

Expect Over 2,000 to Attend Cedar Grove's Annual Garden Party

Normally Cedar Grove is a quiet farming community settled comfortably along the banks of the Little Rouge River and comprising about fifty families. But every year on the first Saturday of July, this gentle village suffers a population explosion and close to two thousand people in hundreds of cars converge on Cedar Grove covering from four to five acres of parking space.

The reason for the influx goes back 35 years to a Minstrel Show produced by local talent and presented outdoors to raise money for a community rink. The Minstrel Show lasted two years and the third year it was decided to obtain professional talent and present a real variety programme. It wasn't long before the Cedar Grove venture became a traditional July festivity with the quality of the programme bringing the crowds and the crowds making top entertainment possible.

Old-timers who have been patrons over the years, know well what to expect of the Cedar Grove show but newcomers are always surprised and delighted at the beautiful setting. A natural amphitheatre rising from the river bank climbs an acre of hill surrounded by tall, lacy cedars. The permanent stage is set in the valley against a background of trees and shimmering water and overhead the stars vie with the colourful lights and gay costumes. It is a lovely spot.

There are differences of opinion on whether it is better to sit on the benches near the stage or spread a blanket and view the performers from the hill. No matter what parents prefer, children usually like to see the whirling dancers, jugglers and acrobats in wide-eyed wonder at close range. Whether it is the hill or near the stage, an excellent P.A. system brings the entire performance to every ear and the entertainers are chosen for their versatility at long range.

Over the years many of Canada's top professional performers have added their talent to the lineup of Cedar Grove's variety show. Enchanted Strings of television and CNE fame, the Swiss Bell Ringers, The Commandores and the Four Gentlemen. Billy Meek has emceed

Victoria Square and District News

Mrs. W. Sandle — Graduates Banquet — On Monday evening, June 13, the Grade 7 Mothers of the Gormley Home and School Association gave a dinner in honour of the graduating class of S.S. No. 7, Markham. The dinner was held in the Sr. room. In the graduating class were: Janice Farquharson, Janet Varley, David Heise, Ronald McMullen, Kenneth Quinn, Warren Quinn, and John Reid. Also present were the Grade 8 parents and the members of the School Board with their wives.

The toast to the Queen was given by Mrs. Cochrane. Mr. A. J. Mooney gave the toast to the graduates, which was replied to by Janice Farquharson. A few words were given by Mr. Maurice Farquharson on Education and the changes evident in the School section since his graduation.

Sr. Women's Institute — The June meeting of the Sr. W.I. was held on Tuesday evening at Mrs. D. Parsons, Unionville. Mrs. Boynton was convener of the meeting. The motto—"Life without neighbours is like a garden without flowers". Roll call was answered by "A favourite vegetable and how to cook it". Misses Wendy and Margaret Parsons sang two duets. Miss Mabel Sanderson, the guest speaker, gave a book review of "A woman of the Polar Nights" by Christine Ritter.

Girl Guide Mother and Daughter Banquet — Thursday evening, June 16th, at Melville United Church, the Brownies and Guides were honoured to have their mothers at their second banquet. Guests at the head table were: Mrs. D.R. Gunn, Deputy Provincial Commissioner; Mrs. H. Currie, Division Commissioner; Mrs. L. Lye, District Commissioner for Markham and Rev. and Mrs. Davison. Toast to the Queen was made by Mrs. Gunn and Cathy Roxborough proposed a toast to the mothers with Mrs. Jack Nigh responding.

Dawn Tatton received her Brownie wings, the highest award in Brownie-land. To obtain this award a Brownie must complete her golden hand test before her eleventh birthday. Mrs. Lye presented Dawn with her wings and Brown Owl-Mrs. G. Hardie, pinned the Gold Wings on her back. Brenda Uens Sandra Jean Chadwick and Cathy Roxborough advanced in Guiding.

The Guides formed their horseshoe, the colours were marched on to form an arch

tered the circle of Guiding. Coloured which the Brownies entered parties consisted of Judy Hart, Lynda McCleverty, Marilyn Stacey, Shirley Davison and Jeanette Lang. Lyn Sherwood was presented by Judy Hart for enrolment and Mrs. Gunn presented the patrol leaders Mary Foote, Judy Varden, Janet Varley and Dinah Wilcox with their Laneyards and Stripes. Patrol seconds Barbara Davison, Mary Miller, Cheryl Cochrane and Glenda Moses were presented with their stripes.

Camp-fire brought the evening to a close with Mrs. Currie presenting Betty Gayman with a prize for the most cookie orders and the Fairy Six each with a token for the six with the most orders. Linda Gardhouse was the top cookie girl for the Guides and the Kingfisher Patrol received a book for their patrol box. The commissioners were met at the door, Shirley Davison meeting Mrs. Currie, Nan and Judy Varden met Mrs. Gunn and Margaret Sandle met Mrs. Lye.

This event brought to a close the regular meetings of the Guides and Brownies. Several special events are planned for the holiday months.

Brownies — The Brownie hike was postponed from Sat., June 18 to Sat., June 25.

Will the mothers of girls who are 8 to 11 years of age by Sept. 1st, and who wish to have their daughters join the Brownie group, please phone Mrs. Gordun Hardie at Gormley 5434 as soon as possible.

Bridal Shower — On Friday evening friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber to have a miscellaneous shower in honour of their daughter Miss Marjorie Barber and Mr. Gordon Davie who are being married in Victoria Square United Church on Friday evening, July 8. They received many beautiful and useful gifts and thanked everyone for remembering them.

Baby Band Graduation — The annual Baby Band Graduation and Party was held in the Sunday School room on Saturday afternoon. The Mission Band members and W.M.S. were also present. Mrs. Sandle was in charge of the meeting. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. H. McCague. The Mission Band sang several of their choruses and also had some of their work on display. Mrs. Allan Orr is the leader, assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Tennyson, Mrs. Barry King, Mrs. F. McRoberts and Mrs. S. Boynton.

The highlight of the afternoon came when the following members of the Baby Band graduated to the Mission Band: Royce King, Margaret Empringham, Ann Smith, Gail Sanderson and Harry-Peter Vanderkooy. Each member passed through a decorated archway and under the arches of Lloyd Vanderkooy, Bruce Cowie, Anita Orr and Margaret Sandle. Mrs. Binnington met the graduates and presented them with their certificates. Mrs. Sandle placed a hat on their heads, also a boutonniere was pinned on them with their name on it.

The Mission Band also held a Graduation ceremony when Margaret Sandle, Lloyd Vanderkooy and Yvonne Koning graduated. Mrs. McCague presented them with a gift. A film on the "Raggedy Elf" was shown.

Church News — Mr. Clarence Steckley was the Supt. in the Sunday School on Sunday due to the absence of Mr. Percy Bennett who was attending the Men's Conference at Canadian Keswick, Muskoka, over the weekend.

Rev. John Morris, S.T.M., of the Aurora United Church, attended the Official Board meeting at Headford on Thursday evening and presented the claims of the Toronto Home Missions Church Extension Fund.

Sunday, June 26, at 11.30 a.m. Mr. Fred Milnes will be in charge of the church service. Mr. Milnes is a candidate for the ministry from Danforth United Church. He expects to begin his first year Theology in Emmanuel College this fall.

Bake Sale — The first bake sale of the season will be held on the lawn of the church on Thursday, June 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. It will be in charge of the April and Sept. took charge of the Worship groups of the W.A. Any donations of Baking, Fruits and Flowers will be greatly appreciated by the group.

Park — The Park Committees are busy making preparations for the Grand Opening of the Victoria Square Community Centre Park on July 8 and 9. We hope everyone in the community has notified his friends about it.

W. A. — Due to the wet weather the W.A. Picnic had to be held indoors on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fraser Gee. The regular W.A. meeting was held first. Mrs. H. F. Collard led. Mrs. F. Gee read the Scripture Lesson and conducted a

BLOOMINGTON

Mrs. Tate of Myrtle was at church service here Sunday and the guest of Mrs. D. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lemon and Jonathan were weekend visitors at Fenelon Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Reichard of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kee, Miss Betty Anne and John of Orangeville and Mrs. E. A. Story of Woodville were guests with Mr. and Mrs. O. Tranner on Sunday and attended the Cemetery Decoration Day Service in Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ramer of Colborne were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Raymer on Sunday.

Mrs. Hope of Weston spent the week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and brother, Mr. J. Williams.

Miss Betty Woodland visited

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson of Buttonville, Mr. George Styan of Toronto had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr attended the Anniversary services at Knox Presbyterian Church at Elders Mills, later having dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnston and family at Nashville. In the afternoon they attended the Memorial service at Maple.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marlow and family of Toronto had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family.

DEATHS

WIDEMAN — Mrs. Joseph Wideman passed away at the hospital in Castor, Alberta, on June 9th in her 79th year. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller of Ringwood district. She leaves to mourn, her husband, Joseph Wideman and two sons, Harvey and Allan. (Vera and Merwin predeceased her.); also 11 grandchildren survive her. She was buried in the Cemetery at Markham, Alberta.

with Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield at Oakville over Sunday.

Mrs. Otto and some of her pupils were to Richmond Hill Observatory on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tranner and family were at Oshawa on Sunday.

Mr. Morris Barkey and Mrs. Went of London were Saturday and Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Story.

Several ladies from here attended the afternoon tea Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nauta at Lemonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagg were at the party for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tindall on their 25th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated at their cottage at Pefferlaw on Lake Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Doherty and daughter, of Menford, also a daughter from Weston were Sunday visitors with their son, Mr. Wilbert Doherty.

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