



Car 55 was the first car to be brought to the Halton Radial Railway location June 25, 1951. The car has been restored to its original condition and will appear at the Canadian National Exhibition this summer.

Silver anniversary for radial railway

The Halton Radial Railway celebrates its 25th anniversary this month, and even though they have had a fulfilling past, their future looks just as bright.

The Radial Railway Association began in 1953 when the Toronto Transit Commission announced they would be scrapping its historical collection. Seven rail enthusiasts talked the TTC into donating Car 1326, the last example of the classic wooden cars.

Of these original seven, all but one are still members, and four are still active, holding senior positions in the organization.

The handful of people looked around Toronto for an old railway right of way, and eventually found it in Nassagaweya, on the Guelph Line. Car 1326 and another, Car 55 were moved onto the site, June 25, 1954.

Work on Car 1326 went along slowly, but was finally finished last summer in time for the Canadian

Exhibition centennial display.

The organization now has a variety of cars ranging from open air to snow plows. They are found in abandoned rail-ways, barns, houses and cottages or from the TTC, and London, Ottawa and Port Stanley railways. Current president Bob Johns and a contingent are heading to Havlock this weekend to investigate the finding of another car.

In the past 25 years, the organization has grown from seven to over 200 people from Toronto, Kitchener, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Niagara Peninsula, Lewiston N.Y. and numerous other places. These people have had many highlights over the years such as the acquisition of wire and turning on of trolley power in 1971, the official opening in 1972, Car 1326 at the CNE etc. Last year over 8,000 people visited the line. This was a drop from other years, when more than 10,000 usually

pass through their cars. Until 1972, the association financed the project totally by themselves. In 1972, they got various government grants which, along with their gift shop, membership fees and industrial and private donations, the group is now in a positive financial situation.

Already the association has registered their future plans with the registrar's office. They plan to build a loop at the east end for a turn around, and hope for a 1920's town site eventually. Also in their future is a large building housing their gift shop, wash-rooms and interpretative centre (meeting room). At present, the Rockwood railway station houses most of this.

An extravaganza was held last Sunday commemorating the silver anniversary. A craft sale was held the week before, and many other special events are in the planning stages.



Silver Jubilee Extravaganza for the Halton Radial Railway Sunday was attended by many railway enthusiasts. June 25 marked 25 years since the first railway cars were taken to the present location, an old railway right of way on the Guelph Line near Eden Mills. It also marks the seventh anniversary of the official opening of the site.

Hydro inches in

Ontario Hydro appeared before Halton's Land Division Committee (LDC) to gain clear the technical property way for its 500 kV north-south corridor through the Esquesing (Ward 2) countryside.

LDC granted severances to the public utility, not without argument, on the following lands: the Albert and Winnifred Brooks places on Lots 31 and 32, Concession 5 and the Casey and Jacoba Bos property on the south-west half of Lot 23.

Acting LDC chairman Des Morrow reminded members previous Ontario Hydro applications were granted pending amendments to the official plan.

The Ontario Municipal

Board ordered amendments after lengthy hearings on the matter in January at Georgetown.

Ontario Hydro representative Dan Markovic informed committee that Mr. Bos agreed to license back part of the property for ten years. The part he is not renting is the rear area of the farm, Mr. Markovic said.

The Bos property is within the Lot 16-26 strip governed by Niagara Escarpment Commission rules, and that body issued a development permit to Hydro, according to Mr. Markovic.

LDC member Pam Sheldon, from Speyside, opposed granting the severances because she said she saw a double standard at work.



LORNA SAYERS
Sheridan graduate

Lorna Sayers, RR 4, Acton, recently graduated from a Security and Law Enforcement Course at Sheridan College.

Miss Sayers, the daughter of Mrs. Florence Sayers, is presently employed at Maplehurst Correctional and Adult Training Centre in Milton.

Eden Mills

Outdoor Communion held

by Mrs. W. MacDougall

The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood, held an outdoor church service and Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Bruce Peglar on the patio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie on Sunday, June 17.

The group went to the Eden Mills ball park where games and races were conducted by Dick Carrick. It was a pleasure to have the oldest member of the church, Mrs. Dorothy Dean who was celebrating her 83rd birthday, present.

Friends of this community extend sincere

sympathy to the family and close friends of the late Les Duby, Acton.

Mrs. Robert Clarke from Richmond, B.C. has been visiting her family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schulte and Chris and also her husband's parents in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell, Sundridge, have been visiting family and friends in this area.

The Friendly Seniors met for a pot-luck supper on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. G. McKelvie in Arkel on Wednesday. Prizes were awarded to the following: Guessing the number of beans in a jar, Gordon McKelvie; oldest member present,

Sada Gilbertson; most grandchildren, Catherine Gilbertson; wedding anniversary closest to June 20, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings; spot prize, Clare Boreham; lucky cup, Ed Jennings.

Mrs. Anna Wilson presented a gift and extended sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Lowrie who will soon be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. New name tags which were made by the people at Arc Industries were given to members.

A pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Carrie Doehring at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening uniting in marriage Brenda Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lockett, and Tim Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elliott of Palmerston. The reception was held at Mountbatten Hall in the Royal Canadian Legion at Guelph. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott who are making their home in Port Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain spent a few days holidaying up north. It was a cool night for Fun Fair but there were many who braved the weather for an evening's entertainment. Winners for the first group of decorated bikes or wagons were Stephanie Turowski; John Moran; Kenny Toomer and for the second group—Scott Turowski, Amanda Chesworth and Andrea Turowski. Children's races were run for cash prizes. The lucky ticket holders for the Fun Fair Draw were Mrs. Newcastle, Mr. Klinger and Mrs. Nick Gould. Mrs. Steven Lowrie won a barbecue for the gate prize. Sincere appreciation is extended to all those people who worked so hard to make this a successful event.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Niola from Orange, California, are visiting Mrs. Ann Fupk and Bob. Mrs. Niola was the former Charleen Glauser and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Funk.



Legion chief cook Doug Mason, right, samples the roast beef while Charlie Auger slices servings for the Legion crowd Saturday night. For the annual barbecue 14 roasts—246 lbs.—cooked for seven hours.

United church 'adopts' child

Trinity United church has adopted a foster child from Cangkringan, Sleman.

Through monthly contributions of \$19, members will be helping not only their new 'son' Sudarno, but also his family of four other children and his parents, the Foster Parents Plan of Canada announced recently.

With their monthly contribution, the church is providing the family with free medical and dental care, free prescriptions, the sustained guidance and counselling of social workers and the benefits of many special programs. The objective is to provide the family with the tools to help them become independent and self-supporting.

Sudarno was born February 5, 1966 in Yogyakarta. He is in the fifth grade of elementary school, where he is learning reading, writing, mathematics, singing, drawing, handicraft, sports, religion, history, geography, civics, Indonesian and Japanese languages and social knowledge.

His father, Somopawiro is a peasant and his mother, Welas, is a farmworker. His two brothers are attending

school, while his sister, age 16 is a farmworker. He has one other sister who is too young for school.

Sudarno's father earns about \$22.90 a month, and his mother makes another \$9.64. Their total income is \$32.54, and they spend all if it on food, school needs and others.

The family lives in their own bamboo walled house measuring 21' by 24'. The house has no room division, window or inner ceiling, and is of dirt floor. They use a public facility for the well and a nearby stream as their lavatory.

The Foster Parent Plan is currently working in 17 countries in Asia, Africa, Central and South America. Over 120,000 children are being aided by individuals, groups and families in Canada, Australia, The Netherlands and the U.S.A. For more information, write to Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto.

PROFIT SMALL

The Canadian Bankers' Association says that 1977 after-tax profit of the chartered banks was less than half a cent for every dollar of assets employed.

L'Arche plans booth

Members of the L'Arche Auxiliary recently held two meetings, one at the home of Bette Gardin, the other at the home of Pat Jackson.

Reports of the Flowers of Hope Campaign conducted by members of the Auxiliary and many helpers show that donations are down from last year. Members are hopeful that donations will still be taken to the Bank of Montreal bringing the figures up to those of last year.

The L'Arche Auxiliary will be taking part in the "Back to Acton" Days festivities by selling ceramics for ARC Industries, pay as you pull tickets and a fish pond for the children.

Some members of the auxiliary recently have been involved in decorating the NHAMR offices in Georgetown and it was reported that they will soon be finished.

The Auxiliary has decided to purchase patio furniture for the Countryside Residence.

There will be no more meetings for the summer and in September the Auxiliary will continue plans now underway for making gift tags, the annual display at the Acton fall fair.

Sewing instructor speaker

"Tips for Knits" was the interesting and informative information given with a practical demonstration by Mrs. W. Hannah at the Dublin Women's Institute meeting Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. Nellis, as convener of Family and Consumer Affairs, introduced Mrs. Hannah who is Home Economics Teacher at Brookville Elementary School, and is also a Sewing instructor at night classes at Acton High School.

August 1 has been set for the 4-H Achievement Day picnic in Terra Cotta. Anyone eligible in the competition for the

Dennis will be the committee in charge.

A cheque for \$100 was approved to be sent to the treasurer of Acton Agricultural Society to assist with prize money in the Junior Section.

Thirty First-Aid Kits have been purchased and were on display. They will be given to 4H Leaders who will distribute them to the girls who qualify.

Mrs. W. Lasby, President, reported that there could be no meeting in July, but there would be a family picnic at her home on August 16.

Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship, or the Halton Women's Institutes Bursaries is asked to please notify the branch secretary before July 31, and obtain an application form.

Mrs. A. Near reported that the Tweedsmuir History Tea held at the home of the Convener, Mrs. H. Dodds on June 5 had been enjoyable. Much interest had been shown by the guests in the recording of the local history.

Dublin W.I. hope to have a hospitality booth at Acton Fair this year. Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. B. Alder and Mrs. J.C.

Human Rights Commission or with unions in Hamilton next year.

After obtaining a Master of Social Work degree, she would like to work in public relations or in the correctional field.

Ruth's hobbies are riding, skiing and swimming and she's tried Tai Kwon Do and hang-gliding but she doesn't have her wings yet.

Social crusader co-ordinates Neighborhood Watch program

Ruth Geurts, project co-ordinator for Neighborhood Watch is an enthusiastic supporter of social causes. The vivacious 21-year-old will enter the fourth year of a combined degree program leading to a Bachelor of Social Work and a B.A. in Political Science.

Ruth, the middle child in a family of four brothers and two sisters is a native of Brampton and just recently moved to R.R. 1, Terra Cotta.



Ruth Geurts

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