



CAMPERS AND PICNICKERS enjoy swimming off the pier that juts out into Fairy Lake at the Breezes. (Staff Photo)



ROWS OF TENTS and trailers went up at the Breezes on the long weekend. According to manageress Mrs. Wood, they were almost all out-of-town people. (Staff Photo)

Private parks on Fairy Lake attract out-of-town campers and picnickers

Local facilities always tend to be appreciated more by those from out of town. In the last few years, the far side of Fairy Lake has developed into a tourist area for travellers from all over Ontario.

On an average summer weekend, both the Breezes and Smallwood Acres are crowded with trailers and tents complete with swimmers, boaters and sun bathers.

Mrs. Wood who manages the Breezes claims that relatively few local people come over. She gets mostly out of town people who are on holiday trips and

Mirthful Mountfords

Vince funniest in family

Vince Mountford, the durable emcee-comic who has enlivened entertainment in this district for long years is the subject of an article written by Paddy Thomas in The Brampton Times.

Vince Mountford, the durable emcee-comic almost as well known here as he is in his home town of Brampton should have a slogan Mountford Manufactures Mountains of Mirth.

An irrepressible humorist, who couldn't resist slipping in the odd jokes during a more or less serious interview, — Mr.

Mountford's favourite occupation is making people laugh.

His ability to entertain was discovered a long time ago. Born in England, a Shropshire lad, he came to Canada with his family when he was a lad of two.

The Mountfords settled in the Shelburne area, and being a family of 11 with a Welsh father who loved to sing — they made their own fun, and the funnest of them all was young Vince.

In both the Shelburne Public School and the Orangeville High School, Vince Mountford's ability to amuse was fully exposed in school concerts and field days — and often, when humor wasn't expected — in the classroom.

He married his most severe critic, an Arthur girl named Ethel in 1935. "She doesn't help me with my acts, but she does keep my shirts clean," quipped Mr. Mountford, "and she certainly lets me know if I am not up to scratch — she also reports on audience reaction — and it isn't always flattering," he added with customary honesty.

When the Mountfords moved to Brampton, Vince used to sing with the once very well known Ed Capps Ironic Masonic Choir and to relieve the monotony of continuous choral singing Mr. Capps requested Mr. Mountford to perform a routine or produce a skit and from then on the Mountford name seemed to appear whenever there was a fall fair, ladies night, a banquet, service club 'do' or benefit performance.

While on holiday in California with his wife and youngest son Charlie, the two male Mountfords decided to compete in a Hollywood Opportunity Night. They not only appeared on a televised program from the Paramount Studios, they also carried away first prize — a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica each — and a gold wrist watch suitably engraved with the honor they had won.

The Mountfords have two sons, Al, the oldest, who is a CBC cameraman and Charlie, a professional pianist who has played with such 'greats' as Oscar Peterson and Bobby Gimby.

Charlie is one of those remarkable musicians who play, with astounding facility, the classical works of Chopin and Beethoven, through popular ballads and songs to real red hot jazz.

Charlie isn't the only musician in the family. Pop Mountford swings it on the fiddle, ukulele,

banjo, piano and mouth organ and when it comes to the drums — well Ringo Starr has nothing on Vince Mountford. His favorite comic is Bob Hope and his favorite joke — Vince Mountford. He said: "You know, sometimes I only have to stand up with my silly expression on and people burst out laughing — very gratifying."

He has numerous routines, and just as many costumes to give them authenticity. He performs Irish and Scottish numbers, the blar-blah Englishman or the cockney, the Welsh Dalbach or the man on the street who may have inhibited a little too rashly.

He has appeared with a formidable list of professional performers including Juliette, Tommy Hunter and goodness knows who else, and this year, will repeat his performance with the Tommy Hunter show during Mr. Hunter's season at the Academy Theatre, Lindsay. He will share the comic spot alternately with Gordie Tapp and Alexander Ragtime Road.

Back in 1950, when Shelburne held its first Old Time Fiddlers Contest, Mr. Mountford was one of the fiddlers — but for the past 16 contests, he has acted as Master of Ceremonies for this event, and this August, will mark up his 17th performance at the town now known as Fiddleville.

No matter where you go, you meet up with Mountford — be it the Steam Era Re-union at Milton, Acton Fair, the Sunnyside Brook Veterans Hospital, where he has appeared in many musician union sponsored benefits, Lions Clubs, the Calgary Stampede, the CNE — you name it, — you will find him there.

Game farm expects another fox in fall

The ever-increasing "family" at Mountsberg Game Farm will welcome yet another addition this fall, manager Frank Timmermans reports.

The farm already has a female fox and will acquire a male from the Bowmanville Zoo. The farm with its various animals is open to the public and is expected to find a greater use as a conservation school once the Halton regional board of education comes into effect.

Mr. Timmermans said a lot of the students from Oakville public and high schools come to the farm now to take soil tests and learn practical forestry.

What is the difference between valor and discretion? Well to travel on an ocean liner without tipping would be valor. I see. And to come back on a different boat would be discretion.



FISHING FROM THE FOOTBRIDGE at the Breezes, Joe and Dave McGarr of Guelph generally manage to take home a feed of sunfish and bass. They come often just to fish. (Staff Photo)

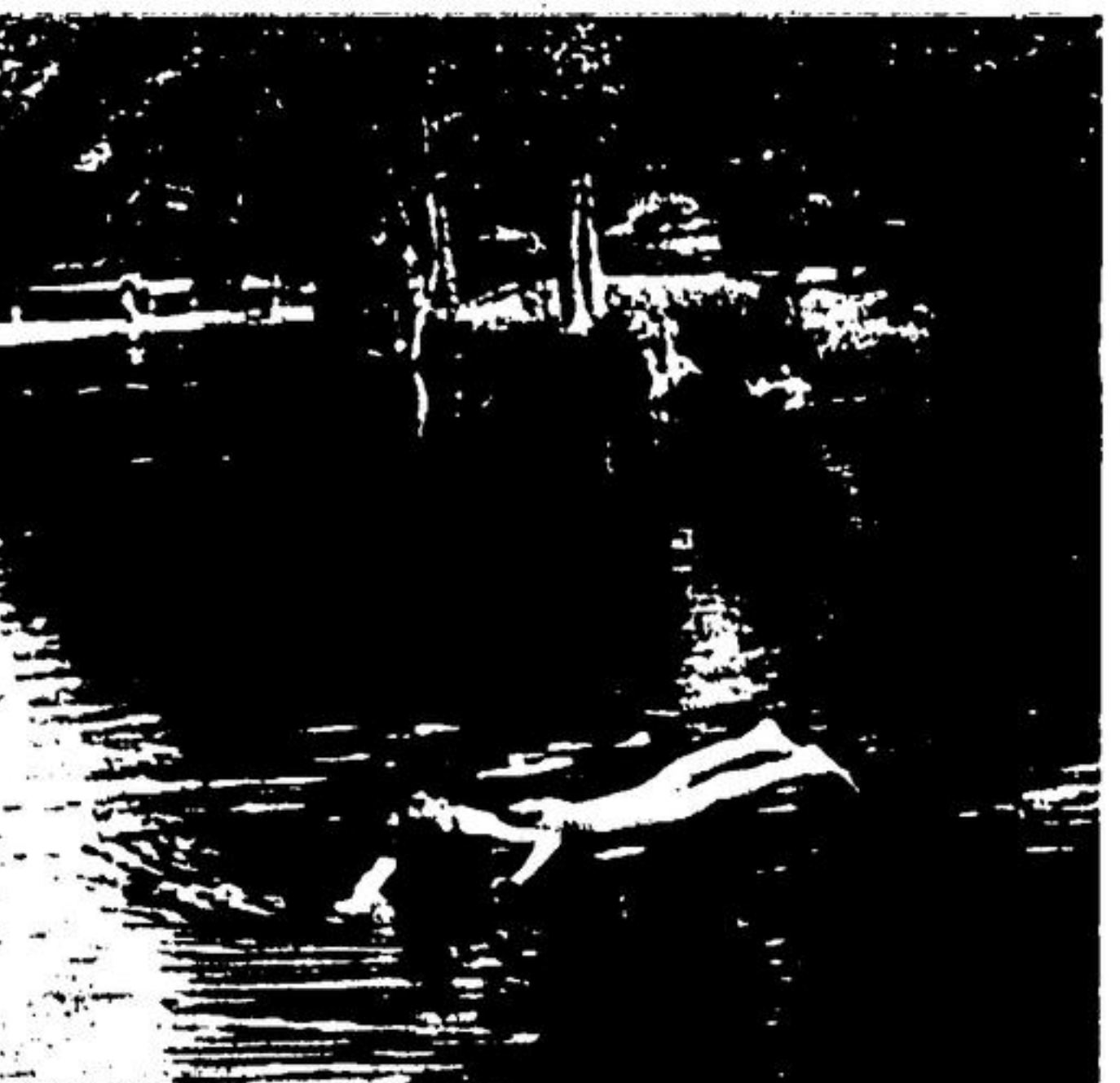
Acton delegates at convention

Don Van Fleet and W. Duval Jr. were official Acton delegates to the Ontario Fire Fighters Association convention at Welland over the civic holiday weekend. They attended the convention along with their wives.

Also attending from Acton were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsley, Mr. and Mrs. P. McCristall and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Withers.

ONTARIO FOOD EXPORTS

Ontario food processors and win producers who took part in province-sponsored sales missions, or exhibited at Ontario Food Council displays at overseas fairs, reported \$6,930,000 sales in 1967, not including repeat orders. Products included canned, fresh and frozen vegetables, canned fruits and juices, honey, skim milk powder, cheese, jams, frozen Chinese dinners, apples, meat and meat products, pie fillings, pickles and wines.



FLOATING ON AIR on a Sunday afternoon. What could be more to a boy's fancy than drifting down the creek at the Breezes on an inflated rubber tire. (Staff Photo)



MR. AND MRS. JOHN EAKINS of Oakville have been camped at the Breezes for over a month.

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