



STATELY ELM WAS SPROUT IN CONFEDERATION YEAR
TWO GEORGETOWN GIRLS, Mary Pecho and Anna Dacosta measure the diameter of a fallen elm tree on the property of Ben Case, R. R. 1, Georgetown, which had an interesting life span, 1867 to 1967. Mr. Case counted the rings of growth and they were exactly 100. The centennial tree was a giant. It had a branch spread of 95 feet and measured well over 5 feet through, but for all its size it still fell victim to the tiny beetle which has a harmful effect known as the Dutch Elm Disease.

Indian Placement Service is Rewarding Job for Vic Gunn

A parole officer at Brampton Training School when he lived in Georgetown, Vic Gunn is now in Calgary where he is in charge of employment and relocation for the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

On a recent business trip west, Sam Penrice visited with the Gunns and brought back an article which had appeared in the Calgary Herald detailing some of the interesting phases of Mr. Gunn's new job.

Adjustment to city working conditions and lack of experience are major problems facing young Indian girls seeking secretarial jobs in Calgary and an in-service training program has been developed. The girls work in government offices for a three to six month period, receiving a \$40 weekly allowance during this period.

In this time they can get accustomed to working with other girls and meeting the public as well as brush up on their secretarial skills.

The employer has everything to gain and nothing to lose when he takes on such a girl, he adds.

"And when Delphine leaves us, she will have more ammunition to work with when she looks for another job," says Mr. Pollard. "She will have a little experience and a good reference."

"If Indian girls come out of a business college and find difficulty finding jobs, they often get discouraged and go back to the reserve," he says. "This is just lost education and is one of the things we must try to help them avoid."

Marie Crowchild, now working at the Bank of Commerce in Gleichen, is another successful in-service candidate.

When she completed the program she worked for a local bank. Marie, from the Sarcee reserve, was recently transferred to Gleichen where she can work closer to her people.

Mrs. Terry Lusty, secretary and receptionist at the Indian Friendship Centre, also trained under the program. She was employed by the department of national defence before the centre asked her to work in its office.

"Before I entered the program, I didn't know anything about practical office work even though I had taken three years of secretarial and business machines training in high school," she said.

The training program is designed for Indian men as well as women. Placements can be made in government offices or private, non-profit agencies.

Those eligible for the program are business or commercial graduates, Indians who want to make a career in business, but who lack sufficient practical experience, and married persons who need support for members of their immediate families.

Delphine Blackhorse, formerly of the Gleichen reserve, has been one of the most successful candidates in the program. The young woman who took her in-service training at the Family Service Bureau, is now in Montreal and will be a hostess in the Indian Pavilion at Expo '67.

The bureau, which is the first non-government agency to be used in the program, has also trained two other Indian girls.

"Training at the bureau allows the girls to learn about a bigger and broader society than their own," says Bert Marcuse, executive director. "Here they get a little knowledge in social work as well as in secretarial work."

"People coming in for help often bring their children with them, and the girls look after the youngsters. It's all part of their job as receptionists."

At first the girls are shy but they eventually blossom out because they are in constant contact with people, Mr. Marcuse says.

Most of the girls have a limited amount of business training either from high school or business colleges.

"But often the Indian girls need some transitional experience," says Mr. Marcuse. "The training is good for the girls and they are valuable assets to us."

Delphine Doore, 21 from the Blackfoot reserve, is now training at the national parks branch of the department of northern affairs and national resources.

"After taking a course at one of the business colleges in Calgary, I didn't feel capable enough to get a job on my own without a little experience," she says. "The people in this department have given me all the assistance that I needed."

"I have a lot more confidence in myself and in my work now."

Miss Doore, who is the first Indian girl to be trained in the national parks branch, has almost completed the program and will be soon looking for a permanent position in the city.

"Delphine is excellent in typing and filing," says Tom Pollard, personnel officer. "She had to make quite a social adjustment when she first came to us, but she is coming out of herself more and more each day."

A Day on the Farm for Young 'Y' Members

Easter holidays this year included interesting trips for many children. Forty-two young 'Y' members, aged seven to ten, had the wonderful experience of a day on a farm last March 29th. They went by bus to Mr. Ken Murray's farm, R. R. 1, Acton, where they explored the barn, ate a hot lunch, had hayrides and pony rides. Chaperones were Mrs. Helen Van Sicker, Mrs. Marilyn Ottaway, Anna Valk and Andrea Chaplin.

Older 'Y' members aged ten to sixteen, took a bus trip to Toronto on March 29th. Fifty youngsters, supervised by Mrs. Donna Robbins, Tom Dean, Barry Smith, Sharon Emerson, Judy Asseltine, Cindy Cooper, Sue Landry and Jackie Bowell, toured Toronto's City Hall and saw people still skating on its huge rink in the warm spring sunshine. They ate a spring lunch in High Park, then went on to Alderwood Pool for a two-hour swim. Quite a busy day — yet they had enough energy left to sing all the way home!

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Camp Counsellors at 'Y' Training Session

This report was prepared by Miss Susan Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Price, 12 Moultray Crescent, Georgetown. Susan is sixteen years of age and a Grade-X student at Georgetown and District High School. Susan has worked two years as a junior counsellor for the Georgetown 'Y' Day Camp and moves into senior category this summer.

The camp counsellors of the Georgetown YMCA-YWCA Day Camp attended a four day training session in Brampton at the Grace United Church. The counsellors attending from Georgetown were Jackie Bowell, Rick Chaplin, Cindy Cooper, Becky Cooper, Tom Dean, Ron Hill, Sue Landry and Susan Price. Also attending were counsellors from Brampton and Brantford camps.

No Licence, Gets Warning, \$30 Fine

A Georgetown man pleaded guilty Wednesday, to his third offence of driving without a license.

He was severely reprimanded by Magistrate Robert Taylor and fined \$30 or ten days imprisonment.

The man was previously fined total of \$13 on each of his previous charges.

"Keep coming back and we'll

The counsellors took part in discussions concerning aspects of camp life e.g., counsellors influence on children. They were taught songs and games and methods by which to teach their young campers.

The counsellors on their third day of training took water-safety. They went by chartered bus to Alderwood Swimming Pool where they were instructed on how to teach swimming lessons.

On the last day the counsellors were tested on all they had learned. On the whole the counsellors benefited from this training session and are much better qualified to lead their young campers in having fun at

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