

Milton youth enjoys holiday

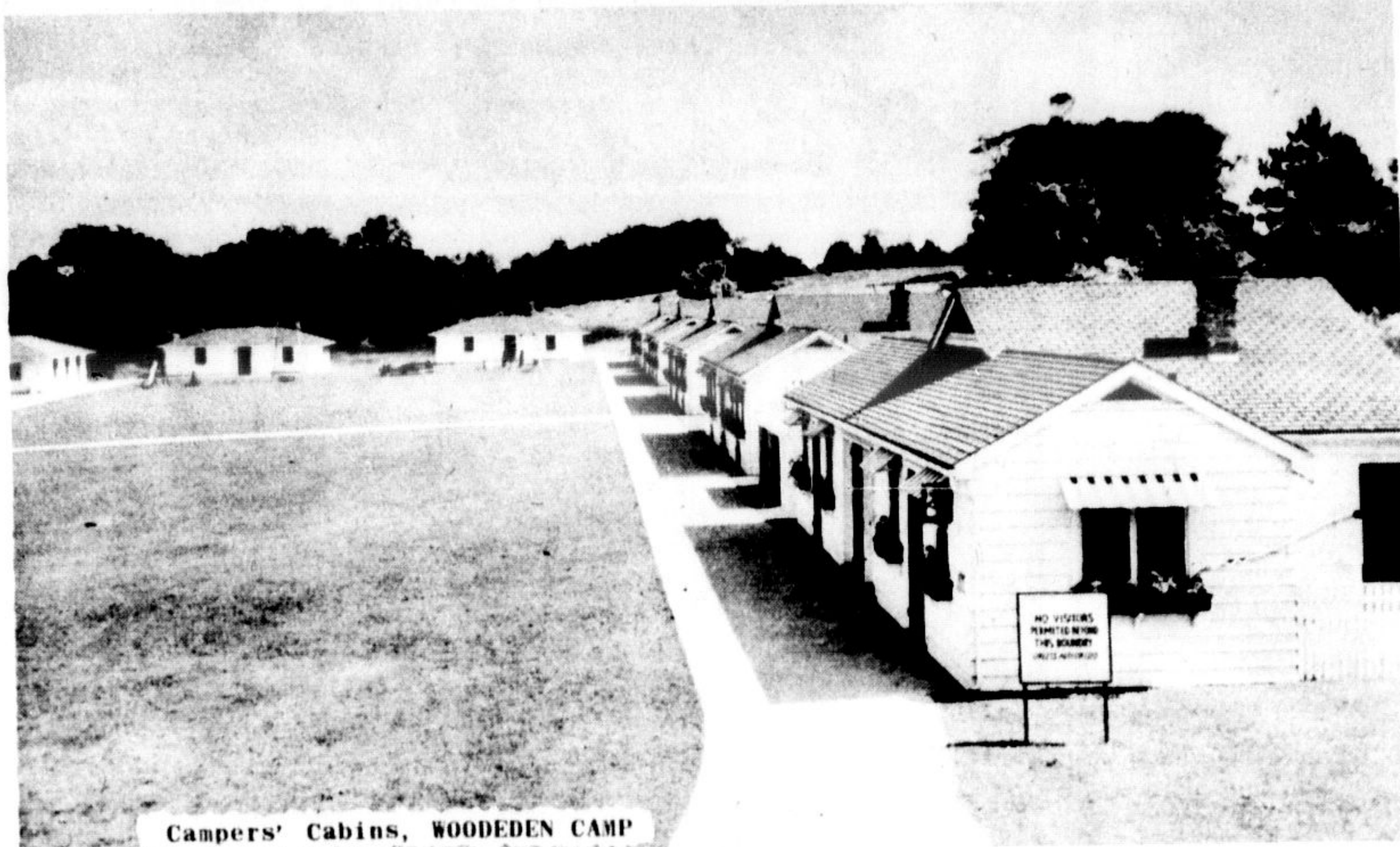
Camp program helps crippled children

By Roy Downs
If you think children's camps are fine for children, you're sure to appreciate how much benefit they can be for crippled children who, through handicaps, cannot attend regular camps.

Sixteen-year-old Ed Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barr of 157 Robert St., is one local youngster who enjoyed a three-week camp this summer. From July 2 to 23, he had a wonderful time at the Woodeden or confined to wheelchairs, near London, thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Milton, the local sponsors of the Easter Seal campaign and crippled children's work.

Ed was born with cerebral palsy that has handicapped him, but fortunately not as seriously as some children who suffer from the disease. While some C-P sufferers are bed-ridden or confined to wheelchairs, Ed Barr can walk and use his limbs quite well. He's ambulatory enough to attend regular classes in school, and once belonged to a Boy Scout group in Shelburne where he participated in — and finished — a 14 mile hike.

This fall Ed will begin a special two-year course in Milton District High School. "If I can complete my grade nine with at least a 60 per cent pass, I'll be going to Variety



WOODEDEN CAMP FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN near London, was a grand place to spend a three-week holiday according to Ed Barr of Robert St., who was there in July. His trip

to camp was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Milton, local sponsor of the Easter Seal campaign and crippled children's work. The camp has nine cottages like those shown.



ED BARR OF MILTON was one of 1,200 crippled children from across Ontario who had a grand time at a special camp operated by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. He spent three weeks at Woodeden Camp near London in July. Ed is shown with some of the souvenirs and handicrafts he brought home from this year's and previous camps. (Staff Photo)

Village in Toronto next year," he reports.

Variety Village offers crippled teen-agers a choice of trades including drafting, typing and business, clockmaking and repair, sheet metal work and welding. Ed chose sheet metal work when he visited the Village some time ago to see how it operates. After a couple of years in the Village, he will have his trade and be placed in a job where he can become self-supporting.

Camp this summer was an exciting experience for the boy. It was his first year at Woodeden, although he had spent two summers at Northwood near Kirkland Lake as a junior camper and four years at Blue Mountain camp near Collingwood as a senior. The camp program was varied, full of fun, and a great experience for the 64 crippled children who attended during the three weeks he was there.

The Ontario Society for Crippled Children, which operates children's camps throughout the province, started their camping program in 1937 with one camp and by 1954 had expanded it to five camps. The philosophy behind it is that while all children respond well to camping programs, it is more of benefit to the physically handicapped boy or girl whose horizons may be limited by his handicap, by the over-protection of his parents, or by his sensitiveness to his disability.

With the assistance of the 229 Rotary, Kinsmen, Lions, Kiwanis, Richelieu and other clubs which sponsor Easter Seal programs, the Society is helping 1,200 children, aged seven to 19, go to camp for a two or three week period each year. The camps are not treatment centres but many of the camping activities — like swimming, arts and crafts, hiking and dramatics — are therapeutic.

And you can't beat a summer camp for boosting morale. Emphasis at camp is based on participation, rather than competition. A large staff (about a 2-1 ratio of staffers to campers) is on hand to help the children when they are separated from their parents — many of them away from home for the first time in their lives.

Campers live in a relaxed atmosphere, far from the restrictions of the classroom or hospital routine. Often campers are surrounded by children whose handicap might be worse than their own. They make new friends and share the exciting activities with them. And they become more independent, because staffers — a large percentage of them trained nurses — encourage the children to become more self-sufficient and do more for themselves.

Ed reports that besides sleeping and eating (two things all campers can do with dexterity), the Woodeden Camp activities embraced arts and crafts, swimming, camp-

craft, hiking, fishing, music and drama.

His favorites? "Hikes, swimming and fishing in that order."

In crafts sessions, he took an aluminum tray, scalloped the edges, and painted on a picture of flying geese. Earlier at Blue Mountain camp, he made some Blue Mountain pottery, and at Northwood his favorite chore was weaving reed baskets.

Every evening, there was a program before "lights out" at 9.30 p.m., when 10 campers and two counsellors would bed down in comfortable cabins surrounding the playing fields of Woodeden. And in the final week, there was a big banquet, complete with toasts and entertainment, where Ed played one of a group of teen-agers who mobbed the singing stars for autographs in a skit that starred a handicapped cast.

Arts and crafts sessions also taught him to make articles from wood and leather materials. And one day they had a parade that included a march-past of decorated wheelchairs.

The swimming was fun, too, and Ed is progressing in this sport. He has earned his first level Red Cross safety badge.

The Barrs are quite pleased that their son is able to enjoy the three-week camp, and speak highly of the Rotary Club for its continued support of programs for crippled children. "The Rotary Club and the Crippled Children's Society deserve a lot of credit," Mr. Barr says.

KILBRIDE

Brown-Crudon wedding vows are exchanged in Carlisle

By Mrs. William Watson
Carlisle United Church was the scene of the July 28 wedding of Arlene Cruden and Robert Brown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. R. Wragg. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cruden of Carlisle and the groom is the son of Melvin Brown, Cedar Springs Road.

The bride wore a street length dress of white lace and a corsage of red roses.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Betty Selman, sister of the bride was attired in a black and white dress with a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's brother-in-law, Philip Coulson, of Lowville, was best man.

After a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCormicks at Carlisle, the couple left for a trip to Parry Sound and Wasaga Beach.

Guests attended from Carlisle, Hamilton, Kilbride, Lowville and Watford. The Browns are now residing in Kilbride.

Mr. and Mrs. William John Robertson of the Lowville area held open house at Fairview public school on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday evening, August 7. More than 300 friends, neighbors and relatives attended to congratulate the couple on this happy occasion.

The Robertsons have lived in Lowville for all their married life. Mr. Robertson was born in Bervie in Bruce County and Mrs. Robertson, the former Frances Anne Bell was born in Nelson Township.

They were married by Canon Belt at St. George's Anglican Church, Lowville, on August 7, 1907.

A well known district farmer, Mr. Robertson served as deputy-reeve and reeve of Nelson Township and sheriff of the county for 14 years. Mrs. Robertson was recently honored with a life membership in the United Church Women and

both are members of the Lowville United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson received numerous cards, gifts, flowers, including a portable TV from their children and a crystal lamp, woollen blanket and a centennial tray from Lowville community.

Telegrams were received from Her Majesty The Queen, Prime Minister L. Pearson, John Roberts, Premier of Ontario and Mavor Berriman of Burlington.

Their family includes six children, Mrs. Orlo Coulson (Marguerite) of Milton, Russell and George of Kilbride, Mrs. Ruth Morris of Burlington, Mrs. Bruce Millar (Jean) of Burlington and Mrs. Charles Cupide (Wilda) of Hamilton. There are 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lunch was served by the members of the United Church Women of Lowville. The wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. George Foote. Harold Robertson supplied the music for the background.

Plans are now under way for an Old Fashioned Picnic to be held at Lowville Park on Thanksgiving Monday, October 9.

The Kilbride and District Recreation Association executive members met last Tuesday evening with the presidents of the various organizations in the community to discuss how to make this a real success.

Kilbride Bantams defeated Drummondville a score of 28-4 on Friday, August 4, and on August 9 Ormagh defeated Kilbride by a score of 21-13 at Kilbride.

Kilbride Bantams won their first game in the O.R.S.A. last Friday by defeating Sheffield 17-7 last Tuesday, August 9, at Sheffield. Dave Yemm pitched the entire game for the villagers.

Kilbride Squirts were defeated by Greenwood in their first game in the O.R.S.A. last Fri-

Praise weekly papers promoting centennial

Weekly newspapers and ethnic papers have done a great job promoting Canada's Centennial according to John Fisher, Centennial Commissioner.

"The people in the small communities across the land represent the backbone of Canadian opinion and in the case of the Centennial celebrations, they stimulated local interest with their reportage to the extent that Centennial enthusiasm was carried to its heights mainly by non-government involvement," Mr. Fisher said.

Early last year Mr. Fisher and Jack Struthers, Chief of Information Services at the Centennial Commission (and former weekly newspaper editor) worked out a theme for a newspaper column, "Centennial Report" by Mr. Fisher, which went exclusively to Canadian weekly papers and ethnic papers.

Commenting on the success of the column, Mr. Fisher says, "Weeklies ordinarily don't want hand-out material for their news columns but because the subject was Centennial they went all out. By last fall 500 weeklies used at least one of our reports a month. Canadian Scene News Service, a non-profit organization in Toronto which serves ethnic

publications, adapted the material into 14 other languages and sent it to ethnic editors. Well over 50 Canadian papers publishing in languages other than English carried the columns. In fact there was even one in Philadelphia using it.

"The kind of spirit which will keep Canada going at Centennial tempo in the future will get much of its energy from the small towns and rural areas across this country," he added.

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