John Diefenbaker visits district home



RT. HON JOHN DIEFENBAKER was a guest at the area home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maloney on the weekend, prior to his installation at Cambridge as the Honorary Chieftain of the Clans during Highland Games there. He is seen with Mr. and Mrs. Maloney outside their home. Mr. Maloney is Ontario's Ombudsman.

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before the public appearance. The family room at the district home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maloney was informal and inviting as John Diefenbaker recalled his Scottish ancestry which he interspersed with anecdotes.

His tall, straight figure was erect as he proudly wore his kilt, symbolic of the Campbell Clan. There was coffee, and sandwiches were offered with the warning that lunch would be a while away.

No, there would be no trouble about the speech for today. He bristled as he recounted the morning report that a Committee of the Canadian Bar Association recommended the Queen no longer be Canada's head of state. The recommendation suggests the Queen be head of

It was a quiet interlude Canada's new head of state be "Besides we Baptists are A. Macdonald, and the 13th a Canadian who might be used to the water", he Rt. Hon. John G. Diefencalled something other than chuckled. Governor-General.

Today the Rt. Hon. John G. he is of the honor that is to be ceremony on Saturday was Diefenbaker was to be in- bestowed today, reminiscing stalled as the Honorary that he's been awarded Chieftain of the Clans at the honors that someone has said fourth annual Cambridge Highland Games, and the Canadian of all time. Today's speech would not be difficult.

An OPP helicopter whirled overhead preparing for a landing at the Maloney farm on the Guelph Line, and the Games Master of Ceremonies, Joel Aldred, was explaining the installation procedure that would take place within a few minutes in Cambridge.

The heavy sky overhead was releasing its fine drizzle, but Mr. Diefenbaker was far from disturbed "We needed this rain. Everything is so

the Commonwealth and dreadfully dry", he observed. ministers, the first. Sir John

He's told us too, how proud make him the most honored honor is in perpetuity.

His mother was born Mary Florence Bannerman and his grandmother was a Campbell of Argyle. His great grandparents lived in Caldonan Strath in Sutherlandshire. When the Countess of Sutherland thought sheep more important than people, the Bannermans joined Selkirk settlers and came to Canada, arriving in the Red River area of Manitoba in 1813. Several years later they joined the Scottish settlement near Bradford, Ontario.

One of those quirks of history occurred at about the same time as the clearance from Kildonan. The father of the later to be, Sir John A. Macdonald, was aroused by the clearances and moved to Glasgow where Sir John A. was born in 1815.

the Countess of Thus Sutherland quite tentionally was instrumental recipient of two of its prime bestowed upon him.

By Wilda MacDongall

W and Mrs J Gilbertson

were Mrs E Anderson of

Mississauga and Mrs T.

Mrs. Kay Stevenson had a

an' ly a lenon at her home.

Those present were Mr. and

Mrs. John Stevenson, Connie

and Gordon from Red Deer,

Stevenson, Tom, Brian,

Kathryn and Gregory from

Kemptville, Mr and Mrs.

James Stevenson, Lori,

David, Jennifer, and Rob de

Groot from Stoney Creek, Mr and Mrs. Ron-Fleck, Trevor and Suzanna, from

Mississauga: Mr. and Mrs.

James Douglas and Marnie

from Oakville; Mr. and Mrs.

John Krug from Kitchener

and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry,

Richard, Jane and Judy from

Guelph II was a very happy

occasion for brothers, sisters

Mr and Mrs. Ed Parker,

Mrs. Robert Gilbertson and

Jim Gilbertson attended the

wedding of Miss Marilyn

Darby and Lyall Gordon at

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs

Gordon Darby, former re-

Sharon Gilbertson spent a

week at Girl Guide camp in

Goderich and now sister

Kerri is at Brownie camp

sidents of this area.

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Ingolsby, Ont. Miss Darby is horn Association.

Chamberlain spent a week Gostonyi of Guelph,

and cousins.

Alberta, Dr. and Mrs. Dan

when seven of her children and their families gathered

Thumpson of Toronto.

for a weekend

Visitors at the home of Mrs.

Family reunion

for Stevensons

Eden Mills

baker.

Participating in Ontario's Ombudsman. Arthur Maloney and the installation was by Joel Aldred. In the family room, though,

it was time for the official party to begin their airborne trip to the centre of the Cambridge Games. There were the farewells to the host Maloney family and a short walk across the green lawns, past the attractive flower beds and pond to the field where the OPP helicopter with Commissioner Graham had arrived.

The drizzle was not enough to dampen the mood and flying, they were assured, was quite safe. Strapped in, Mr. Diefenbaker was in front with pilot Len Gunson where there would be plenty to see.

The motors hummed, the blades whirled and a smooth lift off sent the official party on its way from north Milton to the games in Cambridge, presented by the Waterloo records the waterloo Regional Police Association. And Canada's 13th prime minister, Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker was on his way to receive another in the long in Canada becoming the list of honors that have been

vacationing at Sibbald Point

and in the Huntsville area.

home for the weekend from

the hospital in Guelph but is

now a patient in St. Joseph's hospital in Hamilton. All her

arends wish her a speedy re-

turn home, and with better

Mr and Mrs Terry Cole and John enjoyed a nice va-

cation in New York, Vermont

In the junior boys O.R.S.A.

games against Lowville, they

won the home game with a

score of 7.5, bul lost out at

Lowville in the last half of the

month inning with a score of 4-

The senior ball club played

an O.R.S.A game with Both-

well on Sunday and won with

Two dates to keep in mind

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lashy

have had as their guests Mr.

and Mrs. Joe Steeves and

Heather from Hillsborn, N.B.,

and Bob Hymas from Stan-

dard Alberta, who is pres-

ident of the Canadian Short-

The Rev. Carrie Doehring

new minister at the Presby-

terian Church has made

several get-acquainted visits

with members of her

congregation, Rev. Dochring

is on vacation in August and

church services here and at

Stone Church will be con-

Jack ducted by the Rev. N.L.

are Aug. 12, Ball Tournament

and Aug. 19, Fun Fair.

and Quebec.

a score of 1-0.

Mrs Anna Wilson was

Diefenbaker in village Friday

by Barb Wynneck

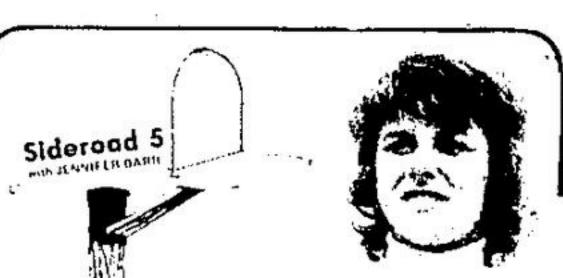
John Diefenbaker in Rockwood? Are you serious? Ask Ann Dale and Herb Saunders in the bakery and they will tell you that, sure enough, last Friday evening, Mr. Diefenbaker, the former Canadian Prime Minister, was in the shop, then "mainstreeted" along Rockwood's Main St., shaking hands with pedestrians and dropping in all the stores, Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney and Joel Aldred (the Dominion Store ad man on T.V.) accompanied "The Chief". Mr. Diefenbaker was a guest at the Maloney home in Nassagaweya.

Dairy Bar owner, Guy Lavoy, described his surprise when Mr. Maloney called in the door that he had a distinguished visitor for him. Mr. Lavoy says that he recognized Dief right away. Not only had they seen him in the papers and on T.V., the Lavoys had met him and shook his hand in Whitney, Ontario in 1963. Mr. Diefenbaker said that he too remembered the Lavoys. Mr. Lavoy and his wife enjoyed the story and the joke told by the old gentleman. Mr. Diefenbaker promised to send the Lavoys a photo of himself, of his wife and even the dog, if he was mailed a self-addressed envelope. The Chief laughingly said that no stamp was needed for this government business.

Mr. Diefenbaker's visit provided a stir of excitement in the village, and all who met him were impressed with the aged politician's vitality.



CHATTING in the family room of the Maloney home south-west of Acton, Mr. Diefenbaker reminisces and chuckles over some of his background and incidents from his long-term public service.



The American Saddle Horse Association of Ontario held their second annual show at the Georgetown Fair Grounds recently and I was delighted to be there.

I've always appreciated the Saddlehorse as a fine animal but have never seen a full show of them before. It was pleasant and somewhat eve-opening.

Saddle a breed

The American Saddle Horse is a breed not a description. The horse originated from one Thoroughbred stallion, Denmark, foaled in 1839. His progeny from top native American mares produced a classy looking horse with easy gaits popular with plantation owners.

By necessity the horse was both a saddle horse and fine harness horse. The lateral ambling gait bred into early saddle horses allowed planters to spend long comfortable hours in the saddle while riding their plantations. The showiness of the beast was encouraged to enhance the rider's

Swan of the horse world, the Saddle horse is tall, elegant, and moves with a memorably showy gait. With neck arched, tail flowing, knees almost striking his chin, he prances around a show ring like a boy in love.

Style changed The style in which the horse is now ridden hardly resembles the English park style from which it originated and is the source of much controversy between Saddle horse en-

thusiasts and conventional English hunt seat riders. The saddle seat is quite the opposite of the hunt seat. Riders sit well back on the cantle of the saddle with body upright or even, leaning slightly rearward. The legs are extended out and forward from the saddle, the hands held high, the whole body bouncing precariously along in what looks like an extremely uncomfortable manner. Correct saddle seat is supposed to be secure and balanced but any park saddle riders I've ever seen in demonstrations, films, television and in the recent show have appeared in danger of flying off their mounts at every corner-hardly 'at one' with

However, that's just my opinion.

the horse.

Tail set high Saddle horses are 'prettied up' by nicking the museles of the tail and setting it high for a stylized tail arch designed to enhance the showiness of the animal. The practice is the subject of long criticism in the States and is totally unnecessary to 'beautify' an already extraordinary horse.

Several times I have ridden natural saddle horses-those without exaggerated action, overlong feet, or cut tail-and have never had a more delightful ride. They are full of sound and fury signifying nothing so one can prance along feeling like a fantastic rider yet be in no danger of falling off the high-headed, rocking-horse animal. Show a success

ses-I had no idea there were so many in the province. I was disappointed there were no five-gaited classes. Apparently there are not enough horses in Ontario who can perform the unique saddler gaits. The horses I saw were traditional threegaited horses-walk, trot, and canter, forgoing the rack and amble, the two gaits that make a Saddler distinctive.

The Georgetown show attracted about sixty Ontario hor-

It was also interesting to see horses jog trot when asked to walk. I was told the park walk is supposed to be 'animated', hence the jog. A real walk is called a 'flat foot walk'.

Riders gave frequent verbal commands to their mounts while in the showring, something that would get any English or western contestant turfed out on his ear. Ring-side rooters were also advising favorite exhibitors while showing-another no-no.

But after years of watching horse after horse leap over jumps or gallop round the barrels it was certainly refreshing to watch a different kind of show with a different kind of

ROCKWOOD MISTRIGT

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WATER COLOR artists Mike and Merrill sit in the shade of the Eden Mills Presbyterian Church driveshed and paint the Chandler dairy barn, off in the corn fields. They are taking part in Jack Reid's water color workshop.

Mini-twister hits Guelph and area

Eramosa library notes

Following is the monthly The Happy Lion in Africa by

Summer hours are in effect - Juice by Judy Blume; Arthur

The Ontario Municipal Environment Law Associa-

cabinet

Board ruled last week in tion has about 20 days to

planned six years ago to and sewers are not yet

relieve traffic congestion in operational. Apparently after

One of the main opponents - meeting the new turn on date

to the bridge the Canadian will be announced.

bulletin from Eramosa Louise Fatio; On the Farm by

mini-twister Salept through Guelph last Wednesday causing thousands of dollars of damages in its

days short of one year after a the structure and contents terrific thunderstorm tore op Cable Television wires, hydroparts of Georgetown ripping off roofs and felling frees. Exactly one year before last storm year's storm, a mini-twister hit Georgetown, damaging stores, homes, felling trees and hydro lines and in one and depositing the vehicle winds.

by Georgina Kelso

during July and August.

Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m.

to 6 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Recent arrivals at the library

Missing by Charlotte Paul:

Sons of Fortune by Malcolm

MacDonald; Bandicont by

Richard Condon; The Answer

in the Tide by Elizabeth

Ogilvie: Consider Yourself

across the Elora gorge, how-

ever, anti-bridge groups say

they will appeal the decision

Opponents to the new span

fear its construction will

harm the ecology of the gorge

The new bridge was

to the provincial cabinet.

and kill road side trees.

the village.

OMB rules for bridge

Dead by James H. Chase.

Adult fiction: A child is

Community Library.

include:

and its passengers in another

lane of traffic Wednesday's storm blew an entire root off at least one building, causing approx-The twister came just a few | mately \$38,000 in damages to wires and telephone cables were also blown down in the

The same big blow also hit Acton, but to a much lesser extent. Damage was at a minimum, and hydro and case, lifting up a moving car wires survived the strong

Juvenile Primary Fiction:

Richard Scarry: Freekle

Hitchcock in the Mystery of

the Silver Spider by R.

Arthur: The Jungle Pyramid

Non Fiction: P.E.T. in

Action by Dr. T. Gordon;

Margaret the Tragic Princess

by James Brough; The Last

of the Arctic by William

Kurelek; Child Neglect by N.

Balonsky; Welcome to the

Middle Years by Robert

The controversial bridge

sparked four separate hear-

It is now August 1. Water

this Thursday's council

ings before the OMB.

by Franklin Dixon.

Students and teacher paint Rockwood area

technique, and as an inspirer of those who already have the favor of a second bridge appeal the decision to talent. The gradation in his own water color washes have made his unique paintings which start August 12, will be recognizable and famous such bands as the Royal throughout the art world. His Canadian Legion Massed Canadian critiques and demonstrations Pipe Band, the Old 70th Exhibition. are most informative as well manner and humorous, enthusiastic students eager to

produce their work.

They journeyed to Ireland in the spring and will be heading to Portugal in the fall and Mr. Reid, a man who has a then Hawaii in the new year,

With all his world Jack exudes energy. His pace is fast. It was only eight

Jack Pollack of Pollack Galleries, Toronto, calls him Canada's foremost water color artist. Jack paints every day and

conducts workshops. He gives of his time to teach special school groups, without a fee. He feels that the children can has be inspired when they see how quickly a blank canvas can be transformed into a painting.

There will be a fall show at his Brampton home where 60 to 70 of his paintings will be for sale. Pollack Galleries in Toronto also handle this talented, gregarious artist's



A record number of band-The total number of

Appearing at the games.

Fraser Highlanders, the Fergus Pipe and Brass Band and the Deeside Ladies Pipe Band Aberdeen, fram Scotland.

The ladies will appear the following week at the Scottish World Festival at the

Blue Grass clears \$2,500

The Hillsburgh Country \$2,000- will be denated to \$2,500, almost ensuring the festival will go next year, according to organizers. Most of the money-

Blue Grass Jamboree cleared local community projects and groups such as the library. The balance will be saved to help finance next year's edition of the Jamboree.

SITTING ON THE bank of the Eramosa River, just below the Eden Mills bridge, Eva Van Zur Muehlen (left) and Susann Harpe (right) paint the willow tree and lily pad reflections. They are students of water color artist, Jack Reid.



JACK REID sits at his easel and demonstrates the technique used to get the gradation in his water color wash. Mr. Reid, one of Canada's foremost artists has been conducting workshops this summer from Rockmosa Centre, Rockwood.

by Barb Wynneck newly-completed studio, in of the Canadian art scene its Brampton. Maggie Reid Rockwood surrounding scenes were handles their business, their being depicted on canvas last home and is also a painter.

week by renowned Canadian water color artist Jack Reid and his students.

In his workshops, Jack sees 5-48- are fined up for this month's Fergus Highland Games. The old mark was 52. musical groups is 53.

gift when dealing with both conducting workshops. paints and people, used Rockmosa Centre as the home travelling, Jack still finds base for his week long that Ontario, Quebec and the workshops. The artists then Canadian East coast are still fanned out over the country. his favourite places to paint. side to paint the Eramosa River, scenes at the Rockwood Academy, and historic years ago that he left the local buildings, barns, the old graphic art industry and took stone hotel in Eden Mills as up water color painting. This well as the dairy barn in Eden talent and unique style Mills where Mr. Reid told his brought him quickly to the top students, the farmer thought so much of his chickens, he installed stained glass windows in their coop.

his role as a teacher of as entertaining. His affable personal approach, have his

The Reids moved from Rockwood this spring and established a home with a