



LEGION FAMILY PICNIC



LEGION HAPPENINGS

Sunny Skies Order Of Day For Legion Family Picnic

By ROMA TIMPSON
Sunny skies prevailed while friends got together at the Branch 120 annual family picnic, held at the residence of Bill Hunter.

There were many races and competitions, with winners.

RACES
Girls and boys, 2-3, prizes for all.
Girls and boys, 4-5, prizes for all.
Girls, 6-7, Kathy Allen.
Boys, 6-7, Paul Goudie, second, David Goudie.
Girls, 8-9, first, Donna Sedore; second, Gail Doucett.
Boys, 8-9, first, Joe Hamilton; second, George Osborne.
Girls, 10-11, first Margaret Burns; second, Lynda Burns.
Boys, 10-11, first Marty Kitts; second, Billy Postelthwaite.
Girls, 12-13, first, Clare Carter; second, Sandy Sedore.
Boys, 12-13, first Paul Carter; second Dave Findlay.

THREE-LEGGED RACE
Girls, 10 and under, first Andria Stafford and Gail Doucett; second, Sarah Cockton and Marjorie Grieve.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Paul Goudie and Dave Goudie; second, Don Turner and Ray Wallace.

CATERPILLAR
Girls, 10 and under, first, Donna Sedore; second, Sarah Cockton.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Richard Sedore; second, Dave Goudie.

THREE-LEGGED RACE
Girls, 10 and over, first, Sandy Sedore and Karen Cooper; second Sandy Welsh and Jodi McQuarrie.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Chuck Moffat and Ian Rannachan; second, John Cooper and Dave Findlay.

BALLOON RACE
Girls, 10 and under, first, Marjorie Grieve; second, Donna Sedore.
Boys, 10 and under, first, Doug Turner; second, Danny Postelthwaite.

SHOE SCRAMBLE
Girls, 10 and over, first, Sandy Sedore; second, Marjorie Burns.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Marty Kitts; second Ian Rannachan.

SACK RACE
Girls, 10 and under, first, Donna Sedore; second, Andria Stafford.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Dave Goudie; second Ray Wallace.

SACK RACE
Girls, 10 and over, first, Sandy Sedore; second, Clare Carter.
Boys, 10 and over, first, Mike Laruso and second, Mike Kitts.

SKI RACE
Mixed, 10 and over, first, Sandy, Karen Cooper, Mike Laruso; second, Dave Nichols, Don Hall, Fred Dalorinna.

SOMERSAULT
Mixed, 10 and over, first, Dave Findlay; second, Marty Kitts.

ADULT RACES
THREE-LEGGED RACE
First, Don McFarland and Kelly Sedore.
Second, Jerry Wallace and Marg.
PIE PLATE RACE
First, Peggy Payne and Jerry Wallace.
Second, Ron Carter and B. Carter.
BALLOON THROWING
First, Ron Carter and B. Carter.
Second, Peggy Payne and Jerry Wallace.
SACK RACE
Ladies, first, Della Gaskill; second, Glenda Gaskill.
SACK RACE
Men, first, Jerry Wallace; second, Ron Carter.

LADIES' SHOE KICK
First, Linda Greig; second, Ann Panchenko.
MEN'S WALKING RACE
First, Jerry Wallace; second, George Findlay.
WHEELBARROW
First, Brian Langdon and Heather Hartley.
Second, Mr. and Mrs. Payne.
BALLOON HEAD
First, Linda Greig and Frank Mandarino.
Second, Peggy Payne and Jerry Wallace.
LADIES' HOBBLE
First, Linda Gaskill; second, Della Gaskill.
CRACKER EATING
First, Beryl Crouter and Gerry Wallace.
Second, George Findlay and Rae McAusland.
SEW THE PATCH
First, Gerry Wallace and B. Carter.
Second, Mr. and Mrs. Payne.
Big winner of the day was Herman Nickolson, ticket #207, who won a portable television set.

AIR CADETS
Sitting around on these hot and humid summer days and nights a cooling thought is that winter is bound to come whether we want it or not. The wise ones that are looking ahead to the snow-covered ground will be thinking of an "easy way" to get rid of all the white stuff. Well, the equally wise ones who have the interest of the air cadets at heart are also looking ahead.
This week they will have tickets available for sale on a snow blower. The Legion sponsored air cadets, Squadron 756, have a hard working year and means chairman, young Joe Poirier and he is going to handle the tickets. Joe would like help in this very worthwhile endeavor so please get in touch with Joe and help him sell the tickets or help him in any other way he needs it.

The snow blower will be won by some lucky person in October when it is drawn for at the Georgetown Fall Fair. You can't be a winner if you don't have a ticket, so help Joe help the air cadets by purchasing some and advertising it to your friends.

Aug. 10 in Brampton will see our Pipe Band leading the Brampton Black Knights in their parade. That's not too far time and like to listen to the Pipes and Drums. Aug. 17 they are at the Exhibition for Warriors day and for the Toronto Highland Games.

CAR CLUB DRAW 14 WINNERS
No. 254, Lloyd Sedore; No. 411, Roy Puckering; No. 228, Chuck Hill; No. 34, George Louth Sr.; No. 17, Bob Dumper; No. 115, Tom Neeler.
LADIES' AUXILIARY
Say! This looks like it could be a fun evening. Ladies' Auxiliary Zone Sports Dance, first dance of the season, to be held Sept. 7, 1974 at 8.30 p.m. Legion Hall, 40 Elizabeth St. S. Brampton. Door prizes and spot dances. \$4 per couple and music provided by the Flowertown Five. All proceeds for ladies' auxiliary zone sports fund. Sounds like a good way to start off the busy season and a chance to get together after the summer recess.

Women

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School Closing Under The Mat

By DOROTHY McLEAN
Norval Resident

Haltom School Board swept the issue of the closure of Norval Public School "under the mat" very quickly and efficiently once again at the board meeting held on Thursday evening July 18.

About 50 men, women and children from the Norval district, carrying placards and signs regarding the issue, quietly filed into the board meeting and sat quietly while the board discussed some of the business on the agenda.

The decision to attend the board meeting in a group was made on Thursday morning when it was realized that most of the board members were under the impression that there was very little opposition in the community to the closure of the school.

In fact most board members know very little about Norval aside from the fact that there is a small three roomed school here. Most of them believe "the bigger the better" and are dedicated to this end, therefore, Norval school must go and children must be bused to larger schools even if it means the end of a community.

That part doesn't concern them, except for two members from Oakville who are more aware of what is happening to the small communities in Ontario. But they are only two of a 28 member board.

NO CHANCE
The Norval group knew that there would be no chance to be heard at this meeting as this has to be arranged about a week in advance, but they decided that this action would at least familiarize the board with the fact that there is indeed a strong feeling of opposition in the area to the closure of the school.

Only those who could be reached by phone in a hurry received the information of the intention to attend the meeting that evening. Many were away on holidays, some had to work, but the fact that about 50 turned out on such short notice gives a very good indication of the interest in this area.

All did not carry placards but most of the group did. Those who had no signs only heard about the delegation after returning home from work that evening and so had no time to make one. The group were aware that it was very unlikely that they would have the opportunity to speak to the board but they knew that they would be seen and the placards would speak for them.

Just before the coffee break of the meeting, chairman W.J. Priestner noted there was a group from Norval attending the meeting and referred to an article that had appeared in the Hamilton Spectator paper stating that the Halton Re-Commissioning Committee had requested a brief it plans to present at the Aug. 22 meeting of the board would include a resolution asking the board to reconsider the decision to close Norval School, but because of the urgency of the situation it had forwarded its request for consideration to be made at the July meeting.

REQUEST
Mr. Priestner stated that the only way the subject could come before the meeting would be if a board member requested that it be reopened. R. E. Goodin of Ward 3 Oakville made the motion to have the Norval School issue re-opened. This was seconded by L. G. Crozier of Ward 2 Oakville. The board then voted and the motion was defeated. (Note that the Norval representative on the board, Wm. Lawson of Milton, neither moved nor seconded the motion.) Ernie Bodner of Georgetown was absent.

Photographers from various papers were present and pictures were taken of the placard carrying delegation and a little publicity for the cause was gained.

During the coffee break individuals were interviewed by the press and more pictures were taken. Very few board members, however, took this opportunity to learn a little about the Norval community from the representatives present. As far as they were concerned they had dealt with the annoying matter very efficiently and they were not interested in the opinions of this small community. Even Mr. Lawson did not approach any of the Norval group to inquire why they had attended the meeting. He was not available for comment the next day.

NOT REMAIN
The group did not remain for the rest of the board meeting, having accomplished their mission, which was to demonstrate that opposition to the closure of Norval School is not dead yet, they left quietly but very disturbed and angry over the board's way of bulldozing over any opposition to their decisions, but more determined than ever to carry on the fight.

It is a very educational experience to attend a school board meeting. Every ratepayer in Halton that is the least bit concerned about where their taxes are going, or has any interest whatever in the education of the children, should make a point of attending at least one meeting. The board expressions on the faces of the members while business was discussed makes one wonder if all real business is decided in closed sessions and all they are doing is "rubber stamping" decisions already made.

The one item of business that absolutely astounded the Norval group was a letter read by Mr. Goodin from a parent concerned about her child's education in an open concept class. The letter stated that this individual had paid a visit to the school, found it in a very dirty condition, also visited the child's class and found all the pupils going around doing whatever they wished, none of which was along an educational line.

This was an excellent letter of concern, pointing out the fact that life can not be lived on these terms of everyone doing their own thing and children not receiving the education necessary to prepare them for the future. It stated that if they ran their farm in the same manner that this school was operated, they would soon have no farm. The letter ended in asking the board what it intended to do about the situation. The members carried right on with the business on the agenda as if no letter had ever been read.

No comment about the letter was made by any member - absolutely unbelievable the disregard to this very concerned parent. Perhaps letters are dealt with at some other time, but if so, why was it read during the meeting if it was to be dealt with later? No wonder the Halton Renaissance Committee is receiving such a large support in the county when individuals and groups are either completely ignored or bulldozed over like garbage.

One Norval mother was heard to remark "I am glad that my children had the opportunity of attending a school board meeting - now they know why the school is run the way it is."

The next move for the Norval ratepayers is to call a public meeting as soon as possible to carry on the fight. If Halton school board refuses to listen to the concerned parents then they will petition the education minister and Premier Davis. Norval ratepayers have just started to fight. They refuse to roll over and play dead any longer.

ANN LANDERS

Unwed Mother Gives Up Baby



Dear Ann Landers: I am so disgusted with you this minute I could wring your neck. I just read your cockeyed answer to that pregnant teenage girl whose guy ran out on her. You told her to give her baby a break and allow some loving couple to adopt it.

I am an unwed teenage mother who kept her child against everyone's advice—my parents, our minister and the social worker. It saved my sanity. She is the only thing in this work I give a damn about. If I had listened to all that creepy advice that was poured on me, I'd have been in the booby hatch by now.

I hate men. They are all liars and cheats. I wouldn't marry Prince Charles if he got down on his knees and begged me. I'm going to raise my little girl alone.

I've done more living in 17 years than you have in your 55 or whatever you are. (I'll bet that picture of you in the paper is at least 20 years old.)

I don't know where you get off acting like you know everything. I'll bet you didn't check with any of your so-called authorities when you coughed up that dumb answer. You owe every unwed mother in the world an apology. Starting with me. —Did it and I'm Glad

Dear Glad: Don't hold your breath waiting for my apology, or for Prince Charles to ask for your hand, either. I don't think you're his type.

Please read the next letter. It was written by one of my "so-called authorities."

Dear Ann: As a social worker who has spent a good many years working with unmarried girls, waiting for their babies to be born, I want to thank you for your excellent advice. I hope and pray you got through to some who are undecided.

When an unmarried girl makes up her mind she is going to keep her baby it is usually due to an underlying feeling of guilt, a need to atone for her

"sin" by devoting her life to the child. This decision is actually a selfish one. The vast majority of those girls aren't capable of raising a child. Most of them are mere children themselves—emotionally, if not physically. Some unweds are determined to keep their babies just to spite their parents who beg them not to. Others hang on, in the hope that the baby's father will like the baby after it is born and marry them, after all. None of these reasons are valid or realistic.

And there is another aspect. Why should a girl be penalized throughout her entire adult life because of an early mistake? Shouldn't she have the opportunity to finish her education, get a job and enjoy some freedom before she settles down to raise a family? I've seen enormous resentment develop against innocent children because their mothers suddenly realized they "missed so much."

Please, Ann, keep telling unwed mothers that the noblest act they can perform is to give up their babies. Every child deserves to have a mother and a father who can give him love and the kind of life that will prepare him for stable adulthood.

If my letter changes just one girl's mind it will have been worth the time and trouble it took to write it. —With You All The Way

Dear With Me: Thanks for your assist. Your letter was one of many from social workers who expressed this point of view. I even heard from some unwed mothers who said they are sorry they kept their babies. I hope somebody out there listens before it is too late.

Confidential to Dick Hindsdale: Please let me hear from you immediately. Ann Landers, P.O. Box 1348, Chicago, Illinois 60684 will do it. Please put "personal," "private" and "confidential" on the envelope.

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