

Country Good Times

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The Monmouth Curling Club float in the Wilberforce Country Good Times parade.

Club; Homeniuk Amusements; the Heritage Guild; St. Margaret's Church; Agnew's General Store; The Loop Troupe; Cedar Lake Cottagers; Fred's Septic Pumping; and probably others.

There were fire fighting vehicles from both Monmouth and Cardiff Townships.

There were many antique cars from Bancroft and other places.

There were individuals and families dressed up and marching in the parade.

All these marched the length of Wilberforce, finishing in the school yard.

FLEA MARKET
The Flea Market

and Craft Show continued in the Lloyd Watson Centre all week-end: from 6 p.m. on Friday to 6 p.m. on Sunday. There were other booths in the parking lot, and on the Fair Grounds. And still others filling the Curling Rink.

The Fire Hall was open; and the Fire Department did a brisk business in hamburgers and pop - especially during the heat of the day.

MIDWAY

A large Midway was brought by Homeniuk Amusements. "The whole show is out of Paris (Ontario)," explained Trucker Bill, looking after the Carousel.

There were rides for all ages, at the Country Good Times.

TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show was held in the Arena on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It attracted large crowds, and 21 contestants.

Youth winners were Leila, Jessica, and Paige Bolahood, all from Oshawa, but summer residents of Harcourt.

We would be delighted to publish the adult talent contest winners next issue.

At other times, professional musician Rick Jones, and the Silverthorns, provided music in the Arena.

Storm Lashes Our Area

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freight train. Even more the air pressure lifted off his body.

He and the Ruddells had time to say, "Get the kids to the basement." But they did not have time to act on the plan.

"It was so fast and so powerful," Jim Ruddell recalls.

"We heard it, and we were heading for the basement," adds Cindy. And already it was all over.

Many of the beautiful red pines which graced the property were now twisted and broken, or uprooted.

Some had fallen on top of the cottage.

Others had been blown over on top of the neighbour's cottage, which was covered with large trees.

The dog had been put - for safety - in the garage. Broken trees were piled so high in front of and on top of the garage that they had difficulty getting to the building. When they did, they found the dog terrified, but unharmed.

They happened to notice the exact time of the storm: 3:03 a.m.

Next door live

Tom and Mary Hull, of Hamilton. They were asleep at one end of their cottage. "We woke up and there it was."

"I thought, 'I'm dreaming this thing'," Mary reacted. But it was no dream.

Fourteen trees on their property were blown down. These were tall, stately red pines, which Mary had helped plant, some 70 years ago, when she was a young girl.

A number of the trees had crashed within a few feet of their bedroom.

The family's boat had been driven up next to the deck of the cottage, and was twisted. A tree was lying inches from the support for the deck.

"People have been so helpful," the Ruddells added. On Saturday morning, people came out from Wilberforce to help cut the trees, and clear a path to the cottage. Agnews

brought food and coffee.

All over the area one can see many trees blown down. Ontario Hydro workers are still repairing damage in many areas, as we go to press.

Other places had only a spectacular lightning and thunder show, and strong winds and heavy rain.

As we hear from across the Province and beyond, the storm seems to have made a crescent path: from Goderich, to Barrie and Orillia, to Wilberforce and Harcourt, to Kingston, and to Watertown, New York the next morning.

Cindy Ruddell pointed to an oak seedling which she was growing on the property. Broken pine trees lay all around it. But the oak had not been damaged. "I had been afraid of it getting too much shade," she commented. "I guess I won't worry, now."

Pensions and Other Payments

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Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic

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Radio for public service announcements, and the O.P.P. Detachment for distributing the posters to outlying communities.

The staff of 25 Red Cross workers from Toronto arrived by bus followed by the refrigeration truck and equipment truck. Within a short time the donated space in the Legion Hall resembled a field hospital. To quote Joan, "It was poetry in motion to see this organized efficiency."

A total of 212 units of blood was collected at this clinic.

A special Thank You goes to 18 tireless volunteers from the community.

Maynard Schutt provided background music for this production, playing the piano for seven continuous hours.

Special commendation goes to the civic minded donors.

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