

News of the district

Bandit robs Hornby store, chased

HORNBY - Occasionally the rural sectors of Halton County get the reputation of being rather quiet and uneventful. There are several residents of the Hornby area who probably disagree at this point.

Mrs. Robert Crawford, manageress of Crawford's General Store, Hornby, looked up from her adding late Wednesday afternoon to see a red-haired young man of medium height cock the action of a pump shotgun and demand the day's receipts.

Mistaking his actions for a joke, she hesitated and was struck on the wrist with the gun barrel.

One of three customers in the store, 19-year-old Lucas von Kulms of Sixth Line, was also staring at the bandit, assuming the whole thing was a jest when the gun crashed onto his forehead, leaving a long gash and well-blackened right eye.

A moment later the lone gunman collected \$200 cash and leapt through the passenger door of his vehicle, knocking a box of tissues to the ground. Some of the tissues were later used to stop up von Kulms' wound as another store customer, 19-year-old Diana Frederick of Hornby raced him to Milton District Hospital where he was treated and released.

Evidence indicates the bandit escaped west along Base Line Road.

Station attendant Ross Harkness was ordered to fill the white late model Ford station wagon with gas -- a sale curtailed by the arrival of motorcycleist Wayne Pickett of Trafalgar Rd. and a car driven by Stephen Barr of Milton, who had been tailing the station wagon from Hornby.

The motorist proceeded north on Highway 25 toward Highway 401. Later a vehicle driven by Mrs. Irene Burt of R.R. 1, McFarl was forced off the 401 and stolen, just a short time before a Galt man, John Sicking had his vehicle commandeered in the same manner eight miles further west.

Next victims of car-theft on the highway were two Kitchener girls, Lucyl Dbigobocki and Ann Mills, who were forced at gunpoint to drive west.

This last crime was spotted by Guy Helston of R.R. 1, Brownsville, who flagged down an O.P.P. cruiser and reported it.

The constable raided a second car and less than two-and-a-half hours after the Hornby holdup a 21-year-old Ilington man was apprehended in the girls' car near Woodstock, charged with armed robbery, car theft, abduction and assault and held in custody in the Ontario Mental Hospital at Hamilton.

Blame tight money for museum delay

MILTON - The Ontario Government's agricultural museum at Kelson Conservation Area seems a long way off yet.

In a letter to the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association this week, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture and Food, William A. Stewart blames the "tight money" situation for the delay. The O.S.A.P.A. was planning to co-operate with the Department in the building and equipping of the new museum, which is to be erected on the former A. R. Service farm adjoining Kelso.

"It was our hope a start could have been made by now on the proposed Ontario Agriculture Museum," Mr. Stewart said. "However, due to the curtailment of the Ontario Government expenditures in this period of high interest rates and tight money, it was thought prudent to delay for the time being the commencement of this project."

"It is our sincere hope that circumstances will permit our proceeding as soon as possible," the minister said.

Steam Association officials had hoped to help equip the museum with rare Canadian farm antiques, and hold their annual shows there instead of Milton Fair Grounds, where the past seven reunions have been staged. This year the "Steam-Era" reunion returns to Milton on Labor Day weekend.

Expect Elora Gorge to attract 80,000

ELORA - Attendance at Elora Gorge Park which has been declining steadily for the past five years, is expected to level off this year. The attendance reached a peak of 104,000 in 1962 and declined to 85,000 last summer. A total of 7,800 parking units visited the park in 1967.

Total attendance this year is expected to be between 80,000 and 90,000. The park opened May 1 and will be operated until October 15. Attendance has been declining as other recreation areas opened.

Officials of the Grand River Conservation Authority, which operates the park, say that attendance has been too high for the past few years and the 80,000 visitors is the proper level. Attendance ten years ago was 27,000.

Surprise party for principal at Glen Williams

A reunion at Glen Williams school turned out to be a surprise going away party for principal Ralph McKeown, who is going to Limehouse school as principal.

Approximately 250 ex-students, teachers and parents turned up on the hot Saturday afternoon, June 8, to say goodbye to principal McKeown, who has served 13 years in the Glen Williams school.

In a co-operative effort of teachers and parents the whole

program, refreshments and gifts were secretly arranged.

Ex-pupil, Gloria Zillo, now a teacher herself, presented Mr. McKeown with a fireplace screen and fireplace utensils.

Little Krista Klason presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. McKeown while the kindergarten class sang, half starred their way through a goodbye song.

Son Bob McKeown acted as emcee for the afternoon and introduced the students who performed.

Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

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PONIES ARE ALWAYS an attraction for the the Rockwood carnival Saturday. They were children and this, sitting, was no exception at busy WRH riders all afternoon. (Staff Photo)

CHURCHILL

Pen-pals meet for first time English visitors see Ontario

by Mrs. F. McArthur

Miss June Swackhamer held a class party for Class A of Erin High School on Sunday at their home at Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie attended the Foster Reunion held near Cheltenham on Sunday, June 16.

Mrs. Cecil Best of Peterborough is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott and family of Port Arthur are visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonald and Gordon. They are also attending the Moose Lodge Convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. The children are holidaying with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Storey of Orillia visited at the same home on Sunday.

Miss Janice Swackhamer visited over the weekend with her cousin Sharon Leslie and attended the Ford Picnic at Crystal Beach on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and Debbie also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and Joyce visited at Collingwood and Thornbury on Sunday. Miss Kathy Swackhamer spent the day at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Angus Joy and Gordio of Wyoming, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Nelson and family of Guelph, Mrs. Louise Hillz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron and family, both families of Rockwood, visited on Father's day with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter. Mrs. Angus and children are spending a week with her parents before returning home.

We are pleased to report Mr. and Mrs. Galas and family whose home was destroyed by fire last year is being re-built. They hope to be moving in before too long.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Julian last week brought some English friends to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and family. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phelps are from Cleaton Village in the Newcastle - Upon - Tyne area. Mrs. Phelps has for years been an Institute pen-pal of Mrs. Julian but they had never before met.

She and her husband are making the Julian home their headquarters for three weeks with side trips to Niagara Falls, Ottawa, and other points of interest.

The Phelps also met the Jim McCullochs and were surprised to find that at one time the McCullochs had lived in County Durham. Needless to say they

enjoyed a jolly good chat over their cup of tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have promised to revisit their Acton friends before they return to their home in Cleaton Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duggan of Toronto visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch and Beverly.

Mrs. Ward Hamilton visited her father-in-law Mr. Frank Hamilton in Scarborough on Saturday.

Hitch-hiker jumps on driver's head

Last week the Free Press had a front page interview with a couple of friendly squirrels who travelled, kangaroo-style, in Harold Townsley's shirt pocket.

This week, another wild life tale.

Friday morning Stuart Johnson was driving through town when a chipmunk began leaping in nervous agitation around his car - with its first leap from the back seat right up onto the driver's head! From the dashboard it jumped again and apparently located itself a hiding place in the car. When Mr. Johnson stopped, he couldn't find the tiny hitch-hiker anywhere.

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Senior show held by Trail Riders

Rockwood - A large crowd of spectators saw the Trail Riders senior show. Sixteen classes and games were judged by Mrs. Audrey Loney, Elora, and Bruce Lawrence, Rockwood.

Champions for the day: Western, Al Fox, Guelph; reserve, Jean Pettit, Rockwood; English, Di Duncan, Rockwood; reserve, Babs Ellis, Rockwood.

Winners are as follows in order: Ladies' barback equitation: Babs Ellis, Di Duncan; Jean Pettit, Nancy Beaton; Western riding, Di Duncan, Mary Hatch, Tom Smith, Jean Pettit; pole bounding, Al Fox, Jean Pettit; Ken Tuck, Faye Milburn; English pleasure horse, Nancy Beaton; Di Duncan, Jackie Rowe, Pat Daley; Texas speed and action, Al Fox, Ken Tuck, Jean Pettit, Tom Smith; trail race, Ken Tuck, Di Duncan, Jean Pettit; Tom Smith; barrel race, Al Fox, Jean Pettit, Mary Hatch, Faye Milburn; scurry race Babs Ellis, Ken Tuck, Di Duncan. Western riding, Jean Pettit, Ken Tuck, Al Fox, Tom Smith; flag race, Al Fox, Ken Tuck, Lois Harris, Jean Pettit; open jumper, Babs Ellis, David Rowe, Di Duncan; pick-up race, Al Fox, Ken Tuck, Roger Harris; relay race Di Duncan and Jean Pettit, Bob Smith and Al Fox.

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