

Greenwood girl is symbol of courage

By JIM IRVING
GREENWOOD
The sheer resolution and courage of the human being has never been better exemplified of late than in the action of Terry Fox, as he hopped, limped and ran across the highways of Canada in his Marathon of Hope.

With each step taken by the one-legged cancer victim, the word "handicap" became less a frightening thing, the acceptance of those so afflicted as being just a part of the world around them as he rest of us, that much easier.

When a re-occurrence of the disease caused Fox to end his journey, just half-way short of his goal, so forceful had been his performance the feeling was that he would be back

before long, how could you keep such a good man down?

Closer to home, that same indomitability of spirit and refusal to look upon her affliction as anything more than part of the awkwardness of childhood, is being displayed daily by Denise Swedlo, two-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Brenda and Earl Swedlo, of Greenwood. In fact, it is probably being presumptuous to say that she even perceives anything like awkwardness in her movements, as she shows a visitor how her newly fitted artificial right arm works, or passes a plate of cookies to him, all but thumbless left hand.

For, earlier this summer, Denise lost her

right arm, just below the elbow, and part of her left hand in an accident on the farm. Attempts to sew the arm back on at Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, were unsuccessful, and Denise is now learning to live with its loss, and subsequent artificial replacement.

Both she is doing with amazing matter of factness. Once apparently when an aunt asked her why she was taking so long in doing something, Denise replied: "Well, I only have one hand."

She is just learning to manipulate her new arm, which she wears with the aid of a harness around her neck and shoulders. And, although it is sometimes painful and hot, she would rather be with it, than without.

She even protested

one time that her grandmother, Mrs. Doreen Middleton, wouldn't let her wear it, her mother Brenda, said, after Mrs. Middleton had decided it was best it shouldn't be attached at that particular moment.

Although Denise is inclined to use her left hand first and foremost, Mrs. Swedlo said they encourage her to use her new limb, which she does "if we ask her. It's still not a natural part of her."

Until that time the new arm feels more a natural part of her, Denise is given constant reminders by her mother and grandmother, and other members of the family, the arm is to be used and is to be relied on with the same kind of positiveness as her natural one.

It is that practical attitude, combined with their innate compassion that no doubt helps make the transition all that less the nightmare it could so easily be for their pretty, blue-eyed, blonde and sprightly charge.

From the time she was first carried in from the fields, bleeding and still conscious, to the time she was finally released from the hospital and settled back home, Denise's mother and/or grandmother have been by her side. And since that time, they, along with her father, grandfather and four uncles - although there to help when she needs it - have tried to see Denise goes about her way, just as she did before the accident.

As a result, she feeds herself, helps with the

dishes, rides her tricycle, draws on the blackboard, plays with her doll house, to say nothing of passing out cookies to those around her. She even worked away at her mother's loom when it was left unattended for a few minutes one day.

"She's always been independent," said Mrs. Swedlo. She always wants to do it all herself."

As if to back up her mother's statement, Denise says: "Let me do it," as her grandmother turns the handle on the doc of the kitchen stove.

However, she's also been informed such areas are taboo, where she's concerned, and she doesn't insist.

Denise Swedlo is as bright, as she is brave; she even exudes a happiness that, as her mother

says, "makes everyone else feel happy as well."

Self pity is something she seems incapable of, and one leaves, ironically enough, feeling that much better for having seen her. The Marathon of Hope continues.

Only this time, it's Denise Swedlo showing the way.

Two bears

By Mildred McTaggart
GREENWOOD
The hunting season is definitely open. Making it official were local hunters Ken Brooks, Allen Carson, Ron Hoar, Ken McTaggart, Alan Jones, Ray Carson, Jack Herbert, Gerald Pegg. The group returned home, Sunday, after a trip to Whiteside Lake. Their take: two bears and one deer.

The Stouffville Silver Jubilee Kitchen Band will present a program in Greenwood Church, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served by United Church Women.

The Good Neighbors Club has chartered a bus for the Royal Winter Fair, Nov. 14.

Mrs. William Young, Mrs. Stell and Mrs. McTaggart, attended the Central Ontario Women's

one deer

Institute Convention at the Royal York.

Friends will be pleased to hear that Mary McLean is home after a week in Ajax Hospital.

Hunters' mixed bag

Executive Cubs-Scouts

By ROSEMARY TIMMS
CLAREMONT
Tony Grist was named president in the election of officers at the executive meeting of the Claremont Cubs and Scouts. His wife was named secretary, Susan Richardson was elected treasurer. Named to the group committee were Edward Falkenberg and Mrs. Richard Powell. Glenn Yoshida is Cub leader, and Gregg Hockley, assistant.

Don't forget the Claremont Women's Institute fashion show, Nov. 18, in the Community Hall. There will be a silver collection.

President Margaret Benson welcomed 26 members to the Claremont Golden Age Club's meeting, Nov. 6. Euchre winners, Nov. 4, were: M. Potts, Eva Yake, Verna Smith, Pete Gall, Owen Gray and Laura Reynolds. Draw winners were: Gladys

one deer

burgins, Sadie Hardy and Lena Ogden. There will be euchre every Tuesday night at 8 in the Club House.

Claremont Lions Club held a party for the children on Halloween night. Winners of costume prizes, were: Lindsay Graham, Michelle Norton, Nicole Redshaw, Tommy Hammond, Shawn Tran, Steven Richardson, Jenni Redshaw, Pam Taylor, Kevin McCance, Timmy Mulvaney, Tyler Redshaw, Leanne Redshaw, Jennie McCance, Sarah Mulvaney, Michael Chester, Luke Winterstein, Trevor Quinell, Kirsten Graham, Sharon Uzzell, Donna Carruthers, Jason Redshaw, Jack McArthur, Jason Yoshida, Lisa Quinell, Karen Skinner, Pam Barker, John Taylor, Chad Redshaw, Chris Doyle, Sandy Hill, Lynn Albert and Karen Carson. Judges were: Norrine Hill, Don Hedges and Rose Kennedy.

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