

ON THE HOME FRONT

Reminiscing

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS
Herald columnist

This weekend, a lady will be arriving from England for a two week visit with my parents, whom I have not seen for 26 years.

In honour of the occasion we will be hosting a family barbecue during her stay, on a day that, quite co-incidentally, will be her 70th birthday.

With this impending visit in mind, it was natural for me to mentally turn back the clock and recall the days when I knew her well. The most usual setting for these occasions was a beach overlooking the English Channel on the south coast of England.

My mother would meet with her group of friends on the beach every summer afternoon and, aided by numerous pots of tea from a nearby cafe, would chatter away the pleasant hours.

CONFINED BOREDOM

We children, confined to the boredom of a school classroom prior to the onset of the holidays, would restlessly glance at the clock, waiting for the termination of the endless afternoon when we could join our mothers on the beach - indeed, on particularly warm days, there was more than one afternoon when we did a sudden disappearing act from the school grounds and headed for early, illicit freedom.

Those childhood summers seemed to last forever. Hours spent wriggling into swimsuits under a beach blanket, quickly followed by the first overwhelming plunge into the sea, muscles straining as you battled the waves and swell of a high tide.

There were sand castles to be built as the water receded, crabs to be discovered as they lay concealed just below the surface of the wet, glistening sand and a pile of water to be tossed over an unsuspecting, sunbathing mother.

The salt laden breezes off the water would bronze us in mere hours and, in the clear air we would devour the crab or watercress sandwiches supplied by our mothers, all washed down by a thermos of cool lemonade.

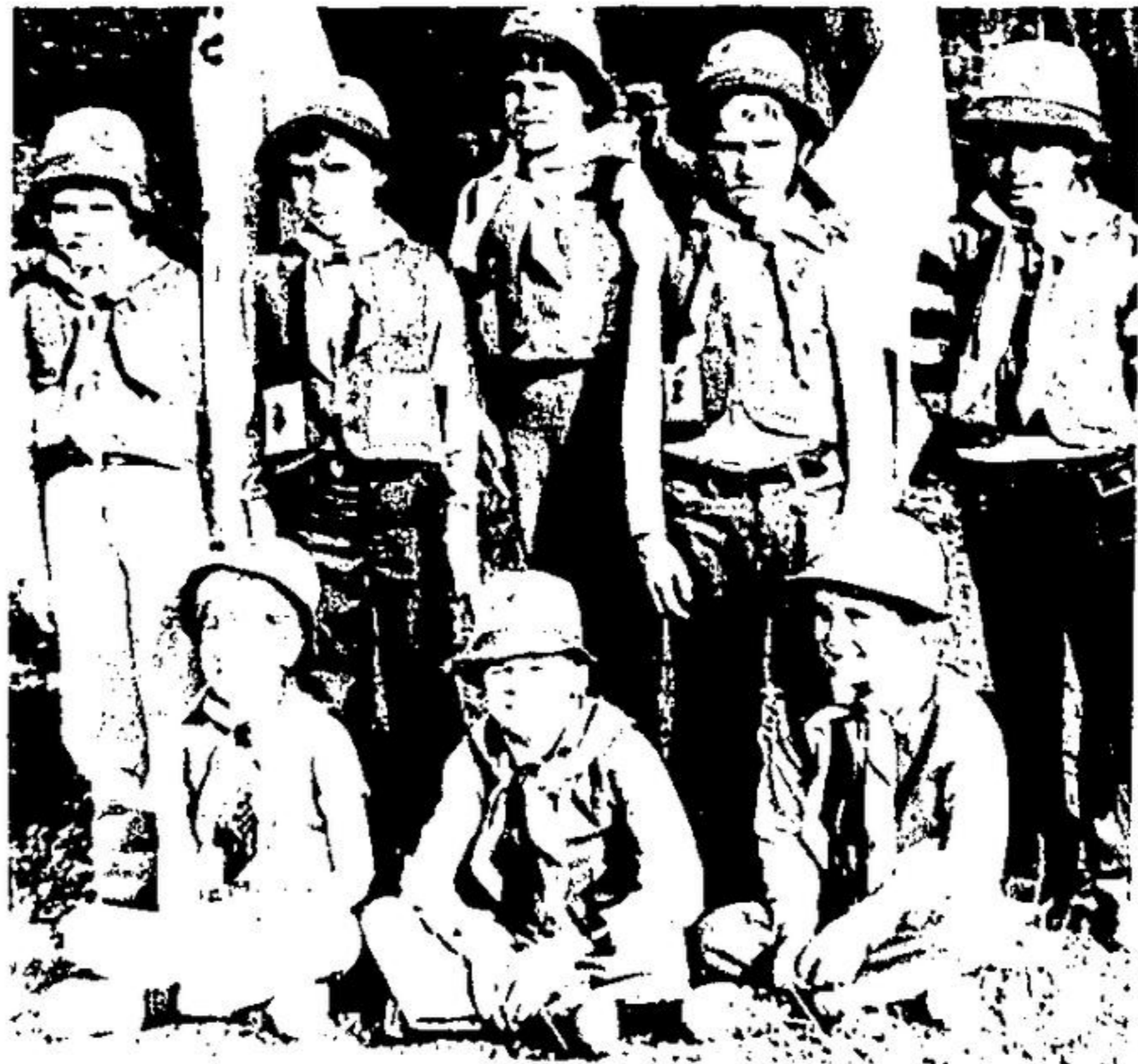
Sometimes to our delight, fathers would play hockey from their work and join us, knowing exactly where we were to be found on 'our' beach. This meant swimming races, a ball game played in the small lapping waves, a hunt for shells or cajoling sixpences from them to buy ice cream cones.

BEAT-THE-CLOCKS

Has the beat-the-clock rush that seem peculiar to North America, caught up to that part of the world yet, or do women still gather on that Sussex beach on summer afternoons? Is there yet another generation of children tuning out French verbs and dry history dates on warm June days; another small girl now sitting at my old scuffed, initialled, wooden desk, keeping one eye on the clock and the other on her shrimping net?

These are some of the reminiscences we will be sharing over our picnic table in one week's time, shared memories of a wonderfully, relaxed, sane world.

Good grief, what am I doing idly wasting time this way? Just one week to go! I must dust off the children, wash the rubber plant behind the ears, vacuum the lawn, attempt a forced entry into my daughter's bedroom, plan a menu...



BEAVERS SWIM UP

Members of the 5th Georgetown Beaver colony swim up to 5th Georgetown Cubs last week. Those making the trip include from the left: Andrew Payne, Ron McDonald, Gary Donovan, Hubert Scholz and Joe Hamanatar-singh. Front row: Steven Lysy, Shawn Jenkins and Michael Warbeck. Absent from the photo but also swimming up was Sammy Hancock. (Herald photo)

Town's Cancer Society has impressive tally

President, Barbara Skinner, conducted the monthly meeting of the Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society on May 18th, at the home of Nan Brooker. Correspondence to the group included a letter from the Red Cross organization in Georgetown, thanking us for the donation of two hospital beds, for their use.

Hugh Paterson, gave his Treasurer's report, and indicated that each executive or committee chairman submit their next year's budget by May 28th. Campaign Chairman, Claudette Smith, reported on the excellent April '79 results. To date, an impressive \$25,994.50 has been collected in Georgetown. We thank all of our canvassers for their great team effort, in helping to raise this money. The support from the people of Halton Hills has been tremendous, and in-

dicates very clearly their willingness to help in the fight against Cancer. In order to express our gratitude personally, our unit is holding an Appreciation Night, Monday, June 11th, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, from 7:30 until 9:15, for all of our campaign volunteers. The program will include dessert and coffee, reports and special awards, presentations to some of our long term volunteers, and a short film.

Mrs. Smith also gave the details of Bill Smith's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament for Charity, on Monday, June 25th, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. This tournament is to aid the Halton Hills Unit of the Cancer Society, and it is hoped that \$6,000.00 will be raised, at this special event. Anyone who is interested in participating may contact Brad Smith at 877-5161.

Mary Ellen Bridge, the Education Chairman, will be attending an Education workshop on May 30th, along with Diane McCracken of the Publicity Committee, to study the new and very educational kit on smoking, to be introduced into schools this fall. The members agreed to participate in Georgetown's Pioneer Days, by setting up an educational display on Cancer, and by selling hand knitted items, knitted by our volunteers.

Merry Little, the Service to Patients Chairman, informed everyone of the new "Friendly Visitors" group, chaired by Alex Jickling. These volunteers will be of great value to the patients in our area, by offering encouragement and friendship. The meeting was concluded with the very happy announcement that Mary Ellen Bridge will assume the position of Vice President. The next meeting will be held on June 18th, at the home of Barbara Skinner.

Witnesses attend convention

Georgetown area residents were among the 1,050 persons meeting at the Convention Centre of Jehovah's Witnesses, May 26, 27. The two-day assembly, based on the theme, "Keeping Clean and Zealous for Fine Works" included a series of Bible discourses and skits. A presentation by Witnesses teenagers expressed their appreciation for the guidelines the Bible provides young people today. Mr. Dennis Hartig, Local Witness spokesman, commented, "Where can our youth find valuable direction today? The Bible deals with matters of concern to both young and old alike. It ensures we enjoy the best of life."

The convention hall on Highway 7 in Norval is open to the public during such meetings. No collections are ever taken.

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HURLEY/PACHECO TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Jeramias Pacheco of 15 Elizabeth Street, Georgetown are pleased to announce the impending marriage of their daughter, Maria, to Peter Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hurley, of R.R.4 Acton. The ceremony will be held September 1, in St. Joseph's Church in Acton.

Community

Legion elects new executive

Fifty one members were present last Sunday afternoon to elect three officers and four executive for the 1979-80 year. We welcomed our new Zone Commander Frank Buntin, Jerry Lindsay Oakville's President and his 2nd vice president Fred Baker along with executive members Moe Tudor, Frank Allen, Norm Knowles and Herman Dempsey who all worked together conducting our elections. Members, your elected state of officers and executive are as follows. . . . President . . . Harold Badham (his third term) 1st vice Norm Ward, who is no stranger to us having served on many committees, been on the executive and served as our President, 2nd Vice President, is Pat Chamberlain who has also served on the executive before and been our Sgt. At Arms, your four executive members are Buster Hale (past executive member and a past president) Gib Telford and Bob Waites who have been on the executive before and a new name to the working ranks Eric Clarke. We wish our new



Legion Lines

By Roma Timpson

officers and exec. much success in the coming 12 months and I know they will work harmoniously together and work hard maintaining the best interests of the branch and its members and their dependents. President Badham will make his appointments shortly of other members, making up the balance of his executive.

A hot meal was provided by several Auxiliary members, President Hazel Dumper, Jean Reid, Kathy Monk, Doris Clarke, Betty McLean, Leona Postlewaite, Joan Brown, Marg Clarke and Bub Waites, which was exceptionally delicious. Many of us couldn't make up our minds between hot turkey or hot beef so we had both.

Thanks a lot ladies, we all enjoyed the supper immensely.

SUMMER RECESS

We also thank Gord Reid and Greg Ball who filled in on the colour party at the last minute when his two regulars couldn't come on. Bob Waites was the 3rd standard bearer. There will be one more general meeting before the summer recess.

Our Air Cadet sponsoring committee are looking for a Band Instructor. Would you be interested in working with these very fine young people? Do you know of someone who could give these "eager to learn" cadets the benefit of their musical experience? Then give Joe Poirier a call at 877-3534, after 6 p.m. and discuss the situation with him.

The ARC in Hornby will be closing for holidays from July 13th to August 6th. If you have chairs or lounges that need to be re-webbed, it may be wise to get them down to Branch 120 as soon as you can, clearly marked with your name, address, phone number and colour choice. They will be taken to Hornby by our friendly and willing Frank King and returned to the branch. Prices are \$3.50 and \$5.50 and they do a very good job.

July 9th (Monday) will see our Provincial Service Officer at our Branch for the convenience of all veterans, Branch member or not and their dependents. If you need help with a problem, call our Service Officer Henry "Buster" Hale at 877-3635 for an appointment.

R.C.L. Branch 55, Woodstock have a brand new book written about the branch and it is called "The First Fifty Years". It is a composite history of Branch 55 and that will be of interest to those who used to live in Woodstock as it touches on much of the history of the town (or city?) Anyone interested in this book may obtain it or more information by writing to Branch 55, Woodstock. This book was written by Mrs. Eileen Beattie and its cost is \$5.95 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

September 18 to 21 there will be a "Commonwealth War-time Air Crew Reunion" in Winnipeg. If interested write to CHAIRMAN, Air Crew Reunion, Box 1702, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 2Z6. All air crew who earned a wing and flew with the Air Force of the British Commonwealth in W.W.I. or W.W.2 or in the Korean War, qualify.

BUS PROVIDED

This June 16 is the 10th Annual Garden Party at Milton Manor. That particular day there will be a Lawn Party at the Manor in Milton and there will be a bus provided FOR SENIOR CITIZENS only, jointly with Branch 120 R.C.L. their Ladies Auxiliary and Imperial Section. There will be many activities and a large turnout is expected. Hazel Dumper, Aux. President 877-9438 and Mrs. Irene McMaster 877-3590 will be pleased to give you any more information needed. They are looking to volunteers to help with the Senior Citizens in various capacities and also for those of you that have donations for the White Elephant table and bake table and you CAN'T possibly get it out to the Manor, then Mrs. C. Wilson will pick it up, her number is 877-6687 and another number you may call is 878-4141. Mrs. Winney Manor housekeeping supervisor. Rain or shine this party will take place.

Happy Birthday greetings to Jan Emmerson, Jake Timpson Maude Norrie, Audrey Martin, Gord Reid, Roma Timpson, Jean Reid and Betty McLean, whose birthdays are all together. Greetings to all others who may be celebrating a birthday or anniversary. The above are the ones I know of.

Dart Shoot winners last Thursday were Ivan Reynolds, Joanne Coles, Bill Collier, Jim Wallace, Debbie Augustus and Marion Hanson. Come out next Thursday and try your luck.

Friday in the Lounge will be Russ Somerville and on Saturday it will be Boots Hurren both these DJ's are there to please and if you have a request I am sure they will do their best to fill your request. Have fun, the Lounge is yours, do use it.

Ballinafad

Many visitors swell congregation

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

Many of the regular church goers are visiting this weekend but many others brought their visitors to church which helped to make a fairly large congregation. Mr. Stiles welcomed the visitors. His message was "The Church Alive". Mission Sunday's on the 10th and Mr. Tom Knott of Toronto Conference will be present to talk on Missions and how the mission dollars are being spent. Communion Sunday will be observed on the 17th and the outdoor service and annual picnic will be June 24th on the Schwarz-Snow properties.

In the youngsters' soccer this past week the Ballinafad Blizzards and the Georgetown Firebirds played to a 1-1 tie. Ballinafad's Brad Brunett got the tying goal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall had their families home on

Sunday the Millers from Toronto and the Polo's from Rockwood.

Visitors at the Schwarz' home for the month of June are Paul's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mehner and their daughter and her husband, all from Hannover, Germany.

Mrs. Nellie Carnellos and little daughter were visiting at the Smith farm on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill spent the weekend with his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Williamson at Mount Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Linstead and family spent Sunday with his brother and family at Listowel.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Haynes, who received word last week of the sudden death of Mrs. Haynes' brother, who resided in England.

MEET THE PRESIDENT



Bill Kent

Gordon Alcott Tennis Club president Bill Kent has been with the group since it formed three years ago and was a member of the defunct Georgetown Tennis Club for several years before that. He has been vice-president of the club for two years and also director of junior members.

The club has about 400 members fairly evenly divided between juniors and seniors. Membership fees are \$5 for juniors, \$11.50 for adults and \$26 for a family. Membership in the club entitles people to vote at the club's general meetings, as well as giving them playing rights at any time. Members are also entitled to play in all the club tournaments and inter-county events. For an small extra fee members can also join the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA). This gives them an option of playing in all OTA tournaments and a subscription to Racquets magazine.

Members are looking forward to the imminent construction of a clubhouse at their courts. They are also hosting an invitational doubles tournament for men and women on the first weekend in July. The club is holding an instruction program for juniors at present.

Mr. Kent and his wife Bridget came to Georgetown from Newfoundland 20 years ago. They have three children. Mr. Kent works for Air Canada and coaches a rep hockey team for the company. They have played in Czechoslovakia and Switzerland as well as all across Canada and several places in the United States. He also plays oldtimer hockey in Halton Hills and with Air Canada. He is the Georgetown chairman of the Canadian Arthritis Society and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Cheltenham WI greets 4H girls

The May meeting of the Cheltenham Women's Institute was held in Cheltenham United Church with Mrs. Henry Cornwell as hostess.

Mrs. Bell Boyes welcomed the 4H girls and their leaders Mrs. Judy Bell, Mrs. Jim Lyons, Mrs. Bill Wilkins and Mrs. Andrew Henderson to our meeting.

Mrs. Boyes read a poem about the month of May and followed with the opening ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Mrs. Duncan Macdonald read the minutes of the last meeting. The roll call "Do you have a medicine cabinet or first aid box? When was it housecleaned? was interesting and humorous.

Mrs. George Caldwell gave a report on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Belfountain Rocksides Women's Institute which was celebrated at the Caledon Ski Club.

Mrs. Bill Wilkinson had the 4H girls introduce themselves to the ladies and each one showed what they had made for their project "Accessories the final touch."

Scarves, hats and purses were colourful, fashionable and expertly made. They gave a skit about shoes and Karen Hutchinson demonstrated gloves throughout the ages which had been given as part of their achievement day programme.

Mrs. Jim Lyons spoke on the next project "Outdoor Living".

Mrs. Henry Cornwell had a contest to unscramble names of flowers and then gave the courtesies. Mrs. Boyes closed the meeting with the benediction.

Mrs. Norman House, Miss D.M. Beattie and Mrs. Henry well provided a lovely lunch for a social time.

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