



**IN THIS CONFEDERATION** Birthday Year the crests of Canada and the Provinces made a fitting background for Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robertson, shown here as they happily celebrate the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at Fairview Public School, Lowville. (Photo by H. Long)

## Lowville couple married 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robertson celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on August 7, 1967 in Fairview School auditorium at Lowville. More than 300 guests attended, including some from British Columbia, Weston, Toronto, Orillia, Hamilton, Burlington, Detroit, Los Angeles, Niagara Falls, Galt, London, Ont., Mount Hope, Carlisle, Kilbride, Acton, Campbellville, Oakville, Binbrook, Clarkson, Lowville, Georgetown and Milton.

Also present were the members of their family of six children — Mrs. Orlo Coulson (Marguerite), Milton; Russell and George, both of Kilbride; Mrs. Theo Morris (Ruth) Burlington; Mrs. Bruce Millar (Jean) Campbellville, R.R. 3; and Mrs. Charlie Cupido, Wilda Hamilton.

All had a very enjoyable time and wished the couple many more years of happiness. Telegrams were received from Her Majesty The Queen, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, John Robarts, Premier of Ontario, and a certificate from the Town of Burlington.

The wedding cake was made and beautifully decorated by Mrs. George Foote.

The family presented their parents with a portable T.V. set which was greatly appreciated. They also received numerous cards, gifts and flowers from their many good friends.

William Hayward, on behalf of the community, presented Mr. and Mrs. Robertson with a mohair wool blanket, a beautiful table lamp and a polished centennial tray.

A dainty lunch was prepared and served by members of the

United Church Women of Lowville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson extended their heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the occasion memorable and happy.

A well-known district farmer, Mr. Robertson served as deputy-reeve and reeve of Nelson township; and sheriff of the county for 14 years. He was born in 1883 at Bervie in Bruce County.

Mrs. Robertson, the former Frances Anne Bell, was born in Nelson Township. The couple were married by Canon Belt in St. George's Anglican Church, Lowville.

Mr. Robertson was a school trustee and he said his greatest satisfaction in public life was the establishing of the large school areas in 1943. Previously each small school was maintained separately, some with little money. The poor schools had primitive facilities to spare.

With the establishment of one school area for Nelson, while some of the others were in better condition with funds better schools were built, expenses cut and free books and supplies made available. Looking back, Mr. Robertson feels his part in this achievement is his most worthwhile contribution to the area.

Mr. Robertson, along with a few other residents, were instrumental in 1945 in the establishment of Lowville Park which gives so much pleasure to the people of the town.

The couple are members of Lowville United Church and Frances Robertson was recently honored with a life membership in the United Church Women.

## 48 from Children's Village enjoy two week Kelso camp

Taking care of 12 children, ages 6-13 in addition to your own family would seem to rank close to impossible. But don't tell the house parents at Children's Village of Saint Agatha. That is exactly what they do, and they enjoy it.

Four sets of house parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stumpf, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Osch, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean live in the Children's Village near Waterloo. The village consists of four cottages, administration building and recreation facilities. Each family lives with and cares for 12 children the year round. The majority of the children are wards of Children's Aid Societies. They are placed from as far away as Ottawa and North Bay.

It all started with a fire 110 years ago when eight children were left homeless orphans. They were placed in a vacant log house next to the church and for several years the women of the village took turns caring for the victims of the fire. Ninety nine years ago it became a regular orphanage and was later

taken over by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Just one year ago the old orphanage was torn down and four cottages and the administration building rose in its place.

The four sets of house parents, their children, the children of the village and a summer staff have just completed a two week stay at the Kelso Conservation area. A house mother explained they had come out for a little relaxation, and something a little different.

Program director, Jerry Rueser said that before they had come to camp arrangements had been made to hire a cook but he backed out at the last minute, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Rueser with the cooking chores. Mr. Rueser felt the meals had been a huge success. "Their stomachs are like bottomless pits, they get out of bed to eat, bedtime comes, eat, in between times, eat," he joked. For a single meal they buttered 400 slices of bread for sandwiches.

Mr. Rueser spoke highly of the town, the merchants and the people of Kelso,

and Milton. "We get all our supplies in town. We didn't bring any with us and they just treat us wonderfully."

House parents are carefully screened before being accepted as such. Almost all of them have experience teaching children. The children, the majority wards of Children's Aid Societies, live with, are cared for and love the village until such time as they are old enough and ready to look after themselves.

"They are good kids and I have high hopes for a lot of them. Many will do really well," Mr. Rueser said.

This is the second year they have camped at Kelso. Mr. Rueser rates the camp, out as "a huge success." The program included visits to fish hatcheries, stone quarries, mountain climbing, nightly campfires and sports of a wide variety.

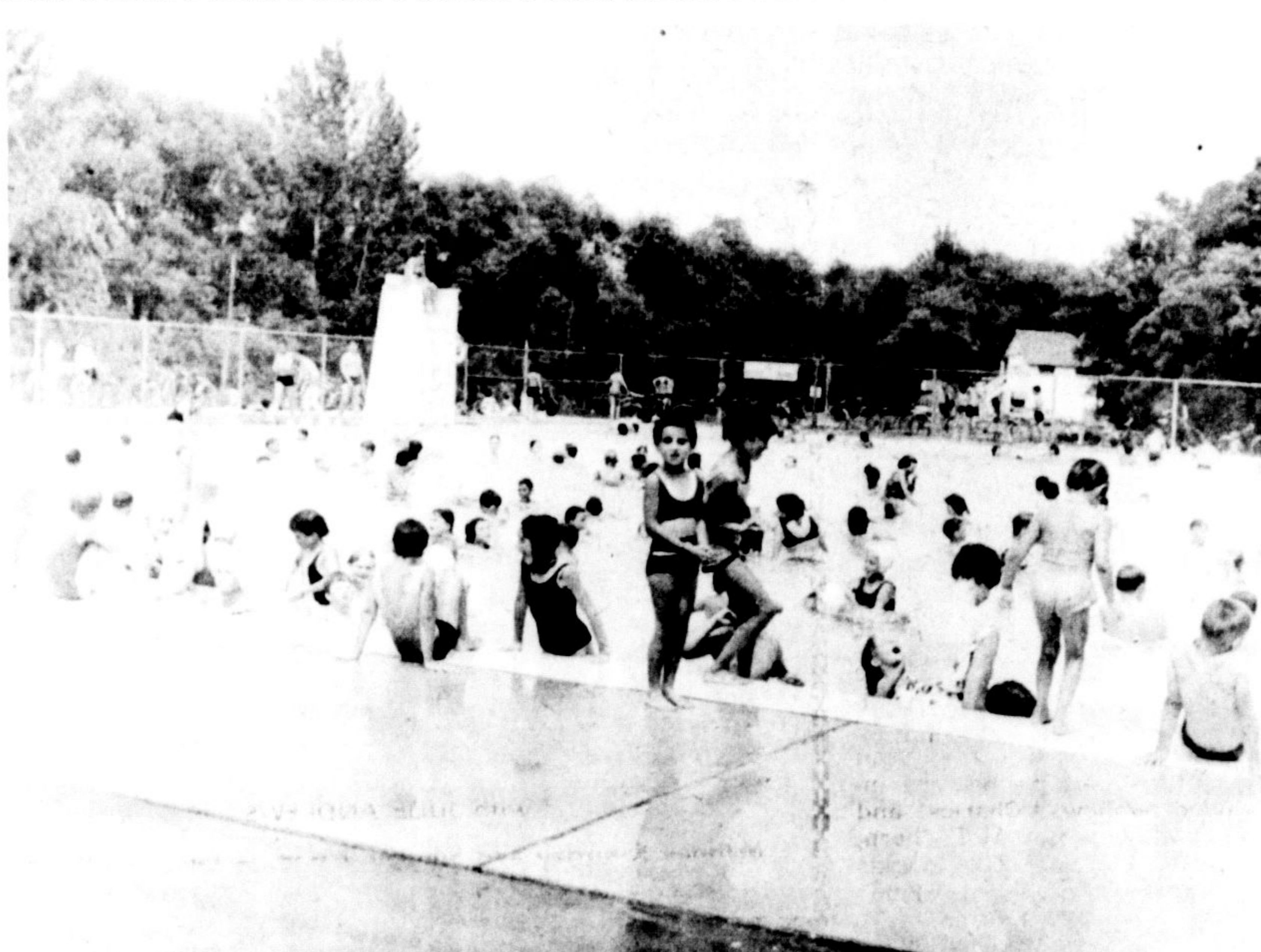
Jack O'Connor, who handles the physical education end of the program, also teaches the children nature lore. The children go for this in a big way and at the Village they had eight or

nine terrariums in which they keep snakes, toads, frogs and other small creatures. The children take care of this themselves and do a fine job. This is only a summer project and the animals will be released in the fall.

Although the village was once predominantly Catholic it is no longer so. Children of all religious denominations are taken care of and have their choice of religion as well as formal education. Some attend Catholic schools and others attend public schools.

The Village is a Corporation and has a 13 man Board of Directors. They receive grants from the government similar to those of regular school grants, so much per student per day.

Five nuns also help in running the village. Sister M. Alberta will soon be the administrator, Sister M. Alfreda is acting administrator, Sister M. Doris is the child care supervisor, Sister M. Majella takes care of the laundry and Sister M. Michaline rules over the kitchen. —By Bob Burt



WHEN THE WEATHER IS HOT throngs of people enjoy swimming facilities at the Milton Community Swimming Pool. Pool manager Dennis Snider said crowds were much better this year than last in spite of cool and often wet weather. Mr. Snider attributes the better

crowds to the leakage in the pool being repaired. Last year the water was cool due to constant refilling but this year the water has rarely dropped below 70 degrees.

(Staff Photo)

## Home, renovations in \$16,250 permits One accident in past week

One new home and small residential renovations and garages accounted for Milton's building permit issues during July, building inspector J. Charlton reports.

One residence evaluated at \$12,500, plus the smaller projects, brought the monthly total to \$16,250.

This brings the total for 1967 so far to \$258,620.

Only one accident occurred in their area during the past week, Milton Police report.

Tuesday of last week a car driven by Vera E. Hansen of 206 Bell St. received \$250 damage when it was involved in an accident near 161 Bell St., which also resulted in \$25 damage to a front lawn and a collision with a culvert. No injuries were reported.

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## Geo. Kerr attending thinker conference

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This convention is being held as a prelude to the National Convention in September, and consists of university people, businessmen, and politicians.



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## Five people injured in week's accidents

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There were three personal injury accidents, resulting in five persons being injured; six property damage accidents investigated, one of which was a hit and run accident, the driver was subsequently located and charged. The total property damage involved in the nine accidents was approximately \$5,150.

Causes of the accidents were: Inattentive Driving; Following too close; Speed too fast for road; Improper parking; Fail to yield right of way; Careless driving; Driver lost control; (pedestrian) Walking on road. Five persons were charged with infractions of the Highway Traffic Act, as a result of these accidents.



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