

Wanted - Trophies, Photos, Athletes



RUSTY WHITE
Athletes, photographs and trophies. These are the three things upmost in Rusty White's mind these days.

White's mind these days. He wants all that he can get. Mr. White, chairman of sports for Old Home Week, last Friday told the Courier that his committee is looking for athletes willing to join in events being sponsored during Old Home Week.

First, the sports chief noted, a ball casting contest is planned for Tuesday, July 4 in the Tay Basin beginning at 10:30 a.m. Suitable prizes will be awarded. Mr. White said, and the competition will be run in two classes — senior (men and women combined) and junior (boys and girls under 15 years of age). Entry forms can be obtained

at James Brothers Hardware. Mr. White said, 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Mr. J. Phillips will be in charge of the competition and has consented to put on a demonstration at the completion of the contest.

The famous Glen Tay Block Race was next on Mr. White's mind.

The event — to be held on Friday, July 7 at 6:15 p.m., has been sanctioned and registered with the Amateur Athletic Union of Ontario. Now Mr. White says all that it needs to be highly successful is more entrants. The nine and one-half mile race will start and finish at Wilson's Clothing Store on

Gore Street. Mr. White explained, and he had a special word of praise for Billy Wilson, the man mainly responsible for lining up prizes.

Mr. White also revealed that Peter Code was donating the E. B. Code and Son Trophy to the first finisher in the race over 21 who has lived, worked or attended school in Perth. Entry forms for the big race can be obtained from either Mr. White or Tom Graham at the Perth and District Collegiate Institute.

Another event worth noting is the Smiths Falls to Perth canoe race. The race — slated for Saturday, July 8, will be restricted to regular canoes and will begin from Smiths Falls at

8:30 a.m. Two individuals must be in each canoe, and there will be prizes awarded to the top two teams.

Mr. White said the entry fee for the canoe race was one dollar, and that entries could be sent to him personally.

As far as old photographs and trophies were concerned, the sports chairman declared he wanted to "put them on display."

"I'm going to get store space during Old Home Week", Mr. White stated, "and put all these old photos and trophies on display."



ONTARIO'S DEPARTMENT of Reform Institutions Staff School in Guelph hosted a seminar for Jail Governors from across the province on May 23-28. Seen here talking to Dave Dougall, Administrator of Inspection and Jails

(far left) are: Gov. J. E. Comtois, Prescott and Russell; Gov. B. E. Beatty, Lanark; Gov. W. G. Rowsome, Leeds and Grenville; and Gov. J. S. Dickey, Stormont, Dundas and Glen Garry.

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Vandalism In Local Park Area On The Increase



"IT IS BE READY" Out to Highway 7 on way to cover the \$7,000 fire at Mae Ling's. Courier cameraman captured this picture Perth's Log Cabin - a Centennial project of surrounding townships. The structure -

Police Deny Petty Crime on Upswing

Vandalism in Perth - is it on the increase? To the citizenry, the answer is an unqualified "yes". But to police, the situation isn't as bad, statistically at least, as last year. And both parties are correct.

In recent weeks, all-night revellers have pitched park benches in rivers, broken windows, burnt trees, defaced buildings, torn down awnings and, in general, created havoc with other people's properties.

Yet, the number of property damage complaints received by the Perth Police Department have actually decreased from 1966. Why?

Police Chief K. M. Gloster believes part of the trouble lies in the fact that people do not want to get involved.

"There seems to be a reluctance on the part of some local citizens who observe and have knowledge of certain undesirable activities taking place to notify us," Chief Gloster related in an interview in his office Wednesday. "And I feel that the citizen who wishes to live in a peaceful, law-abiding community should be prepared to play some part in preserving it."

Chief Gloster stated that this year a total of five complaints about malicious damage had been reported to the Police. Last year at this time the total was 10. And he was quick to point out that many merchants and property-

owners just weren't lodging complaints.

CANT ACT

"We certainly can't act until we find out the details of certain instances of vandalism," Chief Gloster asserted.

To the property-owner, however, this year has been a number year, vandalism-wise.

One Wilson Street man related how, on three separate occasions: he had a garbage can thrown in the river; rocks thrown at his home; and he discovered drunks using his garden as a lounge in which to drink wine.

Chief Gloster firmly stated that no such complaints had been lodged with his department.

While vandalism is one thing on the home-owners' minds, noise is another.

A number of residents — particularly in the centre-town area, have been complaining about the amount of noise from screeching tires and raucous laughter in the small hours of the morning.

One Gore Street resident stated that she had difficulty in sleeping at night — "the noise picks up around one o'clock."

Chief Gloster stated that his men patrol the streets regularly each night, particularly when restaurants were closing, but he said that noise was not excessive when the men appeared at these spots.

STEWART PARK

Stewart Park has been another contentious issue with the average taxpayer.

Since early in the year, a number of instances of vandalism have been carried out — ranging from benches thrown into the river to all-night gatherings, and a number of residents in the area have complained about the noise from these regions. But they haven't complained to the Police.

However, the Chief commented, the area is patrolled regularly and any wayward conduct is curbed. The Chief added that being in the park, in itself is no offence, but he did indicate that late-night revellers were going to be prosecuted, and harshly.

To Close Rural P.O.

The Wemyss Post Office is soon to be closed. The announcement was made on Monday by the Hon. Jean-Pierre Cote, Postmaster General.

In making the pronouncement, Mr. Cote stated that the 11 post offices of the Wemyss office and the 30 rural route customers will be served six times per week by an extension of the Perth Rural Route No. 7.

RECEPTION FOR BISHOP SPENCE

A reception for the Most Rev. F. J. Spence will be held in Farrell Hall Sunday evening, June 18th, at eight o'clock. An invitation is hereby extended to all.

IN COURT

\$205 'Sun'day Driver

It was a bright, sunny day. And according to Ernest Erwin of RR 1, Fallbrook, it spelt trouble.

Magistrate D. C. Smith agreed that Erwin was in trouble, but he didn't blame it on solar rays.

As a result, 61-year-old Erwin was convicted in Perth Magistrate's Court on Tuesday on a charge of impaired driving, fined a total of \$205, and given an automatic suspension of his driving privileges.

Erwin, who took the stand in his own behalf, told defense counsel Hugh O'Donnell and the Court that the events on April 20 of this year were very clear in his mind.

Sitting that he had gone to Smiths Falls shortly after 12:00 noon, Erwin said he purchased two "mickeys of Vodka" at a local liquor store in the afternoon, went to a friend's home and had a drink of wine — "about half an ounce". But he later admitted he didn't know how the two bottles were found, opened, under his front seat.

Continuing, Erwin admitted he had difficulty in navigating Highway 43 to his Fallbrook home, before he was arrested in the village of Port Elmsley. But

he argued, it was his health that had caused his driving to appear erratic.

Erwin explained that he consumed half a pill for his nerves and another for his heart the day in question. This, coupled with poor eyesight — "I can't see direct light", had made his driving appear impaired.

The man went on to say that if he had gone off the road near Port Elmsley shortly before being arrested at 6:40 p.m., it was because direct sunlight was shining in his eyes.

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Rape Hearing

A preliminary inquiry into a rape charge against an Ottawa man concludes in Perth Magistrate's Court on Friday.

On Tuesday, a number of witnesses presented evidence in the in-camera hearing.

Gerald Rene Arbour, a 32-year-old handsome Ottawa man, was arrested April 4 following the March 15 knife-point rape of an Ottawa housewife. He was taken into custody by Ottawa city police, and then transferred to Perth.

Arbour's arrest came less than three weeks after the woman had been picked up in Ottawa, driven to a spot believed to be near Playfairville, brutally assaulted, then driven back to the capital.

Before the preliminary inquiry concludes, 16 witnesses will have been called — including two Ottawa Police Department officials, members of the Perth OPP detachment, and a number of doctors.

If Magistrate D. C. Smith feels enough evidence has been presented to warrant the trial, Arbour will be put on trial Monday, Nov. 27 during the Fall Assizes.

Mr. Arbour was represented by Perth lawyer H. J. O'Donnell at the preliminary hearing.

One — Const. J. Ryckman, testified that he was westbound on Highway 43 that evening and was forced to "pull to the right" when the Erwin vehicle passed three-quarters of a mile out of Port Elmsley.

Turning his cruiser around, Ryckman followed Erwin into the village before stopping his car. Const. Ryckman stated that Erwin's vehicle "crossed the centre line continuously" prior to being stopped.

Const. O. Johnston stated that Erwin was brought to the Perth detachment at 7:30 p.m. and subsequently given a battery of tests.

In the balance test, Const. Johnston noted that Erwin would "sway in a circular motion." The finger to nose test showed the accused to "be a little unsteady", while the heel-and-toe test proved too much for the Fallbrook farmer.

"He was unable to perform it properly," Const. Johnston asserted.

Later in the trial, Erwin was asked by Mr. O'Donnell if his health had anything to do with his failure to perform the tests properly.

"Certainly," Mr. Erwin declared, "I couldn't perform them today."

In rendering a verdict of guilty, however, Magistrate Smith said he was certain Erwin's behaviour on the highway had been "impaired by alcohol or a drug." These were the essential factors in an impaired driving case.

OTHER COURT NEWS

Gary G. E. G. Bedore of Sharbot Lake pleaded guilty to a break and enter charge dating back to the 28th of March. He was remanded one week for sentencing — pending a pre-sentence report.

James H. Spry was fined \$20 and \$4 cost for speeding — 70 in a 60-mile zone.

David J. Turner, Carleton Place, was fined \$20 and costs for speeding — 63 in a 50-mile area.

Louis Richard pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving. He was fined \$25 and cost.

William Stackpole was found guilty of having no taillights on a trailer. He was fined \$5 and \$4.50 costs.

COUNCIL ASSURED

Tay River to Stay Fresh

An assurance that Perth's Tay River wouldn't dry up, a hint that the town would soon have an emergency measures bylaw, and a new rate for "renting out" town workmen highlighted an otherwise - lethargic municipal Council meeting on Monday night.

The reference to the Tay River came in a letter received from L. W. Clark, Superintendent Engineer of the Rideau Canal.

Two weeks ago, Town Council had sent a request to Mr. Clark asking that the level in the river be raised one foot during Old Home Week. Last week, Mr. Clark sent back a letter explaining why such an operation

was impossible.

Mr. Clark explained that, from May to October, the level in the Beveridge Lockstation, located near Port Elmsley, is six feet, four inches. Raising the level in the Tay one foot, Mr. Clark continued, would bring the level at Beveridge up to seven feet four inches. And this, the engineer asserted, would cause "flooding along the shores of the river from Beveridge to Perth."

The news wasn't all bad with regard to the river, however.

Mr. Clark commented that "you have my assurance that a good flow of water will be maintained in the river past Perth to keep the river fresh."

Emergency Measures picture came on the heels of yet another letter.

R. H. (Bob) Ehlin, the Lanark County and Smiths Falls EMO co-ordinator, recently dispatched a letter to Perth's Council asking for action with regard to a bylaw to cover EMO procedures.

In his letter, Mr. Ehlin stated that "I have offered my services in the preparation of these (EMO) plans and the co-operation of the Lanark County and Smiths Falls Emergency Measures Organization."

"To date I regret to advise that Smiths Falls is the only town to have shown any constructive interest," Smiths Falls have set up their program and passed the necessary bylaw for the operation of their survival plan."

Members of Council couldn't have been quicker to act.

With Councillor David Craig, chairman of the town's EMO committee away on a fishing trip, Reeve Bill Warren took the initiative and introduced a notice of intent to put forward an EMO bylaw at the next or some subsequent Council session.

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Pony Express Ride June 23

The project actually is the brainchild of an American who started the ball rolling last year. Al Legate, 50, was in Perth three weeks ago. At that time, the native of Washington, D.C., enlisted the help of Mr. Mitchell and other interested area riders.

What has happened thus far, Mr. Legate explained, is that horsemen and horsewomen across the country have been carrying scrolls in relays since March 22. On July 3, the last team of riders is expected to reach Montreal.

There, the messages from all participating municipalities will be presented to Queen Elizabeth during her Expo 67 visit. Her Highness will also be presented with a scroll containing greetings from the world famous Char-

ros horsemen of Mexico.

Perth's participation is scheduled for June 23.

Mr. Mitchell stated that riders will arrive in town on that date, and hand the scroll and messages over to the Perth riders who will in turn set out for Carleton Place.

"It's a community affair," the area horseman said, "so we hope women, children and men will get in touch with us and volunteer their services."

The Perth contingent will be starting from the Town Hall after Mayor Burchell hands over Perth's official greeting to the Queen. Mr. Mitchell stated that, providing a large retinue of riders was there, it would be nice to have a parade through the town.

Estimating the ride to Carleton Place would take 3 to 4 hours, Mr. Mitchell declared that he expected the riders to be there and back in the same day.

The cross-Canada trip has been a stunning success, to say the least.

In Fort McLeod, Alta., for instance, Mr. Legate "arranged" for the Mexican scroll to be stolen by a bandit who was later brought to justice in an open-air mock trial.

In the same area, an Indian chief of the Peigan tribe refused to allow the riders to cross his land until photographers arrived to record the confrontation on film.

Mr. Mitchell put forth the wish that all horsemen in the Perth area would join in this unique, and wild and woolly Centennial adventure.

Photokis News Club President

Annual date of officers for the 1967-68 Perth Lions Club was held on Monday, June 12, at a regular meeting of the organization.

Two-car Collision Causes \$600 Damage

A two-car collision at the corner of Drummond and North Streets last Thursday evening has resulted in a charge being brought against a Stanleyville man.

Francis J. Boland, 28, of R. R. 1, Stanleyville, was alone in his car at 9:25 p.m. Thursday when it was in collision with another car driven by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Burns of R. R. 1, Perth.

According to Police, the Boland automobile was eastbound on North Street when it stopped at the Drummond - North Street intersection. Crossing the intersection, it hit broadside by the Burns vehicle.

There were three children in the Burns car at the time of the accident. They were all unhurt except 10-year-old Robert, who suffered a broken upper tooth.

The Boland vehicle sustained damage estimated at \$300, including a bent right front door and smashed rear window. The 1962 model sedan also had its rear panel creased.

Damage to the Burns' 1962 vehicle was estimated at \$240. The car suffered damage to the front fenders, bumper, hood and grill.

Boland has been charged under section 64 (b) of the Highway Traffic Act - failing to yield the right of way in an intersection.

AWARDED CONTRACT

Smith Construction Wednesday was awarded the contract to begin construction of a 4.1 mile stretch of county road north of the village of Lanark, known as the Pine Grove Road. Price for the job is \$287,392.