

JOTA 1977

Scouts, Ventures joined JOTA

On Saturday eight Scouts and Venturers from the Tiverton Troop joined the Scouts International Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). The average Scout has few opportunities to meet Scouts from other countries. On this occasion, although the Tiverton Scouts could not shake hands with others, they could talk to them over the air.

Bill Hardie, a ham radio operator, very graciously hosted the Tiverton troop at his home at Bigelow Mobile Park from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. The boys were intrigued with their ability to talk with other Scouts in

British Honduras, Bahamas, Dallas, Texas, Vancouver, Calgary, several Ontario points, and even the local McGregor Point Provincial Park.

The boys overheard a conversation between Gander in Newfoundland and Wales in Britain. They could also hear Italy but were unable to make contact with Europe because of poor weather conditions.

The Scouts were very grateful to Mr. Hardie for this unusual and interesting experience. JOTA holds this meeting of Scouts over the air annually.