

Bond Head's Pioneer Parade Claimed To Be Best Yet

Bond Head's Pioneer Parade last Saturday, July 1, was another example and proof of the fact that enthusiasm and willing workers can produce what money expenditure cannot. The Bond Head workers for the parade, and other events, did not have big financial resources but they did have a wealth of initiative, enthusiasm, willingness to work, and a determination to do credit to Bond Head, and they most certainly accomplished the latter. That parade, and other events of the day, made July 1, 1967, a red letter day for Bond Head.

Led by the Bond Head United Church Junior Choir, singing the Centennial song, "Canada", and followed by decorated doll carriages, tricycles and bicycles, the parade got underway at 2 p.m., with some 34 entries, each one of which told its own story of pioneer life in Canada.

S.S. No. 1 school, West Gwillimbury, won first prize with its donkey-drawn covered wagon, complete with costumed pioneer settlers and mounted outriders.

Tec-We-Gwill Institute was placed second, with the 1867 classroom, school master Ira Doan, and mischievous pupils. The third prize went to the Beeton Service Centre, which featured a little shanty in the corner of the garden, beside a rail fence, and surrounded by tall grass and weeds, and other outside facilities, including the well, which comprised the features of a back yard of long ago. Fourth prize was a Pioneer Parlour, made up of antiques from the Brethet and Sunderland families, and fifth was the Fisher's Corners W.I. float, with its pioneer church and singing congregation.

Other outstanding floats were, the Anglican Church being moved to its present site, preceded by the church of the future; the 1867 christening scene in the parlour; Saturday night on the farm 1867; the noisy Silver Slipper Saloon; winter fun 1867; Girl Guiding of former years; Century Farm family in two-seated cutter and wigwam, and burning at the stake. Bradford Lions and Rotary floats, West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth Townships

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councils added to the parade but were not in competition. The parade was complete with horse drawn carts and buggies, antique cars, gas engines, feed mills, tractors, clowns and Reynolds Transport with two goats as main attractions. Three convertibles drove the over 80 celebrities of Bond Head and district.

Winners in the other contests were: Decorated Doll Carriages, 1st, Julia Reynolds, 2nd, Ruth McKay; Tricycles, 1st, Danny Reynolds, 2nd, Brian Jebb; Bicycles, 1st, David Harvey, 2nd, Peter Harvey; Old-Fashioned Dressed Doll, 1st, Janice Hounscome; 2nd, Sylvia Harvey.

The lady attending from the greatest distance was Miss Beth Stewart, Dorval, Montreal, and the man was James Bateman, Houston, Texas. Oldest lady was Mrs. Annie Bradley at 92, and the oldest man Mr. Wesley Halbert 94.

A softball tournament was run off with the Anglican Church beating the United Church team, then Oldtimers defeating the Public School and finally the Oldtimers winning out against the Anglican team. Ron Grimshaw's running commentary added to the games.

Picnic supper at 6 p.m. was followed by a costume parade of 70 entries. The old fashioned girl's costume prize winners were: 1st, Betty Gray; 2nd, Louise Harvey; boy's costume, 1st, Paul Langford; 2nd, Peter Harvey; ladies' authentic costume, 1st, Ann Hodgson; 2nd, Vira Bateman; 3rd, Mrs. James Andrews; men's costume, 1st, Bob McKay; 2nd, Jim Culbert; ladies' 1967 Centennial costume, 1st, Mrs. Charles Wilcox; 2nd, Mrs. Ernest Hodgson; 3rd, Mrs. Walter Edney; couple in Centennial costume, 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rutledge; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray; family in Centennial costume, the Stuart Langford family.

Mr. Fred Cook was capable master of ceremonies for this variety program. It included, Portraits of the Past, a presentation portraying local famous people, efficiently and pleasantly commented on by Mrs. D. Welch. This was followed by a dance, which completed a memorable day.

A special Centennial Community Church Service was held in the United Church conducted by Rev. H. Dahlin with Rev. D. R. Welch as speaker. Special music was given by a joint Anglican and United Church choir. All agreed that this type of service should be held more often.

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