

History made with unveiling of Norval plaque

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History was made in Norval when a Stone Cairn and Plaque, etched in bronze was unveiled, telling of early pioneer days of "Norval on the Credit."

The day was planned by Norval Community Association and the Norval Women's Institute, in honor of their 85th birthday. The site is a parkette at Noble Stand No. 7 Highway (east of the Hollywood House).

Sunday, October 27, 1991 Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Mayor of Halton Hills Russell Miller together unveiled the historical plaque.

Peter Pomeroy presented the W.I. with a plaque, commemorating their 85th anniversary. In part of Dorothy McLean's reply she quoted the W.I. Motto for "Home and Country" and stated "we aim to make our homes a better place to live." We are proud to be a part of the picturesque, historical little village of "Norval on the Credit." In the beautiful "land of the tall pines" with the Indian name of Esquesing, within the Region of Halton.

We are also proud that the Chairman of the Region of Halton is one of our own local boys, born and raised and still residing in Norval.

Mayor Russell Miller brought greetings from Halton Hills, and will present plaques later to Norval Community Association and the Norval W.I.

Joan Carter introduced decedents of the McNab Family represented by Bruce McNab of Milton and his aunt, Mrs. Catherine (McNab) Hamlin of Orangeville. Her one great uncle, Alexander was buried in the old McNab Cemetery.

Piper Joe Sellar's played traditional music, as well as piping people to the Parish Hall.

Many ladies and children dressed in old tyme costumes for the history making day. Kathy Gastle chaired a short program, and accepted a plaque from MPP Noel Duignan, on behalf of the Norval Community Association. Kay Wilson thanked him for a plaque presented to the W.I.

President of Norval W.I. Jean May, expressed the Institutes pleasure for the opportunity of sharing this history making day with the Norval Community Association.

She explained that the planting of the red maple tree at the cairn, was suggested by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, that groups plant a tree in their community.

Sharing in the honor of cutting the birthday cake were Jean May, and oldest life member of the Norval W.I., Gladys Chetser, 92 years old, and Marie Murray, only descendent of a charter member. A buffet lunch of sandwiches, relish, squares and birthday cake was served by both groups.

Members of the W.I. judged the various children's competitions. Winners were - Old Time Costumes - girls - 1st Holly Thompson, 2nd Mary-El Bond, 3rd Stacey Thurlbeck. Boys - 1st Bradford Gastle, 2nd Mitchell Dogg, 3rd Derek Gastle. Bird feeders - 1st Scott Thurlbeck, 2nd Kenny Bryce, 3rd tie - Mary-El Bond and David Bryce. Posters - Under 10 Years - 1st Mary-El Bond, 2nd Peter Marelo, 3rd Holly Thompson. 10 Years and Over - 1st Bradford Gastle, 2nd Christina Past.

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Norval that were on display were Dorothy McLean, Norine Van Leeuwen, Norma Thompson and Grace Crawford.

Lapel pins were handed out by Mae Brander. Other W.I. members who participated at the hall were Rita Deenik, Gisela Malchin, Eleanor Hyatt, Jean Harrop and Ethel Webb.

Kathy Gastle expressed appreciation to the many people who donated time, effort and supplies for the cairn and site. The large stone was donated by Galbraith Quarry in Esquesing (transported by Bob Taylor).

Shrubs were donated by Sheridan Nurseries. Tulip bulbs by Dominion Seed House, Cement for footings by Boehmers, Georgetown and backhoe work by Jamie Carter.

Norval Community Executive is to be commended for the planning of the cairn, and the memorable day. Members are Pres. Wm. Appleby, Vice-Pres. Cathy Gastle, Sec. Brenda Bryce, Treas. Lois Fendley, Sue and Doug Horner, Bob Kipfer, Phyllis Moffatt, Jim Dodd and Ellen Carter.

Edmonton visitors

Philip and Kathleen Mulder, and son Robert (7 months) of Edmonton, Alberta, formerly of Georgetown, have been visiting family members for the last month. The Mulders attended the 102 anniversary on Sunday last of Norval United Church. As Philip and guest minister Rev. Hugh Reid have been friends since university years, so renewed ac-

quaintance. Philip's mother was organist in Norval Presbyterian Church for several years.

New babies

Congratulations to Gordon and Jean Reid, St. Paul's Station, formerly of R.R.2 Norval on the birth of their 13th granddaughter (Angela Lynn) at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Sept. 14. Proud parents are Ian and Cathy

Reid of R.R.2 Brampton.

Congratulations to Gordon and Jean Reid, St. Paul's Station, formerly of R.R.2 Norval, on the birth of their 14th granddaughter and to Reginald and Doris Hoskin's Clairmont on their 9th granddaughter, Kimberly Anne, on October 24, at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Proud parents are Donald and Anne Reid, R.R.2.



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Halton Hills teen Amy Williamson (left) checks out the arts and crafts while Mae Brander anticipates a sale at the annual Norval United Church's Bazaar Saturday. (Herald Photo)

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