

Records Tumbled in Year of Extremes

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The year 1971 began with an extended period of very cold, snowy weather. By Jan. 1, there was already 18" of snow on the ground and this snow cover persisted until late March. Between Dec. 21, 1970 and Feb. 4, 1971, the average temperature was only 11 degrees. The temperature fell below zero on 23 nights during this period.

Although snowfall was near average in January, the cold weather prevented melting, and large snow drifts were built up by strong westerly winds. Blizzard-like conditions halted traffic on Jan. 26-27 and Jan. 29-30. Four new record low temperatures were set in January.

After Feb. 4, the temperatures moderated, but stormy weather continued. There were freezing rain storms on Feb. 5 and 22, and three moderate snowfalls. The weather was considerably cloudier than usual.

SLOW TO ARRIVE
Spring was slow to arrive in 1971. March was about 5 degrees below average in temperature, and had 3 major snowfalls for a total of 16". The weather was generally quite sunny, however, and the cold was not intense, even though a low of 0 degrees was recorded on March 26.

Cold weather lingered into April. Between April 3 and 8, the average low was only 17 degrees. Although the rest of April was near average in temperature, there was very little rainfall and the growing season was late starting. The last snowfall on April 24 brought the winter total to 74" (normal-59").

PLEASANT
May was very pleasant, with abundant sunshine and warm daytime temperatures. The mercury reached 86 degrees on May 18 and 19. Until the holiday weekend, the month had been very dry, with only 0.17" of rain in 23 days. However, almost an inch fell on the evening of May 24, washing out the annual fireworks display.

June was an almost ideal summer month in 1971. Temperatures were well above average, and highest on the weekends as it turned out. Sunshine was well above average, and 24 days had at least 7 hours of sun.

The only blot on this pleasant record was the severe thunderstorm activity during the month. The worst storms occurred on June 13 and June 20 - both were on Sunday afternoons and were accompanied by high wind gusts. Very hot weather arrived on June 29 and 30, with 93 and 92 degrees recorded.

COOL SUMMER

Pleasant weather continued until July 16, with low humidities and daytime highs of 75-88 degrees. The second half of July, however, was cool and damp. August was very similar - the first 20 days were generally sunny, warm and dry, but the rest of the month was very wet and cloudy. It was quite hot on two occasions in August: on Aug. 7-9 (90, 91, 89) and Aug. 17-20 (85, 88, 86, 85). However, on August 24, a new record low of 36 degrees was set.

It would be difficult to imagine a more pleasant autumn than 1971. In the 9 weeks Sept. 2 - Nov. 3, the temperature averaged 5 degrees above normal. Light winds, sparse rainfall and abundant sunshine rounded out the fall weather pattern.

It was as hot as any part of the summer Sept. 2-15 - the temperature averaged 70 degrees. The following week was rather overcast, but temperatures reached the 70's on 5 of the last 9 days of September.

WARM AND CALM
October was even more remarkable. On the fall fair days, Oct. 1 and 2, the highs were 84 and 87 - the latter breaking an all-time record for the month. The second half of October was persistently warm and virtually calm. Almost every night was foggy, but most days were sunny.

Three record temperatures were set on Oct. 20, 28, and 31. The average temperature between Oct. 15 and Nov. 2 was 54 degrees, a full 9 degrees above average.

November was typical, with dull weather and large temperature fluctuations from week to week. Temperatures were as high as 68 on the 2nd and 65 on the 18th, but as low as 13 on the 9th and 6 on the 23rd.

After a sunnier first week, there were only 49 hours of sunshine in 22 days, 4 inches of snow fell on the 29th, the heaviest fall in 13 years in November.

December was quite mild in 1971. New records of 59 degrees (Dec. 10) and 48 degrees (Dec. 15) were set. There was no severe cold during the month, and for the first time since 1964, there was no white Christmas. Winter sports enthusiasts finally had their prayers answered on Dec. 30, when 8.4" of snow fell.

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES
High 93 degrees - June 29.
Low -19 degrees Jan. 16.
Most above average temp. 59 degrees on Dec. 10, (plus 25 degrees).

Most below average temp. (maximum) 1 degree on Jan. 18 (-27 degrees).

Heaviest 24-hour rainfalls:
1.-1.70" June 13, 2.-1.73" July 5-6, 3.-1.52" Aug. 27.
Heaviest 24-hour snowfalls:
1.-8.4" Dec. 30, 2.-6.8" Mar. 10-11, 3.-5.5" Mar. 19.

Date	RECORD TEMPERATURES		
	Temp.	-O.R.	Yrs
Feb. 26	49	Tie	1932
Apr. 12	76	Tie	1945
June 19	90	Tie	1931
			1957
Sept. 6	89	Tie	1945
Oct. 1	84	80	1922
			1950
Oct. 2	87	82	1919
Oct. 20	77	75	1929
Oct. 28	75	73	1924
Oct. 31	74	73	1929
Dec. 10	59	55	1946
Dec. 15	48	47	1933
			1933
	LOW		
Jan. 13	-14	-7	1918
			1954
Jan. 16	-19	-15	1920
Jan. 18	-17	-12	1921
Jan. 19	-17	-13	1970
Jan. 11	37	38	1966
July 27	46	47	1946
Aug. 24	36	37	1940
Nov. 9	13	18	1924
Dec. 1	2	3	1936

Skiing Smiths Win Medals at Racing Camp

Christmas racing camp at the Caledon Ski Club proved very successful for the Smith family. Cal, 12, won a gold medal, Angela, 10, won a silver, and Randy, 15, a bronze. The awards were determined by racing time, effort and improvement shown during the five day camp.

Their racing instructors were Bud Owen, Sharon Abel, and Erica DeBraun.

Cal was also chosen for the Nancy Green team. This is his fourth year on the Green team.

DID YOU KNOW?
"Don't Experiment - Just Buy A Ford." It seats five people, climbs hills on high speed, has a roomy side entrance tonneau, is light, strong and rides like a yacht. The vehicle described in this 1965 advertisement, quoted by the Ontario Safety League, was later supplanted by an even better car, the Model T.

They Need a Big Brother

One Out of Every Thirty Boys In Georgetown Is Fatherless

This is a story and information concerning the Big Brother Association of Georgetown. Names of the people have been changed.

What is a Little Brother and a Big Brother?
The Little Brother is a boy generally between the ages of 6 and 16 who needs the friendship and guidance of a man of good character, when there is no male adult within the boy's family to whom he can turn with confidence for proper guidance, fellowship and male image.

The Big Brother is a man from any walk of life who is of good character and who is interested in the welfare of others. He is a man who understands and appreciates the art of friendship, and is willing to take time to help an unfortunate youngster along the road to good citizenship.

SEVEN MATCHES
The Big Brother Association has existed for two and a half years in Georgetown. The potential number of Little Brothers is large, but the number of matched pairs is limited because they need more Big Brothers. Right now they have seven matched Big and Little Brothers. Let us tell you about one of these happy matches. The names are fictitious.

Joey is 8 years old. He has lived in Georgetown all his life. He considers himself very lucky to have John Smith for a Big Brother. Mr. Smith also lives in Georgetown. He is married, and has two girls who think highly of Joey. Mr. Smith and Joey have been associated for more than a year, and see each other approximately once a week.

Joey is a great guy; he is a very close friend, and just like part of the family. They do all kinds of things together: fishing, skating, swimming, and they both like to take walks on the Bruce Trail.

WAS UNSETTLED
A little while ago they built a go-cart. Joey ended up second in a race, and won a trophy. This winter they plan to use the skis that Joey got for Christmas.

Mr. Smith says, "When we first met, Joey was very unsettled, but that has changed one hundred percent. Joey takes up only a little of my time, but it enriches everybody's life. The most important part of our relationship is to get to know and trust each other. This gives me the satisfaction of companionship, and a great inner knowledge."

Joey is a very active boy who makes friends easily. He looks up to his Big Brother, and aims to be just like him.

HOMEWORK HELP

Joey says, "John Smith is fun to be with. He is a neat guy who always thinks of something great to do. Sometimes I am even allowed to make the decision. Once in a while I phone him during the week, then we usually talk for a while, or he helps me with my homework. I really like him, and I know we will always be friends. When I grow up I'm going to be a Big Brother, too."

Joey's mother says, "I just watched my son leave the house laughing and joking with his Big Brother...not his blood brother,

HOPEFUL HELP

but one of the Big Brother Association of Georgetown. How I wish all the fatherless boys could be as fortunate. What a difference it would make in their whole outlook on life. I know, because I have watched the change since my son has had wholesome adult male companionship."

"I think most mothers accept the challenge when they find themselves in the position of being a single parent family. They try to love them just a little more along with providing the necessities of life. But regardless of how much of herself she is

willing to give, there is one thing she cannot provide, and that is a male image. The boy needs someone to talk to, who has been a boy himself, to understand how he feels, to guide him, and to whom he can talk man-talk when the need arises."

NEW OUTLOOK

Joey's mother is very happy for her boy, and she hopes other mothers may be just as lucky as herself, and that their sons will have Big Brothers to go to, because these youngsters are part of Georgetown's future. A few hours of some man's time

and patience invested in these boys may give many youngsters a whole new outlook on life. Perhaps there are some men in Georgetown who have wanted to become a Big Brother, but have hesitated, not knowing what the requirements are, and what is expected of them. The same could be said for some mothers, holding off applying for a Big Brother because they have not known enough about the Association.

January 1st to 7th is officially Big Brother Week in the United States and Canada. Many well known men such as Lorne Greene and Russ Jackson, are Big Brothers. One out of every 30 boys in Georgetown is fatherless. There is a never ending demand for Big Brothers.

"It takes a man to help a boy"

The Big Brother Association of Georgetown
P.O. Box 141,
Georgetown, Ont.

Seek Interested People Board Appointments

Continuing a policy established last year, Georgetown council is asking residents interested in serving on council-appointed boards to indicate this.

Mayor Wm. R. Smith told the Herald this week that he considers the new policy an improvement and that it is designed to secure the best possible members for boards appointed to deal with specific aspects of municipal affairs.

He stressed that this does not indicate dissatisfaction with those now serving on boards, whose terms are expiring. All retiring members whose appointments were made by council have been asked to indicate whether they are interested in reapplying and will be considered along with new applicants.

All interested in serving on boards are asked to contact the clerk-administrator, Douglas Pritchard, by Monday, January 17 at the latest.

Among appointments to be made later this month are:

Planning Board
Two members, each for a term of 3 years. Present appointees E. H. (Ted) Gorth, Philip Carney.

Committee of Adjustment
Two members, each for a term of 3 years. Present appointees, E. H. (Ted) Gorth, Philip Carney.

Cemetery Board
One member, for a 3 year term. Present appointee, Dick Licata.

Public Library Board
One member for a 3 year term. Present appointee, Mrs. Anne Currie.

Credit Valley Conservation Authority
One member for a 1 year term. Present appointee, Alex Blackwell.

Industrial Commission
All members for a 1 year term. Present appointees, Alex Blackwell, William McNally, Blaine Milton, Ray Simcoe, John Gilbert, Ed Elaliger, George Albert, David Cole, John Browne.

Parking Authority
All members for a 1 year term. Present appointees, John A. (Sandy) Mackenzie, Henry Helfant, Robert Gougeon.

Recreation Committee
Two members for a 2 year term. Present appointees, Ivan Crabtree, Robert Lane.

DID YOU KNOW?

Postal pioneers of St. John's, Nfld. fought a hard battle with ship captains calling in at the port. These captains often accepted mail for transport on their ships at very competitive rates.

Surprise 25th Anniversary Party

A surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sargent, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. "Pud" Walker, Tuesday, December 28.

The two Sargent daughters, Mrs. Jodie Norton and Mrs. Christine Briggs planned and organized the party. The couple received many gifts from friends and relatives.

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