

Confederation Caravan Makes First Stop in Georgetown

The Confederation caravan, one of the features of Canada's Centennial year, will be in Halton and Peel counties from Thursday, August 3, to Sunday, August 27.

The huge tractor trailer assembly will make its first stop in the area at the fair grounds in Georgetown, where it will remain from Thursday, August 3, to Saturday, August 5. From there it will go to Brampton fair grounds for a five-day stand ending August 11. In Port Credit the caravan will be at the St. Lawrence ball park, from Saturday, August 12 to Tuesday, August 15.

Oakville people will be able to visit the display at Coronation Park from Wednesday, August 16 to Friday, August 18.

From here the assembly will proceed to Milton where it will be seen at the grounds of the Halton county agricultural society on Saturday, August 20. Its last stop in Halton will be at the Central public school grounds in Burlington from Tuesday, August 22, to Sunday, August 27.

The tractor trailer assembly consists of three station wagons for the staff and eight tractor trailers, seven of which are for exhibits, and one for storage of exterior exhibits. Each rig consists of a tractor with built-in van pulling a trailer 52 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high. The total length of the tractor van and trailer is 72 feet, three and a half inches.

Three of the tractor vans house diesel units to provide power for the exhibits while others contain the manager's office, first aid centre, staff lavatory, workshop, and storage room. Each trailer carries a five-ton refrigeration unit to provide the proper temperature. The trailers are made of aluminum with steel doors, and all are soundproof, dustproof and waterproof. Special skid rails are built in underneath.

Cars Collide Saturday At Entrance to Plaza

A collision opposite the Delrex Market Centre Saturday, in collision with the eastbound Mothersill car.

Georgetown constable Jason Field investigated. The accident happened ten minutes before midnight.

Duclos was westbound on Guelph St. and making a left turn at the plaza entrance when he collided with the eastbound Mothersill car.

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THEY CALL IT PUB NIGHT

Fish and Chips, And An Old Country Sing Song

The air was filled with the aroma of fish and chips, and the strains of I Belong To Glasgow and the like rebounded off the walls at an Old English Pub Night hosted by the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Legion, Saturday.

Because of bino in the branch 120 hall, the location was shifted to Milton Legion, but to the crowd eating, drinking, dancing and singing their way through the evening and on past midnight it could have been a public house over-ome.

The fish and chips were even wrapped in old country newspapers.

Bob Hedley emceed the affair and the entertained also turned out to be the entertainers as he called first one and then another talent from the crowd to contribute a song or a time-proven skit. A quartet accompanied the impromptu acts and played for dancing.

Wright Smith of the Imperial Section, said the Pub Night was such a success there will likely be two or three more arranged before the year is out.



PUB NIGHT FAS FAMILY NIGHT for the Randells. Standing at right is Jim Randell, beside him are his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Rish and seated (left to right), are his sister, Mrs. Lillian Harvey, Bramalea, Mrs. Randell, his mother Mrs. J. Randell Sr., and another sister, Mrs. Irene McCourt. Mrs. Randell Sr. and Mrs. McCourt have both just arrived from England and both will be making their home here. Note the English newspapers in foreground in which the fish and chips were wrapped.



PUB NIGHT WAS REMINISCENT of over 'ome for the English, transplants in the crowd and a happy new experience for the uninitiated Canucks. Sampling the fish and chips at left are Mrs. Renee Gadd and Mrs. B. Hart of Georgetown.

GREAT CANUCKS

Tom Thomson Inspiration For Canada's Group of 7

One of a series submitted by Georgetown District High School students by Pat Lince

For seven winters the back part of a low, rambling, unpainted building, a short distance from the busy corner of Bloor and Yonge, was Tom Thomson's home.

Thomson is one of Canada's greatest artists. Born at Claremont, Ontario, he had little formal education and so taught himself. The rest of his life he worked as a bush ranger in Algonquin Park, a setting which inspired his pictures.

Tom Thomson exhibited his canvases at the annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists, and a few pictures were purchased by the Provincial and Dominion Governments. His oil sketches on small boards which measure 8 inches by 10 inches, are included in all major Canadian collections today. One sold at an auction for \$6400.

Thomson belonged to the younger generation of artists who rebelled against the traditional methods of painting. Their methods were new and daring, and quite frequently an object of ridicule by critics and other artists. After Thomson's death, the Group of Seven was formed. He was known as the Father of the Tradition-breaking School of Landscape painting.

Although he loved his work to be appreciated by the public, Thomson was ill at ease in the city. He worshipped the north-land and spent eight months of the year in Algonquin Park or the highlands farther north. They seemed to fascinate him. He loved the wild and picturesque country with its lonely trails, an expert woodsman and could equal any Indian in the use of the paddle, rifle, and fisherman's snare. He was a lonesome, quiet man who was stingy with words but extremely generous with anything else.

Thomson had the qualities of a great artist and he developed his talents to the fullest. He knew instinctively what would make a picture and how to compose it. Thomson painted exactly what he saw and had an exceptional eye for color.

Every object in the north-land was a subject in Thomson's pictures. The old gold of fallen leaves, the scarlet of the maple, and the flash of lightning in a storm.

His colours were fantastic. The fresh greens, the delicate pinks of early spring, glimpses of vivid blue of the sky, and deep purple of twilight. His small oil sketches were as direct as a punch in the nose, and the sense of movement in them has the sweep and pull of a paddle entering the water. Paint was thrust and smashed onto the board with axe-like swings; it seems almost a substitute for the coarse fare of the brush.

The critics of older art schools criticized Thomson but he cared little for these criticisms.

Thomson's pictures were painted without effort. They seemed to flow from his hand. He painted from two to six sketches in the course of the day. On the day he painted 'The Sand Hill,' a rifle, a dead fox, a number of partridges, and three finished sketches accompanied him.

Thomson led a camper's life. He was an object of curious interest. In the summer of 1917,

Thomson's canoe was found floating in Canoe Lake, Algonquin Park. A week later his body was recovered from the lake. The cause of his death was stated as drowning. However, there was no water in his lungs but there was a bruise on his head and his ankles were tied with copper wire. No witnesses were found. His end was tragic, mysterious, and unexplainable. At the time of his death, he was painting at his best.

On the shore of Canoe Lake where Thomson met his death, a cairn of stones has been erected in his memory. His canvases are a monument themselves. Tom Thomson helped to shape the beginning of native Canadian art. He was not a painter but an artist and this is rare enough to justify his legend.

New Auto Firm Handles Full Line of Ford

The Dodge Brothers are Georgetown's newest car dealers but don't confuse their name with their product.

They are handling the complete Ford and Mercury line. The brothers, Cliff and Ray, have taken over the former Stonehouse Sales location on Guelph St. and will also add the adjoining Murray Motors property when Mr. Murray moves to his new location in a few weeks.

They plan a staff of twenty in their sales and service department.

Natives of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, the brothers came west in 1951, and have been in the automotive business in the Cookville district for the past twelve years. Ray won a Ford Summit award last year, as one of the top 17 salesmen among 850 in the district. Both are married to Toronto girls. Ray has three children, Debra 10, Guy, 8 and Barbara, 6 and Cliff is the father of Cheryl 11 and Paul, 8. Presently living in Streetsville, both plan to move to Georgetown in the near future.

SILVERWOOD

Mrs. George Henderson Elected W.I. Head

Silverwood Women's Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. George Henderson with fifteen members answering roll call by payment of dues and suggestions for improved programs for centennial year.

Officers elected for the year are: Mrs. George Henderson, president; Mrs. I. Carmichael, 1st vice; Mrs. R. Miller, 2nd vice; Mrs. R. Corbett, secretary; Mrs. F. Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Scott, sub. sec'y-treas; Mrs. Don Lindsay, pianist; Mrs. George Burt, district director; Mrs. D. Williamson, Mrs. T. Appleyard branch directors; Mrs. S. Hahn, Mrs. D. Williamson, auditors.

Committee conveners are: Agriculture, Mrs. F. Campbell; Canadian industries, Mrs. D. Lindsay; Education, Mrs. I. Giffen; Citizenship, Mrs. I. Carmichael; Historical research, Mrs. G. Henderson; Current Events, Miss I. Moore; Home economics Mrs. W. Norton; Health, Mrs. R. Miller; Public relations, Mrs.

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