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## Historical Plaque At Frederickhouse

On Saturday the 25th of July, commencing at 2:30 p.m., a ceremony in connection with the unveiling of an historical plaque to commemorate the former Hudson's Bay Company post known as Frederick House will be held near Timmins. The site of the old fort is east of Connaught off Highway No. 67 on Frederick House Lake.

This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Historical Branch of Publicity, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario. It is hoped that this program will arouse interest in the province's past, and stimulate further historical research.

Saturday's ceremony is being sponsored by the Porcupine Chamber of Commerce, and the programme chairman will be Dr. J. B. McClinton who is chairman of the Chamber's Historic Sites Committee. The plaque will be unveiled by the Hon. J. Wilfrid Spooner, Ontario's Minister of Lands and Forests. Prof. T. F. McIlwraith, Head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto, will speak on behalf of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board. Other persons who will take part in the programme include: Mr. Dayton Ostrosser, an honorary member of the Chamber and one of the areas oldest citizens, and Mr. George McBubbin, Manager for the Hudson's Bay Company at Iroquois Falls.

The traditional policy of the Hudson's Bay Company was to establish trading posts on the shores of Hudson and James Bay and encourage the Indians to descend the tributary rivers bringing their furs to these establishments. However, enterprising Canadian traders frequently moved north from the St. Lawrence watershed and established posts on the headwaters of these streams close to the Indians' hunting grounds. Operating from these establishments, they bought furs before these could be taken to the Hudson's Bay trading centres.

One of the company's most important establishments was Moose Factory on James Bay. In 1781 Edward Jarvis who was in charge of that post, wrote his superiors in London stating that Canadian posts in the Abitibi region were being expanded and were seriously interfering with his trade. In the following year Jarvis noted that the Indians in the area had asked that an outpost be established.

Consequently in June 1784 Philip Turnor, one of the Hudson's Bay Company's most competent surveyors and indefatigable travellers was dispatched to choose a site for a new inland post. He first

## Girl Drowns In Abandoned Pit

The first drowning fatality in the district this year occurred last Thursday evening when sixteen-year-old Betty Wilson was drowned in a flooded gravel pit close to Leveille.

The girl with a party of friends drove to the pit from her home in Kenabek for a dip in the small pond close to Highway 65.

It is reported that she slipped off a ledge into about 50 feet of water. Fred Nichols a non-swimmer almost lost his life trying to help the struggling girl. The body was recovered about half-hour after the tragedy.

Funeral services were held in Perrin Funeral Chapel on Monday, and interment was in Rosegrove Cemetery, Kenabek.

selected a location at the junction of the Frederick House and Abitibi Rivers.

However, this proved unsatisfactory, and in the spring or summer of 1785, he abandoned it and moved south "to a little gravel hill on the south-east shore of Lake Waratowaha" (Frederick House Lake). This site is near the junction of Barbers Bay and the main reach of Frederick House Lake. Since Turnor's time the level of the lake has dropped and it was originally closer to the water. When the nearby railway was constructed in 1911, the gravel ridge on which the trading post stood, was excavated for ballast and no physical evidence of the post remains. However, investigations made by Dr. J. B. Turrell and, more recently, by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board indicate that it stood near the location on which the plaque is placed.

The foundation of the post was laid on July 6, 1785, and it was named after the second son of King George III. Two or three persons on the average seem to have been stationed there. The buildings included a residence, warehouse and stable, and crops of barley, oats and potatoes were grown. In spite of the best efforts

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## Women's Institute

Women's Institute branches in the district will be interested in the news that the Federated WI of Canada took out an option Wednesday to buy the birthplace of Mrs. Adelaide Hunter-Hoodless, founder of the Women's Institute. The home is eight miles north of Brantford, and has been designated as an historic site. If the privately owned property is acquired, it will be a project of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Canada. . . .

## N.O.G.A. Tournament Battle of Champions

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A three-way battle, which could very easily expand into a beligerent sextette, should feature the 12th annual Northern Ontario Seniors' Golf Association championships at the Noranda Mines Golf Club, Noranda, on Monday (Civic Holiday) Aug. 3, and Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Cliff Oliver of Noranda, who captured the title at Haileybury with ease last year on his initial appearance in this event, and by virtue was conceded by many in the pre-golf season thinking as the odds-in favorite to repeat over his home course, now appears destined to find his task considerably more difficult than it at first appeared.

Reason number one is the reappearance of Frank Wyatt, of Beattie Mines, the 1950, 1951 and 1954 champion. After a three-year layoff due to illness this redoubtable linksman is making a tremendous effort to get himself in top shape physically so that he can cross irons once more with his long-time rival Oliver. In doing so Wyatt hopes to break the three-time stranglehold he has on the Duncan Campbell Trophy, emblematic of the championship.



Mrs. Catherine O'Keefe and her daughter Tessa of Toronto set out on June 4 to travel to Vancouver in a covered wagon converted from an old milk wagon. The couple passed through New Liskeard this week on their way to the west coast. Mrs. O'Keefe and her daughter cook all their meals and sleep in the wagon. They plan to arrive in Vancouver sometime in November.

## Rolls Across Canada In Covered Wagon

In this modern age of jets and space travel the more adventurous people seem to have resorted to travel by foot and covered

wagons. Last week the Tri-town was visited by Guy Macchia travelling on foot from Halifax to Vancouver. This week two ladies travelling in a milk wagon that has been converted into a covered wagon passed through town on the way to Vancouver from Toronto.

Mrs. Kathy O'Keefe and her daughter Tessa left Toronto on June 4 and have been travelling approximately 20 miles a day to get this far. They hope to get to Vancouver by November and will work during the winter months before starting their trip up the Northern Rockies to the Yukon and back over the same route to visit Quebec and the Maritimes.

Also taking the trip with the ladies is a ten-year-old pet budgie, Eddy. The trio came to Canada from England two years ago and have been planning the trip since they started work in a printing plant in Toronto. Mrs. O'Keefe is an Offset press operator, while her daughter Tessa is skilled as a typist, roto print operator and can also run a Monolith. "We are not in any hurry," states Mrs. O'Keefe, "we just want to take our time and see the country and meet the people. . . . In fact we are so slow at times that Mr. Macchia passed us on foot down below North Bay while on his way to Vancouver. He has to be there in September to win a bet, but we are not out to win a bet, we just want to see the country."

"When we complete our travels," Mrs. O'Keefe went on to say, "we intend to write a book, we are keeping a daily record of our travels. The title will probably be "Across Canada in a Covered Wagon".

## Thieves Loot Earlton Co-op Miss \$13,000

Thieves breaking into the Earlton Farmers Co-op and La Caisse Populaire at Earlton, sometime after 2 a.m. on Sunday morning secured about \$1080 in cash for their troubles. The break-in was discovered about 10 a.m. on Sunday by assistant manager, Arcand Ethier.

According to Corp. Tim Armstrong of the Englehart detachment O.P.P. who investigated, the door of the 6x7 foot cement block vault had been cut open by acetylene torches, one of which was stolen from the Theroux Garage, near by. The thieves then tackled another vault with safety deposit boxes. A cement encased money vault, also had its door burned through but the hole was not large enough for the men to remove the cash box, however they did pry the lid partly off and secured some cash. Cheques were left intact.

Cash, cheques and bonds on hand at the time totalled over \$14,000.

Police found two other tanks of acetylene on the premises which the thieves had brought with them but had not used.

## Ladies Golf At Noranda

Clubs from all over the north from Parry Sound in the east and North Bay to all points northward are represented at the Northern Ontario Ladies Golf Tournament now taking place in Noranda, Quebec. This is the second time it has been held in that city.

Some 29 years ago this association was formed with the first competition being in North Bay. By a coincidence the 25th anniversary of it was held in North Bay four years ago.

The annual meeting was on Tuesday evening, July 21st with a party after to welcome the contestants.

Wednesday was the qualifying round with the scores from this deciding into which flight the players would be placed.

Those attending from the local club are Mrs. F. McFarlane, Mrs. R. A. Murphy and Mrs. S. Bond.

## The Weather

Week Ending July 21st, 1959	
	Max. Min.
Wednesday	84 62
Thursday	90 66
Friday	87 70
Saturday	73 65
Sunday	89 62
Monday	88 69
Tuesday	90 64

## Football Team For Tri-Town District

The Northern Ontario Rugby Football Union has accepted the application sent by Tri-Town footballers, and the district will have a team in the senior loop after a famine of four years.

The team, which will be called the Tri-town Miners is practicing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, commencing at 7 p.m., and any person interested in playing is invited to turn up at the Mining School.

The first game will be played in Haileybury on August 30, and a lot of work is needed before the team is ready.

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