

Lieutenant Governor Officially Opens Henderson Home

By Mrs. Helen Hobbs
On Sunday Aug. 9, at 3 p.m. was held the official opening of the Henderson Home at the Bell Homestead Tutela Heights Road, Brantford Ont.

This was previously owned by Rev. Thomas Phillip Henderson, who opened his home in 1877, for the first Telephone Office in Canada.

The house was donated by Wm. C. Burles Oct. 17, 1968. It was moved from the city of Brantford to its present site, intact.

The home is to be restored in three phases, first the telephone office (completed), second, the business office, and phase three, the upstairs bedroom with original furnishings.

Acknowledgements for the music, courtesy of Major A. E. Milley Salvation Army Citadel, Brantford Ont.

Afternoon tea courtesy of Mr. V. W. Powell president of Brantford Club Tecumseh Council Maple Leaf Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.

The program opened with, "The Queen." The Chairman was Mr. Robt. W.

Gray president of Maple Leaf Chapter, No. 74 Telephone Pioneers of America, Hamilton Ont.

Invocation was next. Opening remarks by the chairman, Civic greetings by Warden Richard W. Emerson, Brant County, acting Reeve Hugh MacLaughlin, Brantford Township, and Mayor Richard B. Beckett City of Brantford. Mr. Andy Donaldson, Alderman of Brantford, recalled some of the many people instrumental through the Brant Historical Society, of making our present gathering possible, and received a great hand for his thoughtfulness.

Remarks by J. E. Skinner, vice-president of Bell Canada, Toronto, D. J. Southcott Ontario sales manager Northern Electric Co. Ltd. Toronto, An address was given by Robt. H. Spencer Historian Bell Canada, Montreal.

Opening the Henderson Home, The Honourable W. Ross MacDonald C.C., P.C., Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario. Mr. MacDonald spoke with warmth of the great sense of

history the people of Brant County had to preserve this homestead for posterity.

Next came the Benediction and the singing of "O Canada." Afternoon tea followed, and we were all given an opportunity to visit the Bell Homestead, and Henderson Home.

This reader would like to relate a few facts, you may or may not know, concerning the Bell family. They came out to Canada from England, on August 1, 1870. Alexander Graham Bell was a frail child, and his parents came here for a more healthful climate. Professor Bell bought the present site, built in 1858, and 13 and one half acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton.

Alexander Graham's health improved and like his father was a teacher of speech, in the spring of 1871 accepted an invitation to teach in Boston. In 1872 he opened a school of his own for Tac Teachers of the deaf, and the next year became professor of vocal physiology at Boston University.

At night he carried out experiments in an attempt to discover a way to send several telegraph messages over one wire at one time. At Christmas, during summer vacations, and at every opportunity, he came home to Brantford. On July 26, 1874, while visiting the homestead, he talked far

into the night, while disclosing the telephone idea to his father.

After young Bell returned to Boston he began work in earnest on his new invention and on June 3, 1875, succeeded in transmitting speech. On March 10, 1876, at Boston through "Liquid Transmitter", he had designed, Graham Bell uttered the first words to be carried clearly over a wire, Mr. Watson come here I want you."

In the summer of 1876 back in Brantford, young Bell conducted what Thomas Costain has called the three great tests of the telephone. The first carried between two communities, on August 3, 1876 in the store of A. Wallace Ellis, Mount Pleasant, Ont. Mr. Bell heard the words "To be or not to be", spoken by his uncle, Professor David Charles Bell at the Brantford Telegraph office.

The second great test was made on August 4, 1876 when a large dinner party at the Bell Homestead heard speech, recitations, songs and instrumental music, from the telegraph office in Brantford, over a line three and one half miles away.


The third great test is hailed as the first long distance call in the world. The telephone inventor received the call in Robert White's Boot and Shoe Store and Telegraph Office at Paris, Ont., on August 10, 1876, the eight-mile telegraph line from Brantford was extended 60 miles to make use of a battery supply in Toronto.

Many of the inventor's telephone experiments were made in Boston, and this led to the claim that the telephone had been invented there. On this point there was no doubt in the mind of Alexander Graham Bell, he declared Brantford to be the telephone birthplace, he said so publicly on many occasions, for an example in an address before the Canadian Club in Ottawa on March 27, 1909, Bell said: "It was I who invented the telephone, and it was invented wherever I happened to be at, of this you may be sure; the telephone was invented in

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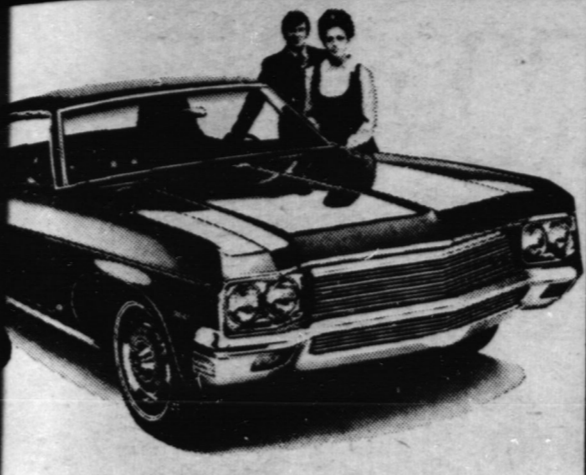
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Cayuga Speedway

By Merrill Stearns

NELLES CORNERS, ONTARIO - Bill Torrisi of Pendleton, N.Y., who waited four weeks for the new engine in his Modified-Sportsman coupe, was rewarded Friday night, as he walked off with his first 20 lap Feature victory of the season here at Cayuga Speedway.

Torrisi, who's luck was all bad so far this year, went thru four engines up to four weeks ago, then decided to give it one more try, and it turned out to be the right move.

Following early leaders Bill Brainard and Thort Haag for the first three laps, Bill took over the lead as the two leaders tangled in No. 1 turn, putting Brainard out for the night. On the restart, Torrisi moved away from the pack, with only Ken Meahl as his challenger, Meahl had to settle for the second spot to finish, with Chuck Boos a distant third, Ted Renshaw fourth, and Roger Treichler fifth.

In the 15 lap Late-Model Main event, Phil Edwards of Buffalo, N.Y. survived three caution periods for spin-outs and wall-banging crashes, to record his fourth Feature win of the season. Norm Forbes was the runner-up, Ralph Book took third, Ross Mayfourth, and Wayne Ready capped the first five.

Doug Sutton walked off with his second 20 lap Mini-Stox Main win of the season, outdueling Wayne Pearce, Jim Dunham, Gary Elliott and Bob Held.

Completing the evenings exciting Feature events, 21 year old Stan Kuwabara of Hamilton, Ont., captured his third 20 lap TQ midget Feature win here on the 1/8 mile inner oval, followed closely by Bob Martell, Hugh Armstrong, Harry Macy and Bruce Bolitsky.

The Mod-Stox qualifiers went to Torrisi and Brainard, with the consolation to Jim Rudolph.

May and Edwards chalked up heat wins in the Late-Models, with Forbes the victor in the consolation.

Pearce and Larry Anthony were tops in the Mini-Stox heats, as Kuwabara and rookie George McIntyre of Richmond Hill, Ont. ended in victory lane in the TQ midget qualifiers. Larry Glaser was the consolation winner.

NELLES CORNERS, ONTARIO - Cayuga-Speedway, the 5/8 mile, Hi-banked paved oval rated as Canada's only Super-Speedway, has been deluged with pre-race entries as the big "Weekend of Speed" doubleheader comes on us this Friday evening, Aug. 14, and again Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16.

The action will begin at 8 p.m. this Friday evening, and will be topped off with a gruelling 50 lap NEW CAR Special Feature event. All the top driving stars will be on hand, including early entries Earl Ross of London, Ontario, winner of the previous Late-Model Championship event here, Howie Scannel of Milton, Ontario, last years Champion at Flamboro-Speedway, Art Clark, Ron Williams, Dan Knoll and current point leader Billy Rafter, all from the E.R.C.A. racing circuit, plus local favorites Bruce Vandye, Donnie Biederman, Pete Hudson, Billy Daniels, Ross May, Jim Thompson, Kenny Cassel and a host of others. The Mini-Stox and the TQ midgets will add their exciting events to all the action.

On the following Sunday afternoon, the second annual 50/50 "Speed Spectacular", featuring a 50 lap Modified-Sportsman Main event, and a 50 lap Super-Modified event, will be highlighted by the "Match Race of the Year." This 10 lap event last year, still the biggest controversy in both pit areas, was won by John Spencer of Toronto, Ontario, in a rear-engined Super-Modified. Roger Treichler of Sanborn N.Y., led the race for the first half, but ended in the runner-up position at the checker. Both drivers turned in one lap times of over 110 m.p.h. Cayuga Speedway is the only track in North America to bring these two popular divisions together on the same track, in the same race, against each other, for the true and absolute "Speedway Champion" of North America. The winner will receive the "Burn's Tire-Michelin X" trophy for his efforts.

Vieing for the top honors in the Super-Modified division will be such standout drivers as Norm Mackereth of New Toronto, Ontario, Jim Shampine of Clay, N.Y., 1969 Oswego Speedway Champion Kenny Andrews, Nolan (the silver fox) Swift of Syracuse, N.Y., 3-time winner of the Oswego Interantional Classic, plus Harve Lennox, John Rutlege (Rocket) Clapman, Warren Conium, Bryan Osgood and many more.

On the Modified-Sportsman class, top chauffeurs, with names like "Dutch" Hoag, Richie Evans, Maynard Troyer, Geoff Bodine, Mike Loecher and others, along with local favorites Chuck Boos, The Treichler clan, Roger, Gordy & Merv, Bill Brainard, Ted Renshaw, Cam Gagliardi and Bryan Osgood will have his

Sportsman car here also, trying to take all the marbles home in both divisions.

This all happend this coming weekend, at Cayuga Speedway, where you see the top stars, in the top cars, at Canada's ONLY Super-Speedway. Rain date for the 50/50 race is Sunday, Aug. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bray visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shoup of Port Dover Thursday afternoon. They also visited Mr. W. E. Tyrrell at the Johnson Nursing Home.

Sandusk News

The Sandusk W.I. toured the Bell Homestead on Wednesday. They started with a picnic dinner in the park and followed with their regular meeting. It was a nice change and the ladies all enjoyed the pleasant surroundings.

Mrs. Craig Werner and Mrs. Chipman attended the young peoples ball game last week and helped to cheer the Cheapside group onto second place. They start the play-offs this week. Nanticoke and Cheapside Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Miss Debbie Dennis spent several days last week holidaying with her cousin Kathy Gloyd near Willow Grove.

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When choosing vegetables for summer meals, the Ontario Food Council, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, recommends fresh green or wax beans which are in plentiful supply. To test beans for freshness, simply bend the pod in half between your fingers; if it snaps easily, a tender, young bean is ensured. Beans freeze well if the crisp pods are washed thoroughly, cut into one-inch pieces, and blanched for three minutes before cooling, packaging, and freezing.

Zesty Green Beans*: 2 cups cooked green beans, 2 cups sliced cooked carrots, 2 cups cooked kernel corn, 1/2 small onion, thinly sliced, 1/2 cup celery, sliced.

Zesty Dressing: 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. dry mustard, 1 tsp. celery seed.

1. Arrange cooled green beans across center of shallow dish with cooled carrots and corn on either side.

2. Scatter onions and celery over vegetables.

3. Blend or thoroughly shake dressing ingredients together. Pour dressing over vegetables. Refrigerate overnight. Serves 6.

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