



The occasion was the Georgetown Businessmen's Picnic, the place was Eldorado Park, and the year was 1926.

'New Look' for Eldorado Once Popular Picnic Spot

A grant of \$50,000 recently made to Chinguacousy Township under the park assistance act will aid in the development of a park which at one time echoed with the shouts and laughter of hundreds of Georgetown children and adults.

Camp Niavelt, near Huttonville, or Eldorado Park as it was known many years ago, was once one of the most popular weekend picnic spots in the area. Now it lies deserted — killed by the motor car and the affluent society.

The grant is for development work which will see an outdoor

pool renovated for recreational and instruction swimming. The large pavilion on the land will also be renovated and may be the location for summer programs, variety nite and similar events.

53 ACRES

In the southern area of the land, dense brush will be broken up by nature trails and in the open area a day camp setting will be created for church and industrial groups.

It will have 53 usable acres, eight of which are taken up by the Credit River.

The United Jewish People's

Order, a fraternal and benefit organization bought the camp from its first owners, the Canadian National Railway, in 1935.

Louis Lasowsky, chairman of the camp committee, said Camp Niavelt — Yiddish for the New World — was intended to be a recreational and cultural centre for members of the UJPO and their friends and relatives.

BUILT COTTAGES

Members built cottages on the site and spent weekends fishing, swimming, or just plain basking in the sun.

But the children's section of

the camp was its pride and joy. Camp Kinderland used to have as many as 300 to 400 children there at one time in summer.

The children who came flocking down from Toronto to spend part of their summer at the camp, on spectacularly beautiful land on the banks of the Credit River, "thought it was wonderful after the city," Mr. Lasowsky said.

COULDN'T PAY

"About half the children couldn't afford to pay anything and the other half didn't pay the full rate, so the UJPO

subsidized them," he explained.

"They didn't mind roughing it. If the main hall was full, they slept out in a tent. Nowadays parents are more affluent and their children want more comfort and amenities. "They want water-skiing, horse rides and that sort of thing. It would cost us about \$250,000 to provide what they want now, and we just can't afford it, so we abandoned the camp about four years ago."

As well as the children and UJPO members, local picnickers once thronged the camp. Sometimes up to 12,000 of them at a time packed the grounds.

EXPLAINS WORK WITH RETARDED

The work of North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded was explained to Jaycees at a recent dinner meeting at Stan's Restaurant.

Jim Langedyk and Bill Treahy were the speakers. The club has finalized plans for the international bantam hockey tournament which takes place during winter holiday week. Another upcoming club feature is a Kin Casino, being planned in May.

Dr. P. A. MEAD

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Housewives Too, Taking First Aid Instruction

An eight week course in St. John Ambulance first aid instruction started February 16th in the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance building on James Street. Instructing is the GVAS chief, Tom Massena, a member

of the St. John Ambulance Association and qualified St. John first aid instructor. Among the 26 registered are local industry and even housewives who are particular-

ly welcome according to Chief Massena since "80 per cent of all reported accidents occur at home." St. John holds a first aid course here at least once a year.

Sketches on View For Hospital Addition

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and District Hospital Association is tonight. It will be held in the Cafeteria of the Hospital at 8:30 p.m., and the annual reports in the form of a booklet will be presented.

Besides the annual reports of the treasurer and committee heads, the various aspects of the hospital year will be given.

This year special interest of course centres on the proposed expansion of the hospital by some thirty odd beds. It is expected that preliminary drawings will be there for anyone to see.

Membership consists of all those who have taken out a current membership in the association, or those who were given honorary life member-

ships, for their having donated sums over \$50.00.

The election for the next 3-year term for directors will also take place, with four directors being elected this year. It is hoped that a good crowd will be present. Refreshments will be served at the close of the business meeting.

HORNBY

Mr. Fred Wigglesworth left by plane from the Toronto International Airport on Sunday, February 28, for St. Petersburg, Florida.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. John Bradley who is a patient in the Milton District Hospital.



Helen Ritchie signs up for St. John First Aid course, while Neil Frawley waits to register. The eight week course is being conducted in the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service building.

Broke Into School Two Get Probation

Georgetown youths age 17 and 18 were given two year probation terms Wednesday in provincial court after being convicted December 30 of a break-in at Georgetown high school.

Judge R. J. Graham told one of the youths who was serving a probation term at the time of the high school break-in, "I'm giving you one more chance."

The two teens had been remanded until last Wednesday for a pre-sentence report.

IMPULSE

A sudden impulse for quick money landed a 29 year old Georgetown youth in provincial court Wednesday charged with theft.

He pleaded guilty to the charge and was remanded two weeks for preparation of a pre-sentence report.

He admitted to Georgetown police he had committed a break-in at Steen's Dairy where he took 15 lighters and some cigarettes. Total value of the goods was just over \$40.

STOLE FROM MINISTER

When a man came into Georgetown last July seeking work without success he went to a local Baptist minister who agreed to shelter him for a weekend while he hunted.

By Monday the man was gone and so was a 35 millimeter camera plus the contents of a piggy bank.

Wednesday, he pleaded guilty in provincial court to a charge

of theft over \$50 and was put on a year's probation. He was also ordered to pay restitution to Rev. Robert Lohnes.

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