

Wed In St. John's United Church



Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson sign the register following their recent marriage in St. John's United Church. The bride is the former Arlene Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crawford, 21 Durham Street, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ferguson, 111 Raylawn. They are making their home in Georgetown. —Adams Photography

Halton East Liberals Picnic Minus Blake

The Progressive Conservatives may be tight-lipped about announcing the date of the provincial election, but Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon thinks they might try to sneak the announcement in on the Friday before Labor Day, just when most people are concerned with holiday preparations. Nixon is predicting an Oct. 14 election.

He made the guess Saturday at the Halton East Young Liberal picnic at Coronation Park.

SIGNS AND BUTTONS
He was to have been introduced to the gathering by Robert Blake, provincial Liberal nominee for Halton East. There were a lot of Blake signs and buttons and hats. But Blake was not there.

Bad weather had stranded him and 14 other sportsmen in the North Pole community of Pangniting. The 15 had gone to Frobisher Bay area on a fishing trip. They were able to fly out of their forced isolation Saturday.

Even though Blake couldn't make it, the picnic went on as scheduled. The gathering was organized by Ray Andrews with help of other young Liberals. There was corn and soft drinks, a water skiing show and games for the children.

NEVER CHOSEN
Mel Scott, executive director of the Ontario Liberal Party, was at the gathering, and he echoed Nixon's prediction of an October



Bob Blake Missed Own Picnic

election. He said if the election were not called by October, Premier Davis, whom he said has never been chosen by the people to head the province, runs the risk of being a leader without a mandate.

Scott said that campaigning before the election announcement is not premature and that it in fact might force decision sooner.

PLENTY OF CORN
Harold Young, campaign manager for candidate Blake, agreed with both Nixon and

Scott. Referring to the premier, he said, "He can't go past October, he just can't."

A morning rain threatened the gathering, but by the afternoon, a warm sun emerged and the festivities went on with people eating corn, watching the ski show or listening to a Dixieland band, The Steel City Six.

Another brief storm sent people scurrying for the shelter of the bandstand, but it soon ended. By late Saturday, about 500 people were gathered around the stage, listening to the Stem and Bloodstone rock bands.

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Georgetown's Summer Lacked Extreme Temps

by Roger Smith
With the summer of 1971 drawing to a conclusion, this reporter finds that it has been less remarkable in the weather department than any summer since 1964 when he began observing the weather in Georgetown. This opinion is based on the fact that, so far, 1971 has not produced any new extremes in temperature, precipitation or sunshine: in the past seven years, there have always been higher or lower values of each of these weather components.

Summer weather began around June 4 in this area. June was quite a warm month, exceeding the 30-year average temperature by almost 3 degrees. It seemed even warmer because the warmest weather occurred on the weekends. The high temperatures on the four Sundays in June were 87, 82, 90 and 86. The average high temperature for the month was just a fraction lower than 80 degrees, and only four other Junes in the past 50 years have been that warm. However, skies were clear for an unusually large proportion of the time, and the overnight temperatures were not so warm. There was a new record low for June 11, 37 degrees.

The hottest weather of the summer occurred on June 29 and 30, when the temperature reached 93 and 92 degrees. Neither was quite high enough to break the record of 94 for both days. Georgetown had much more rain in June than almost any other place in southern Ontario. After the very dry spring, this heavy rainfall was no doubt welcomed by area farmers, but it would not be surprising to find that conditions were much drier even 5 or 10 miles from town.

On June 13, 1.08" of rain fell in 30 minutes, while 1.7" fell in 24 hours. Another inch of rain fell on the morning of June 25. Total for the month exceeded 4.5" (average is 2.7"). However, many places in southern Ontario got less than 2" of rain in June. Since most of the rain fell in heavy thunderstorms, the weather was generally very pleasant and sunshine was 10 percent above the average of 280 hours.

Five weather continued into the first half of July. Most of the first 16 days of July were sunny, dry and had high temperatures in the low 80's. On the night of July 5-6, there was a steady downpour which produced an inch and a half of rainfall, but otherwise, the weather was quite settled. The

average temperature for the first half of July was about equal to the long-term average of 68 degrees. However, the weather for the rest of July was not up to its usual standard, since this is usually the warmest time of year. The temperature was 5 degrees below average, with 8 readings of 50 or lower at night. A new record of 46 was set on July 27. Only three days had a high of 80 or better.

There were heavy thunderstorms on July 22 and 26, leaving over an inch of rain. The total rainfall in July was 3.49", somewhat higher than the average of 2.86". Although there were 5 overcast days in the latter half of July, total sunshine was near the average (304 hours).

The first half of August has been a very pleasant period in this particular summer. The average temperature of 82 by day, 54 by night, is close to the long-term average. There was a heat wave lasting from Saturday, August 7 to Tuesday, August 10, with temperatures of 90, 91, 89 and 84.

On the last day, there were

intermittent thunderstorms, with 1.04" of rain reported. More thunderstorms on Saturday, August 14 left 0.50" of rain, and there was a fine display of lightning around 5 p.m.

Summer weather may be defined as the period when the temperature consistently reaches 80 degrees in the daytime. There may be a few days when it is cooler than 80 degrees, just as there are days in May or October when the temperature exceeds 80 degrees. The average duration of summer, then, is from June 20 to August 18.

We are now approaching the average date of the end of summer, but the record shows that there is considerable variation from one year to the next. For example, the end of summer has occurred on these dates in the past seven years: 1954, July 29; 1965, August 18; 1966, September 2; 1967, August 16; 1968, August 25; 1969, September 9; 1970, August 28. The longest summers were in 1931, 1952 and 1961, lasting into the middle of September.

Found Guilty on Possession Charge

A 27 year old Georgetown man was found guilty of possessing stolen goods when he appeared Thursday before Judge M.B. Charles in provincial court at Brampton.

The charges were laid by Chinguacousy police department following complaints of thefts from Carrier Air Conditioning Company in Bramalea.

The Georgetown man was employed at Carrier in April. He told the court that he and two other employees were walking to their car after work when they were approached by an unidentified man who asked them if they were interested in an

air conditioner. The accused asked the man how much and he replied \$50. They then went to the man's car where the transaction took place.

The accused testified that he thought the man was employed by Carrier because he had seen him in the parking lot before. He said it never entered his mind the conditioner was stolen. He said he thought it was a used unit.

After buying the air conditioner, the Georgetown man took it home and installed it in his home. He later came to the Chinguacousy police station and was subsequently charged.

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