

Payette Foundry

Awenda date unknown

The official grand opening of Awenda Provincial Park which was scheduled for Saturday, has been indefinitely postponed due to "unavoidable" circumstances.

local people, however, once the major work is completed and the water system has been tested. Awenda Superintendent Tom Stott told The Times Monday he cannot give an exact date when the park will open to the locals or

officially to everyone. He explained that the company who won the tender to install the hydro distribution system went out on strike. This has delayed the opening by at least three weeks. The company has just returned to work.

"Once we get going the park will be open to the local people. Later on when the park is sure to be completed we'll have the official ceremony", Mr. Stott said. "We've got a lot of kids out here working hard."

Mr. Stott did hint that the opening would be this summer. "It's just anybody's guess exactly when", he said.

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Fête d'été

Le Centre d'activités françaises organise une danse vendredi, le 4 août à l'occasion du "Summerama", comportant l'orchestre "The Christies" au Centre communautaire (Curling Club). Il y aura un concours de gigue ainsi que des danses carrées. Le prix d'entrée est \$3.00 par personne et les billets sont disponibles au Centre.

Ici Radio-Canada

Emission à ne pas manquer vendredi, le 7 juillet à 20h30, Angèle Arsenault et Claude Léveillé seront les invités de Jacques Boulanger à Super Star. Née dans l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, Angèle Arsenault a fait ses débuts dans la chanson à l'émission de Radio-Canada Jeunesse Oblige. Depuis ce temps, elle poursuit une brillante carrière d'auteur-compositeur et interprète tant en français qu'en anglais et elle est aussi appréciée à Toronto et à Vancouver qu'à Québec et à Montréal. A Super star, elle interprétera "Je mange et L'Autodidacte".

Auteur-compositeur-interprète infatigable, Claude Léveillé a donné plus de 1300 récitals et enregistré plus de trent microillons. A Super star, il interprétera Frederic, L'Amérique et Concerto pour une voix, avec Danielle Licari.

Un Rappel

M. Cyrille a déjà commence sont travail comme coordonnateur-administrateur du Centre d'activités françaises et il sera à votre disposition au besoin pendant l'été du mardi au samedi de 9h00 à 5h00. La dernière réunion du Centre c'est prouvée assez bonne.

Days of the Payette empire

Try to imagine what July 1, 1923 would have been like. The small town of Penetanguishene Ontario is alive and bustling. Most everyone seems to be headed up Robert Street East past the top of the hill. In the distance there is the faint sound of people cheering and whistling.

"What is going on?" would ask a resident of the town today. There was nothing unusual happening for a July 1 in the 1920's. It was just that the well-liked Mayor of Penetanguishene, J. T. Payette, was staging his annual racing meet on the best half mile horse track in Canada, now the open field in front of the high school.

If you could have been at the track that day you might have seen, if you looked around the crowd, the ardent horseman himself displaying his famous horse The Lucy L, had a track time of 2:00 1/2 and won over six thousand dollars the previous year on the Grand Circuit.

Apparently, J.T. was not a very good speaker but well liked and much respected around town. J.T.'s house was quite the mansion back in those days. It was a huge house even by today's standards. It stands today much the way it did back then, on the corner of Robert Street West and Owen Street on the right hand side (behind the Huronia Motors car lot).

In 1911 the Payette lathe mill and bolter was tested to capacity when a world's record of 128,350 lathes in ten hours was set. In 1912, Peter Payette passed away and after a few months during which the plant was operated on behalf of the heirs, it was bought by Mr. George Copeland in conjunction with J.T.

In April 1914 Mr. Copeland withdrew his interests and J.T. assumed full control and got the enterprise off to its record breaking pace. From the time he started, he followed and executed his slogan, "Business, and more business."

Many machine shops were being transformed into shell factories at that time and it became difficult to find ready and capable places for repair work, especially marine repairs.

J.T. wisely weighed the situation and measured accurately the opportunities. Soon he was inundated with work and

the plant was enlarged and additional workers hired. With the coming of the first war came heavy uncertainty and the youthful J.T. started using venturesome initiative. It was perhaps J.T.'s most prominent characteristic, the continuous will to take a chance.

The war effort marked another triumph as a 2,600 pound brass liner for the propeller shaft of the Canadian ship "Logger" was made, shrunk and fitted at Penetanguishene.

That was generally the Payette empire, a name that meant wealth and power. J.T.'s only son died and in later years a good part of his fortune was eaten away by fires on his land.

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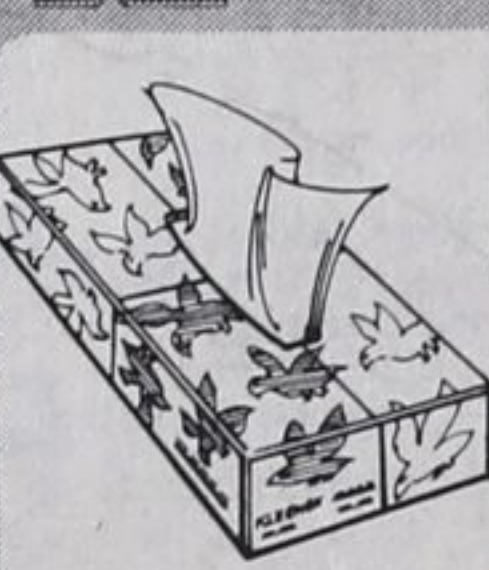
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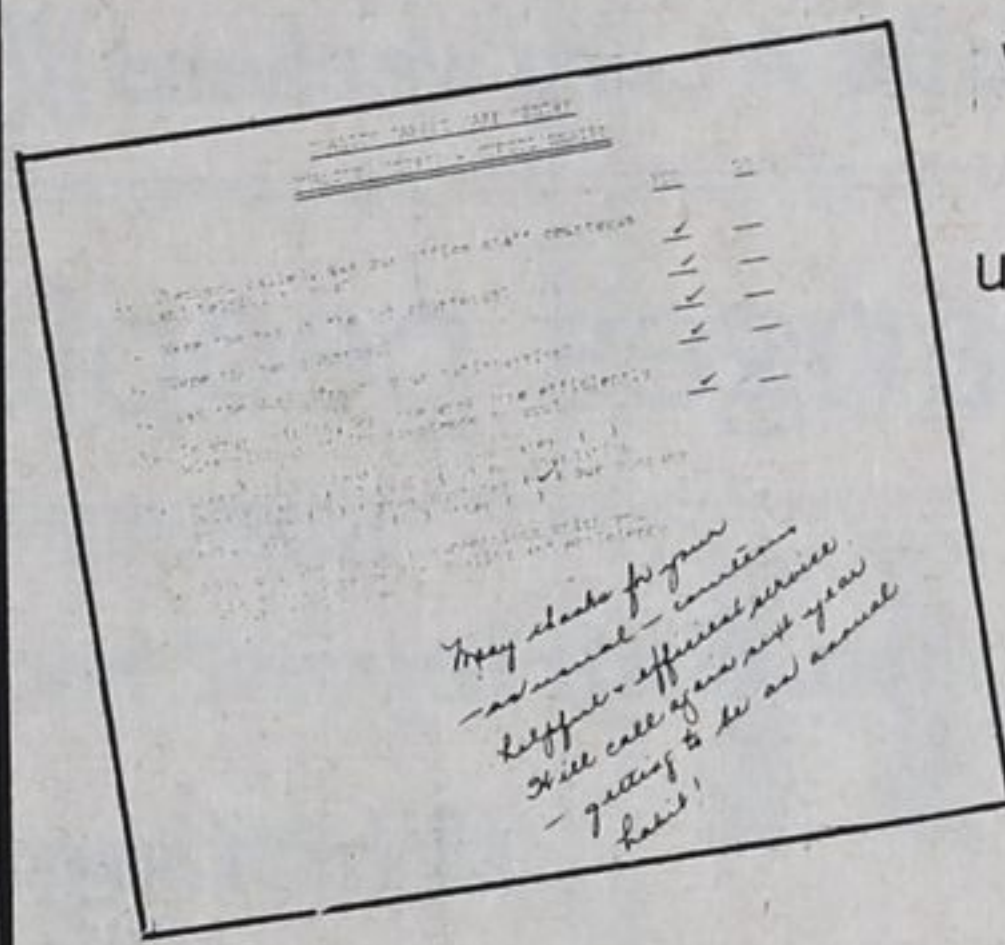
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