



Turkey Point beach looks calm and serene following Monday's violent storm that tore through the area. The receding waters left a smooth beach and it appears as if nothing has happened.

Where Did Our School Bell Go?

On Monday November 3, 1975, workmen moved in with a big crane and removed the bell from the belfry on top of the old school in Courtland - formerly known as S.S. #2 Middleton. But where did it go and what is going to be done with it?

The people here are quite concerned. Is it going to be put up at the new school so it can be used again; is it going to be cooped up in some unsightly monstrosity for older people to observe with sadness and the young people to carelessly destroy, or is it just going to disappear?

Bells were made to be rung. There is no sound just like the music of the bells! Each bell has its own distinctive chime, each chime being in temperament with changing weather conditions. A good bell ringer can send many messages: joy or sorrow, urgency or stand-by, work or worship, time and space, darkness or light, peace and tranquility.

Why are we so fast to allow the sights and sounds of yesterday to be taken away from us - only to have them replaced with noise and confusion - TV, Hi Fi, booze, racing cars, rock and roll, snowmobiles, miles and miles of pavement!

Our children need to stand in the quiet of nature and look and listen - the chorus of the frogs as they herald springtime; water rushing over a waterfall or murmuring across a pasture; a swarm of honey bees searching for a new home; milk striking the bottom of a milk pail; a hummingbird poised in flight; a spider web bathed in dew; a cloud of breath on a frosty morn; a bumble-bee on a golden dandelion; the scent of new-mown hay; the majesty of the ever-changing aurora borealis; and many more -- and yes the ringing of the bells.

Where of where did our school bell go?

Local Initiatives

A total of 132 jobs and 3,156 weeks of work will be created for local residents with the approval of 22 Local Initiatives projects in the Haldimand-Norfolk area.

These jobs will last until the projects are completed or not later than June 26, 1976. They are scheduled to begin within a few weeks, and will recruit unemployed workers through Canada Manpower in the Region. This Federally sponsored project is designed to give jobs to people in peak times of unemployment.

Following is a list of the projects, the number of jobs created, the number of man weeks worked, and the funding for each project.

The Haldimand-Norfolk Information Centre will provide two jobs and has received \$9,000. A Tile Drainage Flow Analysis sponsored by the Haldimand Soil Crop Improvement Association was awarded \$11,500 to employ five people.

The Norfolk Historical Society has been given \$13,500 and will employ five people.

The Haldimand Adult Opportunity Centre has been allocated \$13,500 and will provide 90 work-weeks for three people.

A \$10,000 grant to the St. Williams Community Hall will provide 70 work-weeks for five people. A LIP project in Delhi has been given \$44,618 to provide 299 work-weeks for 12 persons. Towns-End Heritage, Waterford, has been awarded \$18,000 to provide nine persons with 120 weeks of work. An allocation of \$16,481 has been made to Haldimand Parks Improvement, Cayuga to provide 110 work weeks for five persons.

Various other jobs throughout the area will be given LIP grants and these will become available at a later date.

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Valley Heights Visions

by Karen Franklin

For the sake of my adventurous English teacher who has undertaken the task of guiding us through Macbeth, I open this column with "Double, double, toil and trouble fire burn, and cauldron bubble." (I'll omit the footnote O.K.).

Hallowe'en at Valley

Heights was busy and noisy. Not a single ghost or goblin passed through our "hallowed hall," and the Great Pumpkin went elsewhere again this year. Valley Heights offers an open invitation for next year though--we'll spend Hallowe'en night in the nearby pumpkin patch

waiting for the Great Pumpkin to rise up and .. in all seriousness, Friday was the day to order school jackets in nylon or leather on which you could put your name, your team number, team name, or your claim to fame. The response was fantastic, and the representative from the

jacket company is making a return visit this Friday so that those who would still like a jacket can order.

Tickets for the upcoming London Symphony concerts were aslo on sale Friday. The first concert will be held this Thursday evening, Nov. 6 at Valley Heights. So far, ticket

sales haven't been too outstanding, but I'm sure they'll improve. If you're a music lover, or would like to spend a really, really, nice evening, buy a ticket and come. The next two concerts are going to be in February and April, and tickets for all those are low-priced at \$8.00 (adult)

and \$5.00 (student). Saturday evening, Nov. 1 was the time of Valley Heights fourth annual Commencement exercises. It was a well-planned, beautifully organized evening (ah! such description!) at which last year's graduating students were honored and awarded.

Two special highlights of the evening (besides all of us finally getting that diploma) were the Valedictorian's address, given by Ken Willaert, and the presentation of an Austrian bell by the Austrian trade commissioner to a group of last year's history students for their honorable behavior in Austria. As I said -- it would be in my last column, and it was .. a very special evening.

Valley Heights has been relatively quiet this week, with one exception (besides the activities I have already mentioned.) I'm not sure that I should mention a certain man who has been working on the exterior walls of the school and has caught the attention of the student body -- but since I don't know his name, I will. This man is special because he has been able to (give or take a cliché) charm the birds out of the trees with his whistling. We thank him most heartfully for entertaining us daily, and ... for adding that special touch to math class!

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