

## Shadow Lake Camp

# 'Heaven on earth'

By Bob Hastings  
**MUSSELMAN'S LAKE**  
 "They have the same emotional needs for love, for self-respect and for achievement as anyone else. We don't pamper them, we don't talk down to them - we treat them normally." Bruce Hutchinson, Director of the Shadow Lake Camp for the mentally retarded; was emphasizing the approach used by his staff in working with the campers.

Shadow Lake, the largest camp for the mentally retarded in Canada and possibly North America, is situated just north of Musselman's Lake. The 302 acres of hills, forests and lakes were given to the Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded by the Eaton family of department store fame. The area was formerly used by Eaton's employees for vacation periods. Now, 100 kids arrive every three weeks throughout the summer to 'broaden their interests'. It is a co-ed camp which segregates according to age to facilitate more effective programming and to meet their needs and interests most effectively.

Mr. Hutchinson refers to the campers as "trainable retarded" which means that they are capable of mastering many of the day to day skills of simple communication, health, safety habits and simple manual skills.

A counselling staff of 36 has been 'handpicked'. This was made possible when over 160 applications were received for these positions. The staff which is made up mainly of senior high school and university students are a caring, talented and dynamic team. They, in cooperation with the cam-



Shadow Lake Camp, a 'heaven on earth' for hundreds of mentally retarded children all summer. Here, they

frollic in the water, supervised by a staff of 36 counsellors and director, Bruce Hutchinson. —Peter Harris.

When asked why he preferred to work with mentally retarded children, one counsellor replied, "They are so grateful for any help, attention or affection shown them. What's more, they don't hesitate to show their feelings of gratitude in a purely emotional way."

handicapped. But only to the extent that society

chooses to ignore or isolate them.

### Late Septimus Foote

## Passes at age 91

WHITCHURCH TWP. — On Tuesday, June 23, 1970, Septimus Herbert Foote, beloved husband of the late Cora Young, passed away at his home, Yarrow Manor, in his ninety-second year.

Sam, R.R.2, Aurora, and Joe at Agincourt. There are also thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, held in St. Paul's Church, Uxbridge, was conducted by the Rev. Wm. A. Myles. Interment was made in Uxbridge Cemetery. The pall-bearers were the three sons, Walter, Sam and Joe, and three grandsons, Rodney, Jamie and Keith.



Septimus Herbert Foote

Mr. Foote was born on the second concession of Uxbridge, near Siloam, Dec. 30, 1878, the son of Walter James Foote and Grace Shillinglaw.

He received his education at Siloam and Bloomington Public Schools, Markham High School and Newmarket Model School. He taught school at Glasgow, New Hamburg, Lloydminster and S.S.8, Whitchurch where, on marrying Cora Young, he purchased the farm that was to be his home for fifty years.

As a farmer his experience began with oxen in his boyhood and extended to the modern type tractor. Although of a retiring nature, he was always ready to carry his share of community work which included being trustee of S.S.8, Warden of Christ Church, Anglican, Stouffville and participation in elections. He was an ardent Conservative. For many years he was a faithful member of the Orange Lodge.

He is survived by five children - Grace (Mrs. P.G. Powell) at home, Walter, R.R.4, Stouffville, Mildred (Mrs. Lorne Wideman) Birchcliffe,

### \$2000 damage

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Damage is estimated at \$2000 following a two car collision on Don Mills Road at the intersection of the Aurora Sideroad, June 28.

A 1967 Triumph, driven by David Hugh Chalmers, 22, of Willowdale, was struck broadside by a 1966 model Oldsmobile, driven by Napoleon Palos, 25, of Toronto as Chalmers attempted a left turn.

A passenger in the Chalmers auto, Donna Coups, 20, of Toronto, was taken to Newmarket Hospital by Newmarket Ambulance with a fractured pelvis.

Chalmers has been charged by Whitchurch Township Police with making an improper left turn. The investigation was conducted by P.C. Douglas Murray.

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