

Canada Day celebrations an overwhelming success

by Walfred Smith
Canada Day July 1, 1978, will long be remembered by the Community of Ballinafad as its citizens including whole families, young and old came out to honor Canada on its 111th birthday.

Those taking part in the parade met at the community centre around 11.30 a.m. There seemed to be dozens of bicycles with those in charge from the tiny tots to the teenage group. All were gaily decorated, mostly in red, white and blue colors, with a Canadian flag securely fastened on each waving in the breeze.

The parade started the short distance from the hall to Burnett's field about 11.45. Leading the way in the parade were several girls from the Georgetown Girls'

Pipe Band. Following them was the open top Oldsmobile car nicely decorated with garden flowers arranged and placed on the back and front of the car by Bob Pinkerton. A large placard bearing the Ballinafad crest was placed at the back of the car also.

Riding in the car was Erin Township councillor Jo Schneider. Then came the children riding their bikes. There were a couple of floats.

As no parade is complete without a clown, Linda O'Connor dressed for the occasion walked along beside the bicycles and gave the odd one a push up the grades to keep things on the move. By twelve o'clock at Burnett's field the opening ceremonies began. Ivan Bird, member of the hall board welcomed all to the afternoon festivities, and

called on councillor Jo Schneider to officially open the nation's birthday party. Paul Schwartz led in the singing of O Canada. Ivan Bird then called on Mrs. Burnett to come forward and accept a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the hall board and the community, just to show their appreciation for the use of their property and the extra work involved to make this day possible.

The lunch booth run by members of the U.C.W. and the W.I. was well patronized, as was the ice cream and soft drink counter run by members of the hall board. There was a craft shop, an antique display and a bargain counter on the grounds.

In the sports events something had been arranged to please everybody like horse

shoe pitching, ball games and a tug-o-war competition. The races were planned to suit all ages. In the far corner of the grounds there was a fish pond for the kiddies and a hot dog stand.

The dunking machine caused a lot of fun. There were some pretty good sports who did not mind being aimed at, one in particular being councillor Schneider. Mrs. Schneider stayed for the whole afternoon's proceedings and participated in many of the sports.

The Community Centre board are to be congratulated for the success of the day. It meant many hours of work. It was well organized as each member was designated to do a particular job and, to be sure, they would feel that their efforts were appreciated when they saw so many local residents present.

Many were wearing the Ballinafad sweaters, which proudly displayed the Ballinafad crest which Bob Pinkerton designed. Shortly after 6 p.m. the trophies were presented and the closing ceremonies took place. Following is a list of the winners' in the afternoon's activities:

Best decorated bicycles
1-7: Sydney Spear, Len Schwartz, Scott Corbett.
8-10: Christine Stone, Gregory Lane, Wendy Colton.
10 years and over: Kelly Loughlin, Jerry Clarke and Robert Forsythe.

Running races
1-3: Jason Werekuch, Mike Tuoyne and Kevin Kent.
4-5: Kelly McCutchen, John Jickling and John McKay.
6-7: Brad Burnett, Allan Cornfield and Patty Portelle.
8-9: Chris Walker, Lorne Buckrell, and Carrie Vugts.
10-11: Andrea McCallum, Maude Green and Cathy Portelli.
12-16: Lindsay McQueen, Pam Anderson, and Andrian Vugts.
16 and over: Jan Wild, Colin Wild and John Harmen.

Sack race
4-5: Kelly McCutchen, Colleen Wicklum and Heather Henderson.
6-7: Brad Burnett, Craig Burnett and Kyle Anderson.
8-9: Chris Walker, Lisa Lungstreet and Natalie Clark.
10-11: Janet Kempton, Rob Schneider and Cathy Portelli.
12-16: Chris March, Pam Anderson and Lindsay McQueen.

Ladies over 16: Cathy Taylor, Pam Harmin and Marlene Burnett.
Men over 16: Ivan Bird, Bill Cutler and John Harmen.

Kicking the shoe
4-5: Duncan McKenzie, Lisa Voemer and Heather Anderson and Stuart Robertson.
6-7: Scott McKenzie, Craig Burnett and Paul Penkett.
8-9: Lorne Buckrell, Chris Walker and Randy DeBoer.
10-11: Rob Schneider, Ronda Bulgin and Tina DeBoer.
12-16: Scott Ching, Dan Clark and Pam Anderson.

16 over men: Jan Wild, Colin Wild and John Harmen.

16 over women: Kelly Loughlin and Susan O'Connor, Chris Walker and Lorne Buckrell.
12-16: Pam Anderson and Karen Batt, Dan Clark and Lindsay McQueen, Cathy Portelli and Kelly Loughlin.
Over 16: Troy Harmen and

Hills was won by Halton Hills. Tug-o-war was won by Ian Christie's team.

Lucky draw for a doll at the craft booth was won by Ruth Fraser. Gord Hamilton of R.R. 5, Georgetown was the lucky winner of the Ballinafad T-shirt.

Mrs. Reggie Slessoraitis entertained at her home on Wednesday of last week, when she invited members of the Ballinafad W.I. to afternoon tea in honor of Miss Connie Knights and Mrs. Dorothy Knights from Suffolk England. They have been

visiting relatives in the neighborhood and other parts of Ontario and Quebec for the past six weeks. They returned home Monday of this week.

Mrs. Ivan Bird's sister Margaret Stephenson and family arrived this week from England and will be visiting here for a few weeks



THE BALLOONS tell it all... Terry Foster, four, of R. R. 1, Georgetown and Ballinafad's Canada Day.



SHOWING her patriotism is Pamela Cox, R.R. 2, Acton, at Ballinafad's celebrations Saturday.

Lost lab
A beautiful Golden Labrador Retriever, who was having fun at the Ballinafad Canada Day celebrations lost his owners. He is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Anderson. Mrs. Anderson's phone number is 877-2142.

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