

Letters

Goals achieved by local workers

Dear Editor:

The project 'Helping Hand' has come to an end. It has been a very successful summer due to the support of the Elmvale Lance throughout our term of employment.

We have achieved many of the goals we set for ourselves with the information we received through our interviewing.

Thank-you for your time and co-operation.

Yours truly,
Sally Potts

SCOUTING AROUND



by Robin Nutbrown

Did you know that the grandson of an Ashanti Chief who fought against Lord Baden-Powell told this story of the origin of the left-handshake?

His grandfather, the Ashanti Chief, surrendered to Baden-Powell, who offered him his right hand as a token of friendship. The Chief insisted on shaking with the left hand, explaining: "The bravest of the brave shake hands with their left hand as, in order to do so, they must throw away their greatest protection, their shield."

Thus, Scouts shake hands with the left hand as proof of their good faith and true friendliness.

Did you know that on September 18, Howard Jackson, past district commissioner will be recognized for "Especially Distinguished Service to Scouting?" He will be awarded the Silver Acorn at an investiture conducted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable John B. Aird, at Queen's Park. Our sincere congratulations go out to you Howard!

Did you know, in order to keep good capable Scout leaders, training is offered and encouraged at every level of the organization in Canada?

National Council provides training for executive staff, so that they may better assist the volunteers.

Provincial and District Councils sponsor training courses for their people, who learn to become better and more effective leaders. All of this training is for the benefit of the boy members, who can gain so much from a well organized and well executed Scout program.

Training is an area of great concern to Scouting. One of the high points of involvement in this movement is the excellent training provided to all new leaders.

News at a glance

Fair show should be fun

Plans for the Friday evening show at the Elmvale Arena during the annual Fall Fair and Home Show are underway and on the agenda for the show will be the Great Pretender, comic Gordon Massey.

Fall Fair queen contestants will be introduced during the show, the Citizen of the Year will be presented with his plaque by the Elmvale Lance and Maharg, a band featuring the Graham brothers, Joanne Nesbitt and George Zanin of Midland will also appear.

The show will commence at 8 p.m.

Family of the year cited

Approximately 50 Wymbolwood Beach

cottagers turned up at their annual meeting in Wyevale to elect former secretary-treasurer, now permanent resident, John Houston to the position of president of the Wymbolwood Beach Association Inc.

Various trophies and awards were handed out at the meeting, earned at summer activities held at the beach and one of the special awards was the presentation of the "Family of the Year" award to Dr. Tom Pashby and family.

The family includes Toronto lawyer Bill Pashby Q.C. who had been president of the beach association for the past three years.

The award was presented by one time winner and president of the group, Ron Robinson.

Parade entries accepted

Plans for the Elmvale Fall Fair are already underway and committee members are presently accepting entries for the Thanksgiving Saturday Promenade of Colour parade set for 12 noon.

Included on the list of entries in the parade will be the OPP pipe band, vintage cars, decorated bikes, floats, horses and marching bands as well as queens and princesses of the fair, the maple syrup committee and Ontario Milk Producers.

Anyone wishing to enter a colourful, attractive or interesting float is asked to call 322-1101 or 322-1281 to let them know what you have.

Prizes will be awarded.

Sixth street, Midland man in accident

Lawrence Greene, 47, of the intersection of Sixth Street, Midland, was slightly injured last Friday when he was involved in an automobile accident at the intersection of Dominion Avenue and First Street.

James Forester, 17, of Willowdale, was driving northbound on First

Street, Greene was driving westbound on Dominion Avenue, at 3:52 p.m., when the mishap occurred. Forester was sub-

sequently charged with failing to yield by town police.

Truck believed linked to hit and run found

At 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 4, Midland OPP officers recovered a blue pickup truck they suspect was involved in a hit and run accident on Highway 69 near Port Severn.

The hit and run occurred at around 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 2. The vehicle's right front was damaged.

The OPP located the pickup truck in the parking lot of the Port McNicoll Inn. It was reported stolen by the Barrie Police on Sept. 2. The pickup is owned by Barrie Drive A Car Ltd., Essa Road, Barrie.

Police suspect the pickup truck struck a station wagon, owned by John Osborne of Honey Harbour, at the intersection of Highway 69 and Muskoka Road 5, on Sept. 2.

The Osborne station wagon was struck on the left front. A blue pickup truck which was involved left the scene, police say.

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Reforms

Reforms aimed at reducing the impact of regulations on small business have been enacted by the Ontario government, Norman Sterling, Minister without Portfolio announced.

"One of the main goals of our regulatory reform program is to lessen the burden of government rules and procedures on small business. We are sensitive to the fact that our regulations, in some areas, have cost the small businessman time and money", Sterling stated.

Sterling, minister responsible for regulatory reform, said that although big business was most vocal about government regulation, it was small business that was most affected.

The minister used a reform carried out by Ministry of Revenue as an example of government changes. A new record retentions policy was introduced which was designed to reduce government red tape for more than 250,000 Ontario businesses.

Previous regulations required storage of a number of records by businessmen. The new policy now allows records to be destroyed after 5 years and also eliminates the need for the written permission

of the Minister to destroy books.

"The government is also looking at the greater self-regulation of certain groups. Where a business can regulate its own practices and where consumer protection is not affected, government involvement should be lessened", Sterling said.

For example, self-regulation in the area of real estate and insurance brokers is presently being considered. In addition, new initiatives respecting small business are being introduced by the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

"If a small business is concerned about a provincial regulation, or how it is being administered, he can turn to the blue pages in the telephone book and phone the Ministry of Industry and Tourism and register his complaint", Sterling stated.

He added that the Ministry also acts as an advisor to small businessmen for any problems or inquiries they may have about regulations or programs.

Sterling stated that he would also be pleased to hear opinions from any small business on government regulation.

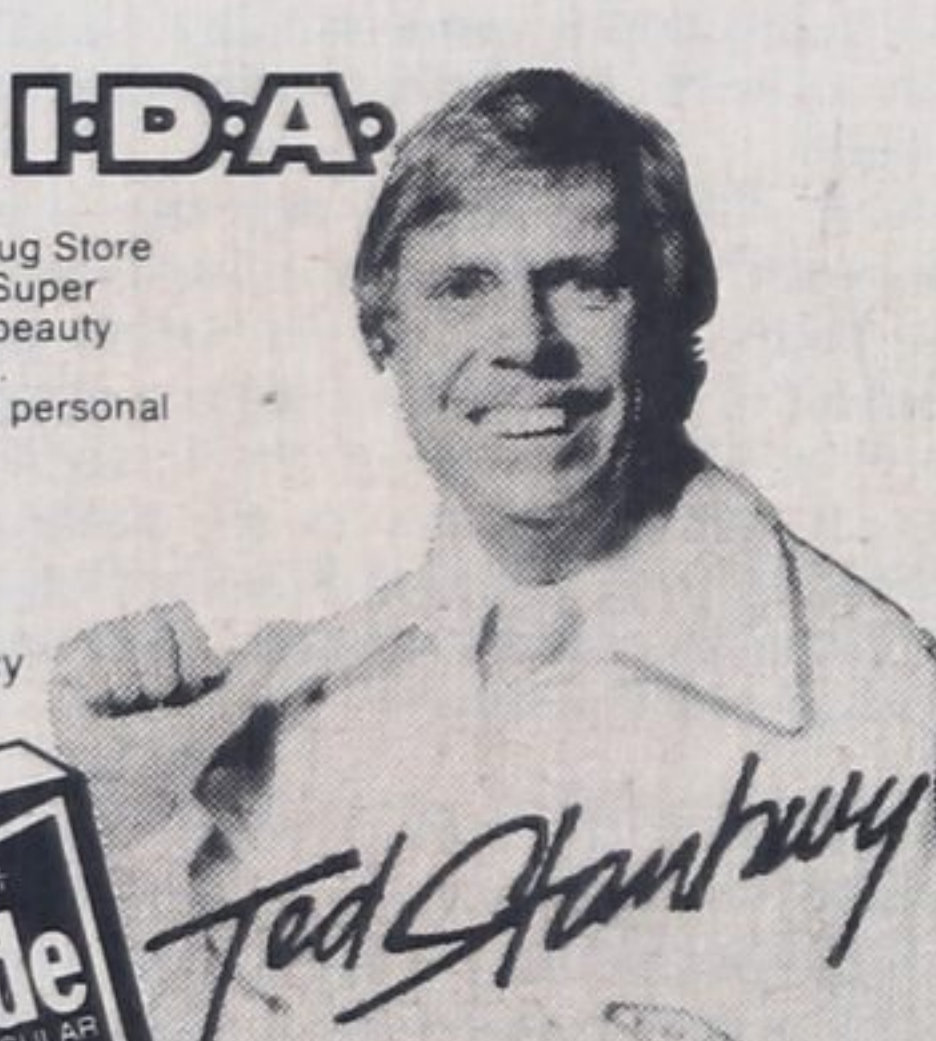
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