CWL of Holy Rosary Church organized the campaign and numerous residents from town canvassed on February 14. Although some donations are still trickling in, the campaign was termed "a great success".

Name captains
Blitz captains were Mrs. T. Merritt, Mrs. B. Hood, Mrs. J. McCann, Mrs. J. Bradley, Mrs.

N. Johnston, Mrs. M. Emmerson, Mrs. A. Chuchmach, Mrs. E. Breen, Mrs. S. Serafini, Mrs. M. Boyd, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. F. Verstraete, Mrs. J. Lewin, Mrs. W. Wright and Mrs. S. Keane. J. Briggs captained the young people who canvassed the apartment buildings in town.

Mrs. O'Connor expressed her sincere thanks to all those who helped with the campaign and especially to the young people of Milton who volunteered their time and energy to the blitz.

—Milton Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting is tonight (Wednesday) at the Legion Hall.

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