

# Fire tower higher on the way down

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The scouts of the 1st Midland Troop ended an eventful scouting year by attending a two-week camping trip by invitation up to a scout camp in the Haliburton highlands.

Each year the 26th Hamilton Scout Troop

and Cub Pack invite the 1st Midland Cubs and Scouts to share their camp for three weeks, one week of Cub Camp and two weeks of Scout Camp.

We left Midland on August 2 at 8 a.m. for our 100 mile trip due north. Our group consisted of eleven scouts, and two leaders.

Along the way we took

note of the changing landscape from grassy areas to the many high rock cuts and winding roads of our northern landscape. We arrived at our destination, "Camp Wheeler."

Camp Wheeler is owned and operated by the 26th Hamilton Scout Troop, which consists of 20 boys, one leader, and a strong Group Committee. It is situated between Lake Kabakwa and Partridge Lake near Minden, Ontario.

The camp has seven large cabins for campers, one cabin for Junior Staff and of course, the Leaders Lodge. The dining hall, where many good meals are shared, is called "Bryant Hall."

Since the camp is situated on 22,000 feet of waterfront, it offers excellent opportunities for improvement of the boys' skills in different badge areas. Some examples are Life Saving, Swimming, Canoeing, and Anchor.

The wooded areas surrounding the camp proved valuable to our Scouting program as it led the scouts and leaders into various activities in the wood lot. Some of these activities included wide games, exploring, conservation, scoutcraft, and tree identification.

While at camp we took the opportunity to visit and tour a nearby fire

tower, sawmill and forest rangers' training school.

The fire tower is approximately 120 feet high, has wire mesh flooring, and is very open. Most of the boys found it easy going up, but when it came time to come down, it was a different story. It looked

like it was an awful long way to fall. So after a lot of coaxing by some leaders, and a great deal of bravery by some boys, they managed to feel their way down the tower. But an excellent time was had by all.

Every night back at camp we had a campfire with the water's

edge. Some evenings it was so quiet and peaceful that you would hear an echo rebound five or six times off the distant shore.

Each night a different cabin of scouts was responsible for the campfire program, thus giving the boys a little bit more responsibility and self-confidence in themselves.

Many new friendships and acquaintanceships were made through the singing and fellowship

that was shared by all. To summarize, we had perfect weather, excellent scouting opportunities, and most importantly, I think we achieved some of the aims and principles in Scouting — what Scouting is all about — to develop and maintain your potential — love and serve God — respect and act in accordance with the human dignity and rights of other individuals.

## Weekend party source of many charges

Officers attached to the Midland OPP detachment investigated 180 general occurrences in the week ending Sept. 8.

Included in the week were investigations into 13 cases of theft, seven cases of break and enter, four cases of wilful damage, two cases of assault and two cases falling under other sections of the Criminal Code.

A large percentage of the liquor and impaired driving charges laid during the week were laid during the party held in a field in Tay Township on the weekend that attracted between 200 and 600 people.

Twenty persons were charged in the week with violations of the Liquor Licence Act. Six persons were charged with driving while impaired. Two persons were charged with possession of narcotics.

## Sidewalk will be placed despite petition

Although residents petitioned council not to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Montreal Street between Seventh and Eighth Street, they'll be getting one in Midland like it or not.

After reviewing the matter the town's public works committee recommended to council the work be done in connection with the reconstruction of Montreal Street which was to have begun this week.

Citing safety factors involved, the public works committee turned thumbs down on the petition.

In other public works news this week the town's engineer and engineering technician were given permission to attend a seminar Oct. 20 and 21 in Toronto. That conference will deal with storm water management.

Permission was also given for the building inspector to attend an Ontario Plumbing Inspectors conference in Guelph on Sept. 14-17. He's also to attend another conference in Thunder Bay, Oct. 5-8.

## Block Parent Tag Days

Friday and Saturday are Block Parent Tag Days in Midland.

Persons wanting information can contact

Dan Gilbert at the Midland Police Department or at 526-9924, or Elaine Burkett at 526-2701.

| ANNOUNCEMENTS  | COMING EVENTS  |
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| Piano Lessons, beginning September 15, 1980. Call 322-2591. Lois Roberts. 73   | Please reserve Saturday, November 15, 1980 for willing workers, Annual Bazaar at the Elmvalle Presbyterian Church. Details later. 73   |
| COMING EVENTS  | COMING EVENTS  |
| Mount St. Louis Parish Hall Euchre Party on Wednesday, September 10, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow. 73  | Meeting of the Penetang Horticultural Society Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. at Municipal Council Chambers speaker Mr. Jack Lord from Royal Botanical Gardens in connection with outreach program of Geo. Bay Library. Topic poisonous plants, flower show. Best in garden 1 item only container and specimen. 73, 74 |
| Simcoe County Museum Presents Pioneer Day, Sunday, September 14, 1980. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Steam engine and pioneer craft demonstration. Adults \$1.00, Seniors 75 cents, Students 50 cents, Children 25 cents. Location Hwy. 26, 5 miles north of Barrie. 73 | CARDS OF THANKS  |
| Ceramic lessons to begin September 15, 1980, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$2.00 per lesson plus supplies. Call Barb Archer at 322-1456 after 5:00 p.m. or weekends. 73  | I wish to thank everyone for cards and treats that I received while in the hospital and since returning home. Donnie Robertson. 73   |

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