

Seventh consecutive Canada Week

For the seventh consecutive year, June 24 to July 1 has been proclaimed Canada Week by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the provincial premiers.

The week long period of festivities leading up to Canada's national holiday, is co-ordinated by an active, non-profit, non-political organization known as the Canada Committee. Members of the committee represent each of Canada's provinces and territories and they are joined in a common goal: to bring Canadians to a better understanding of one another. The culmination of the Committee's year long efforts is Canada Week.

Canada Week activities take many forms. There are picnics, parades, film festivals, historical pageants, art and essay contests, sports events, concerts, teach-ins, social projects, and exhibitions of all kinds. But one spirit infuses them all - hundreds of thousands of Canadians are celebrating the achievements of the past and affirming their faith in Canada's future.

The Committee for Canada Week co-ordinates these festivities in the hope of stimulating national pride, promoting a sense of national

consciousness. And so, Canada Week has a more serious purpose than celebration alone.

Canada is a vast land. Its people have linguistic, ethnic and political differences as well as regional ones. These differences threaten to divide the country. The Canada Committee believes that Canada must be united to remain viable, internally for the betterment of the social

conditions of its people; externally, in relation to the other countries of the world.

Patriotism is an unpopular term in our modern world. Once a positive moral attribute, patriotism for many of us has become synonymous with excessive and narrow nationalism. Today, patriots are considered reactionary chauvinists because certain groups in many countries, in the name of patriotism, turned attachment to their own countries

into hatred for others.

The true meaning of patriotism is an attachment to one's homeland with pride in its values and achievements coupled with desire to rid it of injustice and inequality. Included are respect for its neighbours in the world community and appreciation of the lessons of history. Naturally, it presupposes understanding of, and concern for, the various elements that together make up the nation.

Canada Week provides an ideal opportunity for all Canadians to think about their country. An understanding of the aspirations of each element of the population will breed respect and a spirit of co-operation. The differences between Canadians can then be used to unite rather than divide, to strengthen Canada rather than weaken her. And this is the direction that the "nationalism" of the Canada Committee takes. It does not

advocate either blind patriotism, or that super-nationalism which exalts one culture or one country to the detriment of another.

The Canada Committee's aim is to encourage a greater dialogue between Canadians to bring them closer together. Its efforts culminate in Canada Week - June 24 to July 1 - a week of celebration, reflection, and rearmament. Think about it.

Springvale Women's Institute

Mrs. A. Hopper acted as hostess when she opened her home for the June meeting of the W.I.

Mrs. W. Bradshaw, President, opened the meeting with the repetition of the Collect Ode, and prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. E. Carpenter Secretary. Springvale W.I. celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a dinner and program at the Cove Room, Erie Beach Hotel, Port Dover.

Correspondence was dealt with as follows: to take the 4-H Club "A touch of Stitches." Thank you were read. It was decided to hold the Annual Grandmothers' Meeting in Springvale Park, Thursday July 24.

Mrs. A. Winger convened the program, theme of which was Travel, and she read a poem "Some Do". Mrs. E. Kauk read two poems "I Shall Remember, and "The Road Map."

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. June Heaslip of H.M. Tours, was introduced by Mrs. A. Winger. In her talk, she pointed out the advantage of Traveling service, provided and certain rules observed as good courtesy policies, and stops every two or three hours for passenger conveniences. In trip planning one decides the destination, and then plans the routes, and arranges for all stop-overs, restaurants, and scenic routes.

Timing and weather conditions need to be considered. Effects of cancellation cause a number of upsets with bus hostesses and laces booked ahead.

Identification necessary, and a birth certificate is required. Luggage storage and comfort items, and some self-entertainment are helps in travelling.

Mrs. Heaslip expressed the self-satisfaction they derive from entertaining others and of meeting all sorts of people, most of whom are real good sports on trips. Following this talk a panel discussion ensued when members asked many questions.

A suggestion for a trip in the fall was made by one of the members and further information will be given at a later date.

Mrs. A. Harvey thanked Mrs. Heaslip and presented

her with a token of appreciation. An amendment to the Nominations Committee work was made, when three officers were filled since the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Hopper gave a complete report of the District Annual held in Nanticoke in May. The Roll Call - A place I would like to visit, was answered by 19 members and visitors. A special blind

gift sale was held for the purpose of raising extra funds.

Mrs. A. Winger conducted a quiz "How Well Do You Know Your Canada," Mrs. B. Smith was the winner.

J. Kauk gave the Flower report and a card was signed by all present and sent to Mrs. M. Dredge, who is a

patient in Simcoe Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Institute Grace and God Save the Queen, after which the ladies of the 12th, served lunch.

Mrs. V. Hoover, with a few well-chosen words, gave the courtesy, thanking all who had participated in the afternoon's activities.

Hanley burns Cayuga track

Junior Hanley of Port Manton, Nova Scotia, pushed his 1974 Camaro home first in the Friday night feature for Late Model Super Stocks at Cayuga International Speedway. Starting twelfth in the 30 lap event, the Nova Scotia speedster took the lead on lap 18 and was never headed in gaining his first ever feature at the 5/8 mile oval.

Bill Watson of Toronto, finally broke the hard luck jinx that has kept him out of points standing, by chasing Hanley to a second place finish. Despite an early lap accident, Norm Lelliott of London, fought his way through the traffic to finish third in the Radio Shack sponsored event. Ralph Book, who led the event through lap five to seventeen held on for a fourth place finish with Rich Wrobel of Elma, New York finishing fifth in the all Camaro parade.

The win for Hanley shot him into the lead of the Radio Shack Point Standings, with 135 points, just 9 points ahead of Jerseyville, Ontario veteran Ralph Book. Rob Fletcher of London, Ont., Bill Watson of Toronto, Ont.,

and Book, were heat winners.

Randy Slack, of Empire Corners, Ont. survived an early lap accident and escaped the bounty placed on his head by powering his 1972 Vega to a fourth consecutive feature win in the Late Model Compact Division. The bounty going to any driver defeating him in a feature event was instituted following last week's win. Doug Garner of Embro, Ont., again pressed the former Mini Stock Champion throughout the contest and finished a head, with Hamilton's Bill Bendell for the show position.

Bendell and Bill Richael of Buffalo, New York, were heat winners in the Carling O'Keefe sponsored division. Popular Larry Anthony, of Fisherville, Ont., fresh off last week's victory in a wheelbarrow, moved to within one point of the lead in the Houghton Rustproofing Points Fund, by capturing his third feature of the season in the Mini Stock Division. Andy Wirth of Smithville, Ont., present points leader, finished second with Bill Lefewe of Limehouse, Ont., in third.

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Mike Hogan of Olean, New

York, rompt home first in the feature, as the visiting Can-Am Midgets made their first appearance of the season at Cayuga, John Fitzgibbons of Tonawanda, New York, and Harry Macy, of Buffalo, New York, made it an all New York show for rounding out the first three positions.

Next week the Carling O'Keefe Championship Series returns to Cayuga International Speedway, with the sixth scheduled event in the twelve race series. Jr. Hanley presently holds a slim lead over Jerry Makara of Ancaster, Ont., in the lucrative point standings.

NASCAR star, BENNY PARSONS, of Ellerbe, North Carolina, winner of the 1975 Daytona 500, will make his first ever start at Cayuga's fast 5/8th mile oval as an entrant in next week's event. Author, lecturer, businessman, and most of all, successful race car driver, are all attributes found in the 1973 NASCAR Winston Cup Gr. and National Champion. Benny's sense of competitiveness and stubborn pride have contributed to making him on of today's top Nasar driver.

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Lake Erie Development report

From the start, Stelco has emphasized that it is implementing a "total ecological approach" in the design of the greenfield steelmaking facility.

This approach goes far beyond the mere consideration of the effect of emissions from the plant.

It involves protective contouring landscaping and designing building in such a way that the entire complex will be effectively integrated with the surrounding topography.

But the many studies that were undertaken to achieve these results also took into account some of the unique findings of the countryside at Nanticoke.

Within the industrial park area, for instance, a preserve will shelter existing small colonies of Hungarian partridge and blue heron.

A number of woodlots within the plant site itself will be preserved and there have been taken to restore certain significant buildings on the property.

INDUSTRIAL IMPACT

At least 45 studies have been prepared by Stelco and various government and private groups as part of the environmental assessment of the impact of impending industrial development of the Lake Erie area.

For Stelco's part, it is backing up its concern for the environment with considerable man-hours and money. In excess of \$73 million will be spent for air and water quality controls and other environmental programs in Phase I.

The objective has been to preserve the aesthetics of the existing landscape, and especially the vistas from roads and adjacent areas.

A wide greenbelt area is being developed along the eastern and southern perimeters of the steelmaking development.

Contoured mounds have been formed by earthmovers and extensive plantings of trees and bushes will combine not only to provide a visual screen for the plant, but also reduce wind losses at the operations and provide a noise buffer.

The planting program began in 1973 and already some 30,000 trees and shrubs have been dug into the soil. Many of these were planted in a 50-foot-wide strip which extends more than a mile along the lakeshore road.

There was also some planting of trees and bushes within the half-mile-wide green belt that separates Nanticoke Creek from the steelmaking site and a scenic drive has been built to link up with lakeshore road.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

There are, extensive plans for environmental controls within the steel making complex itself to meet standards

set down by the Ontario Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources

The various facilities will incorporate the most appropriate of environmental control technology, so that the Lake Erie plant is expected to be the cleanest steelmaking operation ever built in the world.

For instance, recently-developed technology is being examined to minimize the emissions that occur during infrequent pouring of surplus iron in the Blast Furnace.

The Basic Oxygen Furnace shop will be equipped with highly-efficient electrostatic precipitators in addition to a new gas collection and cleaning system developed in Japan. This technology is known as the "OG System" and comprises a closed hood with a moveable skirt which will be lowered over the mouth of the steel making vessel during oxygen blowing.

The waste gases cleaned as a result of this operation will eventually be re-used throughout the plant as a fuel.

Water will be recirculated to the greatest degree that is practicable. Stelco, in fact, will not have its own water intake, but will be supplied from a regional pump house to be installed by the Ministry of the Environment.

Stelco purchased the 6,600 acres of land for the steel-making site and industrial park in 1968, as part of plans to double its productive capacity to meet the steel demands of Canada's growing population.

The site was chosen after an extensive study of available property across the country. Some of the factors that favoured this location were its proximity to Canada's "Golden Horseshoe" market area and large manpower centres.

This location on Lake Erie provides ship access to coal from the United States and ore from Northern Ontario, Michigan, Minnesota, Quebec and Labrador, plus a short overland haul for limestone and burned lime from Stelco's property at Ingersoll

The property was used previously for agriculture - with some cottage development along the lakeshore. Situated in the Haldimand Clay Plain, the soil was less than ideal for farming, but provides an excellent foundation for steelmaking structures.

SOIL CONDITIONS

In one study prepared for Stelco, it noted: "These soils are often hard to work. They are of clay texture, acid in reaction and generally low in organic matter; they puddle easily under wet conditions; and bake to a very hard consistency when dry."

Although there was fairly good drainage in this particular area, most of the site is generally flat land. The steel plant site is on the south section of the property, with the north 2,500 acres being set aside for the industrial park.

The first step in environmental planning was the assessment of existing baseline conditions in the ecosystem.

To this end, a co-operative study of the water regime was initiated in 1969 with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Hydro Stelco and Texaco participating and sharing the cost.

The tests themselves were carried out by personnel from the two government agencies and Ontario Hydro, which had built its Nanticoke Generating Station along the lake on the east side of Nanticoke Creek.

There were separate studies of such matters as Lake Erie water temperature and movement, its quality and chemistry, weed bed locations, fish migration and growth, spawning beds, plankton and bottom fauna and observations of the ice cover.

FISHERY STUDY

The fishery study had special significance to the whole area because of the region's history as a commercial and sport fishing

spot. During 1971, this study involved the capture of about 1,500 fish of 28 different species, with smallmouth bass and yellow perch being favourites of sport fishermen

Air quality studies were carried on concurrently by the Ministry of the Environment, Ontario Hydro and Stelco, with various sampling devices being established within a 12 mile radius of the industrial area.

These major stations measure ozone, fluoride, suspended particulate, iron, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons. Six dustfall measuring stations were also set up within two miles of the site.

The Ministry of the Environment also planted permanent sampling plots of white ash trees along radii at distances from two to 25 miles from the Ontario Hydro site. White ash is sensitive to sulphur dioxide.

Eighteen seedling plots of white pine, white birch, white ash were started at distances of three to 15 miles away and five indicator plots of annual plants such as gladioli, buckwheat and pinto bean were also established.

Observations will be made of the effect on these trees and plants by airborne pollutants in the future, plus laboratory examinations of them.

In addition, Stelco has its own test sites for dustfall and iron levels.

In order to predict the impact of the steel plant, Stelco sponsored a meteorological study of weather effects on the area. The purpose of this study is to predict the frequency and effect of inversions and other weather conditions on plume rise and dispersion of emissions. These will be used to assist in the design of facilities to ensure that the plant meets the air quality requirements.

The Ontario ministry has also been carrying out air shed calculations to determine the combined effect of all the development in the area. As a result, more stringent standards than normal have been set for the steel plant in such areas as sulphur dioxide emissions.

REGIONAL APPRAISAL

However, environmental appraisal does not involve only air and water quality. In 1970, the Ontario Ministry of Treasury, Economics, and Intergovernmental Affairs completed the "Haldimand-Norfolk Environmental Appraisal" which was authorized by Dr. Victor Chanayak of the University of Guelph.

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