

Antique auto tour delights Deaths

With a three hour "pre-start" shine by its proud owner, the ultra shiny, maroon, 1934 Lincoln V 12, originally owned by late movie star Ned Sparks, spanned the open highway between Rockwood and Orillia with an engine that averages 10 miles to the gallon and a capable maximum speed of 50 miles per hour.

The date of Sunday, August 6 was just another to many local citizens, but to the Ray Deaths, and five of their seven children, it marked the seventh of another eventful car tour of fun, adventure, acquaintanceships, and family enjoyment.

The Normans' Hub Tour, organized by the National Historical Automobile Society

of Canada, was being held in Orillia, with the majority of the vintage car enthusiasts hailing from all parts of Ontario and a few from various other places.

"We finally left the house at 11.30 in the morning," said Ray, "and arrived in Orillia two hours later without a hitch except to stop and encourage a poor guy from London driving his 1928 Ford Coach who had to stop to repair two flat tires on the way up." It seems that this same unnamed car operator won the week's "most flats on the road" trophy as he totalled nine flat tires in all.

Fortunately for the Deaths, the N.H.A.S. is a real family club and all outings are geared to this end. "at one time," said Betty

"we used to win the "Largest Family Trophy" but now, with so many family types investing and restoring old cars, we are not unusual anymore, many of the tourers have a number of children."

Sixty-five dedicated car owners and families set up tents and camped at Tudhope Park or stayed at various local motels. The Death family borrowed a two wheel trailer for the occasion which was constantly referred to by the jovial club members as the "deadly circus tent". It was used as the sleeping quarters on an exchange basis for this versatile family, with the boys using it for two nights and the girls taking over the

remainder of the vacation. An ordinary tent was used as substitute sleeping quarters.

The town of Orillia hosted the car club who were on hand for the civic holiday sports panorama of parades, open air shows, baseball games, water and air shows, sponsored by the local Rotarians. The entire week's activities was a series of tours, contests, trips, picnics and chicken fries, and more tours. Processions of vintage cars were the delight of pedestrians and modern vehicle drivers alike.

People would mill around the 1915 C-25 McLaughlin Touring car; a 1929 Model A Ford Roadster caused a stir; and the Model A Ford Tudor created tremendous interest. Oldsters and youngsters all became involved in this centralization of old but roadworthy vehicles which produced nostalgic memories for some and delight to others.



RAY DEATH, his family and his 1934 Lincoln enthusiasts gathered at Orillia. (Staff Photo)

Jamboree delights music fans

Jamboree nights at the Rockwood Rockery are fast becoming a Sunday evening highlight for many country and folk music fans in this area.

Approximately 100 cars filled with occupants filed into parking space last Sunday night to watch the Kiwanis Show featuring top notch talent performing on the temporary stage.

Loudly honking horns honked the approving audience's enjoyment and, with calls coming in fast asking for more shows like it, Harvey Tuffin, proprietor of the Rockery, feels compelled to promise that these shows will become a regular bi-monthly event possibly running through the entire summer.

"It's great to have these shows right here in the village" said a number of the customers and others were surprised at the attraction to out-of-towners who congregated in their cars coming in from Orangeville, Guelph,

Acton, and even from the competitive district of Rocklea.



George Thomas recovers after fall from tree

A fall from a dying elm tree has been responsible for the hospitalization of the Guelph Mercury's Rockwood reporter.

Cutting down trees for the village on Fall Street last week, George Thomas, of Old Quarry Lane, was forced by branch falling directly above him, to jump clear, 10 feet from the top

of a ladder on which he was working.

With the ladder going in one direction and Mr. Thomas in the other, he narrowly escaped even greater injuries than those incurred. He fell to the ground and it was some minutes before his calls for help attracted other workers employed nearby who immediately called for an ambulance.

He was taken to Guelph General Hospital where he was in a state of shock for some hours. Dr. Maharaj, the physician in charge, reports Mr. Thomas to be recuperating nicely with a fractured heel, cracked pelvis and numerous bruises. It is expected that his hospitalization will be short.

"He's feeling so well now," said the chagrined Mrs. Thomas, "that all he wants to do is get right back and finish up those trees."

Honor Ida Mae Pierce on her 83rd birthday

Birthday celebrations for Mrs. Ida Mae Pierce, 150 Station Street, Rockwood, took place in



Rockwood Conservation Park on Sunday, August 3, when 22 sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and in-laws, and great grandchildren gathered from the vicinity of Elmira and Guelph.

Born in Wellesley township between Linwood and Hawkesville, 83 years ago, the energetic Mrs. Pierce plants, weeds, and grows her own flowers and vegetables.

Her sons, Vivian Pierce from Elmira, and Terry from Guelph brought their own canoes for the family get-together while Fred Pierce, also from Guelph, supplied a covered truck for a birthday feast of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, cold drinks, and to top off the occasion, two homemade birthday cakes served with ice cream.

The guest of honor was then presented with many gifts, cards and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

"But I did not win the prize for being the eldest person there," said the smiling octogenarian as she grinned in the direction of Ainley Craft, also of Station Street, who was a guest at the affair with his 89th year birthday to be celebrated in November.

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Wal, if it ain't time to say howdy again! So, there it is folks, Howdy!

Things is gettin' rough around here and I'm findin' it just a little hard to take. Was trottin' quietly through the Conservation Park the other night and heard a couple of real nasties complain' out loud about that mouthy horse called Pretty Fair talkin' to much and usin' such poor grammar "nall. Wal, I ain't goin' to get upset about it but yew can take it from me if I hears too much of that sort of thing I just aint gonna write up no more columns and that's fer shure. Ga-w-l-y, I'm the only educated horse I'm knowin' about and I shore aint gonna sit back and worry none about such gawps.

THAT DURR stallion of Di. Duncan's is goin' to Vermont accordin' to the horsevine and it's just another thing to bum me up. That horse gets to go to all the good places an' if I go anywheres I gotta make plumb sure that I earn my keep.

BY THE WAY, Jim Thatcher was sayin' the other night that he was down Guelph Street and happened to notice the new lawn at Ketho's house. Gosh, I didn't say nothin' to Jim but yew'll hafta show me. Last time I saw that house was in the spring and it was all dog up with tractors and trucks all over the place and with the hydric lines hangin' lookin' real dangerous to me. Plumb decided never to go near that place again and now I hear it's one of the best lookin' spots in Rockwood. Just goes to show ya what enterprise will do.

HEY! Checked in with Duke Ellis last week and he tole me as 'thow Babs Ellis took her laundry into that laundromat piec in Guelph and heard tell as 'thow the coke machine had been robbed. The theevin' mavericks didn't get much accordin' to Duke though, just made a nawful mess of that machine and got about Three bucks. I'd shore like to give such connivers a good buck myself with one of Dick's whips 'cause people what steal aint no good

for anythin'. Especially when that pore laundromat guy is probably havin' a terrible time makin' ends meet. Shore hope he don't put up the price of washin' and dryin', course d'ont effect me none as I don't get to get my hay washed or nothin'.

LAST MONDAY I was trottin' down No. 7 Highway and I saw a real weathered Toronto, Star lyn' and 'browin' in the middle of the road. It was opened right wide at the sport's page and when I stopped and looked to over I shore was surprised to find that sports column don't just take in baseball after all. Here I've been hawgwashed all this time with John and Dick talkin' nothin' but ball around here I thought that's what sports is. Seems there's all kind of things like tennis, roller skatin', volleyball, and all sorts of things that young people can be doin' sides ball. Guess, it just goes to show ya, a gal's gotta get around a little to find out about these things.

WAL, FOLKS, gotta run now or Dick's not gonna allow me to have no more aqa-plus for good treats. By now,
 Pretty Fair.

Douse fire in park

What could easily have developed into a serious bush fire in the Conservation Park here on Thursday afternoon was averted by the quick thinking of the Grand River staff officials.

A group of teachers from St. Catharines on an educational hike walked approximately 150 yards past the famous Devil's well when they noticed heavy smoke in the rock crevices. They promptly phoned the Rockwood fire department.

Arriving in fast time the brigade truck did not have proper access to the actual location of the blaze which, by that time was well under the control of the park staff, using their own pump equipment.

"The rocks in which the fire had been burning for approximately three or four days was so hot," said Jim Muir, Park Superintendent, "that even after 45 minutes of heavy dousing they were still too hot to touch, and, if it had not been discovered any slight fanning could have had serious results.

Although fires in this particular area of the park are not allowed because of lack of supervision, there are several signs indicating that hikers are making campfires. In the hot summer this is of serious concern to the supervisor. A slight rain immediately following the discovery aided in squelching any chance of restarting.

Comin's and Goin's

Mrs. Di. Duncan and five other riders from Southern Ontario will be leaving Rockwood shortly on a trip to Vermont where they will participate in a 100 mile competitive trail ride. A special van will be sent up to transport Mrs. Duncan's own horse, Maverick, and the other horses. Di. and her daughter Lynne will then be staying on for two weeks as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reeves and their daughter, of South Woodstock, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of Everton, returned home recently after a delightful two week vacation at Tassa Lake, Huntsville.

Congratulations to Miss Sandra Root, Guelph Street, as she recently passed her qualifying swimming test making her eligible to take a further course for her senior examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crabtree recently returned home from their trip to England and Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis and family spent part of their summer vacation visiting Bab's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson at Midland Point, Ontario and then left for Oshawa where they enjoyed a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril French, Ray's sister and her husband.

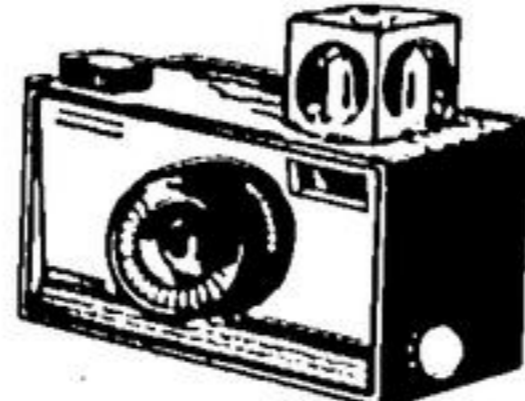
Ray and Betty Death, while on their recent N.H.A.S. tour in Orillia recently, dropped in and visited the Dave Armstrong family. He was very pleased to have Rockwood visitors and wanted to let his friends know that he and his family were faring well.

One arm makes for dangerous driving...not to mention poor hugging!

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