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Volunteer Groups make Canada Day a success

By Deborah Luchuk

The weather was perfect on Canada Day, July 1, for the Millbrook Fire Department - Chamber of Commerce - Recreation Committee joint Canada Day celebration in Millbrook. It was a day for races, games, camaraderie, and quite obviously celebration, as some two hundred people joined in the various activities.

The festivities at the pond began with children's games and races - a foot race, three legged race, egg toss, water balloon toss, shoe toss and wheelbarrow race were among the activities enjoyed by the children, with different races for older and younger children. If a partner was missing for a game or a race, Mom or Dad filled in

or one of the gregarious smiling clowns assisted with the games. Ribbons were awarded to the winners; candy and balloons were plentiful.

A challenging course was set up around the dam, pond and creek area, with three teams of young men testing their speed and agility on the course, racing against the clock and the other teams. This was followed by a tug of war competition with the same teams participating.

The canoe races attracted both enthusiastic participants and cheering sections. Although several canoe loads of racers flipped over, it was certainly a hospitable day for a dunking in the pond and it was taken in a spirit of fun.

The newly restored

Needler's Mill was opened to the public and members of the Save-the-Mill Committee were on hand to answer questions and give information on the history and restoration of the mill.

A spectacular fireworks display was held at the fair grounds at 9:30, concluding the activity-filled day. Despite the fact that a government grant was not received by the organizers, community response to the door-to-door campaign was tremendous, making the varied, colourful fireworks display the best yet.



Photo by C. Hunter

Onlookers gather for the Anything that Floats Race, which attracted some curious craft

Needlers Mill in Millbrook Opens for Tours this Summer

By Doris Ingham

The restoration of Millbrook's most historic building, Needler's Mill, has come a long way since the days when it was propped up by logs to keep it from falling into the stream. Members of the committee in charge think area residents should now see what has been accomplished, with the turbine in working order and the generator soon to be. It was the dream of the late Kenneth Fallis to see the generator producing light. When that happens, as it will before long, a plaque in his memory will be placed. He was a former chairman and one of the earliest and most generous supporters.

Recently, the mill in Canton was dismantled. The owner, Mr. Haddon, donated all the working parts of the mill there to the mill here. Members of the committee came home with two full truck-loads and there is more to come. These articles will be on display along with the large original saw used in the saw mill here. It had been sold by O.R.C.A., but the man who bought it, after restoring it, sold it back to the committee. One of their next projects

is to build a walkway on the second level of the saw mill from which people through screening can watch the action below in perfect safety.

One of the features that made the Millbrook Mill unique was that while grain was being ground in the grist mill part, at the same time logs were being sawed in the saw mill part. Perhaps soon people will be able again to see that.

The committee con-

siders it has been fortunate to have Tony Quibell working at the mill. He is keenly interested in its machinery and, in fact, in the whole project.

During July and August the Mill will be open every Saturday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. There will be no charge for touring the mill. T-shirts, mugs and caps bearing the mill crest will be on sale along with copies of the book

published by the Mill Committee "A Walking Tour of Millbrook". There will be a box in which if they wish to do so, visitors may make a donation.

The Mill Committee executive include Ron Lang - chairman, Bent Reinert - vice-chairman, Kay Fallis - secretary, and Will Ryan and Diane Hedlund in charge of financial matters.



Photo by D. Branscombe

Children's games were fun for all ages

Pioneer Days in Omemeo Attract Large Crowds

The old items in Omemeo store windows are attracting so much attention that the Pioneer Days Committee has decided to leave them there for the summer.

"We received wonderful co-operation" said Ed Hirst who organized the dressing of the windows.

Cynthia Cockell has catalogued all items to assure their eventual return to the rightful owner.

The parade was excellent, with great imagination shown in

creating the floats. The winning float was Wayne Spence Construction.

As usual, the favourite attraction was the horse pull and of course, the baby contest. What a tough job that was to judge! The famous worm race and the frog race were successful as usual.

Omemeo's Pioneer Days attracted a large crowd, who with the villagers, especially enjoyed the large fireworks display that completed the two day festivities.



Photo by Harald Glass

Legion Plans 40th Anniversary

By Doris Ingham

Gerry Martin, newly elected president of Br. 402 of the Royal Canadian Legion, was in the chair for the first time when they met Monday evening, June 9.

Bill Currier, newly elected treasurer, was installed as was Margaret Dew as service officer. She is also public relations officer and in charge of youth education.

Lloyd Tryon was initiated as a new ordinary member, (that is he is a war veteran) and his son, Michael as an associate member. C.S. McCourt by transfer is now also a member of Br. 402. Applications for membership were received from Reid Retallick as an ordinary member and from Harold Walton as an associate one.

It was decided to change the meeting night from the first Monday of the month for the executive to the fir-

st Tuesday, and the general meeting from the second Monday to the second Tuesday. The auxiliary meets on the third Tuesday so all meetings will take place on a Tuesday. The changes were made so the drum corps could practice every Monday and the dart players could have the corps' former time slot on Wednesday evening.

The annual report by the treasurer showed a profit of just \$200 after all the donations had been made to various groups in the community. At the high school's recent presentations of awards Lloyd Slack, the retiring president, presented awards to the outstanding girl and boy athlete including a \$25 cheque to each.

Earlier this year the branch entertained a bus load of seniors from the Highland Creek branch for lunch and to hear the

Preservation Barnyard Banjo band. The visitors enjoyed it so much they would like to come again and the date of Feb. 8th, 1987 has been set for their return.

The next "Trash and Treasure" sale will take place in the hall on Sept. 13 this year. Also in September the branch will hold a special evening marking their 40th anniversary. It will be held on Sept. 26 when all present and former members will be invited to attend.

It was decided to purchase a second natural gas furnace replacing the remaining old oil one. Tenders for the new furnace are to be in by July 22nd, 1986.

Marg Dew will continue as editor of "Informing You", Branch 402's bulletin. The bulletin won first prize at the district level and came third in the province.

Auxiliary donates funds for new furnace

By Doris Ingham

At the meeting of the auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 402, held June 17 Helga Guthrie was installed as the new sergeant-at-arms. Installed as executive members were Marion Challice, Vera Carr and Anne Trick. Conducting the ceremonies was Florence White, a past president, and Linda Jessup was acting sergeant-at-arms.

It was decided to donate \$5,000.00 to the branch which is in the process of purchasing a new second natural gas furnace for the Legion Hall. Other donations decided on were \$25 along with a trophy to the outstanding girl athlete of the graduating class at Millbrook Inter-

mediate School on June 25; \$25 to Millbrook Recreation Committee to help with the fireworks on July 1; and \$50 to assist with prizes at the Br. 402 picnic to be held at "The Haven" on Rice Lake on August 17.

This was the first meeting to be attended by Gail Dew newly appointed Liaison Officer from the Branch.

Secretary Stella Sander-son reported on the zone convention held in Havelock on June 1.

Helga Guthrie has agreed to be the new sports' officer replacing Vera Carr.

Vera Gillis, the president, announced a long list of weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties and sports events for

which the auxiliary will be catering during the summer.

A motion passed that for all future bookings even when those using the hall brought their own food that a charge of \$30 should be made for the use of the kitchen and that an auxiliary member should always be present.

On Thursday, June 19, a legion auxiliary service was held at the Comstock Funeral Home for Edna Sloan, who died in a Peterborough hospital on June 18. She had been a charter member of the Br. 402 Auxiliary when it was formed in 1948. Vera Gillis, the president conducted the service assisted by Jean Murney, Zone commander.

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School's out!

By Merla McGill

Cavan Millbrook Nursery School completed its school year with a picnic graduation at Riverview Park and Zoo with approximately seventy in attendance. The children each received diplomas for "Bachelor of Kinder Arts and Skills" which were all well deserved and received.

The Nursery School recognized the achievements of Mary Margaret Boone for her devotion to the success of the Sharon, Lois, and Bram song. Margaret was given a folk art basket and flowers we know she will enjoy!

The Nursery School also gave tokens of appreciation to Mr. Willy Johnson and Karl Gillis for allowing us the use of tractors and wagons for the two parades; and our wonderful next-door neighbour, Mr. Fred Gardiner for always being available to help, and for treating many of us to edible goodies from his terrific garden!

We would like to thank Mrs. Pat Thompson of the Health Unit for giving "Hearing and Vision" tests to the children in June.

No year at a co-op school could be a success without the accomplishments of a volunteer executive. Thanks to Joanne Kater, Rachelle McPhail, Mary Margaret Boone, Sue Schombs and Jean Suurd for a super job. Best wishes to our new executive Brenda Kloosterman, Stacy Talsma, Mary Margaret Boone, and Karen Graham in the upcoming school year!

teacher from October thru until January as I will be on maternity leave. Mrs. Ann Gray of Janetville is a graduate of the Early

Childhood Education program at Sir Sandford Fleming College, a wife and mother of two daughters, Rebecca and Jill. I know that Ann will enjoy our Nursery School and will receive the support of all our parents!

We have a number of children enrolled for September and our sessions will be limited to Tuesday, Thursday (a.m./p.m.) and Wednesday (a.m.) until January.

If you wish to enroll your preschooler do so now by calling Merla McGill at 277-2402 or Brenda Kloosterman at 944-8842.

We wish to say Happy who celebrate birthdays in July and August. They are Maria Tink, Candace Hogg and Teri Montgomery.

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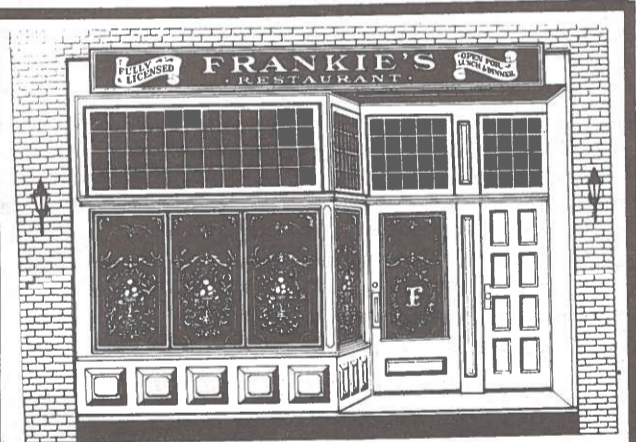
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EDITORIAL

It was just like a good old fashioned Sunday School picnic...Canada Day celebrations here in Millbrook drew a sizable and enthusiastic crowd to the pond and Mill area and later to the Fairgrounds for a day of friendship and fun. Young and old, newcomers and old familiar faces enjoyed the races and contests. Villagers and area residents chipped in to put on the best fireworks display ever. It was a day to remember. A day to be proud of.

How deflating and disappointing it was then to watch members of Millbrook Council receive the report on Canada Day from their own representative on the Recreation Committee, Roly Hurley, The Report drew no comment at all, except in negative response to the crowds that gathered at the Fairgrounds to watch the fireworks display. Now here was an admirable example of the community pulling together and the Fire Department going all out to produce an event of which we can all be proud.

Criticism ran along the lines of why weren't cars charged admission at the gate? Why should businesses be asked to donate? Why should I pay while my neighbour goes for free? No one suggested how to explain the surprise added charge to offended spectators turning up at an event that most of them had already paid for.

This level of cynicism is far too prevalent in the attitudes displayed by some of our Council members. Examples abound. Once again the subject of the Community Arena has been raised. Where are all the gala summer events that should be running out of the Centre? Where is that Nashville talent that Norwood gets? What's wrong with our arena? someone demands. Is it the management? The question is left in the air like a bad smell.

If anyone had looked into it, they would have discovered that it is the Lions Club that has sponsored the gala event in Norwood. Not the Arena manager. Hurley's observation that the arena is in poor shape (it has to crawl before it can walk) is dismissed with derision.

From trees to saw mills and on through a long agenda, the majority of council appears to view the efforts of the citizens it serves to improve our village to be little more than the idle whims of the misguided and uninformed.

It is a shame that only one member of council was able to see first hand the marvellous show of co-operation and community spirit so evident on July 1! Each individual on the Recreation Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Department along with every single man, woman, and child who turned out for the day's events is a fine example of what makes this village a warm and exciting place to live. A place with spirit will grow and thrive. Keeping that spirit alive is up to us, and in spite of the cynics, we're doing a fine job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Responding to Stray Animals Editorial

This is in response to the June 18 editorial entitled "Stray Animals".

My husband and I had an experience last December that could have been tragic if it hadn't been for a very kind family that took one of our dogs in.

I'm sure everyone in the community remembers the incidents that took place in December involving rabid wolves. We were one of the unfortunate families involved. The wolf came on to our property and attacked our three dogs. It then proceeded to go after my husband. If it hadn't been for our dog Max luring the wolf off the property I would hate to think what might have happened.

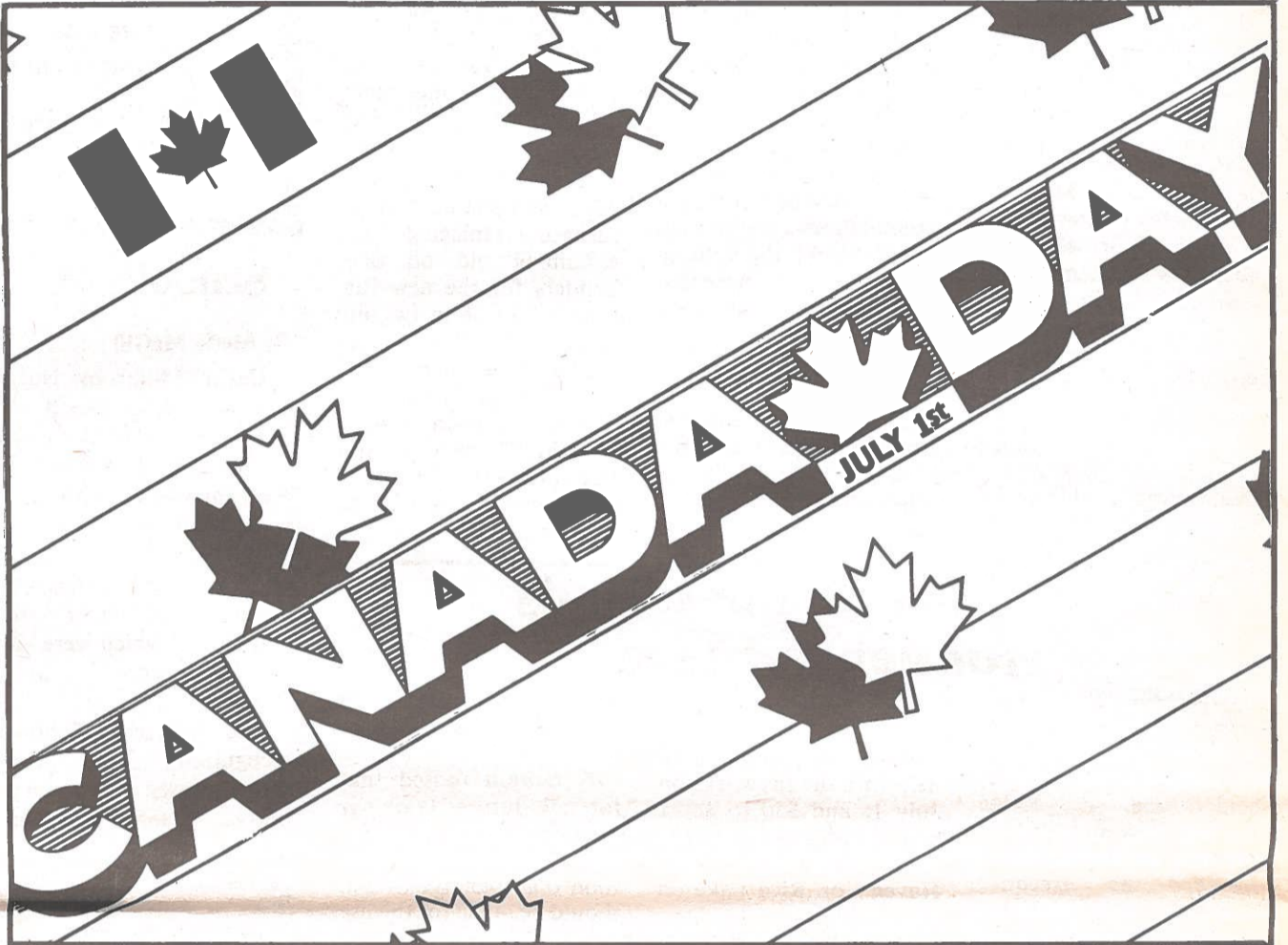
As a result of the altercation with the wolf and a lot of fear, Max went missing for three days. It

was very cold and stormy that weekend and we didn't know if Max was seriously hurt, dead or what. It was a terrible feeling not knowing. We walked fencelines, drove around in our vehicles and contacted all of the neighbours so they could keep an eye out for him.

On the following Monday, I received a call from Pat Prentice. She informed me that Max had shown up on their front lawn. He was cold and hungry. So they took Max in and cared for him.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Prentice family for caring for Max and to the other people who were willing to help us.

In the Prentice family's own words, Max had brought them nothing but pleasure. This is also what he has given us.



This is a sincere plea to the people in the community. When you see a stray animal, take it to the Humane Society or find a home for it. Better still, give it a home if possible. I know how much joy and love animals can bring into your life. They don't ask very much in return. The love that animals give to their owners is one of the good things in life.

Tammy Moffatt

Paying tribute to the Mitchells

Before they leave for their new field of service I should like to pay tribute to the Rev. Douglas Mitchell and his wife, Joy. During the almost four years they have been here they have always been ready to share in the grief and troubles of the people with whom they came in contact. I have seen them stand with the mourners in a wake the day before a funeral.

When three girls were seriously injured one Hallowe'en Douglas was there in a Toronto hospital waiting with their parents. Here at home Joy was organizing an around-the-clock prayer vigil in the church. In the latest tragedy to strike in the village again Douglas was in a Toronto hospital with

the young victim and his parents.

One member of the congregation who at times suffers from depression has told me "Doug is as good as a psychiatrist any time."

Joy has helped in the choir and in the Sunday School. For a time she served as social convener of the U.C.W. When the church secretary retired Joy became secretary. When the two women who had been church caretakers found full time employment elsewhere, Joy filled in until a replacement could be found. These are the instances I know about. No doubt there are many others.

In my tribute I should like to include their three sons, Jason, Daniel and Jeremy. I have seen Jason after singing with the Junior Choir step back also to sing in the anthem with the Senior Choir. I have seen him shovelling snow in front of the church.

When South Cavan School was having closing exercises in June the Jason Gibson Memorial trophy was awarded for the first time. It was to go to the student who gives his best at all times. who when he has a task to do sees it through to the end whatever the difficulties. It was awarded to 12-year-old Daniel Mitchell. In presenting it Graham Nie, the principal, said the

description fitted Daniel exactly.

I am sure that young Jeremy will follow in the footsteps of his big brothers and his parents.

Doris Ingham
 Millbrook

Minimum wage a disgrace

During the week of June 15, the Ontario Liberals raised the minimum wage to \$4.35 an hour.

In the same week Joe Clark jumped up in Ottawa and condemned Canadian companies with auxiliary companies in South Africa who pay blacks less than whites.

Joe had a legitimate beef. However, before you start meddling in foreign affairs, you'd better clean up your own door step. Before you climb up on your high horse, you should speak out against the tramping down of the poor in your

own country.

\$4.35 is a disgrace to call a wage. It is not even an allowance for a ten year old kid in today's economy. No Canadian whether married or single can live on \$4.35, and maintain more than a skid-row standard of life.

Even if minimum wage was raised to \$7.22 per hour in today's Canadian economy, a worker would still be below the poverty line for a married person.

As long as the governments of this province and this country allow it, the greed of companies will keep the poor, "slave poor" while they, the rich, roll up fat bank accounts.

It is time that governments remember that the poor pay the same price for a loaf of bread as do David Peterson and his colleagues. The Canadian poor need protection and need it now.

Ben Delmorez
 Coe Hill

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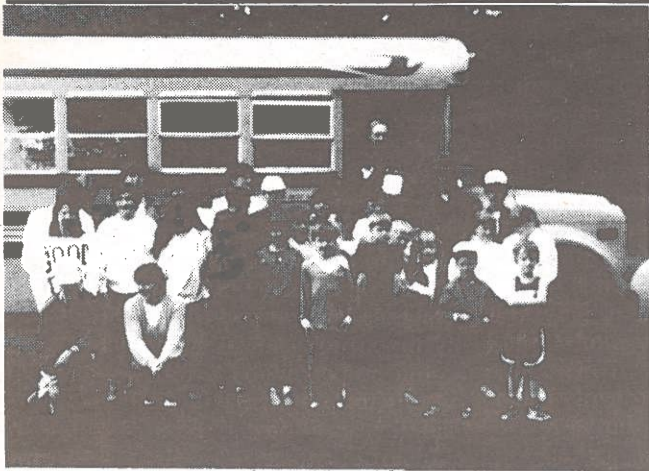


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Wilf Gillis poses with his busload of charges.

Wilf Gillis Retires After 30 Years at the Wheel

By Deborah Luchuk

On a chilly June 24, Wilfred Gillis was honoured for 30 years of school bus driving in this area.

At 3:30, his son Briane Gillis drove the bus up to Wilfred's home full of his "charges" on their way home from school. Mr. Gillis was quite baffled at this strange occurrence - but not for too long as the children got off the bus and Mr. David Brackenridge, one of Wilf's first bus students, appeared out of "nowhere" with a handsome plaque. With a few well-chosen words from Mr. Brackenridge, the plaque was presented to Mr. Gillis and his wife Moretta.

Looking truly surprised and deeply pleased with the surprise, Mr. Gillis made a little speech thanking all present, and saying "I might have been cranky but your parents get in bad humour too." He loved all of his "charges" over the years, and it has been gratifying to him to see these kids grow up - from "little wee guys that are so innocent and wide eyed" to high school and beyond.

The children bussed by Wilfred Gillis had equally appreciative comments to make. Although he had been known to be a "little grumpy" especially when winter toques were ripped off - he was only "grumpy" when the children knew they deserved it.

Overall they remember their days on the bus with "Wilf" with fondness: "He's a really nice bus driver" and they hoped he would have a happy retirement.

Mr. Gillis has driven a school bus since 1956 along the third, second and first lines of Cavan. At first he drove a large blue and white Meteor station wagon to pick up the children of the area, later acquiring a little bus/van "that looked like a potato bug", and finally his large yellow bus.

One incident Mr. Gillis remembered with mirth was the time he took the high school students from Millbrook down to Port Hope for a "show". A few "wise guys" decided to miss the show and buy firecrackers from a Port Hope merchant. On the way back to Millbrook, these fellows lit the firecrackers and threw them out the windows. Only one didn't make it out of the window - to be confiscated by Mr. Harry Williams, then teacher at the high school. Remember this story, anyone?

It is certain Mr. Gillis will not be forgotten; nor will he "disappear into the woodwork" as he is so very active in the community and county. From everyone in the community and those of us who had the honour to ride a bus with you at the helm, best of luck in what we hope is a long and happy retirement.

Millbrook W.I. Wins a First

By Jessie Powell

Mrs. Wilson Larmer, President, announced with pride that our W.I. won first place for their display on "Formal dinner setting" at the Millbrook Fair. Also, there will be a silent auction at the September meeting at Mrs. Albert Olan's home.

It was decided that our Summer outing will be a pot luck dinner in Peterborough on August 26 when the members will visit the Peterborough Centennial Museum.

A report from the District Annual held in Bethany United Church recently was given by Mrs. Johnston Rowland. A very interesting paper was presented expressing thoughts on the organization, its merits

and its problems.

Miss Weese, Home Economist, is preparing a list of information to be sent out in time for September. She commented on the coming changes and reminded us that the W.I. is the only rural organization across the nation and around the world. Where are we going? What do we offer to new members? Are

plans appropriate and realistic?

For the program on Canadian artists, Mrs. Bob Hopkins chose "The man who brought Canada's past to life, John David Kelly".

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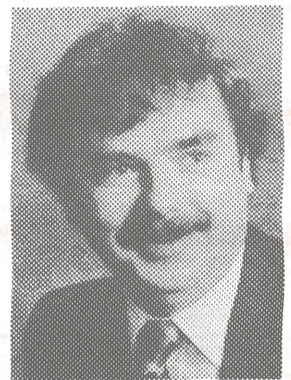
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Tears and Taxes Part II

By Norman McBain

The assessor in the earlier 1800's making his yearly visit in the winter months usually rode horseback and often had to walk. He was obliged to rely on the settler for accurate information although it would be natural for the ratepayer to keep his estimates a little on the low side. Dependent on mutual goodwill, often the assessor would remain overnight whenever darkness overtook him. Inevitably there would be stories circulated of preferential assessments arranged in the confines

of the horse stables and facilitated by a dram or two of the settler's "all purpose elixir".

Early assessors other than those noted earlier were Archibald Kennedy, William Elliot, John Crozier, James McConnell, Samuel Graham, John Thompson and John Fitzgerald.

Without complete tax rolls it is difficult to make comparisons between the present and the past, and of course there is no comparison in the municipal services provided and in fact demanded now in relation to those primitive circumstances. A sample

property chosen at random with 150 acres and a brick house carried an assessment of \$6,900 in 1880. Livestock included 13 cattle, 28 sheep, 3 hogs and 8 horses. This personal property was rated at \$400 making a total assessment of \$7300. Purchasing an additional 50 acres added \$700 making a taxable assessment in 1881 of \$8000. This generated taxes of \$43.60 of which \$8.00 was a special levy applied for frontage on a gravel road which is now Highway 28. In addition the owner was liable for 15 days of statute labour on the roads at the call of the Pathmaster. This seems to indicate a tax rate of slightly over 5 mills or \$5.00 on each \$1000 of assessment.

It is recorded that the earliest settlers who satisfied the requirements for being Freeholders found that they weren't receiving the right to vote in elections for the House of Assembly. This was a grievance which bothered them and having taken the risks of leaving their former homeland, enduring the perils of a sea voyage and the trek through the wilds, they didn't lack courage. As a result, despite loyalty to the Crown, they banded together in 1821 and prepared a petition to King George the Fourth. To this they affixed their signatures or their certified marks stating their claim for the right to vote.

The late E.S. Clarry writing later in the Mirror-Reporter has recorded that this petition was forwarded through the proper channels. However he suggested that nothing was done to meet their complaint until in the disturbances of 1837, stirred up by William Lyon MacKenzie, it became apparent to the British that reforms were needed. Mr. Clarry added that while the Cavan Settlers were decidedly loyal to the Crown nevertheless they were aware of some of the abuses under the Family Compact and they had a part in bringing about the reforms that finally brought responsible government.

Many names which appear on that petition are still common in Cavan; Kennedy, Armstrong, Sharpe, Gardiner, Huston, Deyell, Elliott, McCamus, Hutchison, Morrow, Jones, Mulligan, and Bradburn to mention a few.

Of the early pioneers and their families who survived until the late eighteen hundreds, many would no doubt be aghast even in 1880 at the tax escalation from the time that they took up their land. Perhaps, in calling to memory the tithes and poor rates and rentals which were their burden in the old land they would heartily agree with the writer of an editorial in later days, who declared that the price of freedom is tears and taxes.



Photo by D. Luchuk

Barb Willows at the Bonnet Factory.

The Bonnet Factory

By Deborah Luchuk

In the heart of the tiny hamlet of Ida lies a unique historical experience—the Bonnet Factory.

Owner Barb Willows was looking for something "different", having been an office manager at Trans Canada Motors for some time, when the opportunity to open up the Bonnet Factory appeared. Being very interested in the history of millinery and finding very little research done on the subject, Willows initially had a small bonnet shop museum in mind. The building itself was the home of a milliner, who it is believed worked out of her home.

However, it is now a museum of sorts, an excellent sunny tea room and a candy, crafts and ice cream shop. The challenging part of developing this business was starting from the bottom, developing a clientele and promoting the business. Willows' effort is paying off nicely as a comfortably sized clientele has sprung up, many of them cottagers and vacationers, hearing of the

Bonnet Factory by word of mouth. Quite a few of them are former residents of the area who are thrilled that someone is doing something about retaining the history of the area.

The main drawing point of the Bonnet Factory is just that - bonnets and hats, millinery history. It is a way of preserving local history, according to Willows, both by renovation of the historical store and by bringing tourists and visitors to the area to explore and learn of local history.

Being so very aware of local history and the need for historical preservation in an increasingly mobile society, gives Barb Willows a deep appreciation of this area and the people that make it so special — a colourful and gregarious "bunch" of kind people.

Looking for a wee bit o'history, a lot of calories, a spot of tea, some beautiful crafts, not to mention hospitality with a smile? The Bonnet Factory is the place!

Cedar Valley supports telethon

On Sunday June 15, a telethon to fund Toronto Sick Kids' Hospital was held on CFTO-TV. Several local people donated to this fund and very notably, Michelle and Cheryl Kimball and Brook

Gibbard of Cedar Valley did a great job of collecting money from Cedar Valley residents for the fund. The children collected \$51.50 from their door to door canvassing and would like the residents of Cedar Valley to know where their money went and just how much they raised. CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!

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STONE SOUP

True Confessions

By Evelyn Raab

For some ridiculous reason people think that just because I am usually pretty fearless about my approach to cooking it means that I never suffer the sort of embarrassment that comes from creating a total public failure. It is true that I rarely feel intimidated by any recipe provided it is at least remotely written in English and for which I can obtain (most) of the ingredients. This, admittedly, can be a dangerous attitude, but also can help develop that sort of unperurbable demeanor which has come in handy on a number of occasions. So for those of my friends who are afraid to invite me to dinner because you might blow it, here are some True Confessions. (Please keep in mind that these are only a few of my public disasters and that the private ones, although less spectacular, are far more numerous).



Harry the Chef Comes to Dinner

Every now and again George would get together with an old friend, Harry, who happened to be a chef at one of Toronto's ritzier establishments. The few times he came to see us I somehow successfully managed to avoid having the visit include a meal of any sort. Eventually, however, it became obvious that on this one particular occasion a dinner invitation was inescapable. After I recovered from my initial panic attack, I decided that I would cook something simple and straightforward so as not to appear to be trying to impress him (which I knew I couldn't do). I found a lovely piece of beef (which was fortuitously on sale that week for 59¢ a pound), surrounded it with potatoes and carrots and merrily popped it in the oven to roast. After the prescribed length of time (for medium rare, of course) I began to (attem-

pt) to carve what I expected would be one of those perfect juicy roasts you see in magazines. Instead, what sat before me was a sort of greyish brown, and the pieces I managed to hack off fell in rubbery hunks on the platter beside the poor hapless vegetables. Not yet convinced that it was completely inedible, I proceeded to serve it to our guests (who probably already knew what to expect). After an uncomfortable few minutes, I squirmed in my seat and (staring at the tablecloth) muttered, "you don't have to eat this." We didn't. We have not seen Harry since.



Happy Birthday to You

Although I have briefly mentioned this notable moment in a previous column, it bears repeating in this context. It was my best friend Marcia's birthday and, darn it, I was going to make her a fantastic cake! Rifling through my most trusted cookbook I found a recipe for Chocolate Cheesecake which sounded absolutely wonderful. The author claimed it was "the best thing she'd eaten" (I should have known right then). And that it was "halfway between a cake and a mousse." Well that was good enough for me. I made it. It looked pretty good--a little dense perhaps, but never mind. With the usual fanfare it was carried to the table, we engaged in the customary birthday routine and, at long last, dug in. After my jaw became sufficiently unglued so I could talk, I mumbled, "you don't have to eat this." No one did.



Anyone For Tennis?

As has become traditional in our family I

was asked to make a cake for my nephew Cary's special birthday party. He's an avid tennis player so wouldn't it be cute to do a tennis racket cake? Sure, no problem, I enjoy a challenge. For three days I toiled over this creation. First the cake layers--two chocolate, one plain. Then the whipped cream filling--a ton of it. Then the chocolate buttercream frosting. I went through enough butter, eggs and cream to keep a small dairy in business. Then the assembly. A monumental task! Finally a few chocolate strings on the racket, an elaborate "Happy Birthday Cary" and it was done. Very carefully we carried it to the car, and set it down at the very back of the station wagon. Whew. As soon as we arrived at George's sister's house in Toronto we leaped out of the car, opened the back of the wagon and discovered (much beyond my most hideous nightmare) that the cake had done some travelling of its own during the trip. Each layer had somehow gone its own separate way. I took one look at the shapeless heap that had once been a cake, turned away and said "I never want to see this thing again." It took a long time to scrape all the frosting off the tailgate.

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The following is an unsolicited offering from one of my loyal readers. He has created this for a number of gatherings at which I have had the opportunity to sample it. It is indeed noteworthy.

Hummous Sapiens
(the smart dip for people who savor the exotic scent of their distant ancestors' spice trade)

Your local friends will be impressed and inspired. Start with:

-2 cups of dried chick peas (garbanzos in some parts). Sort and soak in 4 cups of water overnight. Cook slowly for 4 - 6 hours along with 3 bay leaves, 2 cloves and one ginger toe (sic). Drain off

cooking water and save for later.

-Peel and crudely chop 2 onions and a healthy bulb of garlic (about 12 cloves) or more.

-In a blender deposit: juice of two lemons, 3 T olive oil, 1 T sesame oil, 1 T Chinese chili paste, 1 T soy sauce, 2 T ground cumin, 2 T oregano, 1 T marjoram, pinches of black cardamom, sweet basil, dill, what have you.....

-Then: pitch in garlic and onions and play the buttons of your Kitchen-Aid until you have a smooth but potent slurry.

-Now introduce two or three handfuls of your patiently waiting chick peas--they actually look more like turkey brains--rev up your blender or food processor (depending on how long ago you got married) and let it mulch until you have a nice pulp with the consistency of wheelbearing grease.

-Turn off machinery and taste your paste. If this is what you want in a dip stop right here, decant your magic pate, chill for 2 hours and spring it on your unsuspecting friends.

However, you'll probably want to tone it down some with the help of the flatter chick peas.

-Starting with an empty blender hopper, add enough of the saved cooking water to work the remaining turkey brains into a pleasing pate and mix the new stuff with the hot stuff to reduce the fire hazard. If things get too runny you can firm them up by blending in a few tablespoons of tahini--which some people wouldn't leave out at any cost.

-By now you should have a pretty good cache for more than one baby shower or top-end job on a two-stroke.

-Ways to dispose of the above with style:

a) Serve as a dip with Kalamata olives and sliced spanish onions; diced cucumbers are optional.

Sprinkle on chopped chives or parsley. This can be scooped up with slices of pita bread, knackebrot, crackers, carrot or celery sticks, possibly green onion fingers or clean index fingers;

b) Drop a dollop of your pate onto a bed of watercress or other suitable lettuce green and trim with roasted coconut chips;

c) Solve your kid's nagging hayfever problem by substituting *Hummous Sapiens* for the innocuous peanut butter spread he or she is expecting;

d) You could repack the

wheelbearings of your 1962 VW microbus and join the caravans that ply the ancient spice trading routes.

I know this sounds like a lot of work for a dip, but remember, you're dealing with *Hummous Sapiens*--the smart dip--which, like all better creations, takes time to evolve.

P.S. Do not substitute castor for olive oil -- wrong berry!

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PROFILES

Trout Farming at Linwood Acres

By Clayton Thexton

Linwood Acres Trout Farm Ltd., of R.R.#1, Campbellcroft is situated a short distance north of the hamlet, amid the rolling hills of Hope Township

The business is owned and operated by Mr. Jim Taylor and family, who moved here from Sudbury in 1969. "I have always liked the out-of-doors, and I like working with fish", he said. It was the

need for an unlimited volume of fresh water - 1000 gallons per minute - that led him to choose this area. The wooded land, with its natural slope and abundance of springs was ideal, and the use of these should never endanger local wells.

His business grew as finances permitted. Today he has four full-time employees with two part-time. Mr. Greg Perry, from Sir Sandford Fleming College, with three years' study in aquaculture, is employed as Hatchery Technician. His expertise is apparent, and his enthusiasm reflects the pride he takes in his work. "Aquaculture", he stresses "has got to be the method of the future."

A long, low, cement block structure, well banked, and inside pleasantly cool and fresh with the smell of pure running water, is known

as Building #1. Here the eggs go into hatching trays and in forty days are hatched. Hatching trays are stacked and require 2 gallons of water per minute, all regulated by gravity. The fry - 2 inches in length, and fingerlings, up to 4 inches are next placed in tanks, where a water flow of 35 gallons per minutes is required.

There are eight culvert type tanks, 9 feet, 14 feet, and 19 feet in diameter. The occupants are assigned by size, from 4 inches to the 14 inch - great mature females who swim tirelessly about, waiting to provide spawn for the ongoing of the species.

On entering the tanks the water flows in a counter clockwise direction, while the fish swim clockwise. This allows water to flow over their gills, ensuring them a plentiful supply of oxygen. Current and energy now become interrelated: too fast a current will demand a greater expenditure of energy which is more profitably directed toward growth. The controlling of this factor is one area where the expertise of the technician is invaluable.

Fish are fed from automatic feeders, and also by hand. The feed is in pellet form and very high in protein. The for-

mula is such as to ensure the singular flavour of natural brook trout.

There are eighteen spring fed ponds on the property. Their temperature never goes below 12 degrees C, hence they never freeze - this is partly due to the turbulence created by swimming fish. The water level of each pond is controlled by an intricate system of stacks, utilizing gravity to its fullest extent. Very little electricity is used throughout the system. Ponds are about 30 feet in diameter, four to six feet deep, and are bordered by the greenest of watercress. Watercress indicates ideal trout water, abundant in oxygen.

As we approached these ponds a heron rose up, to fly lazily and majestically over the treetops, his unhurried flight in keeping with the pastoral atmosphere of the place. A speck in the sky, Mr. Taylor told, was probably an osprey. Wild animals are more of a nuisance than a problem. Last night, a raccoon helped himself at the self feeder. "He isn't likely to come back". Greg chuckled, pointing to a tuft of fur caught in the feeder. But muskrats are discouraged. They stir up the water making it difficult for the fish to locate the feeder. Wild ducks pay short visits as do Canada geese. Songbirds trill merrily from trees. All about grow tall oaks and maples, pines and trim little birches. The sound of gently flowing water has a lulling effect. One might be in the heart of some vast wilderness, so natural and untouched appear the surroundings.

The water finally flows into settling ponds after which it passes - probably made purer by its use, into the tributaries of the Ganaraska.

The fish are drawn from the ponds - again by gravity - into holding tanks, from which they are transported in oxygen

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All possible precautions are taken to maintain a healthy, contaminant-free environment. For further assurance, Mr. Taylor has purchased adjacent property, and is able to control the method of cropping.

"Fish", Greg confides, "are much like people! They grow at different rates; some are aggressive, some are passive. The females are finer bodied, lighter coloured and more elegant of line. The males are darker, sturdier of build, hook jawed and more aggressive."

Visiting and study groups are welcomed, and a chart of the stripping and spawning illustrates the methods used and the care that must be exercised. Greg explains these most effectively. Also available are brochures with information as to qualities to look for, methods of storing and, best of all, several recipes to ensure that this delicacy reaches your table in its most succulent form.

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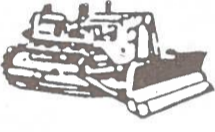
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High School Teacher leaves M.I.H.S.

By Deborah Luchuk

Mrs. Diane MacFarlane, a very valuable asset to the Millbrook Intermediate and High School Staff and someone well known to many families in the Millbrook area is moving on to another school with new opportunities this summer.

Mrs. MacFarlane (English/French teacher) began her decade at Millbrook High School in 1976, replacing Mrs. Carter. Mr. Robert McMackin needed both a replacement for Mrs. Carter and a French teacher. He called upon Queen's University Faculty of Education for referrals of graduating B. Ed. students and interviewed Mrs. MacFarlane, deciding she was just the person he was

looking for to fit the demanding bill.

She taught grade 9-13 French, a combined eleven-twelve English class (until the grade eleven and twelve class grew larger and split) and taught grade 13 English. Three years ago she began the Career Development course and Co-operative Education programme at M.I.H.S., the school being one of the first in the county to have such programmes.

Diane MacFarlane was the "backbone" of the yearbook for nine years, involved in all aspects of production from co-ordinating the student editors, looking after the business end of the yearly production, avidly photographing the years'



Mrs. Diane MacFarlane

activities, students and staff, and designing the layout. A tall order for someone already busy with curricular and personal activities and hobbies.

Mrs. MacFarlane particularly enjoyed acting in "Up the Down Staircase" (a drama production of the M.I.H.S. drama club) and vividly remembers learning her lines in three days (she had to replace an ailing lead actress) with the help of the students involved in the production. Fond memories for

her were "calorie fests" initiated by the French classes - these French soirees and dinners were a chance to socialize, to grow closer to students and, of course, get some excellent French cuisine (prepared by the students). School trips were all memorable - this fearless lady took on all of the roller coasters with glee!

Mrs. MacFarlane will be entering a new area of education in Oakville, an elementary enrichment school, teaching French. When asked what she

believed was in store for M.I.H.S. in the future, MacFarlane had many positive things to say. She believes as long as student numbers are up and the community continues to support the school it will continue to contribute to the quality of life here. "There is a lot of potential in the school," she notes, and new ideas and projects such as the Integrated Arts Programme will enrich the present curriculum greatly. The children who attend M.I.H.S. get a good education due to the small teacher/student ratio. The students feel freer to ask questions, knowing that there will be answers."

The students "are different" she says, are not as "materialistic" as students in larger urban schools are. She got along very well with the "top quality" staff during her years at M.I.H.S. and she believes the staff to be a credit to the school. Solidarity among the staff members is strong due to the limited size and close knit atmosphere in the school staff room.

Diane MacFarlane has nothing but good memories of Millbrook High School - and the school will certainly miss her hardworking, honest, and fun personality in the classrooms, staff room and hall.

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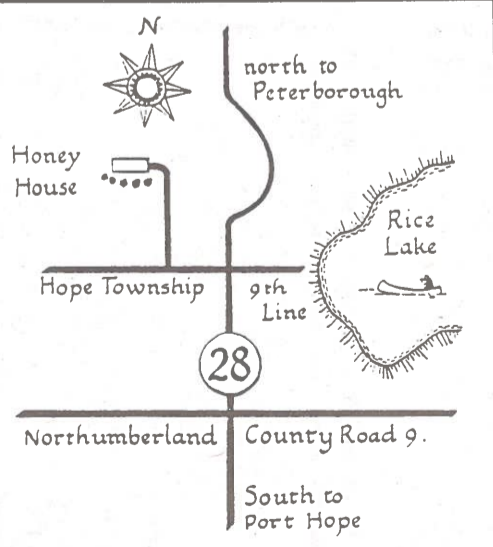
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Sportsmen's Club looking for ideal location for Skeet and Trap shooting

By Clayton Thexton

The July Meeting of the Millbrook and District Sportsmen's Club was held in the Township Hall, on Thursday July 3, with attendance on the increase. Many favourable comments were reported

on their display and presentation at the Millbrook Fair, as well as new memberships being received. It is emphasized that family membership is encouraged and that activities for all ages are in the planning process.

Ideas are welcomed and desired!

An exciting evening of skeet and trap shooting was held recently and the response was such that more are planned. For a small cost you are supplied with targets and range. Bring your favourite shootin' iron and show those nasty little skeet you mean business! For all details, phone Gary Williston.

The future of trap and skeet shooting was discussed at length, as were the possibilities of obtaining a suitable location. The ideal location was one that might be adapted to many different types of events. Here the cost factor entered and struck a sobering note. Many locations came up for study and the need to meet with various bodies recommended. Purchase of a skeet thrower was left

for consideration.

Offers of assistance in the dispensing of road kills was brought up: and it was believed that such offers would be welcomed by the authority involved.

Members wish to stress that this is to be a family oriented club, welcoming families with boys and girls of all ages. Activities suitable to all are to be provided. Picnicking and sports, in a woodland setting, would offer the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the beauties of our environment and the need to conserve it.

As the meeting closed, many tales were told of personal adventures in the out of doors. Nature has much to share. She offers much at little cost. In the wilderness life takes on a less hurried pace. Around the campfire all quickly become as family. It is an experience every child should have, and what better way than now, with Mother and Dad.

The next meeting is on August 7, at the Township Hall, 8 p.m., when more interesting topics come up for discussion.



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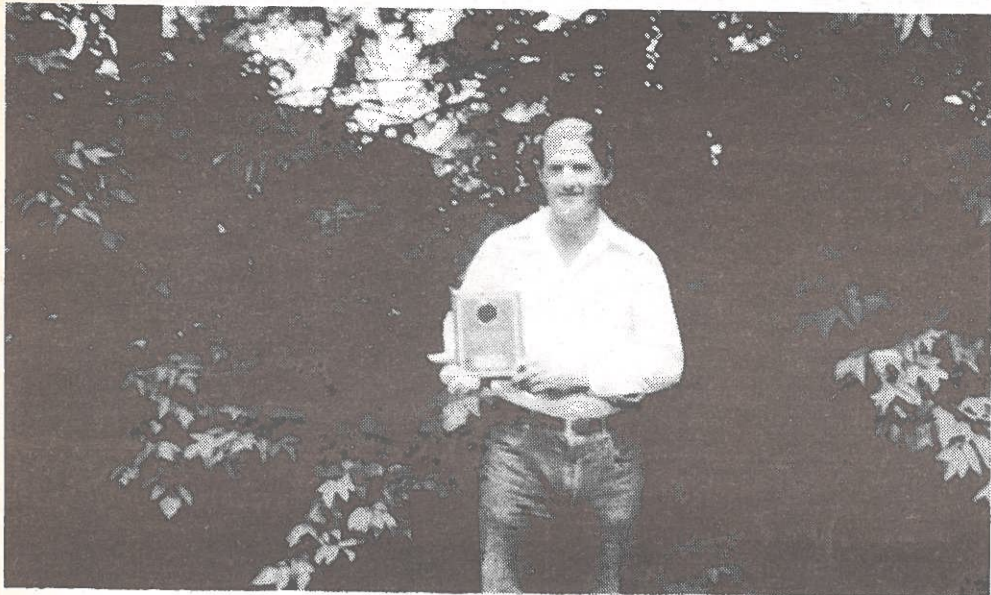
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Rod McDowell poses with Pork Producers Award.

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FARM TALK

Positive Outlook at Congress

By Dave Brackenridge

My son Mark and I spent three days in June at the 13th annual Pork Congress in Stratford. We saw a lot of positive outlook there and I wanted to share that with you in this article. It seems that my columns of late have been somewhat negative and depressing.

We spend Monday evening and Tuesday morning at the purebred show of breeding stock. Major breeds were exhibited with many top quality pigs on hand, in fact, probably the best Landrace gilt I have ever seen (she almost got to come back to Squirrel Creek with us!).

Tuesday morning, a large crowd of producers started arriving. 4-H members from across the province also gathered at 10 o'clock for a judging competition among themselves. The official opening of the Congress was held about 10:30 with Agriculture minister Jack Riddell on hand. The minister was in fine form on this occasion being very positive and bringing us the announcement of a new provincial programme for pork producers. Although details of the programme are sketchy, it appears they wish to help producers with items such as sanitation, ventilation, weighing, testings, record keeping, artificial in-

semination, depopulation and better facilities for sorting and loading. The philosophy behind the programme is to help producers produce pork better, not to help us produce more. There is also money available to research our domestic market and to look at improvements in our packing industry. The total funds allocated to this programme will be \$54 million over five years. As I mentioned, the minister was very positive during his talk and he again took the opportunity to bash the feds a bit and take credit for getting the tripartite stabilization programme in place this quickly. For me, as a producer, Jack Riddell seems a refreshing change as a minister. So far he has worked hard for us and seems to have some say in cabinet. I believe he also has a firm idea in his own mind of the state of farming in Ontario and thus has a good basis for his portfolio. I do admit, many of the programmes we have seen are not new, but he does carry on with them and get them working. He certainly does not back away from a challenge and it is refreshing to see him attempt to identify the needs of consumers and help us produce to meet those needs. You can no doubt tell that I found Riddell's

part of the programme very "upbeat".

Over 100 4-H members enrolled for the competition. They spent the rest of the morning judging pigs and giving reasons. Congratulations to the Peterborough County team of Nicole Bartlett, Carolyn O'Toole, and Mark Brackenridge for winning the competition with the top county team. Inciden-

tally, this is not the first time Peterborough County has gone into the heart of pork country and come away with this award. (This certainly warms the heart of yours truly).

Tuesday afternoon the purebred stock was sold by auction. There was a very large crowd at the auction, but I think more spectators than bidders. Prices were not as high as I expected considering the amount slaughter prices had gone up.

We met many neighbours, equipment people, feed people, government people, bankers and breeders at the show. It seemed that all were smiling and in a pretty good frame of mind. It was so pleasant to attend this show and see everyone feeling positive after these last three years of low margins and pessimism. It seems that most people don't expect the high prices to last more than a month or so but it is still pleasant to take. Most producers feel the price went too high too fast and would prefer that it had stayed in the mid 70's. I think we all have an eye on the feed price situation and realize full well that the cheap grain of 1986 will eventually

lead to cheaper pork. However, I feel that good, solid producers learned a lot in the early 80's that will help them greatly over the next downswing. I see the equipment people at the Congress offering better and better equipment each year. Certainly the high pork prices right now will help the equipment people. Our industry needs good equipment and people to stand behind it,

but profits are required to keep it viable.

I hope I have not bored you who are not into pork production, but I did want to show you what change can happen in 2 or 3 months. And last but not least, a tip of my hat and congratulations to Rod and Shirley McDowell and their family for being chosen Outstanding Pork Producers in Peterborough County 1986.

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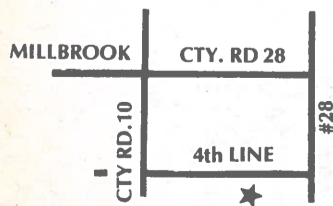
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Bertha Elliott

By Deborah Luchuk

Bertha Elliott (nee Lang) was born on the seventh line of Cavan where she attended the Whitfield School for her public school years, taught by two teachers, Miss Isabelle Syer and Miss Ethel McKnight. The Langs attended the Methodist Church and Bertha joined the United Church on June 10, 1925 at the time of union. As a family the Langs were very involved in church activities; Mrs. Lang taught Sunday School and both mother and daughter were involved in dramatic productions at the church. During her childhood, Bertha remembers, there were 200 children and adults in the Sunday School at St. Andrew's.

These were happy years with the joys of school led by a beloved teacher, Miss McKnight, the days of play and work on the farm and the church activities filling her young life. Despite the hour-long buggy drive to Millbrook, she was very involved in extra curricular activities once she graduated to Millbrook Continuation

School; music, drama and public speaking all earned her many honours in this area and poetry writing was her forte. Bertha became an accomplished pianist under the tutelage of Lillian Burton and the wife of one of the United Church ministers, Mrs. W.W. Jones, who had been a professor of music at the University of Mexico. Sunday School picnics were held at Wallace Point (which was quite a drive by horse and buggy!), and later at Victoria Park in Cobourg when cars became the mode of transportation and were all-day events.

Mrs. Elliott will never forget the Chatauquas that came through Millbrook in the winter, usually in March. Bad roads caused a few problems, but somehow the Langs always managed to get to the Town Hall for these evenings of magical entertainment. Bertha helped her father out on the farm: she cut hay, raked it, drove a hay wagon, cut peas, harrowed cultivated and picked strawberries and raspberries to sell.

At Millbrook Continuation School Bertha Lang was, for a year, President of the Student Council. Upon graduation from the Continuation School she entered Normal School in 1930-31 and then taught for two years.

In 1933, Bertha Lang married and lived in a succession of places in Western Ontario, Peterborough, and Welcome. In 1975, she remarried, and shortly after her second husband's passing she moved "back home". She resumed her great involvement in the United Church as an elder, as well as making beautiful banners—especially during the church's Centennial year in 1982, and helping to compile the church's history at the time. Bertha is also very active in the Historical Society and is an invaluable resource person for that group and anyone interested in local history. She enjoys digging up historical facts and artifacts - "I'm a

collector at heart".

When acquaintances from the city ask her how she keeps boredom at bay in such a small town, she replies that she keeps very busy and there's often just too much to do between church, Historical Society and local "doings" - she's constantly in demand.

Bertha finds the people in the area very friendly and gregarious, and believes the influx of new residents gives the community new blood and enthusiasm. The restoration and retention of the Old Millbrook School and the Mill have been very important to her as they played such a large role in the history of this area.

For Bertha Elliott, moving to Millbrook was "coming home" - and she's one of the special people who make it feel like "home" for the rest of us - giving of herself to the community and making us aware of just how special and unique we are!

MUSICAL NOTES

Setting the Tempo

By George Ingham

The matter of tempo is of crucial importance to me. After all, may not a few degree markings difference on the metronomic scale alter the whole character of a piece of music - its meaning as well? I often spend a whole year agonizing over just the right speed for some piano composition I may be learning.

A piano teaching colleague in Medicine Hat (she was also organist at Fifth Avenue United Church in that city) used to say that there were only two possible reasons for excessively slow tempos on the part of a player: low I.Q. or inadequate technique. It can't be as simple as that. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the noted Bach scholar who suffered from neither of these afflictions, chose very slow tempos for his recorded performances of Bach's organ music.

The late Glenn Gould used to achieve his spectacular contrasts by

exaggerating both fast and slow aspects of tempo. I remember a broadcast in which the slowness of a performance of Brahms' D-Minor piano concerto by him seemed to point suspiciously to lack of preparation. The conductor, Leonard Bernstein, said he did not agree with Gould's musical statement but he would die the death in order to defend his right to make it!

I remember a large solo piano class at the Rotary Music festival in Medicine Hat in which there were two versions of a Bach chorale, the very same piece throughout the class — one very slow and one very fast. From this class of 34 two first place winners were chosen forcing a tie, one playing very fast, the other very slowly. The adjudicator found the two versions equally convincing.

That is surely the crux of the matter. The playing must be convincing.

As Schumann said, "Dragging and hurrying are equally great faults."

Students perform at Recital

The following young piano students were heard in recital on the evening of June 6th:

James Franck playing "Upstairs, Downstairs", "At the Country Fair", "Twins".

Amy Branscombe - "Evening", "The Giant", "Hallowe-en".

Billy Cheney - "Waltz of the Christmas Toys", "The Birch Canoe", "The Tower Clock", "The Silver Skates".

Adrienne Franck - "Fun on the Farm" by Streabbog, "Puppets on Parade" by Duvernoy, "Figure Skating" by Czerny.

Andra Thompson - "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach).

Tiffany Franck - "Sonatina" (Beethoven), "Minuet in G" (Bach), "Tarantelle" (Marsden).

Jill McKinlay - "Melody" (Schumann), "English Country Garden" (Traditional), "Sleigh Ride" (Czerny).

They are the students of George Ingham. In the absence of Judith Amesbury he himself concluded the programme playing Schumann's Davidsbundler Op. 6 No. 14 and Flight of the Bumblebee by Rimsky Korsakoff.

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PONTYPOOL NEWS

Community Notes

By Nettie Aiken

Grandview School had a very busy day on Monday, June 23 when it held its Spring Term Awards Day. This took place at 10:00 a.m. They also held a Volunteer Appreciation Tea at 3:00 p.m., and a Junior Kindergarten Information night in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Graduation took place on Thursday evening.

One of the most ambitious events which took place recently was the Manvers Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, at the Manvers Arena. Altogether there were thirty-six exhibitors, each one very interesting and showing great talent and originality.

The Sunday School picnic for Pontypool United Church was held at the home of Joan and Ron Jeffery. There was a good turnout, a great time, lots of games, swimming and lunch. Rev. Heather Smith brought over her two boys. It was nice to see the minister at the picnic.

The July services of Pontypool United Church were lead for the most part by lay people from the congregations as follows: Jane White and Nelly Michel, Nettie Aiken, and the Pontypool and Bethany U.C.W.'s for their respective churches. Rev. Heather Smith will be back for the last Sunday and on.

Please remember that some expenses of the church continue on even in the summer. Don't forget church finances when making holiday plans.

The Parish Picnic for the St. Thomas More parish was on June 22 in the park behind the home of Jim and Joanne Cook at Garden Hill. The community would like to welcome Father Tom Lynch, who on June 3 began his duties here.

Just an advance notice from the Parish. The second Diocesan Youth Rally will be held August 23, at the farm of Kevin Leahy in Douro. This is for all teenagers from Grade 8 and up. Transportation to be arranged.

Some members of all the surrounding communities as well as Millbrook itself, enjoyed the services on June 7 and 8, marking the dedication of the new sanctuary of Millbrook Christian Assembly. Each event of the weekend was important and awe-inspiring.

Your correspondent and her husband attended the garden Party at St. Mary's Lifford Church on Wednesday, June 11. It was a delicious meal, wonderful service and good fellowship from people from many community areas. I noticed particularly how neatly the cemetery was kept. This is the oldest operating church in Manvers Township, and they will be celebrating their 135th anniversary year in 1987.

Sunday afternoon, June 22, at 2:30, was a very

meaningful Cemetery Memorial and Decoration Day Service at Ballyduff Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Swann officiating. Soloists were Hiram Joseph of Oshawa, originally from the Caribbean, and Arlene Bolton. Yvonne Fallis played the organ.

Don and Mel Neal are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Hillary Elizabeth Neal, born on May 20 at home, with a birth weight of 9 lbs. 2 oz. Mother and daughter are both doing well. Thanks to midwives, Theo Dawson, Peggy Cannon and Jane Kilthei. Hillary's two brothers Sandy and Thatcher are delighted.

Mary and Bill Gilbank of Pinewood Crescent in the subdivision, are happy to announce the birth of Timothy Paul in Bowmanville Hospital on May 16. Timothy's birth weight was 7 lbs. 7 oz., a nice healthy start. Now I guess it is a case for you two of "My Three Sons".

Timm and Gisela Reefke enjoyed a visit on the 14th and 15th of June from Chris and John Simon from Rochester, in Canada to attend the graduation of their daughter, Helen E. Simon, who graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, with a B.A. in Interior Design. Helen is now working for an Interior Design firm in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Tenhaaf of R.R.2, Pontypool, enjoyed the visit here of his brother and wife from Holland.

A long-term resident of Manvers Township passed away on Thursday, June 19. Mrs. Mereta McGill, wife of Roy McGill, was in her 85th year. The McGills, now in retirement, lived in West Pontypool, and also farmed for many years at Drum. Our sympathy to family and friends.

Sympathy of the community also goes to the Murphy family on the passing of Doug's sister, Teresa Bown (Tess).

Auxiliary plans Bazaar

By Pauline Plumbe

Everybody had a great day on July 1st with a great ending for the day with the fireworks display put on by our volunteer fire-fighters.

Just before the display

got underway, the Millbrook - Cavan Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary held their draw. The winners of the draw were: for two lawn chairs - Cindy Reynolds of Cavan; for one folk art clock - Bob Wakeford of Peterborough; and for one Miss Minnie door mouse - Nancy Davis of Cavan.

The money made from our efforts will help towards both fire halls. We have purchased two coffee urns and they have already been placed in the north end hall at Mount Pleasant.

On October 4, the Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Bazaar and Tea at the Mount Pleasant Library.

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We would like to thank all the people who left donations at the Post Office, with the firemen, and in the donation tins left around town, in our food booth, on the pond and at the fairgrounds. Also many thanks to David and Carolyn Brackenridge for their generous support. Last but not least a big thank you to the business of our community without whose support the fireworks display would not have been possible:

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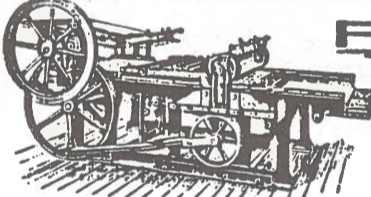
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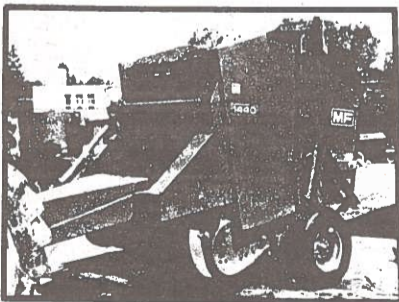
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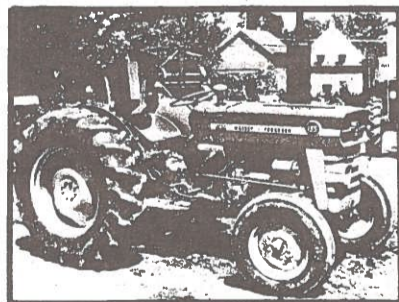
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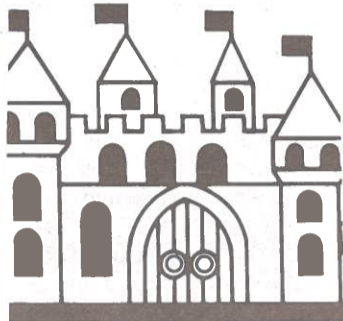
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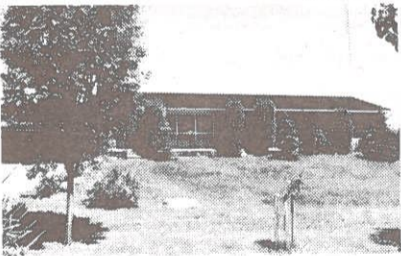
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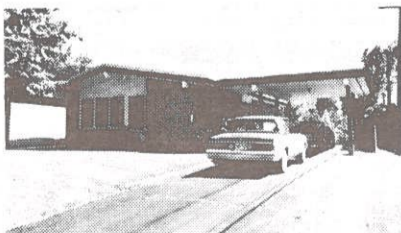
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