

CANADA DAY IN BURGESSVILLE JULY 1st 1983

This normally quiet village of Burgessville was bursting with activity as it played host to the third Annual Norwich Township Canada Day Celebration on Friday July 1st, 1983 and continued throughout the week-end with its own school reunions and related events.

A variety of floats representing business, industry organizations and individuals from throughout the township played a big part in the Canada Day parade, which got under way at 10:30 a.m. making a beginning at the Museum School and final gathering at the Ducky Dennis ball park.

Hundreds of people lined the streets to view the Canada Day parade with its 45 entries not including marching bands and a host of dignitaries heading it up. The winners of the various categories in the parade included the Joe Hampson family for the best entry with the Gear family in second place; Nellie Robinson of Robinson Highway Market for the best Commercial entry with the Buchaner Restaurant and Post Office in Burgessville capturing second place; Norwich Public School with the best school float, followed by North Norwich Public School in second place; the Norwich Golden Age Club with best organization entry, followed by the Burgessville Baptist Church. The trophy for the best overall entry went again to the Norwich Public School for its float's portrayal of the Happy Birthday Canada theme and the quality of the entry.

Following the parade was one of the highlights of the celebration - the final judging and crowning of the first ever Miss Township of Norwich. Judges had 13 capable contestants vying for the title to choose from and after difficult deliberation, selected Allyson Hagerman 16, of R.R.2, Burgessville, as the winner with Michelle Pigden and Wendy Hayes, both of Norwich, as the first and second runners up. Miss Township of Norwich presided over several other functions during the weekend and will represent the township throughout the coming year.

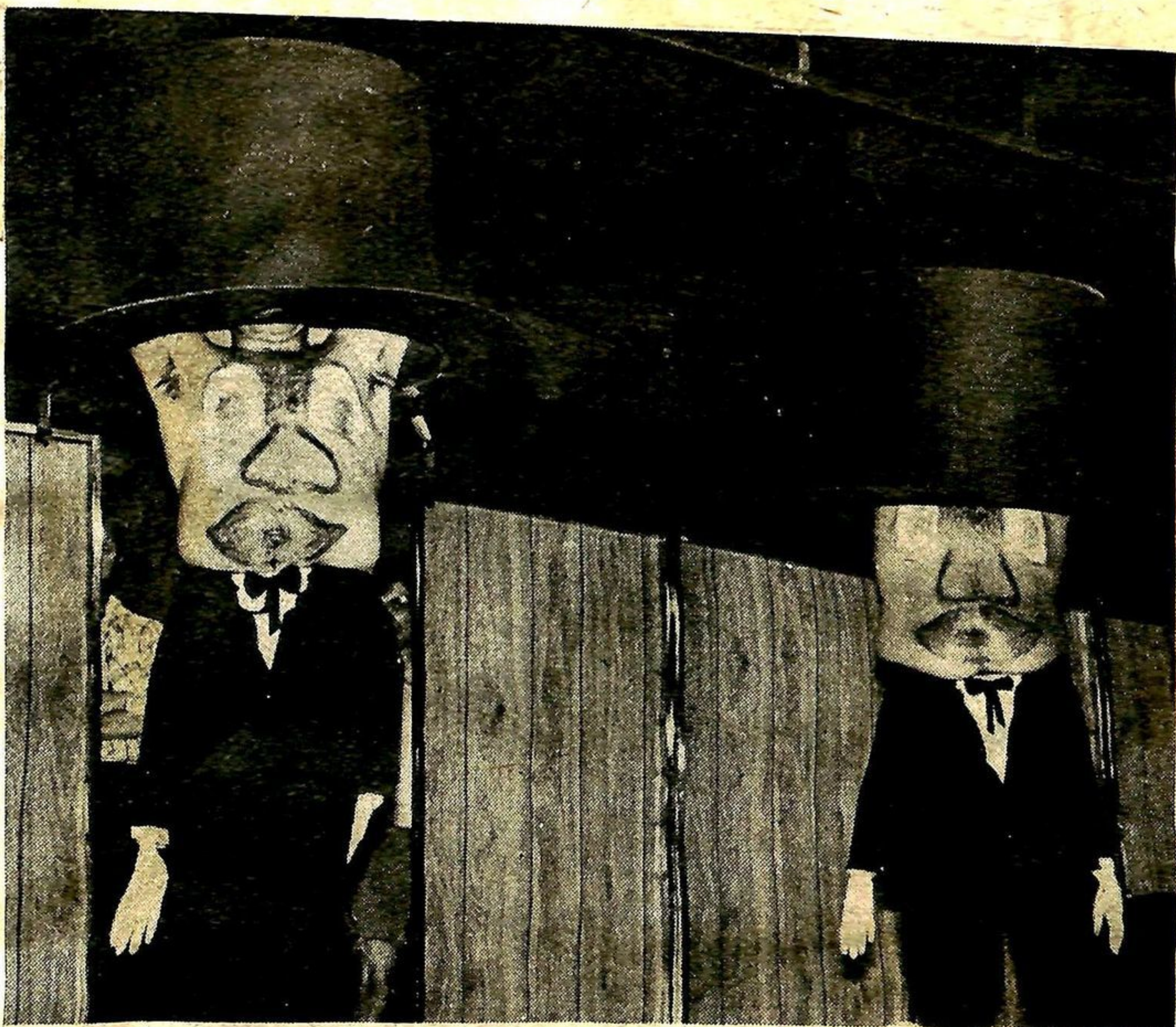
At the close of that competition, the unveiling of a commemorative plaque was held at the entrance to the Ducky Dennis ball park, erected by his family to commemorate the late Wilfred Dennis. Also underway at 1 p.m. was the annual competition among the township's volunteer firefighters featuring pumping competitions, barrel races, and some special competitions this year for the wives of the firefighters.

Those who had worked up and appetite enjoyed a delicious <sup>beef</sup> barbecue served up by the Burgessville United Church. Tickets for that event were sold out well in advance.

The garden party Friday evening was a huge success served to roughly 1,500 people who turned out to enjoy a program with a variety of entertainment from classical violin to belly dancers, the South Norwich Community Choir and magic. And to top off a full and successful day of activity was a fireworks demonstration staged by members of the Burgessville Volunteer Firefighters Association.

The school reunions and display of local artwork continued throughout Saturday and Sunday and an outdoor church service followed by a band concert were the highlights in Burgessville on Sunday, with the ladies of the

*Baptist Church serving a delicious non-day dinner.*



**The whistlers**

Two members of the Burgessville Volunteer Fire Fighters who preferred to remain anonymous provided a little humor in the variety program of the Canada Day garden entertainers brought forth more than a few laughs with their performance and their unique costumes. (NG Photo)

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**Deaths**

**FRANK LOSEE**

Frank Elmer Losee of RR 2, Burgessville died at the Woodstock General Hospital Sunday. He was 71. - Oct 30/83

He was born in East Oxford Township, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Losee of United Empire Loyalists stock and he was a third generation to operate the farm on Concession Nine of Oxford Township.

He was a member of the Burgessville Baptist Church. He was predeceased by an infant son, Robert. Also predeceased by three brothers, William, Earl and Arthur and a sister Mrs. Maude Rockett.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jennie Mae (Jean) Kennedy, sons Thomas N. Losee, Calgary, Alt., Jerrald F. Losee, Eganville, Donald A. Losee, Calgary, Alt. and daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Marilyn) Evers, Cambridge and Frances Jean Lundy, Simcoe. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, sisters, Mrs. Olive Malcolm and Mrs. Catherine Force, both of Woodstock, Mrs. Harle (Bernice) Burrill, Brantford, Mrs. Max (Edith) Avey, Otterville and Mrs. Delmer (Ruth) Honey, Detroit.

Friends will be received at the M.D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home, 69 Wellington St. N., Woodstock where the funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday with Rev. John Thomas of the Burgessville Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Burgessville Baptist Cemetery.

**Jane E. Rapley**

Mrs. Robert Rapley, Reg. N., of RR 1, Burgessville, passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday, December 14, 1983, in her 51st year.

Born in Norwich, she was the former Jane E. Laird, daughter of the late James and Mary Laird.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two daughters Mrs. Richard (Elizabeth) Lange of London and Mary Rapley of Burgessville; and one son Jim Rapley of Kincardine.

She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Robert.

Rested at the Rowell Funeral Home, 134 Riddell Street, Woodstock, where service was held Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m.

Interment in Innerkip Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Woodstock General Hospital Intensive Care Unit would be appreciated by the family