MAXI FUN FOR MINI RAILROADERS

This isn't Georgetown's GO train - in fact quite often it wouldn't go - but the small type passengers didn't care much if it ran off schedule just so long as it ran. The train was one of the rides featured in the downtown's pre-birthday celebration last weekend.

This youngster knew how to have a swinging time at the downtown business section's pre-birthday celebration on the weekend. Children's rides were set up in one block which was converted to a mall. The birthday referred to is Georgetown's 50th as an incorporated town which will be celebrated on the July 1 holiday weekend.

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belting out "Lili Marlene" and "I Belong Tae Glasgie", had not our host, with that German dash that makes them win battles but lose wars, sprung to his feet and announced that he was going to bed.

That's what he thought. My wife couldn't find our car keys. He had to drive us home, after which she found them.

So, enough of birthdays, for a few days. I wound up with two golfballs and two headaches. My German friend was luckier. His invitation was rather a spur of the moment thing, so we had no chance to buy him a gift, not even a ball for golf, which he thinks is a silly game, which it is when you play as I do.

My wife bought him a three-quart jug of milk and a tie she bought at the milk shop (it was a real beauty, as you can imagine), and a hamburger, which she ate herself.

I was rather nonplused, but dived into my tool box (he's a great carpenter, for a doctor of philosophy) and came up with a beautiful, rusty keyhole saw which I had inherited from my father.

As I hadn't sawed any keyholes recently, I didn't figure I'd miss it. And it really is a beautiful little thing. A family heirloom, you might say. It has this blade which retracts and suddenly pops out. A sort of 19th century switch-blade.

I can tell you there were tears in Karl's eyes as he ran his finger over the teeth of that little rusty, dull beauty and murmured something like, "Lieber Gott Im Himmel".

I think that, in English, means something like, "Dear God, it's heavenly". Never did I think that I'd see a captain from Rommel's desert troops break down like that over a simple little sentimental thing.

In fact, he was so touched that he offered to come up and fix my picnic table. And I suppose we'll have to have a birthday party for the blasted picnic table, which is three years old this week.

Oh, well maybe I can hack it for one more birthday party.

Norval News

The annual chicken barbecue of Norval United Church held on Saturday afternoon at Maple Lodge Farms was the usual successful event with between 1500 and 1600 attending. Most enjoyed the meal sitting at tables on the lawn listening to the entertainment while others preferred the take-out orders.

All groups in the church worked together to make the day a success with Charlie Carney as chairman of the committee. The men were in charge of arrangements such as setting up the tables, barbecue pits, etc., and cooking the chicken.

The women were in charge of the salads, pies, cup cakes, coffee, etc. and the young people assisted in serving and parking.

The weather was ideal for an outdoor barbecue and also on Sunday morning for the big clean up project which was followed by the church service conducted by Rev. R. Walter Ridley in the basement of Mr. and Mrs. Bob May's home about 11.30 a.m.

There was enough food left over from the barbecue for all to enjoy a lunch and a social time before returning home.

Norval Cubs enjoyed a camping weekend from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon on the Belane Farms just outside the village. The leaders who accompanied the 10 Cubs were Murray Basso, Marie Fendley, Randy Fendley and Jim Hamilton. Saturday afternoon they enjoyed a nature hike with a camp fire and marshmallow roast in the evening and on Sunday they held obstacle races before breaking camp.

Ian Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Arnold, R.R.2, Norval, is a patient in Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital for surgery on his shoulder, the result of a snowmobile accident this past winter.

Lorraine Enman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Enman, is also a patient in Georgetown Hospital with an injured leg.

Jim Wilson and Allen Andrews unveiled a granite cairn erected on the site of the former Churchville United Church in a special dedication ceremony held on Sunday afternoon. The cairn is inscribed 'Nothing now is left but a majestic memory' dedicated to the memory of the ministers and members of the Churchville United Church.

The church was recently closed and sold.

Rev. R. Walter Ridley and Rev. Kenneth Jull of the Huttonville-Norval charge conducted the well attended service which was a tribute to the forefathers and pioneers who built the churches and who travelled miles on foot to hold their worship services and blazed the trail to our modern civilization.

Church elders present were Roger Hutton, Lloyd Golden, Jim Wilson, and Allen Andrews. Trustees were Jim Wilson, George Wilson and Allen Andrews. The cairn will be turned over to the Mississauga parks department for maintenance as a historic site in Peel. Following the service coffee and lunch was served at the home of Ken Wilson.

David Dunlop, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop was among this year's graduating class at Sheridan College, Oakville. His course was General Business, (accounting) and he is presently employed with A. E. Wilson Ltd., Insurance, Toronto.

—Mrs. Ed McLean

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Ballinafad News

Friends and acquaintances were sorry to hear of the recent death of Mr. Sharpe at his home in the States. Besides his family he leaves his widow, the former Mrs. Alvin Starret. Mrs. Sharpe was well known here as she, along with her former late husband, farmed on the 8th Line on the outskirts of the village for a few years before moving to Glen Williams. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Sharpe in her bereavement.

Sorry to have to report the death of Matthew Shortill. He passed away on Friday June 16 at the Georgetown hospital. We extend sympathy to his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill and to his sister Mrs. Archie McEnery and Mr. McEnery and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McEnery had wonderful weather and a good crowd for their auction sale on Saturday. Some good prices were realized. The U.C.W. were kept busy serving good things to eat and drink at their booth set up in the driving shed.

The Coningsby W.I. catered for the grade 8 banquet at Brisbane school Thursday evening. Those from our community who graduated were Larry Snow, Raymond Eckert, Kenny Walker, Janice and Joan Wright, Pearl Bouclare and Vicki Spear.

Janice and Joan, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wright, were winners of the academic award. Pearl Bouclare won the citizenship award and Vicki Spear was awarded the prize for her athletic ability. Congratulations to all.

Many from the Ballinafad area called in the afternoon and evening to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. There was a reception given in their honour in the basement of Churchill Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Slessarattes returned home on Saturday after spending a few days with relatives in Windsor. Her cousin returned home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. "Billie" McEnery arrived at his parents home on Sunday. They are spending some time with relatives in the community before motoring back to their home in the west.

Ballinafad cubs enjoyed a week-end camping at Norval over the week-end.

Miss Julia Eckert and Miss Maggie Given were among those graduating from Sheridan College school of Applied Liberal Studies.

Mrs. Winifred Smith

A seismologist, Charles F. Richter, devised a scale that registers the intensity of earthquakes.

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