



With every great happening there has to be a small seed of beginning, and in the case of the 114th running of the Queen's Plate on Saturday, June 30th, 1973, at the Woodbine Track in Toronto, this held true.

At the Stafford Farms on the outskirts of Port Elgin, on the 6th Concession of Saugeen, three years ago, our mare, Rocket Shot, foaled a colt by our stallion, Amber Morn -- truly a Bruce County product!

It grew up to become the winner of this year's classic race -- it's name -- ROYAL CHOCOLATE.

He gave us the extremely pleasant opportunity of being presented to our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. This was particularly gratifying to us, as I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and my husband's grandparents were from the Isle of Mull.

Winning the Plate this year, after 25 years in the breeding and racing of thoroughbred horses, was most thrilling, before a record attendance of 40,137, and we are not forgetting the months of preparation our trainer Gil Rowntree put into the colt and the excellent ride by our jockey Ted Colangelo.



The Howard Collins Award was won by Miss Cathy Clazie. This Trophy, along with a cheque was presented to Cathy by Mr. Howard Collins, former Principal of the school, in whose name the Scholarship Fund was started. 1973



The I.O.D.E. Award was given to Miss Sharon Schildroth by Mrs. Lorna Caley. Sharon achieved an average of 91.6% last year, the highest of the eighty Grade 8 graduates.

Mr. Gordon Lamont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lamont, has returned home after enjoying a sight-seeing tour of Ottawa, sponsored by the Rotarians. His sister Norma returned home with him to spend the weekend with her parents.

## Dunblane, a Community of Yesteryear

(Prepared for Burgoyne Women's Institute by Mrs. Audrey Underwood)

Dunblane is nestled midway between Paisley and Burgoyne on the Elora Road, the central portion of the community amid the clay banks of Snake Creek, the remainder extending south to and along the Saugeen River, northwest to the area of the Dunblane Church.

By the time the survey of the Elora Road was made, settlers already had made their way to the area via the Saugeen River. One such family was that of John Wallace, who located on Lot 19, Concession A, Saugeen Township. His neighbors were the Rowands, Scotts and Frasers, all their farms playing a prominent part in the community history.

It was in the home of Mr. John Fraser that the first Dunblane Post Office was located (Lot 21, Concession A, Saugeen Township), and his daughter, Miss Lizzie Fraser, was the first postmistress. Note that the post office stamp bore the letters "DUMBLANE" — probably a spelling error at the time!

Later the post office was moved to Stark's mill and from there across the road to the house on the northeast corner of Lot 18, Concession A, Saugeen Township,

where it remained until rural mail delivery was introduced.

The last postmistress was Mrs. Donald McNeil.

Just to the south of the post office, in the middle of the hill and almost on the roadway, stood a blacksmith shop. Two blacksmiths known to have operated there were Mr. D. A. Hunt and Mr. Bill Surgeson.

Across the Elora Road in Elderslie Township were the saw and grist mills built by James Stark about 1872. He sold to John McFarlane, who continued to operate until the 1890's.

The first public building to be erected in the community was a church. Services first were held in the barn on the farm of William Gowanlock and fondly called "Cedar Hall." In 1859 Mr. Gowanlock and his Presbyterian neighbors built the Dunblane Church on the banks of the Saugeen River, where it still stands today, a memorial to the pioneer settlers.

In the early days, a small store was operated from the home of a lady known as "Mammy" Brown on Lot 20, Concession A, Saugeen Township.

By permission of Saugeen Township Council, the Dunblane school was built and opened in February, 1882, with 70 pupils enrolled. This was a frame

building which burned on the night of January 27, 1902. A fine new brick building was built and ready for occupancy by the end of that year. It served the community until no longer needed in 1967, when it was sold for a summer home.

Many interesting stories have been told about this little Scottish settlement, whose only visual feature is the little white church by the side of the River Road, where service is held once a year. The rest is legend—truly a community of yesteryear.



Shown above is Miss Joan Schildroth receiving her Certificate and Pin from Mr. Parmateer, Director of Special Services, Victoria Hospital London, Ontario. Joan graduated as a therapeutic dietitian, and is

presently on the staff of the Guelph General Hospital. She is also a graduate of Saugeen District High School and Guelph University. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schildroth are the parents of this well-known young woman.