

## Scorarr Wins Block Race

The annual **Glen Tay Block Race** was won Monday evening by a former Perth Track Club star, Doug Scorarr, who beat Canada's top marathon runner, Ron Wallingford, by over one minute.

Doug's time over the 9 1/4 mile course was 47 minutes, 13 seconds.

The greatest interest, from the crowd of over 100 gathered at the finish line, was shown in 9-year-old Jim Clark, of 49 Robinson St., Perth, who completed the race in one hour, 24.06 minutes.

The race began at 6 p.m. in front of Wilson's Clothing Store, continued along Gore to Isabella, Wilson, Christie Lake Road, Glen Tay, Scotch Line and ended on Gore Street at the starting line.

Doug was presented with the William Wilson Memorial Trophy for placing first and a "keeper" trophy for being the first senior across the line.

Five junior, or under 20, runners from the Perth track club also did extremely well.

Rick Mitchell placed second in the junior class with a time of 51.19 minutes; Earl Conboy, fourth, in 52.24, and Howard Ferguson and Steve Findlay tied for sixth in 54.24.

The **Glen Tay Block Road Race** is sponsored by Jack Wilson and organized by Tom Graham, coach of the Perth Track Club and Vice-principal of P.D.C.I.

Senior — Doug Scorarr, Perth, 47.13; Ron Wallingford, Sudbury, 48.18; Dan Anderson, Sudbury, 49.28; Dave Preston, Uplands, 51.08; Brian MacDonald, Kingston, 53.10; Peter Adams, Peterborough, 53.14; Rob Hazen, Uplands, 54.47; and Doug Ferguson, Peterborough, 55.36.

Junior — Peter Conway, Uplands, 49.49; Rick Mitchell, Perth, 51.19; Scott Hiley, Sundridge, 52.05; Earl Conboy, Perth, 52.24; Scott Ogilvie, Peterborough, 52.48; Howard Ferguson, Perth, 54.24; Steve Findlay, Carleton Place, 54.29; Dave Robins, Peterborough, 56.05; Bill Brydon, Kingston, 56.45; Paul Simkins, Peterborough, 53.30; Jim Clark, Perth, 54.06.

# Drag and Soap Box Races Popular Events

Horsepower and hill-power competed for attention last week during Summer Festival and both came away winners.

Perth's first drag races Saturday afternoon, run between Cockburn and the Scotch Line on Rogers Road, were "very successful" according to race organizer John Stanton.

It was also the first time in North America a town has closed off a street for such a competition.

Seventy-eight cars from all over Ontario were registered in 16 classes of competition sponsored by Perth's Camborder Club and sanctioned by the National Hot Rod Association.

The one-eighth-mile run which attracted 700 spectators was accident free although one car had to be towed off with transmission failure.

Featured at the drag races were performances by five show cars — a "Boss Hoss" modified production Mustang from Cornwall; Ottawa George Petric's Super Stock 'D' automatic; Dave Routeliff's Anglia 'G', called "Dave's Dilemma", from Carleton Place; Howard Smith's Super Stock 'B' automatic from Ottawa, and Dick Stanton's 'E' modified production Chevelle from Perth.

In the money races, Dave Ben placed first, winning \$50, in a Chevy II; "G" Stock — George Chevelle; Doug Bird second, for \$25, in a Chevelle; and Charles Pattison getting \$15, in another Chevelle.

Trophy winners included: "M" Stock — Doug Jones, Dodge; "E" Stock — Don Moore, Dodge;

"U" Stock — Floyd Reed, Chev.; "O" Stock — Reg Cyr, Datsun; and "A" Stock — Al Ray, Camaro.

The Camborder Club, formed three years ago and presently having 16 members, would like to have the town's reaction to plans for future drag races in Perth.

**RAMSEYS PROMINENT**  
The Camborder Club last year ran a soap box derby but the amount of organization required for the drag races prevented involvement this year.

Instead, the Festival Committee assumed sole responsibility, and after some initial organizational problems, enjoyed a successful afternoon Tuesday.

The races, which attracted 19 contestants in four classes, were supposed to start at 10 a.m. They didn't take place until 2 p.m. because someone forgot to arrange for "no parking" on the hill, on Harvey Street from Drummond to Beckwith, they planned to use for the races.

After this false start, over 100 participants, relatives, friends and onlookers, watched Robert Ramsey, 6, of 6 Basin Street, capture the 7 and under class; Ken MacPhail, 10, of RR 6, Perth, the 11-13 class; Chuck Ramsey, 12, the 14-16 class; and Mike Irvin, 14, of 34 Cochrane Street, the 14-16 year old class.

The top finishers in each division were: (7 and under), Robert Ramsey, Andrew Perkins; (8-10), Ken MacPhail, Nancy Culkeen, Doug Henderson; (11-13), Chuck Ramsey, Gwen Ramsey, Terry Stewart; (14-16), Mike Irvin.

Soapbox derby organizer was Roger Beesley, 17.

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## Pierre and Margaret Greeted with Enthusiasm

### Story Book Gift To Do With the Future

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and his wife, Margaret, received a tremendous welcome from an estimated 15,000 people who thronged the streets and parks of Perth as the couple officially opened the Summer Festival.

A constant drizzle did not mar the obvious enthusiasm of the crowds or the Trudeaus, who mixed informally at every occasion, from their landing by helicopter at Stewart Public School, along the parade route, to a rock concert in Code Park.

The Canadian Forces "Voyager" helicopter carrying the Trudeau party, touched down in the grassy field in front of Stewart Public School about 15 minutes after their scheduled 7:20 p.m. arrival.

As the helicopter came in low from the west, a frightened dog scurried across the enclosure followed closely by a security guard's hat caught in the down-draft of the whirling blades.

For over 3,500 anxious spectators the first prime minister ever to make an official visit to Perth was actually here.

As the helicopter door opened, Mr. Trudeau hesitated a second, then held out his hand to see if it was raining.

The tension that been building up for over an hour was suddenly gone and the large crowd broke into smiles and cheers, especially when Margaret joined her husband.

#### SIGNS GUEST BOOK

The couple was immediately surrounded by a corps of photographers and newsmen as Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau signed the Town's guest book and accompanied by MP Murray McBride, were introduced to an official welcoming committee.

The cheers grew louder as the Trudeaus broke away from the press to shake hands and chat and sign autographs with the excited crowds.

The old-style Trudeauamania seemed dead, but although the kisses were few, the shouts of welcome and encouragement were not.

After a few greetings, Mrs. Trudeau left her husband to wait by the official limousine.

As the crowd pressed over the barriers to engulf Mr. Trudeau and his party, Margaret was overheard to say: "I always seem to be standing around waiting for my husband."

#### MEET KING AND QUEEN

Mr. Trudeau rejoined him when they entered a building some 40 elderly residents of Lanark Lodge.

They both shook the hand of every passenger including Wilbert Dowdall, 86, and Mrs. May Ritchie, 88, crowned king and queen of the lodge last Thursday.

Mr. Trudeau also presented a plaque to Miss Christine Robertson, who retired last year and returned to Perth after 35 years as a private researcher to five prime ministers, starting with W. L. Mackenzie King.

The Trudeaus were then taken by Cadillac convertible along a one-mile route through Perth.

The crowds were lined two and three deep along the main streets, but at the corners of Wilson and Foster, and Foster and Gore, the mass of people threatened to engulf the motorcade.

The rain held off as the crowds cheered and some waved Canadian flags.

Security was tight; two OPP motorcycles preceded the motorcade, followed by the Lamplighter Band from Smiths Falls, a peace cruiser, four plain-clothes RCMP running beside the Trudeau car.

Worship Has Appeal

Sunday evening's Ecumenical service drew some 700 worshippers after 60 or so had participated in the scheduled basket picnic. There were but a handful of family groups scattered over the grass of Stewart Park to eat, but after 6:00 they began to come in from all directions. The temporary benches were soon swamped, but most people had brought lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

By 7:00 p.m., the whole area under the big spreading maples was filled with people of all ages and religious backgrounds gathered to worship together. The pulpit was set up at the base of the big trees with the rocks and water of the little river for background.

Rev. Sam Buick of the Pentecostal Church conducted the service and led hymn singing supported by the Perth Citizens' Band.

Rev. Canon Bovington of the Anglican Church spoke on Psalm 146 which was read by Mr. Chris Bell an elder of the United Church.

Special music was provided by the "Messengers" of the Free Methodist Church, and Miss Nancy Palmer, soloist from Portland United Church. The Gospel messengers are a quartet made up of Gene Rhodes, Dale MacDonald, Art Knowles and Wes Hannah.

Worship at 7:00 p.m. is a regular feature in Stewart Park during the summer months, sponsored by three of the town's churches.

The service outdrew other events scheduled for Sunday, including a family picnic and recorded rock music in nearby Code's Park.

Pickpockets Busy At Festival

Only isolated incidents were reported by Perth Police during the opening day of the Summer Festival, Friday, July 16.

A pickpocket lifted five wallets at Stewart Public School and Stewart Park during the Prime Minister's visit. Police report no leads.

A two-car accident at 8:45 pm resulted in \$200 damage.

As over 10,000 people left the parade route, Ernest Maynard Young, 58, of RR 2, Moberly, pulled out of the IGA on Wilson Street through a heavy line of traffic and struck a car driven by Sharon Ann Zahab, 27, of Ottawa.

Constable G. W. Parsons is investigating.

July 20, about 1 p.m., a car driven by Edward David Burke, 21, of 25 Arthur Street, Perth, left Rogers Road heading north and struck the front of a house on Peter Street.

The house, owned by Deputy Reeve McInnis, and the car, which suffered mechanical failure leading to the accident, sustained total damages of \$135.

## Lanark Lodge Crowns King and Queen

Wilbert Dowdall, 86, and Mrs. May Ritchie, 88, were crowned king and queen of Lanark Lodge Thursday afternoon in a ceremony attended by over 80 residents, family and friends.

Selection of the king and queen was made by the 108 residents of the lodge over the last few weeks, as part of Summer Festival celebrations.

Dignitaries in the lodge's auditorium Thursday, decorated with posters, art work and mobiles by the staff, were Perth Reeve Art Daines; John Creighton, Reeve of Lanark Township; Mrs. B. Cavanagh, vice-president of the Lanark Lodge auxiliary; Mike Smith, vice-president of the Senior Citizens' Club; Mayor William Warren; Acting Administrator John Biddle, and Home Supervisor Earl Ryder.

Mr. Dowdall is formerly of Cedar Hills, near Fakenham; Mrs. Ritchie is from Arnprior.

## Problems Plague Theatre

Lack of publicity and some organizational problems hampered two efforts at theatrical presentations Tuesday.

Only 100 showed up for two free performances of Theatre-Go-Round in Stewart Park.

Twice that many had enthusiastically attended a single performance of this "Opportunities for Youth" scheme just a month previously and with only limited publicity.

Tuesday's company was the same that has been touring the Ottawa area, although this time they added a new show called "Cripple Creek".

It comprised bits and pieces of satirical nonsense, Western melodrama and a lot of improvisation.

A second company with a repertoire of three different plays will be in Perth Friday afternoon for two performances at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.



THE PRIME MINISTER and Mrs. Trudeau receive welcome from Mayor and Mrs. Warren on arrival by helicopter at Stewart School last Friday night.

## Last Duel Re-enacted

A re-enactment by local high school players of the Last Fatal Duel in Canada, originally fought on the banks of the River Tay in 1833 between two young law students, John Wilson and Robert Lyon, was twice cancelled because of rain and lack of a public address system.

Staged at the Basin behind the Post Office, the re-enactment was produced by Peter Code and five P&DCI students dressed in period costumes, played the various roles of John Wilson, Robert Lyon, Henri LeViere, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Thom, Simon Robertson and Dr. William Hamilton.

The cast included Jim Winton, 17, Joan Scarrow, 16, Glen Pyle, 18, Evelyn Ireton, 15, and Sherry Code, 15.

The stage crew was handled by Steve Arnott, with Mike Di-Cola, 19, the announcer. Sound effects were courtesy of the Perth Police department.

## Festival Week Program

**Big-name entertainment and "the best band tattoo in Eastern Ontario this year,"** highlight the remainder of Summer Festival week.

At the Fairgrounds Saturday, a band tattoo entitled "Cavalcade of Brass" will bring together five bands to compete for \$500 in prize money and three trophies.

These bands include the "Ambassadors" from Buckingham, the "Marching Saints" from Carleton Place, the "Fourth Brigade from St. Jerome", "Les Souveraines" from Chambley and the "Collegettes" from Markham.

Four exhibition bands from Peterborough, Kingston, Montreal and Smiths Falls will parade through Perth at 1.15 p.m. followed by the band tattoo at 2 p.m. A parade of all nine bands follows at 4 p.m.

Admission to the Fairgrounds is \$1.00 for adults, 75c for students, 50c for children and for children under 12 free, if accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, July 22, is Senior Citizens' Day from 1:30 to 4 p.m. with a picnic and other interesting activities in Stewart Park.

At 2:30 p.m. Uncle Willy and Floyd, two zany characters from CJOH-TV, perform in Code Park. Admission 25c a person.

Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. Canada's own Stampede entertain rock fans in Code Park.

Friday, July 23, a scavenger and treasure hunt takes place in Stewart Park at 2 p.m. Theatre-Go-Round offers free entertainment in Stewart Park at 1 and 3 p.m. In Code Park at 8:30 p.m.

internationally famous comedians and impersonator Rich Little will delight audiences of all ages.

Saturday, July 24, a "fly-in breakfast" at \$1.25 per person takes place at the Airport from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Also at the Airport are helicopter and airplane rides starting at 10 a.m., for \$5 and \$3 respectively.

Rotarians will serve pancakes, sausages and coffee on the banks of the Tay behind the Legion as well Saturday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for \$1.25.

A Children's Field Day takes place at the Queen Elizabeth School from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The band tattoo will be in the Fairgrounds at 2 p.m. And Lynn Anderson, with her popular hit "Rose Garden", performs at 8:30 p.m. in Code Park.

## Local Art Draws Praise

As part of Summer Festival Week, the Perth Art Group is exhibiting some 93 works of art in mixed media on the top floor of the library building this week.

According to a representative of the Group, over 400 people have viewed the exhibits since last Saturday, and from their comments "seem to be very impressed."

All the contributed works, including oils, pastels, collages, water colors, acrylics and silk screens, are for sale, mostly in the \$25-\$50 range.

The Perth Art Group, under the presidency of Frank Delaute, met as an art class during the winter months at the Perth campus of Algonquin College.

## Pass Music Examinations

The following is a list of successful candidates, in examinations held recently by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto in Perth. The names are arranged in order of merit.

**Grade IV Theory**  
Harmony — Pass, John C. Douglas.

**Grade III Theory**  
Harmony and History — Honours, Morna Douglas.

**Harmony** — Pass, Barbara Warapuis, Kathryn M. Kerr.  
**History** — First Class Honours, Anne Cadue.

**Grade II Rudiments**  
First Class Honours — Catherine Wilson.

**Grade I Rudiments**  
First Class Honours — Alice Wiley, Reggie Kirkham, Debbie Wright, Nancy Radford.

**Preliminary Rudiments**  
First Class Honours — Ann Wendelboe; Cheryl Graham, David Willoughby (equal); Susan Kravacek; Earl Garrett; Jeanne Gillanders, Mary J. Kidd (equal); Ruby Knowles.

Honours — Laurie Elliott.

## Girl Friend Costs \$200

Frank Wildgen of Ottawa was fined \$200 and his licence was suspended for 30 days in provincial court Tuesday following an extended chase May 29, at speeds exceeding 115 mph.

Mr. Wildgen said he exceeded the 80 mph speed limit because he wanted to see his girl friend in Ottawa.

Constable D. G. Muir chased the Wildgen car north on Highway 15 out of Smiths Falls after the aircraft patrol notified him of the speeding car.

Although Constable Muir exceeded speeds of 115 mph, he could not keep up with the Wildgen car.

The chase ended in Richmond where a road block had been set up.

Shane Peter Wilson, 17, and Brian Gordon Bell, 20, both of Smiths Falls, were given a year's probation by Judge D. C. Smith in provincial court Tuesday.

Wilson and Bell had been charged June 6 with three charges each of break, enter and theft at

area cottages.

In passing sentence, Judge Smith said: "The only reason you're not being sent to jail is that your parents came to your rescue."

Richard Alexander Somerville, of Arnprior, was fined \$100 for careless driving in an incident June 14 near Pakenham which resulted in \$2,500 damage to Somerville's car.

Mr. Somerville's car hit several guard rails, spun around and travelled 416 feet before stopping.