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**Rambling Around**  
 BY ELIZABETH KELSON

SEVENTH ANNUAL PIONEER VILLAGE FESTIVAL TO RECALL LIFE OF EARLY SETTLERS

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority presents the seventh annual Pioneer Village Festival, Saturday, September 28, 1963, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Many exciting events and displays will abound. Among them will be rug hooking, sauerkraut making, sausage making, quilting, horsepower threshing, Indian dancing (this is a star performance), tire-setting, musket shoot, spelling match, Indian crafts, apple butter making. There will be an exciting lacrosse match and Scottish dances. You will enjoy listening to the Bolton Community Choir, the French Canadian Choir and the German Club Harmonic Choir. Don't forget to renew your acquaintance with Pioneer Village, and if it's the first time for you, you will be glad you went. Pioneer Village is located at Jane and Steele's.

Pioneer Village represents an early Ontario crossroads village developed during the period 1793 to 1867. The village is typical of those established in York County, Canada West during this era. The site is on the farm of Pioneer Daniel Stong. Governor Simcoe chose York, with a population of 400, as the capital of Upper Canada in 1793. This was a period of migration... thousands of hardy pioneers trekked westward by way of the waterways and on foot to Upper Canada. York was a port where ships carrying produce could find safe anchorage.

Yonge Street had been brushed from York to Holland Landing and a stage was travelling the route. Immigrants were United Empire Loyalists, Canadian Militia, British Regulars and Pennsylvania Germans. Among this latter group, young Daniel Stong, a boy of eight, came to Canada with his family in 1800. At the age of 20, Daniel enlisted in His Majesty's forces and saw service in the War of 1812. In 1816 he married Elizabeth Fisher, and together they set forth to transform a wilderness into a productive farm.

Daniel and Elizabeth Stong faced the enormous task of clearing the forest to build a home and later grow food. Daniel felled the huge trees, removed some of the stumps, and either used them to make fences or drew them in heaps to be burned.

Daniel used materials close at hand, usually the oak, beech, pine, spruce and cedar. The timbers were dressed on two sides with the adze and the broad axe, and dovetailed at the corners. This type of construction did not require nails, which were very scarce and very expensive. Space between the logs was filled with wooden chips and a mortar of clay and straw. A large fireplace was built of fieldstone, the roof was made from wooden shingles split from logs. The building of a home required teamwork, and often neighbours would travel many miles to contribute their special skill to the construction.

As Daniel pushed the forest back, he added to his outbuildings, while increasing the size of his farm. He used a wooden plough to till the virgin soil; for sowing he used the broadcast seeder filled with grain, walking among the stumps, tossing grain on the soil. At harvest time, he used the sickle or the grain cradle. After the grain was cut he bound it by hand into sheaves, standing 10 together in a shock. These were left in the fields until they were dry enough to store. They were then drawn into the mows of the grain barn until time for threshing. A wooden flail was used to thresh the grain thoroughly. Winnowing was accomplished by opening the doors of the barn to create a draft, and tossing the mixture of chaff and grain into the air so that the wind could separate one from the other. Straw was used as a bedding for stock, for weaving hats, baskets, beehives, etc. Pure grain was stored in the granary to be ground into flour. Within 16 years the Stongs had constructed six separate buildings, all of hand hewn logs. These included two homes, a stock barn (no longer standing) a grain barn, a piggery and a smoke house.

Many pioneer buildings have been added since to help make an authentic pioneer village by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Society.

ANIMAL DEFENDERS IN ACTION  
 by Florence Wark

Early last March, Bruce Wark, Lance Grey and Duane Delbrocco of the Carrville Animal Defenders Club were hiking through the woods. Spring was in the air and the boys felt happy and carefree. The stream they were following was swollen with melting snow and ice. They amused themselves for a while by watching the jagged pieces of ice, snow and broken branches being carried away by the rapidly moving waters.

Shortly the boys saw something that took the sunshine out of their day and the gladness from their young hearts. They discovered a young raccoon whose tiny forepaw was cruelly crushed between the steel jaws of a trap. The boys could see that the trap was stapled to a submerged log which the animal had pulled into the water. The poor raccoon kept climbing partly up on the log but he kept slipping back into the stream. Knowing the animal would drown, David tried to spring the trap but his attempt was unsuccessful. Leaving Lance and Duane behind, David ran home to bring help. He contacted Mr. M. J. Ryan, the Canine Control Officer of the district who agreed to come at once. Meanwhile, David worried by the delay, hurried back to his two companions who were trying to keep the raccoon on the log. David decided to take matters into his own hands. The animal couldn't last much longer.

According to the story told by Lance Grey and Duane Delbrocco, David stepped into the icy stream, and reached down to where the trap was almost buried in the muddy bottom. This time he was lucky enough to release the heavy spring and the raccoon was freed at last, much to their delight.

I think that this episode has a great significance, a much greater one than that which appears on the surface. In the first place it illustrates in a very real way how the humane society is working. It is making young people conscious of the plight of helpless creatures, and creating in them the desire to help and defend them. Secondly, and perhaps even more important, I feel it should prove to thinking people that man has unrealized sources of mental and physical strength in reserve for emergencies. If we could learn to tap this power and put it to constructive use, nothing on earth could stop us from realizing our ideals. And the ideals of animal lovers are, to eventually see the day when all creatures will live in harmony and love together and man will be their beloved guardian and friend. When? "They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," saith the Lord.

Second Thoughts...  
 by George Mayes

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.  
 Our town solicitor has advised council that barking and howling are natural sounds for dogs to make, and they cannot be controlled. So apparently the revised anti-noise bylaw will only apply to neighbours shouting, "Shut up!"

A Toronto professor says, "... the pedestrian in our mechanized cities wants a wider role in society. He wants to be able to raise his finger and stop cement trucks." — Some role! Just a walk-on for a curtain call.

We didn't really believe all those complaints about the high weeds in Markham Township until we read of the Buttonville resident who lost his tractor.

The Ontario Hydro reports the case of a 300-pound black bear being killed when it bit into an electrocuted calf still entangled in the lead from a loose lightning rod which had contacted a high-tension power line. ... So that's where Rube Goldberg's working now!

Sports note from an Arizona dog track—It happened in the sixth race when a dog named Classy Cindy got confused as the race started, reversed her field and caught the mechanical rabbit as other dogs chased it from the rear. ... "Backward," we'd buy, but not "confused"!

Speaking about, uh, running: Governor Wallace of Alabama intimates that he may run for President of the United States. ... For? Or from?

Relaxed regulations on brewery advertising are expected to do away with "those hypocritical TV sequences in which young men and women are pictured in happy scenes prior to the brewery commercial." — You know, we've always had the second thought that it would be lots more fun to see some scenes of the party AFTER they "take five".

Add to your list of easy jobs: A Salvation Army worker in Agassiz, B.C. The Solly-Anon boys have been sent there with food for the Doukhobor Freedomites—who are on a hunger strike.

NOW we ask them!  
 Wonder if the architects who designed that new trust building, shown on last week's front page, had any second thoughts that its glass walls might make it look more like a don't-trust building.

Flashback

In Pears Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

The first agitation towards those of a solicitor. The most important business transacted in the second year of incorporation was in the amount of money coming to the municipality from the townships from which it had succeeded and also a share of the municipal loan fund, from the Ontario Government. The first was a portion of the clergy reserves allotted in years past to the municipalities. Markham had spent theirs in roads but Vaughan had wisely invested theirs so that it yielded an annual interest. In the settlement Richmond Hill received \$1,450 which was paid in cash and debentures.

In Sir Oliver Mowat's settlement of the municipal loan question, all newly formed municipalities received a share. Our share was based on the census that formed us into a municipality, as taken by Commissioner Trench in 1872, 785 inhabitants at \$2 a head... a total of \$1,570 with accrued interests. This money was invested by the council who followed the example of Vaughan Township. It was invested in securities, for educational purposes, part of the interest of which lessened the school rate annually, and part was used for village purposes.

At a special meeting on April 30, 1874 a motion was passed that a petition be drawn up to the House of Commons asking for an act to place us in the West Riding of York, but by a redistribution about 1885 the franchise for the Ontario Legislature was transferred to the east riding.

At the time of our incorporation Mathew Teefy was appointed clerk. He was well liked and apparently a very well read man and very learned. It is said that many came to him for advice in any matter and he was considered by council so well read in municipal law that his services were sometimes used instead of

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**The Choice In York North**

No one, least of all this newspaper, would dispute the length or quality of Mr. Lex Mackenzie's service to the people of York North as their representative in the provincial legislature. To all who have known him or needed him, he has been a good and trusted friend who has won the esteem and affection of a great number of our citizens. After such a record, therefore, it is regrettable that, at 78, Mr. Mackenzie has seen fit to seek another five-year term of office.

We have the greatest respect for age and the wisdom which often accompanies it; and it is always refreshing to observe an individual to whom the advancing years have been kind, who is able to retain an uncommon youthfulness and vigor despite the march of time. Such cases, unfortunately, are the exception rather than the rule.

The burden of work and responsibility which a representative of this growing area must bear is great and is increasing daily as the vast sprawl of a large metropolitan centre reaches out to engulf us. It should be placed on the shoulders of a man younger than Mr. Mackenzie.

Donald Plaxton, a lawyer and resident of Richmond Hill for the past twelve years, is offering himself for

a second time to the voters of York North. As the Liberal Party's candidate in the provincial election of 1959, he lost out to Mr. Mackenzie by some 2,500 votes. At 38 years of age, Mr. Plaxton has already demonstrated a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow citizen and the community as a whole. He is well qualified by ability, training and experience for the responsibility of a people's representative. During the campaign he has stressed two issues: education with the related problem of the heavy burden of taxes on the municipal taxpayer, and crime and its extension into the Province of Ontario. He has promised, if elected, to give York North's 70,000 voters an active voice in the affairs of the next Legislature.

More than ever before in the past, this riding needs the type of representation which Donald Plaxton is offering. On September 25th electors of York North should make very sure they choose the best possible representative to cope with the many challenging problems of future years. The decision to be made by the people on that day is altogether too important to be influenced by sentiment or partisanship. The challenge of these rapidly changing years demands the very best in government.

**Revitalized Parking ?**

Congratulations are offered to Richmond Hill Planning Board, Planning Director Harold Deeks and his staff for the comprehensive and detailed report on the problems of the downtown area, presented last week.

The report pinpoints the construction and maintenance of a simple system of service lanes to and from revitalized off-street parking lots as its long-term answer to the downtown parking problem.

Planning Director Deeks has stated the long term accepting of the lane system is a must if the report is going to be worth anything at all. Without the lanes, he said, "the whole thing falls apart."

There's little doubt the report feels the quicker the lane systems are

introduced the quicker the solution to the downtown parking quandary.

Among the more immediate solutions advanced by the report was the one suggesting drastic amendments to Zoning Bylaw 1000. The bylaw requires any downtown business moving to another locale in the area to provide space for so many cars according to the size of the building.

Some time will of necessity be consumed by consideration of the report by the full complement of the planning board and by town council. But with 12 vacant stores already presenting gaping views to potential downtown shoppers and two other businesses slated to move in the near future—it is hoped that this consideration does not consume too much time.

**Leave Those Posters Alone**

There should be a halt to the unscrupulous tearing down of election campaign posters.

We have noticed several in and around the community lying in shreds after some such apparently thoughtless act of vandalism.

The fact that posters and campaign slogans take a big bite out of campaigning candidates' election budget and involve the time and effort of party workers to circulate them should be a major deterrent to such acts.

But even more important, it involves our basic democratic principle that every man running for public office is entitled to get his particular message across to the voters. Posters are one form and an expensive

one, too. They should not be ripped down by thoughtless individuals.

This is not a strife-torn European or South American country where elections are settled with bullets and bloodshed and where according to photographs and articles, we have all seen and read campaigners' posters are defaced with vegetable matter or chalk, or torn from walls.

This is Canada where elections are fought in public and the decision, weighing all he has seen and heard and read, rests ultimately with the individual voter.

If the poster of a candidate helps win him a vote, it should be allowed to remain where it is, providing it violates no local bylaws.

**And Not An Elf In Sight**

Early autumn frosts this year have brought autumn coloration in deciduous trees, particularly the flaming maples, several weeks earlier than is customary. If you wish to see the glory of a Canadian autumn giving evidence of Nature's handiwork, do not delay too long or you may be too late.

The old notion that Jack Frost is responsible for the change in colour of deciduous trees is no longer universally accepted, but this writer is unwilling to relinquish the old-age belief without putting up an argument albeit without any scientific data to back it up. We just won't relinquish the childhood picture of the little elf with his pots of paint and brushes busily rushing about dabbing brilliant hues onto the erst-while green foliage.

Present scientific belief is that actually the change takes place due to a cessation of vital activity within the leaves. During the spring and summer the leaves act as factories producing the food necessary for the growth of the tree. The tiny green chlorophyll bodies in the cells, which give the green appearance, stimulated by sunlight, make food by combining carbon from the air with hydrogen, oxygen and mineral elements in the water gathered by the tree roots. As long as the protoplasm in the cells continues to be vigorous, sun-

light stimulates production of the green chlorophyll. Light, however, has a destructive effect on the chlorophyll and with the cool weather in the fall when the vital activities slow down, the chlorophyll is destroyed and not replaced. As it disappears carotin, a pigment present in the leaf throughout the summer, begins to show up, giving rise to the characteristic yellow colouring in the autumn foliage.

Anthocyanins, forming in the cell sap, account for the variety of red and purple shades, which with the yellow pigments and the natural browning provide such beautiful contrasts along the hardwood slopes and valleys.

Many beautiful hardwood stands may be seen in this vicinity—and Devil's Glen Provincial Park 10 miles south of Collingwood is only two and a half hours away. At an elevation of 1700 feet, the park provides a lovely view of the valley of the Mad River, 500 feet below, with the beautiful hardwood hills and slopes on both sides for many miles. Other scenic beauty spots to visit at this time of the year to see beautiful tree colouring are the Credit and Hockley Valleys, the Pine River Valley near Honeywood and Terra Nova and through the hardwood areas in Medonte Township between highways 12 and 93, north of Barrie.