



— Ontario Hydro Photo

### MOUNTAIN ASH OR BOA CONSTRICTOR?

**THIS MOUNTAIN ASH TREE** has grown for more than six decades like a twisted pretzel or plant snake. On the left is Frank J. Prouse, 75, who as a boy, more than 60 years ago, helped to twist the tree limbs into their present shape. Looking on at right is Hal Smuck, Ontario Hydro's resident engineer for the Commission's Pickering township nuclear plant. The tree is on the power station grounds.

## Pranksters Didn't Know They Were Creating A Landmark

Twisted to resemble a huge pretzel, a mountain ash tree at the corner of Brock Road and Montgomery Road in Pickering Twp., has been the object of curiosity for many years.

The tree is located on property now owned by Ontario Hydro for its 1,060,000 kilowatt Pickering nuclear power plant.

Cause of the strange shape of the tree has been obscured in the mist of time. Most of the older residents of Pickering-Ajax area know about the tree and its location. It even has been painted on canvases by artists and photographed many times. But only one veteran could be found who knew the

story behind the grotesquely twisted tree. He is Frank J. Prouse, 75, Pickering Township building inspector.

Mr. Prouse said that he grew up on the farm next to the one on which the tree was located. Some 62 years ago, he and the sons of the late Tom Marquis, on whose farm the tree was located, as a boyish prank had 'wound up the tree limbs' into their present twisted shape.

Mr. Prouse recalled that the tree limbs bent easily and remained intertwined. The ones which were more difficult to twist, those youths of 60 years ago were able to bend with ropes.

And so the tree which is possibly 80 years old has remained wound up and twisted like a pretzel for more than six decades. Pickering Township officials indicated at first that they might desire to remove and preserve the tree by replanting it on township property. Ontario Hydro officials cooperated to accommodate in the proposed tree removal plan by altering the fence line slightly. This put the twisted mountain ash tree on the extreme north-east corner of the Commission property just outside the steel fence.

It now appears that no action is contemplated to remove the tree because close inspection indicates it is decaying in its centre and removal might hasten the end. So it likely will remain an ancient, odd appearing and twisted curiosity piece on its original ground not far from one of the world's largest and most modern nuclear power stations.

(Frank Prouse's son, Clinton J. Prouse, works for Ontario Hydro. He started his Hydro career after World War II at Scarborough Transformer Station. He is now Electrical General Foreman at Pinard Transformer Station which is under construction near Hydro's Abitibi Canyon community at Preridale, Ontario.)

## Georgetown Witnesses Join In Word of Truth Assembly

During last week twenty-five members of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses left town to attend their "Word of Truth" district assembly at London's Western Fairgrounds which opens Thursday afternoon. They joined 10,000 of their brothers from 6 Canadian provinces, 27 states, and Mexico in a demonstration of unity and faith. The gathering at London together with similar ones at Sydney, N.S. and New York City's Yankee Stadium this weekend will conclude the North American series.

Asked what the Witnesses did at the four-day event, Mr. Melville Taylor said: "We attended a total of 20 hours of meetings consisting of discourses, experiences, pantomimes and demonstrations, designed to strengthen our faith in the Bible as God's Word of truth. Between sessions we will spread the good news of God's kingdom from house to house in the area and fellowship with our Christian brothers. These conventions are the highlight of our year and keenly looked forward to by all of Jehovah's Witnesses."

Members of the local congregation were assisting to staff the convention's 22 departments. "Some will be making

sandwiches, others will serve as attendants, cleaners and in first aid. There is much work to be done for the smooth and successful operation of a convention of this size" said Mr. Taylor.

"The members of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be in a much better position to serve the spiritual needs of the community as a result of attending the convention" concluded Mr. Taylor.

## Honeymoon in Maritimes Follows Holy Cross Vows

Now living at 88 Guelph St., Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Roderick Giberson were married in Holy Cross Church recently. The bride, Catharine Ann Campbell, who is employed at Georgetown Hospital, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Campbell, St. Teresa's, P.E.I. The groom who is employed with Smith & Stone, Ltd. is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Giberson, Arthurville, N. B.

Father Oger DeVant officiated at the wedding ceremony and bouquets of gladioli and roses were on the altar. Mrs. George C. Hewson was organist. The groom's cousins, Miss Brenda McNeil sang The Lord's Prayer and O Perfect Love.

The bride wore a floor length gown of white embroidered lace over tulle. The full skirt extended from a fitted bodice designed with scalloped neckline. Her shoulder length veil of tulle illusion fell from a crown encrusted with pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

Miss Genevieve Campbell, sister of the bride, was maid of honour. She wore a street length blue sheer dress of nylon taffeta

with white Leadpiece and accessories. She carried a nosegay of white and blue carnations.

The bride's brother Gerald Campbell gave his sister in marriage in the double ring ceremony. The groom's cousin, David Wright was best man and ushers were another cousin, Leigh Wright and Phillip Collop.

There was a wedding dinner at North Halton Golf & Country Club and later a reception at the Royal Canadian Legion auditorium. The groom's mother received wearing an aqua linen dress, white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Illness prevented the bride's parents attending.

Guests attending the wedding were from Arthurville, N.B., St. Teresa's, P.E.I., Galt, Hamilton, Toronto and Nova Scotia. The groom's aunt Mrs. William McNeil held a shower for the bride prior to her wedding.

For a honeymoon trip to Nova Scotia and later to Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick to visit their parents, the bride wore a blue nylon dress, white accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

their business from a "dead loss."

The long, involved fight to receive compensation for alleged loss of their business because of the new railway overpass came back to Chinguacousy council Monday night.

"We're working down through Ottawa at the present time," Mr. Beckford told the council, "but don't know just where we're going. In the meantime, we would like permission to change over the ground floor of the motel from present empty motel rooms to apartments, in order to get some revenue, and prevent the whole operation from being a dead loss."

Mr. Beckford explained the apartments could be used by a man working in this area, who would like to bring his wife with him.

Some units, he explained, would contain two bedrooms, a sitting room and kitchen, others would contain bed sitting rooms, and all would have bathrooms.

Mr. Beckford said they were having trouble with the insurance company, because the main floor is presently empty and the three apartments upstairs are occupied. A too great risk of fire was given as the cause.

It was explained the motel was non-conforming as far as the zoning bylaw was concerned, but to change it to apartments would not mean it was going out of business, only changing the type of business.

"We're trying to make the change as expeditiously as possible, as the building is now a dead loss," said Mr. Beckford.

## Beckford Case Still Alive Get Okey for Apt. Building

Mr. and Mrs. Beckford, whose when the Department of Highways — service station operation by-passed them with a highway on Highway No. 7, 4 mile-long construction project last east of Georgetown collapsed year are still struggling to keep

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Black spruce is the favourite species among papermakers for the manufacture of newsprint.

Mark Williamson, township assessor, said he could see no problem for the Beckfords in their latest move. The building was in operation before the zoning bylaw was in force.

As a result, council voted to authorize the building inspector to issue a building permit to the Beckfords for alterations to their motel, subject to the approval of the country health unit.

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If Thor becomes disabled anytime after 1970, having contributed until his disability began, he will get a disability pension of \$87.50 a month. This will continue until he becomes 65 when he will receive his retirement and Old Age Security pensions.

Should Thor die anytime after 1967, having contributed until his death, his wife will receive a widow's pension of \$56.25 a month until she becomes 65. From then on she will get \$125 a month—\$50 from the Plan and \$75 from Old Age Security. At the time of Thor's death Mrs. Andersen will be entitled to a lump sum payment of \$500.

All benefits under the Plan will maintain their value. The actual benefits payable will probably be higher than those given here since benefits will be adjusted to meet changes in living costs and in wage levels before they are paid and changes in living costs after they become payable.

What will the Plan cost you?

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This advertisement is one of a series which relates some of the important benefits of the Canada Pension Plan to individual circumstances.



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The Honourable Judy LaMarsh