

'I'm glad it was quiet'

by Shirley Whittington

For Ontario Provincial Police Constables Phil George and Chuck Coulson, the Olympic Yacht races at Kingston held no unexpected surprises or undue excitement.

But that was the way it was supposed to be. "I'm glad it was quiet - boring at times," said Phil, who was part of the security force that protected the Kingston Olympic residence. "Otherwise, it would have been really terrible - if there had been any violence of any kind."

Chuck Coulson was part of the Olympic Community Services team. "There were six of us, involved in showing press and television people through the village, and arranging accreditation." He said, "Every once in a while, you'd think your job wasn't appreciated but one competitor told me that he appreciated the security because it proved that Canada cared."

Both constables volunteered for Olympic duty and along with 350 other Ontario OPPs travelled to Kingston in mid-June for training and orientation. Also assisting in the security force were members of the RCMP, the Department of National Defence and the police force of Kingston.

Meanwhile, holiday time in Ontario Provincial Police offices around the province was juggled so that no detachment was left short of manpower.

Coulson had the additional task of taking photographs which will probably be used for educational purposes by the OPP. "It was great meeting people from different countries, and we had tours of the Penitentiary and of Fort Henry, as well as opportunities to fly in DND helicopters. All the forces worked well together. And the city of Kingston had nightly displays of singing, and folk dancing in the city parks. Everybody was in good spirits and it felt good to be a Canadian."

"The importance of the thing hit me," continued Coulson, "when during the opening ceremonies, they raised the flags of each country, and played each national anthem. I began to realize the tremendous scope of the Olympics, and how important it was that the whole thing go without complication."

Phil George said doubtfully that most of the medal presentations seemed to take place when he was on duty at the village. "But the OPP rented the University swimming pool, and sports activities were organized for our off-duty hours. Tension? Yes, but it was a different kind of tension, ever since Munich. We knew we couldn't make one mistake."

Thus although competitors and officials wore identity cards around their necks, both constables were required to ask for further proof of accreditation, unless they knew the individual personally.

Home again after what both constables term "a unique and interesting experience", several highlights stand out in their memories.

Coulson remembers a meal of turtle-berger, made with meat flown in from the Grand Cayman Islands. ("It tasted a little like bear meat."); the tremendous cheers that went up for the Canadian sailing team, and the impressive spirit and polish of the Honour Guard from Fort Henry when they raised the Olympic flag.

Phil George smiles quietly and admits that it wasn't "the most exciting part of my career" but he's glad things were fairly uneventful. He wouldn't have wanted it any other way.



Two members from the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police volunteered to go to the Olympic Sailing held in Kingston in July. Chuck Coulson, one of the two volunteers looks like he's enjoying the whole ordeal.

Bake sale on this weekend

by Lorraine Kindy

St. John's United Church Victoria Harbour will be holding their Bake Sale Aug. 14 from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our holidays are over for another year and the weather was fairly good. We spent two days camping at Beausoleil Island with Jim and Jan Townsend and family, and while dropping in at Chimney Bay we met Karen Juneau and family and Chris Moreau. We travelled on up to the Muskoka River and spent a day and a half catching and eating bass.

Vera Gerry, my mother, myself and kids visited Santa's village one day, and my brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gerry with Kathy and Richard of Sarnia spent a week with us boating and swimming and celebrating their 12th anniversary. Kathy at age 8, got up on water skis for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Gil of Etobicoke visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jarman on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Also visiting with Bill and Mary were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles of Owen Sound, Mrs. Bruce Eplett and Mrs. Jarman travelled to Montreal to visit with Mrs. Dorothy Cerro, Mrs. Eplett's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Engleke of Barrie Celebrated Angie Brousseau's 9th birthday in the Harbour.

Peter and Judy Mocha of St. Catharines are up for a week holiday and celebrated Peter's birthday Aug. 12th, with Ron and Sue Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Reg McWaters of Virginia town visited with Ron and Sue Evans.

Janet Dakin will be celebrating her 9th birthday on Aug. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simpson with children Barbara Brenda and Terry visited Marine World in Niagara Falls and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webber of Fort Erie. They also had company from Thunder Bay on their way to the Wheel Chair Olympics, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bechta, Pat's Parents.

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Watch out - it's Friday the 13th

by S. Whittington

We are two days from the second Friday the thirteenth in the current year, and if you're the superstitious type, it might be a good idea to watch out for falling flower pots, black cats and overhead ladders.

Friday, all by itself, is traditionally bad news. Christ was crucified on Friday and for many years it remained a fast day in the church. Friday is supposed to be the day when the dead will rise for the last judgement and there are those who say that Friday was also the day when Noah and his ark full of paired-off animals were engulfed by a mighty flood.

Mohammedans believe that Friday was the day that Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, and were expelled from paradise. Friday was also bad news if you were a convicted criminal. It used to be the day set aside for executions.

Triskaidekaphobia means fear of the number 13, and there's a lot of that around. There were thirteen participants in the Last Supper and there's a pre-Christian legend about Valhalla, where an intruder pushed the guest list at a banquet up to thirteen, and one of the diners suffered terminal indigestion from a sword in the stomach.

Italians never use the number 13 in their lotteries, and in Paris, no horse carries the number 13. Thirteen Rue de

l'amour is a fictitious address, and the name of a play where a certain amount of bad luck prevails. Parisian hostesses are so nervous about having thirteen at the dinner table, that "quatorziemes (fourteenthers) exist who can be hired to fill out the guest list.

It is said that sailors traditionally object to leaving port on a Friday especially if it's a thirteenth. They also view their thirteenth voyage with apprehension.

Hotels and most office buildings do not have thirteenth floors. (There is no building in Midland with a thirteenth floor, because our tallest building is only twelve stories high.)

Combining Friday with 13 makes a day when most people feel, or pretend to feel, threatened.

Yet last February 13 was a Friday, and the day which Kathy Kreiner startled the world with her gold medal at the winter Olympics.

On the other hand, it was also on Friday the 13th of February that Frank Miller, Ontario's beleaguered health minister, was pummeled with snowballs after he closed a small community hospital.

Friday the thirteenth may be nothing to worry about, but if you have a rabbit's foot around the house, maybe you'd better wear it just to be on the safe side.

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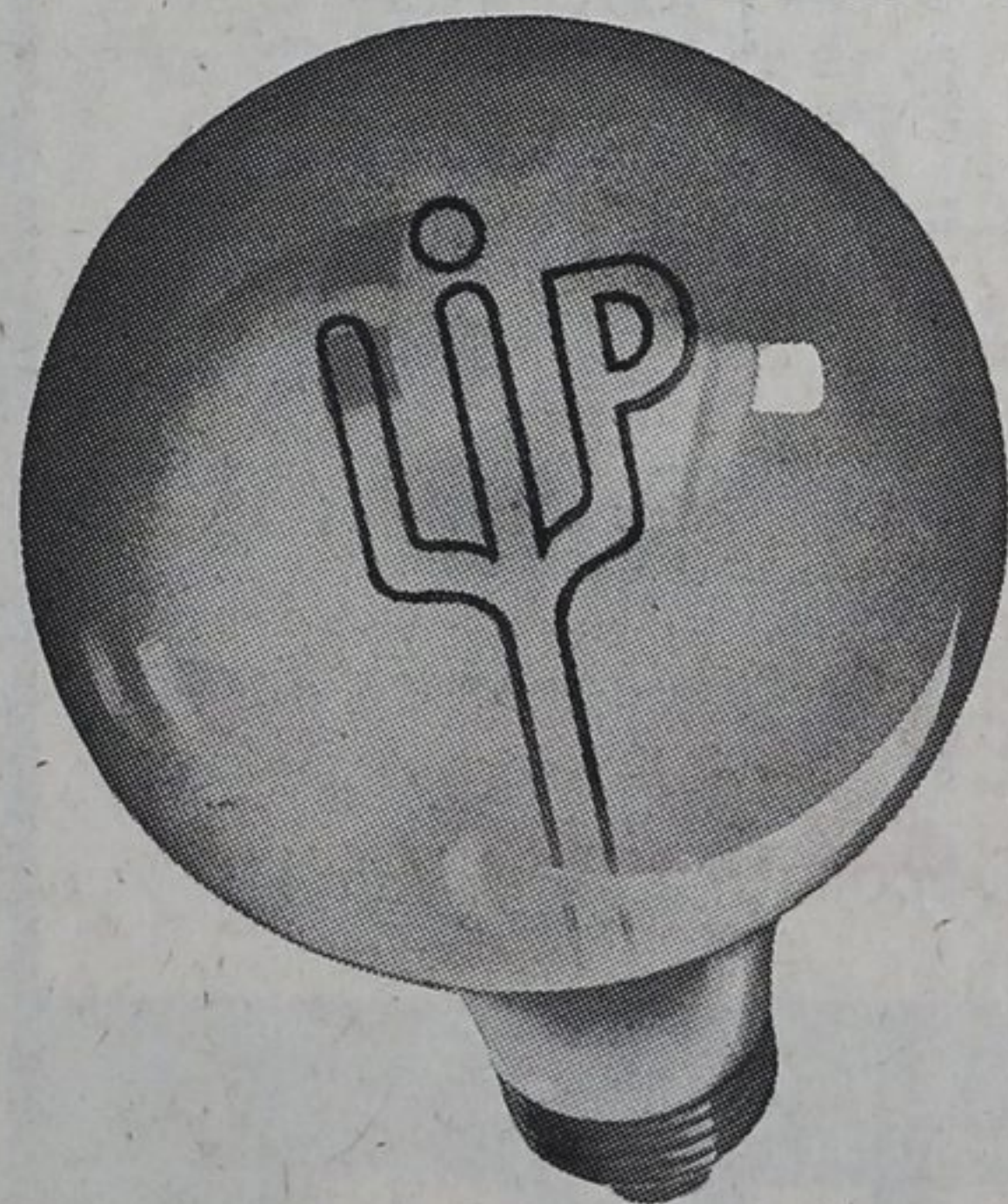
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