



(Photo by David Barbour)

Two young Thornhill men are leading a team of adventurers on a snowmobile journey through the north, aiming to cover 1,400 miles starting next week. Shown in the above photograph (left to right) are leader and navigator Steve Jackson of Thornhill, Jerry Loiselle of Enlehart, Doug Lazenby of Woodstock, co-leader and mechanic Bob Phinnemore of Thornhill, and Tom Tucker of Enlehart.

Thornhill Pair Lead 1,400-Mile Snowmobile Safari

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Bitten by the "adventure bug", South Thornhill businessman 25-year-old Steve Jackson, 15 Thornlea Road, decided on a 1,400-mile snowmobile journey in Northern Canada to stop the itch.

He recruited four young men willing to share his dream — or nightmare — as the case may be. Included is Bob Phinnemore, 7471 Yonge Street, a 25-year-old mechanic and a school chum of Steve's.

The others are Tom Tucker, 25, and Jerry Loiselle, 22, both of Enlehart, Northern Ontario and Doug Lazenby, 3, a farmer from Woodstock.

Steve and his company, "Northward Enterprises," have logged thousands of miles across Canada, gathering backing in money and equipment for the adventure. Now, as their departure date, March 20, nears, the men are assured that all the problems are behind them and all "systems are go."

48th Military Band Seeking Musicians

Of interest to musicians in this area is the announcement by the 48th Highlanders of Canada Military Band that it is recruiting in order to expand the band strength and activities. Future bookings and activities indicate a need to enlarge the band strength to 50 musicians. These bookings include the CNE, Ontario Place, park concerts, etc.

They are looking for men who can play an instrument. If you have your own instrument, that is all to the good. But the band will help you obtain one if you haven't. The age limits are 18 - 80.

Name Phil Mock Hydro Customer Service Head

Ontario Hydro's Central Region Newmarket Area has a new customer service foreman. He is Phillip Robert "Phil" Mock, 43, who has been a member of Ontario Hydro's staff for the past 18 years.

Phil Mock was born in Harrison. He attended public and high schools there. He also took several courses in night school in advanced mathematics, commercial bookkeeping and industrial electricity.

Prior to joining Ontario Hydro's staff he worked for the telegraph company in Harrison and for Aurora Hydro. When he came to Ontario Hydro in June, 1953, he started in line maintenance in Richmond Hill area and later, when amalgamation of the areas took place, he was a lineman journeyman on the Newmarket area staff. His appointment to the position of customer service foreman for Newmarket was effective last November.

Phil Mock is married and he and his wife, Viola, have four children, Ronald 18, Diana 16, Heather 14 and David 12. The family lives at 201 Rumble Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Phil Mock has a number of hobbies and interests. He is a snowmobile enthusiast and also is interested in modified stock cars. His latest hobby is assembling small electronic equipment.

He is a member of the Richmond Masonic Lodge, Richmond Hill, and the Scottish Rite in Toronto.

They will leave Toronto for Cochrane Friday with 1,600 pounds of gear, including food, clothing, tents, downed aircraft locator and fuel, plus five snowmobiles—two Mercury-Ferguson machines — and two trailer sleds. Besides all this material support, the venture required \$7,500 in cash. This was obtained by public appeal. However, each man on the team is

Kindergarten Buses Require More Money Than Province Gives

York County Board of Education wants more help from the province in financing costs of transportation for its students, particularly kindergarten students.

At a recent meeting trustees agreed to endorse a resolution from Leeds and Grenville County Board of Education in Eastern Ontario asking for improved allowances from the Department of Education for school bus transportation.

It was pointed out that costs for children attending kindergarten come under the same ceilings as those for other elementary students, but the cost of transporting these children is twice as high.

There is no grant for taking kindergarten children home at noon and bringing others back for the afternoon session. Last year the board spent \$186,800 on the system's 1,176 kindergarten pupils who require transportation. Grant ceiling for this was \$77,800, leaving an excess of expenditure over ceiling of \$109,000.

Because transportation costs of the remainder of elementary students were well under ceilings, this over - expenditure was reduced by \$27,000.

The Leeds - Grenville resolution the board supported asked only that the Department of Education improve allowances made for school transportation.

The York County resolution added "and specifically that the grant structure recognize the cost of transporting kindergarten children home at noon and to afternoon sessions to the extent of 200 percent of the normal grant ceiling for kindergarten students."

A suggestion that kindergarten students attend for a full day session every other day — instead of half of each day — in order to save the cost of noon transportation, was rejected completely.

contributing \$500 toward the total.

Steve explains their travel arrangements thus: "We will follow the Polar Bear Railroad Line from Cochrane to Mooseonee, a distance of 200 miles. After we leave Mooseonee we will have no contact with civilization until we reach Churchill. This is the longest trip of its kind ever undertaken by a Canadian group, and the route will be along the west coast of James and Hudson Bays.

"Some of the problems that will be encountered are that it will be impossible to tell where the tundra ends and the ice begins. The weather will average approximately 25 degrees below zero and navigation will be by compass only. We will have to take 120 gallons of gas for each machine."

Their daily ration will consist mostly of Shopsy's instant dinner meats in the boiling bag, along with chocolate bars. Tom Tucker will handle the cooking duty and will use a propane stove. For sleeping accommo-

datation the group will carry two small tents.

The men will have weapons in case of encounters with hostile animals. To beat the below zero temperature, catalytic heaters will be used to start up the snowmobile engines in the mornings. Each man will be assigned a watch period during the night as a precaution.

The 1,400 journey is expected to take seven or eight days to complete, with the purpose being to test the ability of machines and men under adverse conditions.

Any local individual, company or organization interested in contributing to an all-Canadian expedition adventure will be more than welcome, the group states.

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