



**HISTORIC MONUMENT**—Many years ago an historic monument commemorating the site of Col. Thomas Talbot's original log cabin was erected near the entrance to the Talbot Estates at Port Talbot. The cairn makes note of the fact that Gen. Sir Isaac Brock camped on the site while on the way to capture Detroit during the War of 1812. It also mentions the Talbot road layout from that point.—(T.-J. Photo.)



**ROVERS AT CEREMONY** — Members of Rover Crews taking part in the 6th annual moot at Malahide Farms, Port Talbot, left the moot, yesterday

—Free Press St. Thomas Bureau to take part in ceremonies marking the anniversary of the founding of the Talbot Settlement at the John E. Pearce Provincial Park, Tyrconnell.

## Nuclear Topics Argued At Col. Talbot's Home

**PORT TALBOT** — If Col. Thomas Talbot had heard the discussions that took place last night on the grounds where he built his settlement, he might have added an opinion or two.

Malahide Farms, the estate founded here by Elgin County's illustrious pioneer in 1803, was the site during the weekend of the 6th annual London Pioneer Moot.

About 200 members of Rover crews from Ontario and about 40 of their counterparts from Michigan took part in the three-day gathering.

The colonel would have undoubtedly been interested in discussions led by four University of Western Ontario professors on topics ranging from the nuclear weapons question to poetry.

Discussion leaders were Dr. J. R. W. Gwynne-Timothy, assistant professor of history; Dr. Peyton V. Lyon, assistant professor of political science; Dr. E. G. Pleva, professor and head of the department of geography; and Dr. James Reaney, assistant professor of English literature.

Dr. Reaney's topic was entitled "What Good is Poetry 'way?"

Gwynne-Timothy said: "Poetry makes us what we are. It frames the present and pattern for the future. It is a mirror to society what men are and what men should be."

E. H. Shuttleworth, of the 18th Battalion Association; and Donald Burgess, warden of Elgin County.

Voicing his opinion on nuclear weapons, Dr. Lyon said he deplores the "holier-than-thou attitude" of some people in Canada regarding nuclear weapons. These, he said, are the people who say Canada should have nothing to do with nuclear weapons and at the same time feel secure in the knowledge that the United States, with theirs, would protect Canada.

He said that it is not feasible for Canada to become involved in the nuclear weapons race, and that this country could fulfil a better role, by putting its emphasis on the more conventional-type of arms. This would make Canada's influence more effective within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, he said.

### Disappearing Wilderness

Dr. Pleva, speaking on "Our Disappearing Wilderness" said that by 1980 Canada will have just about the only wilderness tracts left on the continent. With population growth there is constant pressure on open space, he said.

With wise planning, however, these pressures can be controlled, he said. Dr. Pleva said that this is being taken seriously by all branches of the government. He felt that a lot of good will come from the government's week-long "Resources for Tomorrow" conference to be held in Montreal in October.

### Purpose of Moot

The moot was organized by the 11th Col. Talbot Rover Crew and was designed — as are all moots — to provide an opportunity for the exchange of "brotherhood and good fellowship."

The discussions led by the university professors is an example of the wide range of interests which prevails in the organization, said Robert Barnett, of London, a member of the host crew.

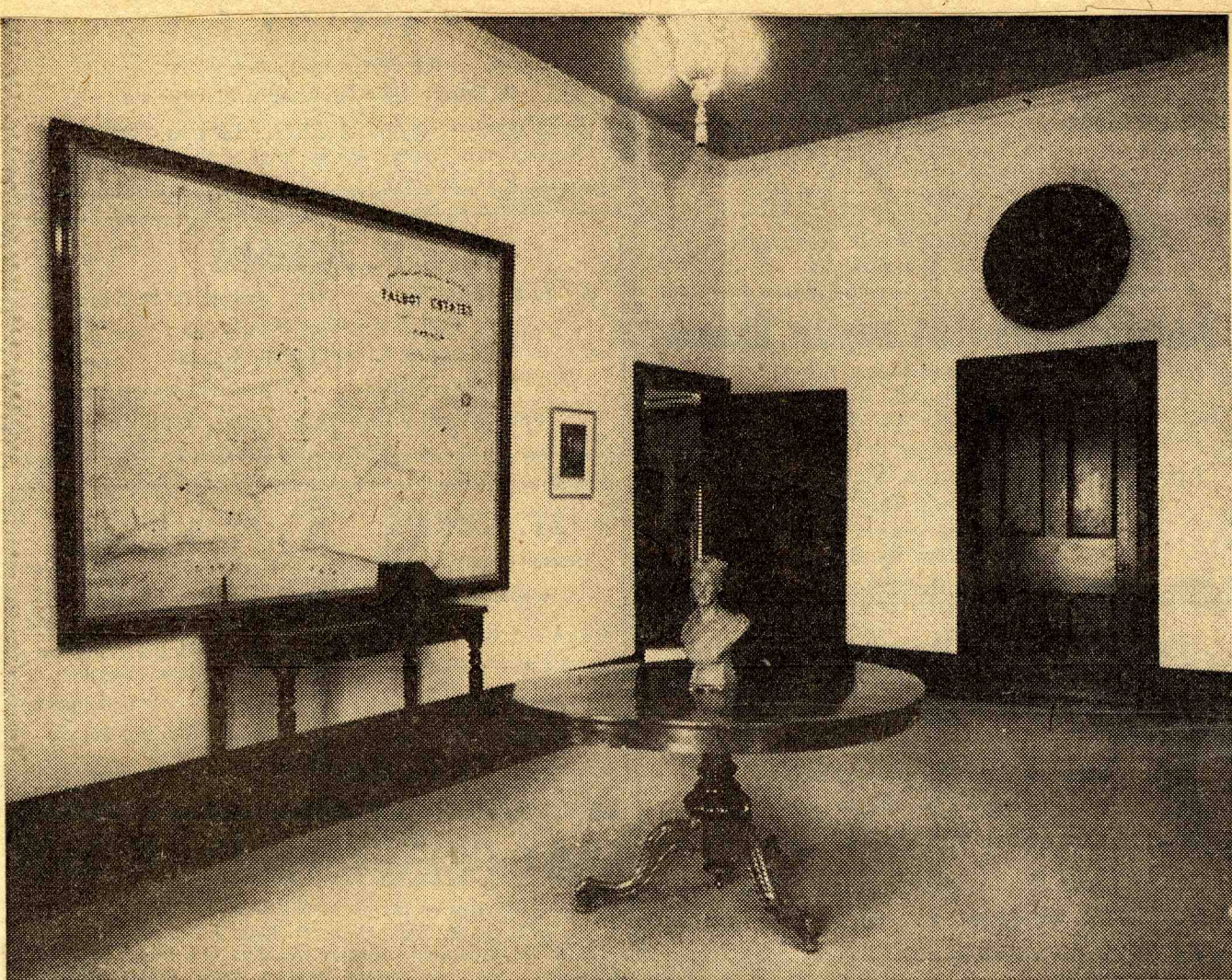
A large part of the moot was devoted to organized competitions of many varieties. Prize winners in the various contests will be announced later today.

### Visit Grave

Tribute was paid to Col. Talbot in ceremonies at nearby John E. Pearce Provincial Park and at his grave in St. Peter's Cemetery, overlooking Lake Erie.

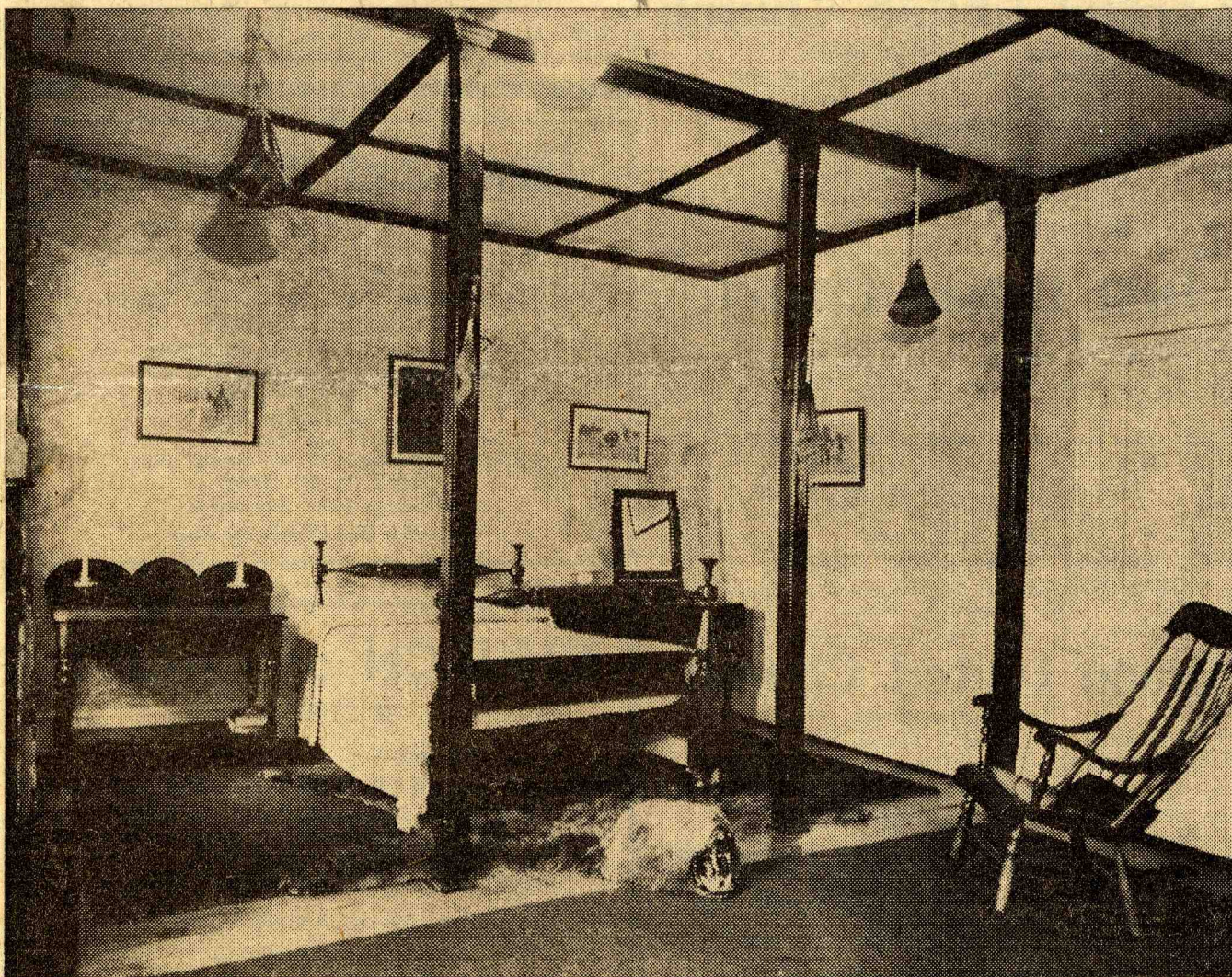
A parade of Rover Crews and Boy Scouts was headed by the McGregor Scottish Pipe Band of West Lorne.

Among those taking part were James McBain, MP, Elgin County; Ronald K. McNeil, MPP, Elgin; Mrs. R. J. Fitcher, president, Elgin County Pioneer Museum; John E. Pearce, who donated the park to the province; John Ker, Hamilton, one of the owners of Malahide Farms; Leslie R. Gray, London, member of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board; Rev. John Graham, rector, of St. Peter's Church; Major James Baxter and Capt.



**ENTRANCE HALL**—On opening the huge front door of the old Talbot home one finds himself in a huge entrance hall, as large as the living room in most modern houses. On the west wall is a framed geographical survey of the Talbot Estates, acquired by Mr. Ker in the Archives at Ottawa.

In the foreground on the table rests a bust of Tecumseh, famous Indian chief of the Shawnee Tribe, who was a frequent visitor to "Malahide." He was killed at Moravian-town during the War of 1812. At the rear of the hall above the door may be seen the top of a whisky keg with an ornate carving on its surface. — (T.-J. Photo.)



**ORIGINAL FURNITURE**—The room in the above photo was not that used by Col. Talbot but most of the furniture to be seen was part of the original. The bed, rocking chair and

the wash stand to the left of the bed were all his personal possessions. The room was originally divided but in later years the partition was removed and the uprights installed. — (T.-J. Photo.)