



SCENIC FALLS at Cataract, above the Forks of the Credit, was the scene of two accidents last week when victims fell over the brink. One youth drowned and another man is in hospital with a broken back as the result of the drop.—(Staff Photo)

Summer improvements for community hall

By Mrs. Robert Wright
A reunion of the Thompson family was held Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson's where about 30 gathered for an outside picnic on the lawns of their home. The guest of honor was Mr. Thompson Sr. of Everton who celebrated his seventieth birthday.

The executive of Eden Mills and District Community Club held their monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the hall. Several items of business were attended to in regards to the summer program.

The Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers plus the Nursery School will not be using the hall for the summer months so arrangements have been made to have the floor sanded and other improvements made. The Committees for the annual Fun Fair will be arranged next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Kidd and son Jim were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright.

The choir of Eden Mills Presbyterian church entertained the residents of Eden House

Nursing Home Thursday evening with several anthems and trios bringing a little sunshine into their lives.

OSPRINGE

Pupils stage car wash

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Grade 8 pupils of the local school, held a very successful car wash, on Friday afternoon, proceeds of which will help defray the expense of the graduation banquet.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Lawrence Webinski, Second Line, whose father passed away recently in the Winnipeg area. Mr. Webinski flew west to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce visited on Sunday with their son and daughter-in-law Garnet and Mrs. Bruce in Toronto.

Former store proprietor dies in Regina at 77

By Mrs. R. McLean

The Junior Choir sang on Sunday, with Sandra Early as soloist. Next Sunday, the biennial

memorial service will be held at Ebenezer cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Leonte Goian, who was the popular proprietor of the general store at Brookville a few years ago. He passed away at Regina, on May 29, age 77 years. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Daigle and family drove out to the funeral, which was held in St. George's Orthodox Cathedral.

Mrs. Joyce Beeton was the special speaker at the June meeting of Ebenezer U.C.W. The Beeton's are moving to Montreal, and will be much missed by their many friends here. Mrs. Beeton gave a very interesting paper on brotherhood. Mrs. Young was the convener. Seventeen ladies answered the roll with a verse containing the word "people."

to leave the Guelph hospital on Saturday, following eye surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Robertson, Guelph, visited recently with Mrs. M. Jackson.

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Double tragedy

Drowning, broken back at scenic Cataract

A double tragedy at the high and broken the back of a falls at scenic Cataract has claimed the life of a swimmer Walter Kurtz, 19, of R. R. 1,

Terra Cotta, drowned at the base of the falls after slipping from a rock at the site of the old generating plant. He fell 30 feet and disappeared into the foam and rocks at the base of the falls.

Glen Coulter of Caledon, a professional diver, recovered the body. Kurtz was swimming with two other youths, Ronald and Robert MacGregor of Terra Cotta and two girls when the accident happened.

A Rexdale man, David Oliver, 20 fell and broke his back at almost the same spot where Kurtz fell to his death. He was treated at the Orangeville hospital for cuts and bruises as well as a broken back.

The Cataract cuts through the Niagara escarpment forming a deep gorge where the Credit River rumbles through in a series of cascades before plunging over a 30 foot cliff in a spectacular falls.

NEWS of the district

65 years old

ERIN—The 65th anniversary of the founding of the Belfountain-Rockside Women's Institute was celebrated at Belfountain Public School. Special guests included Mrs. W. Sinclair, Georgetown; Mrs. George Scott, Erin, both members prior to 1916 and Mrs. J. C. MacMillan, R.R.1, Terra Cotta longest active member. Mrs. H. Copeland is president and Mrs. G. Corbett secretary.

Crisis averted

FERGUS—A major crisis among high school teachers in Wellington could have developed just before the May 31 deadline for teachers' resignations, but meetings held on several days and nights apparently helped to divert it.

The difficulties between the teachers and the Wellington County board of education arose over contract negotiations. It was reported that the teachers would go on strike and that most of the 420 in the county had resigned. "As usual with rumors, these stories were not true but there was some fire in the smoke," explains the Fergus weekly paper.

Featured on TV

FERGUS—Once more, the Fergus and Elora area will be featured in part of a television broadcast on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. A few years ago, a whole series of telecasts featured life in Fergus. Other programs have shown some of the scenery in this part of the province.

The latest program, which will be shown sometime in the fall, was originally intended as a summer replacement for a farm show but the producer said that a better time spot had been found, probably in early September.

Only one of the C.B.C. crew had ever been there before and the others couldn't get over how beautiful the countryside can be. They were particularly impressed with the deep gorge of the Grand River which starts at Fergus and extends beyond Elora.

As an interview part of the program, the site chosen was the bottom of the Elora gorge at the point where the Irvine and the Grand Rivers meet. This involved having the whole crew of about 10 persons carry the equipment down the long flight of steps, across the river on bare feet and along the rocks on the other shore to reach a suitable spot. In spite of all the effort, everyone agreed that it was worth it.

Featured on the show will be Laurie Jennings, a former farm editor of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record and former news editor of the now defunct Georgetown Leader, and now with the C.B.C. farm broadcast department.

Georgetown facelifting?

GEORGETOWN—Ideas for a facelifting of the Georgetown business area were sketched at a meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Martel, a Toronto architect, outlined a plan on which he has been engaged in Peterborough in which merchants are co-operating in harmonizing store fronts and the city in removing overhead wiring where possible and standardizing street signs.

He first showed before and after movies of Magdalen Street in Norwich, England, where a large scale renovation has put dollars in the pockets of merchants and gained worldwide publicity, all at a nominal cost of six thousand pounds.

Mr. Martel then showed colored slides of downtown buildings and scenes, followed with sketches of how these could be changed. Among his ideas—trees planted down Main Street's centre island... bright paint and banners in the walkway from the parking lot running along Silver's Store... elimination of overhead signs... harmonizing color schemes of adjoining stores.

Introducing the speaker, Sandy Mackenzie warned that merchants might fight the logics of an older shopping area—if business is good, why change... if business is bad, can't afford it.

"The consumer is king and queen" he said, "and with huge shopping plazas on our doorstep there is going to be an era of unprecedented competition and merchants can't sit by and expect to survive without updating business wherever possible.

OBITUARY

Wray Bessey was farmer

Member of one of Esqueping's oldest families, Wray Herbert Bessey, 66, died on May 27 in Georgetown hospital.

Son of the late John and Annie Taylor Bessey, he was born on the Sixth Line farm given by the crown to his ancestors and farmed there after his father's death. He sold the farm last year, because of illness, and moved to Georgetown to live at 291 Delux Blvd.

He attended school at the Stone School and was affiliated with First Baptist Church. He was a member of North Halton Curling Club.

He leaves his wife, Prairie Bessey, whom he married in 1931; a brother Harry, R.R.2, Georgetown and sisters Mrs. B. Morris (Gertrude) and Mrs. H. Speers (Pearl) of Toronto and Mrs. C. Smith (Mildred) of Kitchener. He was predeceased by brothers Franklin, Wilfred, Roy and Robert.

Rev. L. E. Wilton conducted the funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews Robert Bessey, Toronto and Donald Hunter, Streetsville, Paul Job, Milton, Keith Job, Sean and Neil Tost.

Check bikes

Accident Prevention Personnel of Milton O.P.P. conducted safety talks in Glen Williams, Limehouse and Pineview Public Schools this week. In all 15 talks were given, involving approximately 449 pupils. In addition, 55 bicycles were given safety checks.

CLUMSY KILLERS
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