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Old Home Week in Durham Leaves Tired but Happy People

Rain Marred Tuesday's Activities.—Record Crowd at Wednesday Night's Frolic.—Ford V8 draw Goes to Toronto Man.

Durham's big gala week is a matter of civic history. The Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion, which brought together hundreds of former residents from all parts of Canada and the United States to join with the present citizenry of town in happy association, was a tremendous success, and on every hand, it was acclaimed as the best celebration in local history. On Saturday, the main rush of visitors commenced to pour into the town, and it continued steadily on Sunday and Monday. Final registrations are expected to show a total of over 1500 "old-timers" who came back to renew acquaintances with friends and scenes of days of yore.

Fine Organ Recital by Radio Artist

Knox United Church, Durham, was never more completely filled than on Sunday night last, when there were two headliners in the church service, and the audience were anxious to hear. The special speaker of the night was a son of the church, Rev. John Bell, Durham, formerly of this community, who is East on his vacation. Supporting him in the pulpit were, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, and a much-esteemed and loved friend of the congregation, Rev. John Little of Rockwood, who led in prayer and read the lesson.

RE-UNION BRIEFS

The accommodation problem apparently adjusted itself as hundreds of old-timers returned to town. There was scarcely a home in town that didn't have some visitors while the hotels and billet houses had a full quota of guests.

No matter what the occasion, it is inconceivable that traffic on Durham streets will be any heavier than during the Re-union days. In a celebration of this kind—with parades, street dancing, etc., forming interruptions to the milling traffic, it required the most skillful handling of the Chief Constable and his special corps of traffic officers, to keep the streets clear. That there was a minimum of disorder under such trying conditions speaks volumes for the work of the Chief and his aides.

With events on land and water provided for by the Old Home Week Committee, it remained for a barnstorming airplane to make thrills in the air. When not taking passengers up from the landing field on McKee's farm north of town, the pilot gave citizens chills and thrills as he "looped the loop" over the town, as well as making spectacular turns and dives.

The Calithumpian Parade on Monday morning, proved to be one of the highlights of the Re-union and thousands who witnessed the colorful procession will not soon forget its interesting character. Perhaps the outstanding feat was the covered wagon entry of the Durham Furniture Co. This huge prairie schooner was drawn by two teams of horses and must have been a true pioneer specimen. Tied onto the sides were a box of small pigs, a crate of hens, barrels labelled water and corn whiskey, a plough, a scow pipe, muskets and other paraphernalia, while one of the occupants led a cow with a rope and at the town's main corner, the wagon stopped while the bovine was milked.

A unique registration was that of the Cliffe family of Dundas, Ontario—a very familiar name to Durham residents. Four generations of this family came for the re-union and brought back associations of nearly half a century ago. Geo. H. Cliffe operated a woolen mill at the foot of the hill on Durham Road West, about 45 years back which industry gave its name to the hill. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maude E. Cliffe, a grandchild C. S. Cliffe (a son of the late Percy Cliffe), and the latter's two boys George and John. Other names of this family on the register are John Cliffe of Rosseau, Muskoka, and daughter May, now Mrs. Carl Smith of Parker, Kansas, and Will Cliffe of Oshawa.

There was one parade staged that wasn't on the schedule and members in it feel that it was the best one of the week. After "school" was dismissed on Tuesday morning, a roomful of Miss Margaret McKenzie's former pupils, decided on a march down town. Despite a plentiful rain-fall, these pupils of yesterday fell in line behind Bill Johnston and his crack St. Mary's band and accompanied by lusty singing, paraded via Mill, Main, Lambton and Queen streets to the Town Hall. All seemed glad to escape the downpour but their wet garments did not stem the enthusiasm needed for an impromptu dance.

TOWN TOPICS

The Durham Women's Institute will entertain the Ayton Branch W. I. on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 15th, at Holstein Park. Transportation will be provided. The members are asked to meet at Mrs. Mather's at 8 o'clock.

Save Thursday, August 15, for another of those splendid garden parties to be held at D. J. MacArthur's under auspices of Glenelg Centre Baptist church. Delightful program, delectable cooking. Supper served from 6 to 8. Admission, 25c. Booth on grounds.

The annual garden party of Zion church, Glenelg, will be held Friday August 9, in R. R. Peart's field, opposite the church. Supper served from 6 to 8. There will be a ball game and good program, including a play by Dromore people, "The Antics of Andy." Admission, 25c. Children 10c.

Wm. Buchan of Dunnville was one of the Old Boys unable to attend the reunion. He was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday for an operation for the removal of a kidney. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Among Western Visitors Included in the list from Saskatchewan are Walter and "Bill" McCrie, both hale and hearty. Although Walter has been back east twice previously in the last 20 years, it is his brother's first visit to his native hearth in 22 years.

Albert Patterson of Fordwich, brother of Mrs. W. H. Bean and with whom the latter made her home since leaving Durham, passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday. Burial took place on Tuesday. Mrs. Bean herself has been in very poor health for several months but is improving slowly. Her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Bride, was prevented attending the Old Boys' on account of her uncle's death.

Findlay's Dairy baseball team, is sponsored by Wallace and Hugh Findlay, who operate a successful dairy business at the corner of Dufferin and Davenport Road, Toronto. It has a staff from 28 to 30 employees, handle 140 cans of milk daily and serve about 5000 customers. Old friends were glad to greet Mr and Mrs. J. M. Findlay and their five sons at the big gathering this week.

Toronto Man Holder Of Lucky Ticket

Promptly at the hour of twelve o'clock on Wednesday evening, Hon. Dr. David Jamieson made the announcement from the orchestra stand on Lambton street concerning the drawing of the ticket that decided the future ownership of a Ford V8, offered by the Board of Trade in their community welfare drive. He called upon Fred Hunter, M.P.P., a grandson of the founder of the town, to extract the lucky ticket from a churn. The number was 921 F and belonged to W. Ray, Westmoreland Street, Toronto. Lloyd Hawks of Richmond Hill sold the lucky ticket. We understand the Board of Trade will have a neat sum for their work in mind, as a result.

GLANCING ROUND--

The Durham Furniture Co. entered into the spirit of the celebration by closing down their busy plant for three days and allowing their 150 or more employees to take part in the festivities of Old Home Week.

At all reunions of this variety, a feature of the early morning sessions is the singing of the "harmony" groups. Renditions of various popular songs were heard, but to date we've failed to find anyone who heard the charms of a certain girl named Adeline sung to the public. Perhaps the town hasn't got the right kind of lamp posts!

Some of the town residents were overheard to comment on the pulchritude of many of the feminine ex-residents. One remark was to the effect that Durham must have been a recruiting center in days gone by for Florenz Zeigfeld, but a loyal home owner maintained that there was a higher average for comeliness among the fair sex of Durham's present population than ever before in the town's history.

If there is one man more than another in Durham who had the welcoming air in the most efficient form, it was Bert Willis, Secretary of the Old Home Week Committee. Bert's memory goes a long way back in town history and apparently it did not matter how great changes appeared in faces of his former town associates, for seldom did he make a mistake in calling visitors by name at sight. One of the many friends he was glad to meet was Mary McArthur, a daughter of the late Chas. McArthur, now married and living in Niagara Falls, N. Y. It is 37 years since they met last, both then employees of Con. Knapp, proprietor of the Knapp House.

It was only natural that many reminiscences of former days would be brought out at the anniversary services in the Queen Street United Church on Re-union Sunday. In speaking to his former congregation Rev. W. W. Prudham read in lieu of a message from Rev. James Laird, one of the seven former pastors alive to-day and at the ripe age of 95 years is living at Caledonia, several excerpts from letters written to him by Miss Sarah Wilson, who later became Mrs. Laird. The letters, furnished by a daughter of Mrs. Laird, were written in the years 1865 and 1866 and related interesting news regarding activities of the Methodist Church here at that time. One item concerned the pastor, Rev. Anderson who warned his people that if any of his flock went to a coming circus, it was in his power to cut him or her off the church roll. The next letter told of two members attending the circus and whose names were duly removed from the roll.

I. O. O. F. DECORATION SERVICE ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Between 2000 and 3000 people attended the Decoration Services in Durham cemetery Sunday afternoon, by the Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges. Rev. W. H. Smith, Grand Chaplain of the I. O. O. F., gave the sermon, Mr. Bert Stonehouse the Oddfellows' address, while Mr. Bert Saunders rendered a solo, and Misses W. Blyth, Jessie Bell, Thos. Bell and C. Buschen, a quartette. Noble Grand W. McDonald presided.

Cairn Ceremony in Memory of Founder of Durham Gives 'Glimpse' of the Past

LARGE CROWD WITNESS CEREMONIES ON SUNDAY.—UNVEILING OF CAIRN PERFORMED BY MISS MARGARET HUNTER GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER OF FOUNDER OF TOWN

The historical touch was added to Durham's Old Home Week ceremonies, when the first settlers of this town were honored. Little did Archibald Hunter or his companions think when they first set foot on the present Durham territory, ninety-three years ago, that there would be a memorial cairn erected to their memory. Somehow, we like to think that the spirits of these intrepid pioneers were hovering over the big gathering of Sunday last, as they heard eulogies of their fortitude and perseverance. A crowd estimated at nearly a thousand, surrounded the cairn on its site, immediately north of the Anglican Church on Chester Street.

At 2:00 p.m. for the finest event of the celebration, a very large gathering was present to see the ceremonies in connection with the same. Durham Band rendered suitable music, under leadership of Geo. Virts. Mayor Kress opened the ceremonies and called upon the president of the Old Home Week Association, Dr. J. F. Grant, to give a brief outline or sketch of the founders of Durham, which he did in a neat summing up. Archibald Hunter was a year in New York, when he heard of the free grants of land given by the Canadian Government. With some friends, he decided to take advantage of the offer. Approximately, on May 1, 1842, he came to the land, on which Durham is built to-day. On the site where the cairn is built, is where Archibald Hunter, by birth a Scotchman, pitched his tent. It is good history to read that on Sunday last, his great-granddaughter, Miss Margaret L. Hunter, unveiled the flag from the cairn, commemorating his coming to this district.

With the cairn built of native stone and about eight feet in height, thus exposed to view, the gathering sang the pioneer hymn, "Over the trackless ocean guided", after which Rev. R. G. Halbert, pastor of Queen Street United Church, read the following prayer, the ceremonies closing with the national anthem.

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Hundreds Attend Scene of Cairn Ceremony at Historic Spot in Durham, on Sunday



A section of the large crowd who witnessed the unveiling and dedication of the cairn erected in memory of Archibald Hunter, founder of Durham, is pictured above. The ceremony on Sunday afternoon was an impressive one and paid special tribute to the memory of the pioneers of Durham and vicinity. The cairn, W. H. Kress on the platform behind him, and beside the cairn which had just been unveiled by Miss Margaret Hunter, Great granddaughter of the founder, and president of the I.O.O.F. Glenelg pioneer, is seen delivering E. Some of the members of Durham Band are seen in the foreground. The metal plaque, bearing the following inscription, on the cairn, cannot be seen from this angle. Here in a deserted Indian wigwam ARCHIBALD HUNTER The pioneer settler of the town of Durham passed his first night May 1 1842 This cairn was dedicated to the Old Boys and Girls Reunion in Durham August 4 1935

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