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Second Section

Annual Hill Climb in Esquesing Sets Heavy Motorcycles Roaring

A peaceful pasture slope in Esquesing, dotted with bright flowering weeds, echoed and re-echoed to the roar of laboring motors Sunday afternoon. While 300 spectators ringed the top rim of a horse-shoe shaped decline, lounging on the ground on a beautiful sunny day, 30 helmeted competitors provided the breathtaking thrills and spills of the Georgetown's Yellowjackets Motorcycle Club's annual hill climb.

Up the steep hill came the deafening machines, class by class, the motors forced to the limit of their power to drive the wheels up over the finish line of the agonizingly steep slope. Many bikes, pushed too near the absolutely perpendicular, turned

right over in frightening somersaults. Injuries were hastily treated by Acton St. John Ambulance brigade.

Bigger Than Last Year

A cruelly gouged rut scarred the green hillside at the end of the day's activities. There were more entries and more spectators than at last year's hill climb at the same location just beside

Esquesing township dump off the fourth line near Acton Limestone Quarries.

Climax of the afternoon was a flaming wall crash by Walter Wilson of Ashgrove, a member of the Georgetown Yellowjackets club.

Commentary on P.A.

There was a running commentary through the whole program with George English on the microphone. While the spectators munching hot dogs and drinking soft drinks, sitting comfortably on rugs or lawn chairs or car fenders, he announced the classes and drivers' names. Then, after the roar that drove the motorcycle up the hill, he would announce the time.

Best time of the day was 371 seconds attained by H. Veckanic of Welland City Riders. His class was 600-850 cc. motorcycles.

Three Trials

In each class there were three chances at the hill for each driver. Sometimes a slow starter would grind to a halt and assistants would high-step through the weeds to help turn the unwieldy machine around for another attempt. Sometimes the determined drivers would push their laboring machines over the top bodily as the engines gave out. Sometimes the sharp humps

toaxed the drivers right off their seats; often they managed to leap back on and retain control.

There were bright marking flags up the route and assistants waiting at either side. (Sometimes they had to scramble out of the way of a careening cycle.) The loudspeaker and timing truck were high by the top of the track. Most of the spectators were at a safe distance.

Unlucky Rider

The St. John Ambulance truck was nearby, though. There were three accidents — all to the same driver, George Gade of the R. C. Riders, Guelph. After the third accident, when a foot peg drove into his leg, he was taken to Georgetown hospital. On duty with the ambulance were superintendent Robert Hart and George Hargrave. The booth on the back of a truck was manned by wives and friends of the Yellowjackets.

Class Winners

Classes and winners follow:

200-250 cc. — Mike Binkley, Copeland, Steel City Riders, on a Dot, 4.36 seconds

500 cc. — W. Buckingham, Burlington, 4.18 seconds

600-850 cc. — H. Veckanic, Welland City Riders, fastest time of the day, 371 seconds

Open class — H. Veckanic, 1200 cc. — Gerry Cowtan, Royal City Riders, Guelph, 4.38 seconds.



Over the Top!

SEARING UP A steep hill at the motorcycle hill climb Sunday afternoon were 30 intrepid young riders. The gruelling contest, sponsored by the Yellowjackets Motor Cycle Club of Georgetown, was held again this year on a normally peaceful and deserted hillside off the fourth line in Esquesing.

ABOVE a member of Welland County Riders club riding a 500 cc Triumph snaps the timing cord at the top of the course. Some drivers, their machines driven to the utmost, somersaulted and overturned at the top. The sound truck and timing table are on the left of this photo. **LEFT**, Ray Bolsman of Steel City Riders, Hamilton, guns over the crest of the hill past timer Danny Martin of Georgetown. Bolsman, riding a 200-250 cc class Do entry is lead points man for No. 1 scrambler in Canada and the No. 1 trials rider in Canada. Spectators show as a blur in the background.



EBENEZER

Special Memorial Donation Reported at U.C.W. Meeting

The August meeting of Ebenezer United Church Women was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Norrish recently.

The president, Mrs. Murray Hayward, opened the meeting with a poem "My Master."

The opening hymn was "Sing to the Lord of Harvest."

Mrs. Wilson Bewley read the parable of the vineyard from Mark 12.

Mrs. Wynne Dunbar led in prayer.

Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale gave an inspiring talk from Isaiah, "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Mrs. Dunbar spoke on "The Essential Task of the Church."

Mrs. R. R. Robinson and a miscellaneous shower by Miss S. Thompson and Miss N. Good.

at poem "Dedicated to Rural Ministers."

25 ladies answered the roll call with a Bible verse with the word "Grain."

Special Donation

Mrs. John Henry gave the treasurer's report. It included a special donation from Mr. Lindsay Ferguson in memory of Mrs. Ferguson and Harold.

Mrs. W. Leeman, the wife of the new minister, expressed her appreciation for the new and renewed drapes, etc. in the manse.

The hostess was assisted in serving lunch by Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Art Norrish.

Mrs. M. Moffat was courtesy convenor.

Fell from Binder

The many friends of Mr. Bill Diamond, R. 2, Rockwood, will be glad to know he is coming along fine, after a painful fall from a binder last Monday.

Several Showers For Bride-to-Be

Before her marriage on August 10, Miss Margaret Davison was the guest of honor at several pleasant gatherings.

A barbecue shower was held by Mrs. J. Waterhouse. A miscellaneous shower was held by Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. A. Grant and Mrs. J. Thornhill.

A party shower was held by Mrs. R. R. Robinson and a miscellaneous shower by Miss S. Thompson and Miss N. Good.

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