

# Youngster second at the CNE

By Mrs. A.W. Benton  
Herald Correspondent

Although ill at the time, Christian Book, who has just completed Grade 7 at Limehouse, competed in Grade 7,8,9 class at the C.N.E. spelling match placing second to a Grade 9 Brampton student. He received a complete set of Compton's Encyclopedia as a prize. Congratulations Christian.

Mrs. Cyril Paxton of Weston who, with her husband attended Limehouse Presbyterian Church a few years ago, was buried in Limehouse Cemetery on September 5. We extend sympathy to Mr. Paxton and family on behalf of those who knew them. Also to the family of Mrs. Joseph McGowan, who was an active member of this community for a good number of years while she and her husband raised their two children, Helen (now Mrs. Harry Smethurst) and John. She passed away at Barrie in early August, where they lived for many years.

The Limehouse Women's Institute met in their Hall on Thursday evening. Pres. Mrs. Anderson in charge. They opened with Mrs. Moulden leading with the Scout Pledge and O Canada. The W.I. is sponsor of the Scouting groups in our neighbourhood. Roll

call was both interesting and humorous in response to "An experience from your time in guiding or a similar group."

Correspondence related: A district directors' meeting will be held October. Tickets for the Area Convention October 29 and 30 must be purchased by October 10. Mrs. T.N. Anderson was appointed delegate; a course in Indoor Gardens at Ligny Hall Oct. 23 and 24 was set aside as leaders could be appointed before Oct. 5. Attention was drawn to our village

signs erected since our July meeting, for which we are very pleased. Mrs. Hannah extended an invitation to visit The Forge at Terra Cotta on Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Booth related recent current events. The president mentioned sympathy to families who were bereaved in our community.

Mrs. Bert Benton expanded the motto - sharing, sharing, sharing, stating that we should leave the world a better place than we entered it because of

our having been here. She repeated the aim of being a Beaver, a colony which she leads, and whose motto is sharing. She said sharing is our life every day at home or away.

A highlight of our meeting was the planning of a Craft and Bake sale at Limehouse Memorial Hall on October 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jobs were allotted to various persons. A light lunch will be available. Watch for posters soon.

Mrs. Moulden spoke of the Scouting role in the communi-

ty and our role in Scouting, stating that a leader finds Scouting a rewarding experience and benefits from her contributions to it. She also asked us to save Dominion Store tapes for health equipment.

Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Bert Benton sang the Scout Vesper as a duet for closing the meeting.

Social convener for this month, Mrs. Moulden served a nice lunch while Mrs. Anderson conducted an interesting contest.

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### Tourism important to Canadian way of life

By DALE CALLINGHAM

Every province and territory in Canada, as well as most regions, cities and towns, has its own public information desks staffed by travel counsellors. Their job, essentially, is to "reach out a friendly hand" to tourists. They provide visitors with facts about the tourist attractions in the area which employs them and generally do what they can to help.

Jill Johnson, a travel counsellor in Vancouver, working for the Province of British Columbia has been in the job two years. Friendly, intelligent and pleasant to talk with, Jill typifies most travel counsellors in Canada.

"A good travel counsellor really has to be friendly and enjoy dealing with people," Jill said. "Usually the people who come to us make it easy to be pleasant. They're on vacation which is a happy time, and although there are some who refuse to be satisfied, the vast majority are appreciative of anything we do for them."

Jill has a good knowledge of British Columbia before she started her travel counselling job and in the last two years has made a complete tour of the province.

"Seeing the tourist attractions first-hand really helps. It's easier to be enthusiastic about a place when you've enjoyed it yourself rather than just reading about it."

Counsellors like Jill are important to tourism. They are often among the first local vacationers meet and it's part of their job to make guests feel welcome as well as to provide information.

And tourism is important to British Columbia as it is to all Canada. In 1978, 11.5 million travellers visited the province, the equivalent of four for every resident. These visitors generated \$1.55 billion or 5.5 per cent of the Gross Provincial Product.

ing in midsummer, wanted Jill to help them rent a sled-dog team to visit the areas around Vancouver. Another couple insisted they had taken a train from Victoria, on Vancouver Island, to Vancouver on the mainland and now were embarrassed they couldn't find the train back.

Jill said she is seldom asked a question she cannot answer, although sometimes it takes a bit of digging. "The most difficult questions are from people who remember attractions they saw 10 or 15 years ago. Often, the site no longer exists and those who would know something about it have moved on."

No problem though - there's so much to see and do that, with a little help from a counsellor visitors soon find other attractions that are just as enjoyable.

Jill's job was recently expanded to include training other employees and new members of the hospitality trade. The course includes a rundown of what kinds of questions to expect, what resources are available and how to handle some of the more unusual situations. The emphasis is always on being friendly.

The public information desks in Vancouver are at 800 Hornby Street in beautiful Robson Square. It's filled with colorful brochures on British Columbia along with some material on the neighboring province of Alberta. Visitors requiring information about Canada's other provinces and territories are given addresses, and, when available, toll-free numbers they can call.

Similar information desks are scattered across Canada, all staffed by friendly travel counsellors like Jill. If you're travelling in Canada, drop in and learn more about the region you're visiting. Friendly assistance is guaranteed.

For general information about Canadian vacations contact the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0H6.

Tourism is important to all of us - reach out a friendly hand.



Jill Johnson (right), travel counsellor for British Columbia, offers friendly assistance to a visitor.

## Visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake

By MINDELLE JACOBS

A visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario is a fascinating voyage back in time to one of the most interesting periods in Canadian history.

Located in a picturesque setting at the mouth of the Niagara River, this little town of 12,500 has, at various times over the years, been a political, military and cultural centre.

Originally called Newark, the town was settled by United Empire Loyalists after the American War of Independence in 1776.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, Newark was established as the first capital of Upper Canada in 1791 and remained as such until 1796 when the capital was moved to York (Toronto).

Niagara-on-the-Lake also boasts many other firsts, including the first library, newspaper (the Canadian Constellation), law society and agricultural society in Upper Canada (Ontario).

The town played a significant role in the War of 1812. American soldiers occupied the area for several months in 1813 and, when British troops advanced, they retreated back to the U.S., burning Fort George, at the east end of Newark and the entire town.

However, like the phoenix, Newark survived the ravages of war and rose from its ashes to become a resort town. Its idyllic beauty, serene atmosphere and closeness to major cities made it a popular tourist attraction.

Today, thousands of tourists flock to Niagara-on-the-Lake, caught up in its 19th

century charm and historic allure.

A walk down any of the quiet, tree-lined streets reveals beautifully restored neo-classical and Regency-style homes characterized by wide doorways, magnificent sidelights and transoms and lovely gardens.

Although the houses are privately owned, an annual summer tour supervised by the Niagara Foundation offers visitors an opportunity to view the interiors of these historically interesting homes.

Queen, the main street, is an attraction by itself, an enticing combination of old and new.

In the middle of the street stands an impressive battery operated clock tower, erected in memory of those who died in the First World War.

Adjacent to it is the stately, three-storey Court House, built in 1847 on the site of the original Government House. The building is now the home of the Court House Theatre which shares popularity with the modern Shaw Festival Theatre, down the street.

Designed by Ron Thom, the 822-seat Shaw Festival Theatre was built in 1973 and is the only theatre in the world devoted to the plays of George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries.

McClelland's is a grocery store that has been operating since 1835. A large T over the entrance is the traditional sign of sellers of tea. Another interesting landmark is the Niagara Apothecary. Characterized by a large golden mortar and pestle over the door, this 1866 pharmacy continued in business until

1964, when it was restored and opened as a museum. A bottle of leeches might not be as effective as a shot of penicillin if you're sick, but it certainly is intriguing.

If one is visiting Niagara-on-the-Lake on a Sunday, it's worthwhile going to church. Three of the oldest churches in Canada are nestled in this area.

On the main street is St. Vincent de Paul Church, the first Roman Catholic parish in Upper Canada. Built in 1834 and enlarged in 1965, the church is an excellent example of Gothic Revival architecture.

The Prince of Wales Hotel,

formerly Long's Hotel, was renamed in 1901 to honor Edward VII's visit to Canada.

The Oban Inn occupies a large colonial house overlooking Lake Ontario. Built in 1824, it was once the private home of a Scottish sea captain.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Niagara Historical Society Museum, 43 Castlereagh Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake or telephone (416) 468-3912.

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