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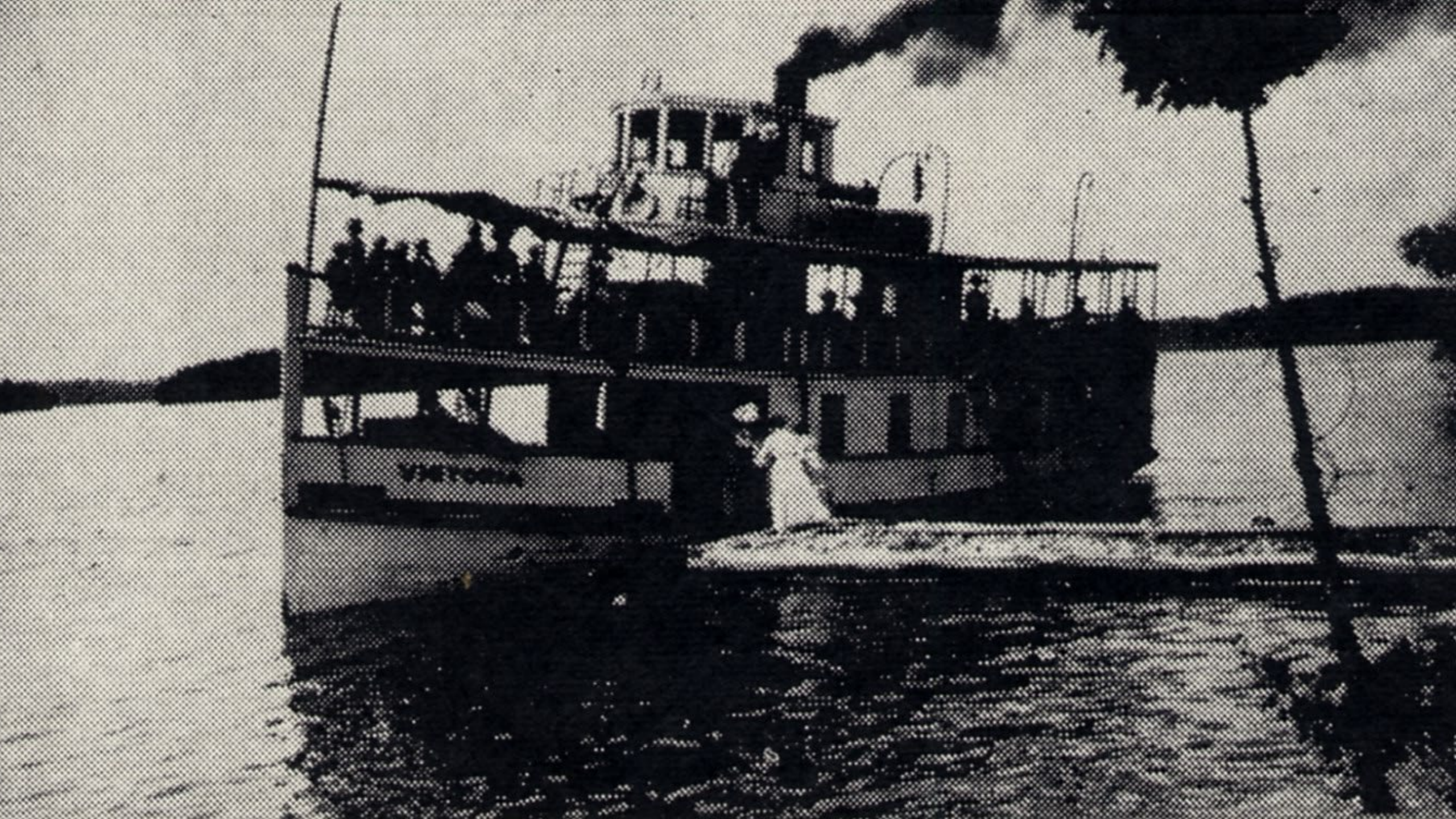


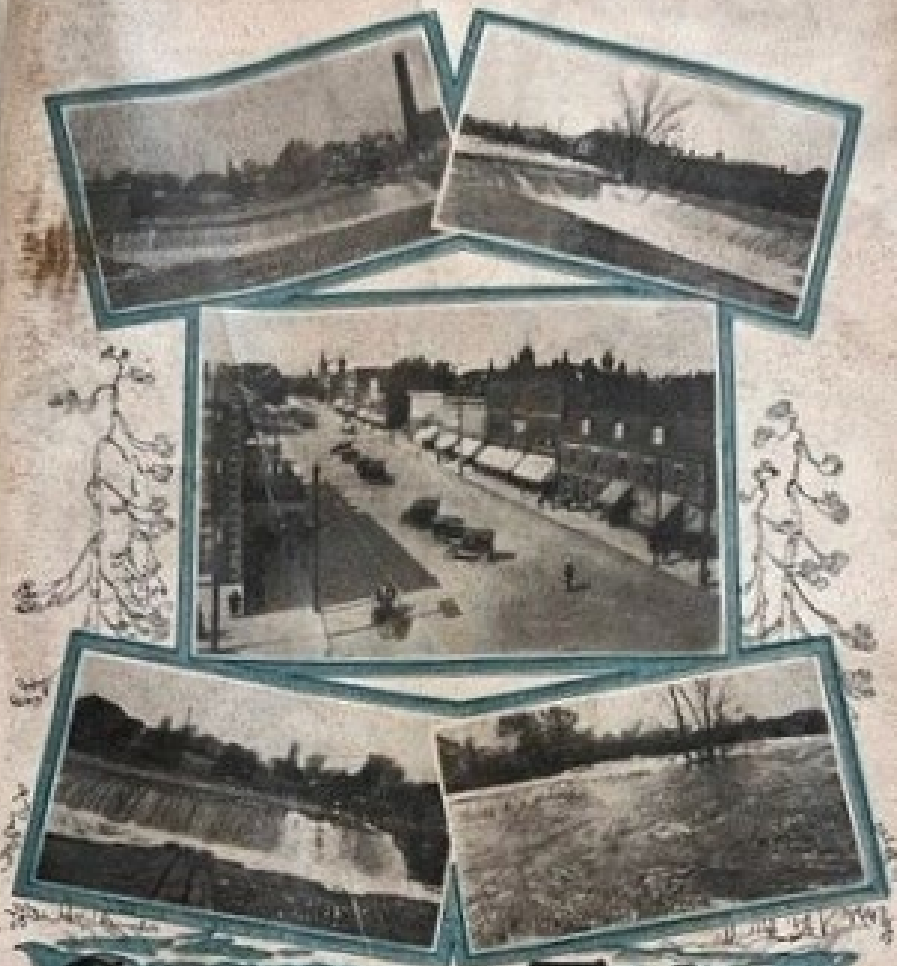
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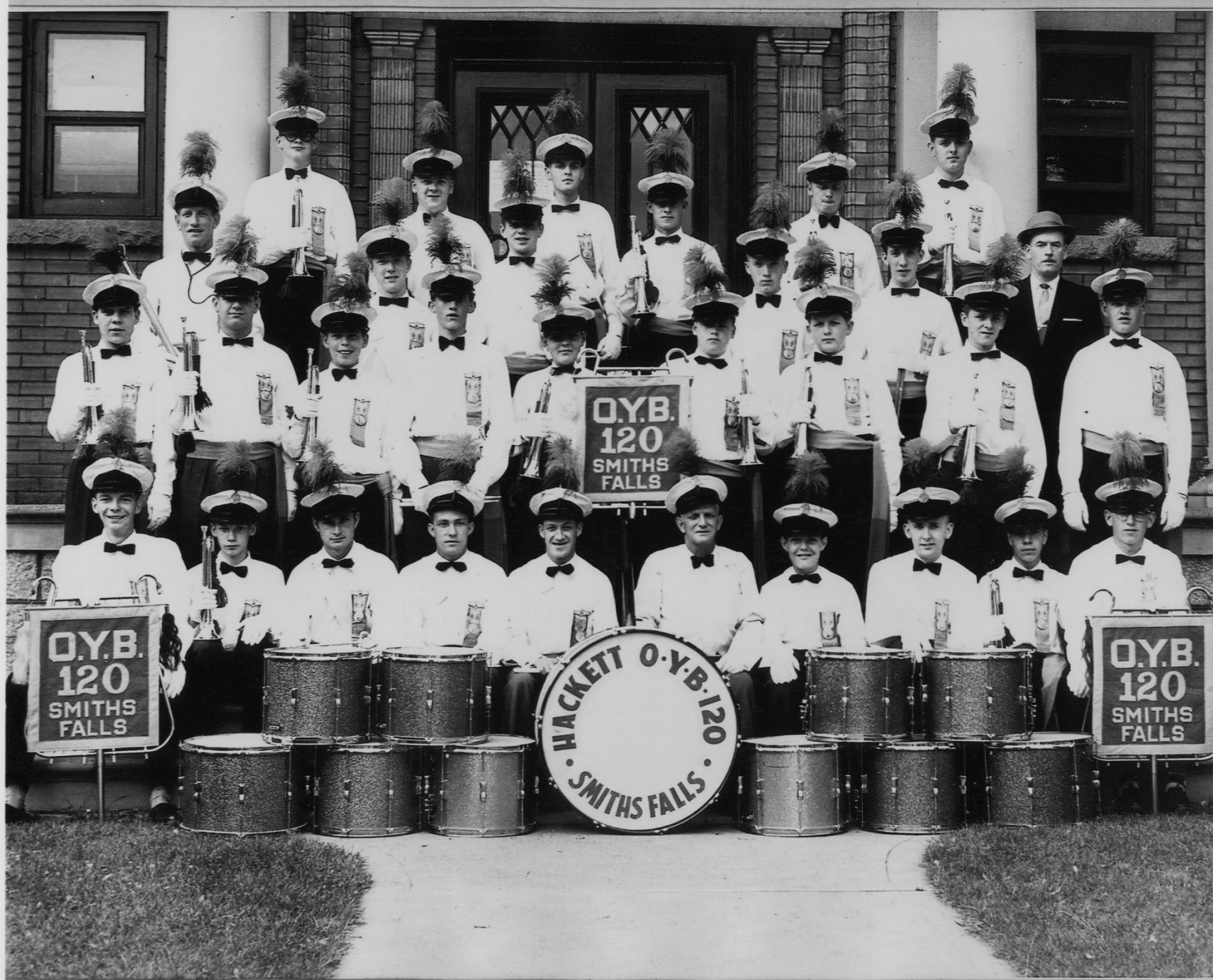


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SMITHS FALLS OLD HOME WEEK
JUNE 30th TO JULY 8th
1950

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This Day-By-Day Programme of Smiths Falls Old Home Week is enclosed in a cover the OUTSIDE FRONT AND BACK of which is a reproduction of the signatures of present day citizens of Smiths Falls while the INSIDE FRONT AND BACK is a facsimile of "The Story of the Pageant" Programme cover published for the 1925 Old Home Week. You will find many familiar names on these covers.—(Ed.)

FEATURE ATTRACTIONS

CAROL'S GREATER SHOWS, All Week.
—Midway Attractions for Young and Old.

FOUR SPARKLING VARIETY SHOWS IN THE MEMORIAL
COMMUNITY CENTRE—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

MONSTER TRADES and CALLITHUMPIAN PARADE on
— MONDAY, JULY 3rd, at 10.00 a.m.

NIGHTSHIRT PARADES ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY NIGHTS
at 11 o'clock.

DANCES : WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th MART KENNEY.
SATURDAY, JULY 8th ART. HALLMAN.

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and
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150th Anniversary



old home week

July 23rd to August 2nd,

1976

Wednesday, July 28, 1976



On the road again

The Civitan Club covered wagon, which accompanied the participants in the 150-mile Settler's Walk in June, was on the road again in Saturday's opening Old Home Week parade. —(Rutherford photo)





SMITHS FALLS and DISTRICT

old home week

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 28

Registration Opens

Recreation Centre
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ladies Lawn Bowling

Bowling Green at Community Centre
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Admission Free

Flower and Art Show

County Fair Mall
Noon-5:00 p.m. Admission Free

Mid Week Parade

Parade Route
1:00 p.m.

Art Exhibit and Sale

United Church Hall
1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Admission Free

Monster Bingo

Community Centre
7:00 p.m. Admission \$1.00

Softball Game

R.C.A.F. "Bombers" vs. C.F.R.A. "Happy Blunders"
Community Centre Ball Diamond
8:00 p.m. Admission Free



Thursday, July 29

Registration Opens

Recreation Centre
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

R.C.A.F. Hall 7:30 a.m.

Luncheon

Trinity United Church 11:30 a.m.

Band Concert

Central Canada Air Cadet

Pipe Band R.C.A.F. Hall
1:00 p.m. Free

Buffalo Barbeque

R.C.A.F. Hall
1:00 p.m. Admission \$1.50

Smorgasbord

Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$4.50 each

Old Timers Softball Game

Community Centre Diamond
7:00 p.m.

Band Concert

Canadian Armed Forces Air

Command Band, Winnipeg

Community Centre
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
\$1.00 Adults
.50 Children under 12

Cabaret & Talent Night

Legion House
8:30 p.m. \$1.00 Adults
.50 Children under 12



Friday, July 30

Senior Golf Tournament & Dinner

Lombard Glen Golf & Country Club
8:00 a.m. Dinner 4:00 p.m.
Entry Fee \$7.00

Registration Opens

Recreation Centre 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Luncheon

Westminster Presbyterian Church
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Minimum Charge

Heavy Horse Show

Rideau Heights Jersey Farm, R.R. No. 4, Smiths Falls.
12:00 Noon Adults \$2.00
Children .50
The Lions Club will be having a midway and beer garden in conjunction with the horse show.

Spaghetti Dinner

Legion House
5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Admission \$2.50

Beard Judging Contest

Civitan Hall
7:30 p.m. Admission Free

Senior Citizens Dance

Elgin School
8:00 p.m.-Midnight Admission .50

Cabaret & Talent Night

Legion House 8:30 p.m.
Admission \$2.00 includes a souvenir mug

Teen Dance

Community Centre
8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight \$2.00 each



Saturday, July 31

Fishing Contest

Rideau Canal System Daylight to 6:00 p.m.

Complete Western Horse Show

Profession Tractor Pull in conjunction with horse show will commence at 12:00 noon. Lions Club Midway and Beer Garden again today.
Rideau Heights Farm, R. R. No. 4, Smiths Falls
8:00 a.m. \$2.00 Adults
.50 Children

Boys Annual T-Ball

Tournament Corbett Field
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission Free

Registration Opens

Recreation Centre 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Steam Train Excursion

Ottawa-Smiths Falls
Smiths Falls-Ottawa
10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00
Children \$5.00

Final Parade

Parade Route
1:00 p.m.

Guides Garden Party

6 Glen Avenue 2:00 p.m. Free

Chicken Barbeque

Lombard Glen Golf and Country Club
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. \$3.50

Smorgasbord

Fireworks Display

Victoria Park
Dusk Admission Free

Bobby Bare Show

Community Centre 7:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Admission \$10.00 couple \$5.00 per person

Shirt Tail Parade and Street Dance

Parade Route Main St. in front of Legion
8:00 p.m. Admission Free

Legion Dance

Legion House
9:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight \$2.50 per couple

Sunday, August 1

Regular Church Services Complete Light Horse Show

Rideau Heights Farm
9:00 a.m.
Admission \$2.00 Children .50c

Registration Opens

Recreation Centre
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Archery Tournament

Registration 9:00 a.m.
Curling Rink \$3.50 Entry Fee

Bath Tub Races & Water Ski Show

Lower Reach Basin
12:00-7:00 p.m. Admission Free

Step Dancing & Fiddling Contest

Hantley Hall
1:00-7:00 p.m.
Admission Contestants \$3.00
Adults \$3.00
Children \$1.50

Canadian Legion Drum

Head Services

Community Centre
2:00 p.m. Admission Free

Softball Game

Record News vs. C.J.O.H. TV

Community Centre Ball Diamond
2:00 p.m. Admission Free

Monday, August 2

Closing Ceremony

Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

Bon Voyage Dance

R.C.A.F. Hall
8:00 p.m.
Admission Free





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• From Page One

40,000 enjoy Old Home Week

The second annual Rideau Benefit Canoe race, from Merrickville to Smiths Falls, attracted a field of 32 Canoes Saturday.

The overall winners were Gene Woodcock and Mark Charron, of Ottawa, with a time of two hours and 27 minutes. Last year's record was three minutes faster. This year competitors had to paddle up stream against a strong wind.

The Pro-Am Golf Tournament, held at the Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club Sunday, attracted 132 golfers. Sponsored by the Smiths Falls Bottling Works, the tournament was one of the largest ever held in Eastern Ontario.

Nearly 70 children—most with help from their parents—spent hours in preparation for The Record News-sponsored bicycle decorating contest held on the community centre grounds Sunday afternoon.

Trophies and cash prizes were awarded in three categories.

A laughing good time was had by all, including hundreds of spectators, during the softball challenge match between The Record News staff and the Smiths Falls Old Timers the same afternoon. In addition to various aches and pains, the Old Timers took home honors for winning the game with a score of 10-8.

A large crowd came out to the community centre Sunday for an ecumenical church service, featuring Dr. J.K. Latimer, former minister at Westminster in Smiths Falls and former moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

REUNION

Hundreds more came out to the SFDCI auditorium Monday night for the Basketball Reunion and Homecoming Dance. Past, present and future basketball players from the collegiate were featured in the evening of basketball and socializing, sponsored by the Smiths Falls Grads Basketball Association.

Tuesday was also a busy day, with a giant birthday party, the Lanark County Dairy Princess Competition and an evening shirt-tail parade.

The birthday party, sponsored by the Home and School Association, was open to all people celebrating birthdays during Old Home Week. Prizes were awarded to the youngest and oldest attending.

Max Keeping, news director at CJOH TV, in Ottawa, was on hand to cut a giant birthday cake.

The dairy princess competition, sponsored by the Lanark County Dairy Producers Association, featured contestants from throughout the county. The contest was held at the County Fair Mall.

The shirt tail parade, sponsored by the Civitan Club, was led off by a pipe band and an accordian band. Trophies were also presented.

There's still a lot more to come in Old Home Week.



Welcome, my dear

Miss Canada, 21-year-old Sylvia McGuire of Halifax, N.S., flew into Smiths Falls Thursday afternoon and was greeted at the airport by Old Home Week chairman George Morrison. Miss McGuire attended all Friday and Saturday events as well as the Wintario draw Thursday night. (St-Laurent photo)





Old Home Week continues

Five more days to celebrate

Old Home Week is half over, but there's still a lot to come.

Tonight (Wednesday) features a monster bingo at the community centre, sponsored by the Civitan Club.

There will be 15 regular games with \$50 prizes, a \$250 early bird

game, five share-the-wealth games and a \$2,000 jackpot. Doors open at 6 p.m.

A softball game between the CFRA Happy Blunderers and the RCAF Bombers promises to be the softball free-for-all of the century, beginning at 8 p.m. at

the community centre. There is no admission charge.

Thursday begins with a pancake breakfast at the RCAF hall, on Abbot Street, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The Central Canada Air Cadet Pipe Band will stage a public

concert at 1 p.m. in the RCAF hall. The band, stationed in Ottawa, has representative musicians from across Canada.

The RCAF Association plays host again for a buffalo barbecue, also beginning at 1 p.m. Admission \$1.50.

One of the big events a lot of people have been waiting for is the Old Timers' softball game, which gets underway at the community centre diamond at 7 p.m.

The game will be between former members of the senior town league which ceased operation in 1957.

CARNIVAL DANCE
The Carnival Dance, featuring Trinidad and Tobago's Third National Steel Band, the Haggins Pandemonium Steel Band, runs

from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The band, which represented Trinidad at the Grape and Wine Festival in St. Catharines in 1975, is on its first tour of Central Canada, during July and August.

Can you sing, dance or play a musical instrument? Come out to the Cabaret and Talent Night at the Legion, 8:30 p.m., Thursday and show your stuff.

The admission price of \$2 includes a free souvenir mug.

Friday starts off at 8 a.m. with a senior golf tournament at the Lombard Glen Golf and Country Club. This free-flight golf tournament caters strictly to the 50 years and over age group. There will be over \$400 in prizes. A dinner follows. The entry fee is \$7.

The Westminster Presbyterian

Church Women's Auxiliary will offer a hearty home-cooked lunch at a reasonable price in the church hall beginning at 11 a.m.

Friday also features a heavy horse show just south of town on Hwy. 29. Sanctioned by the Canadian Horse Show Association, the event will be the first day of a three-day Old Home Week Horse Show. Prizes in the heavy horse classes total more than \$400.

A special horse drawing contest will get underway at 6 p.m.

The Lions Club will operate its midway and beer garden in the same location.

A complete western horse show follows on Saturday, sponsored by the Rideau Valley Horse Association.

A professional tractor pull gets underway at 12 p.m.

Sunday features a complete light horse show.

Admission each of the three days is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children.

SPAGHETTI
Friday continues with a home-made spaghetti dinner at the Legion Hall, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The long-awaited beard judging contest, sponsored by the Civitan Club, gets underway at the club's Union Street hall at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the longest, fullest, most colorful and most stylish beards and to the youngest and oldest contestants.

Saturday opens with a fishing contest from daylight to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Smiths Falls

Fish and Game Club, the contest includes all the waters in the Rideau Canal system.

The boys annual T-ball tournament will be held at Corbett Field, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A steam train excursion from Ottawa to Smiths Falls rolls down the tracks at 10 a.m. For further information contact any member of the Kinsmen Club, sponsors of the excursion.

The final parade of the week will start at 1 p.m., Saturday, following the same main route as the week before. The only change will be a detour around the midway on Beckwith Street.

Former and present members of the Girl Guide movement in Smiths Falls can get together for

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Only half over

40,000 enjoying Old Home Week

More than 40,000 people poured through the streets of Smiths Falls last weekend to take in the first days of Old Home Week, the town's 150th birthday celebration.

Nearly 3,000 people crowded into the Memorial Community Centre Thursday night for the 32nd Wintario Draw, telecast live throughout Ontario. Host Fred Davis told viewers both in the arena and at home that the Smiths Falls audience was the largest in the draw's history.

The draw, sponsored here by the Lions Club, was preceded by an amateur talent show.

More than 500 people took in the opening ceremonies in front of the town hall Friday morning. Proudly singing O Canada, the crowd stood at attention as celebration chairman George Morrison and Mayor Tom Ashwell raised the new Old Home

The large fireworks display Saturday night attracted many thousands of spectators, lining both sides of the Rideau Canal basin in Centennial, Victoria and Hydro Parks.

The display, which took about one hour to complete, will be staged again this Saturday, on an ever larger scale.

DORSEY DANCE
In the Mood... String of Pearls... Marie... Satin Doll... the list of old big band sounds went on and on Saturday night as the famous Jimmy Dorsey band, under the leadership of Lee Castle, delighted more than 1,000 people at the community centre.

And surprise of surprises, the dance floor was almost always full.

Young and old alike twirled, swished, slid and swung their way through a happy mix of all-time favorite tunes and latest

Cavallo, featured singer with the 13-piece band. Miss Cavallo, who hails from the Dominican Republic, put on a 40-minute routine, featuring up-tempo numbers, Latin hip-twisters and a couple of crooned ballads.

There were lots of new faces, forgotten friends and distant

relatives, but everyone had one thing in common: they were all having a good time.

The volunteers were also responsible for a teen dance, held Friday night. Music was supplied by White Ginger.

Obviously one of the busiest clubs in town during Old Home

Week, the volunteers also organized the Firefighters Sports Competition in Hydro Park Saturday morning. Area fire departments were challenged to compete in a selected series of sports activities.

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Works strike

Union solidarity breaking

By STEVE ST. LAURENT
Staff Reporter

Reports of weakening solidarity among striking town public works employees are circulating as the strike enters its second week.

Two employees are back on the

we're badly short of staff, but we've had plenty of co-operation from service clubs and other organizations so we've been able to get by."

After Saturday's giant opening parade, members of the Golden Triangle Radio Club swept the length of Beckwith Street

Mayor Ashwell expressed his dissatisfaction with the actions of CUPE regional representative Gordon Allan last week. "If he wants to withdraw from the situation, we're prepared to deal directly with the men," he stated.

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Jiving the night away

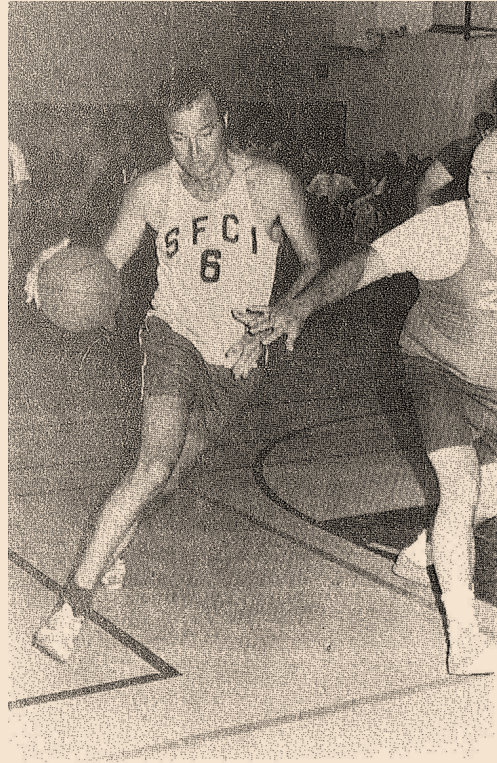
This young couple made up their minds they were out for a good time at the Jimmy Dorsey dance at the community centre on Saturday night. They and about 1,000 others cut a rug at the dance, sponsored by the Smiths Falls volunteer firefighters. —(MacDonald photo)

Old Home Week sports highlights



Should have it

Club pro, Tom McPhee directs the ball towards the cup at the ninth hole. Action took place at the first Pro-am tournament held at the Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club, Sunday. — (Clifford photo)



Driving to the basket

Jacques Pilon drives toward the basket at the grand reunion. — (Clifford photo)



Good ballhandler

Warren Allmand, Solicitor-General, shows his stuff on the basketball court. — (Clifford photo)



Still has it

In the game between The Record News and the Oldtimers on Sunday, former police chief Reg Wride proved he hadn't lost his stuff. The Oldtimers went on to dump the staff from the paper, 10-8, with Wride performing his heroics on the mound. — (Clifford photo)

Biggest Ever!

Last week's special Old Home Week souvenir edition of The Record News was the largest edition ever published in the newspaper's 90-year-history.

The July 21 edition contained 70 pages of news and special features, plus the 24-page Valley Guide and Entertainer. A total of 10,000 copies were printed, the largest run to date.

The second-largest edition was the one preceding Old Home Week in the summer of 1950. It boasted 62 pages and took over 10 weeks to print.

In order to produce the 1976 special edition, it took 10,800 pounds of 30-lb. newsprint (almost 5½ tons), 124 pounds of black and colored inks and 65 hours of printing and inserting.

Copies of the special Old Home Week edition are still available at The Record News office at the regular price.

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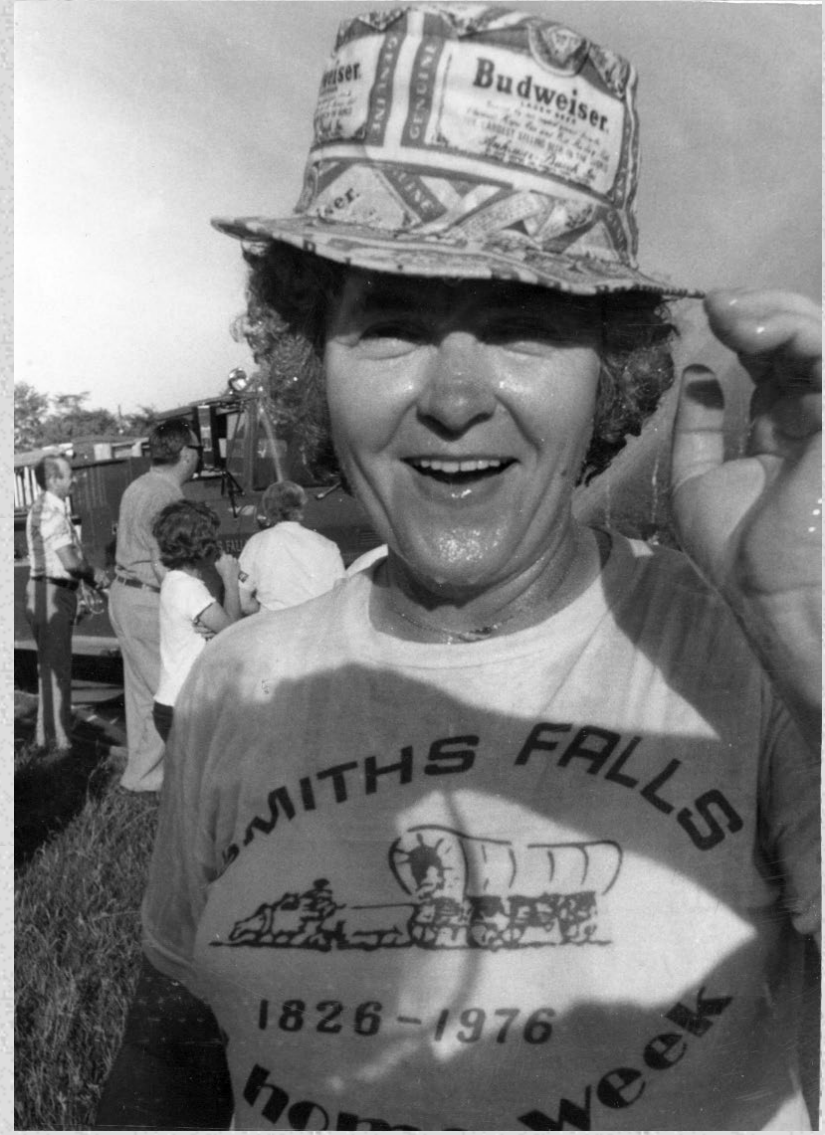


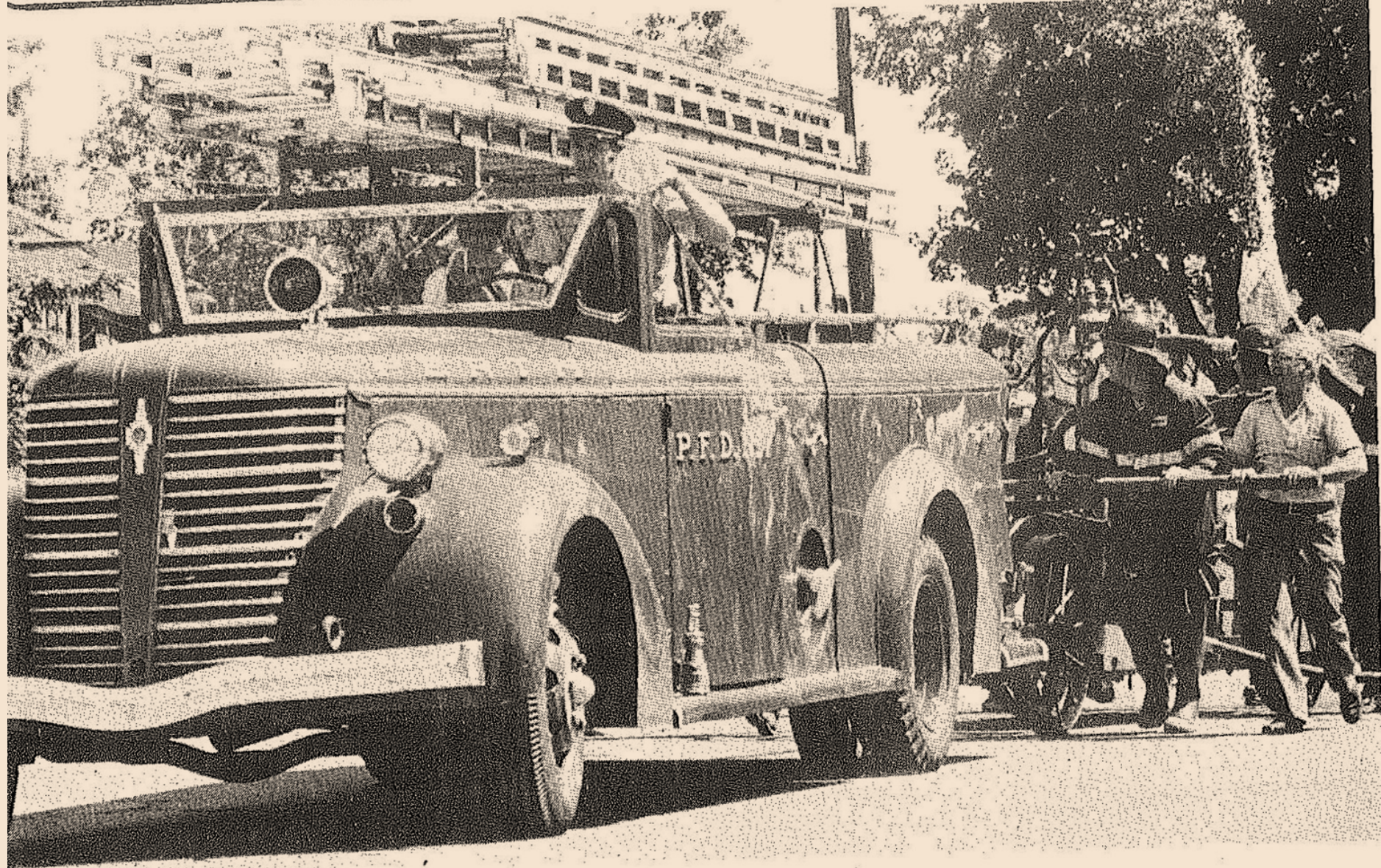
Council cuties

Good times were high on the agenda for a very unofficial meeting of town council on the back of a flatbed truck in Saturday's Old Home Week parade. Stan Suffel, left, surveys perhaps the largest delegation ever seen at a meeting, while Bruno Moss



keeps his "special" strictly under the table. Ellard Lowe is content to play the elder statesman in a recreation of council of yesteryear.—(St. Laurent photos)





A proper dousing

SMITHS FALLS—A contingent from the Perth volunteer fire department gave some of the 40,000 spectators a cool, wet treat along the Old Home Week parade route last Saturday afternoon. Supplied with a

number of strong arms on the old hand-operated fire pumper, the Perth boys had some fun dousing onlookers with hoses. —(MacDonald photo)



Parade draws 40,000



Summer fall



Mayor and stars



Old-time traveller



Blowing out a fuse



Home and School's helpers



Poor children!



Tuckered out

Well over 100 floats from Eastern Ohio and New York State took part in Saturday's Columbus parade, starting at 10 a.m. The parade was a grand success, with the streets lined with thousands of spectators. The parade was a grand success, with the streets lined with thousands of spectators. The parade was a grand success, with the streets lined with thousands of spectators.



Huff and puff



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Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada, Wednesday, July 28, 1976

A place to come home

Probably the most-used phrases you'll hear around town during Old Home Week are, "That can't be you!" and, "You haven't changed a bit!"

That is the whole meaning of this, our third big birthday celebration in 50 years. Some will insist on hackneyed descriptive adjectives such as terrific, well-organized, tremendous, fantastic, good, great and all the other extremes of cliché.

But the gasp of surprise and the babbled, "Why, I haven't seen you since . . ." are what Old Home Week is really all about.

Ours is a time of movement and change, a time when the young and the ambitious leave their small-town birthplace to "make it" in the world.

On the one hand, this is a good thing, as people are no longer

condemned to living out their lives in one small area.

On the other, it is unfortunate, because it destroys much of the sense of belonging that living in one place can create.

A celebration such as Old Home Week helps bring back that feeling of being part of a secure tradition, one that made old-fashioned neighborliness more important than material gain.

As the times have changed, so has Smiths Falls. It is not the same place it was in 1925, or 1950. But in the minds of thousands who have returned for the 1976 Old Home Week, it is the same quiet town they will always remember.

Smiths Falls can never be the same as it was, but memory will always make it a place to come home.



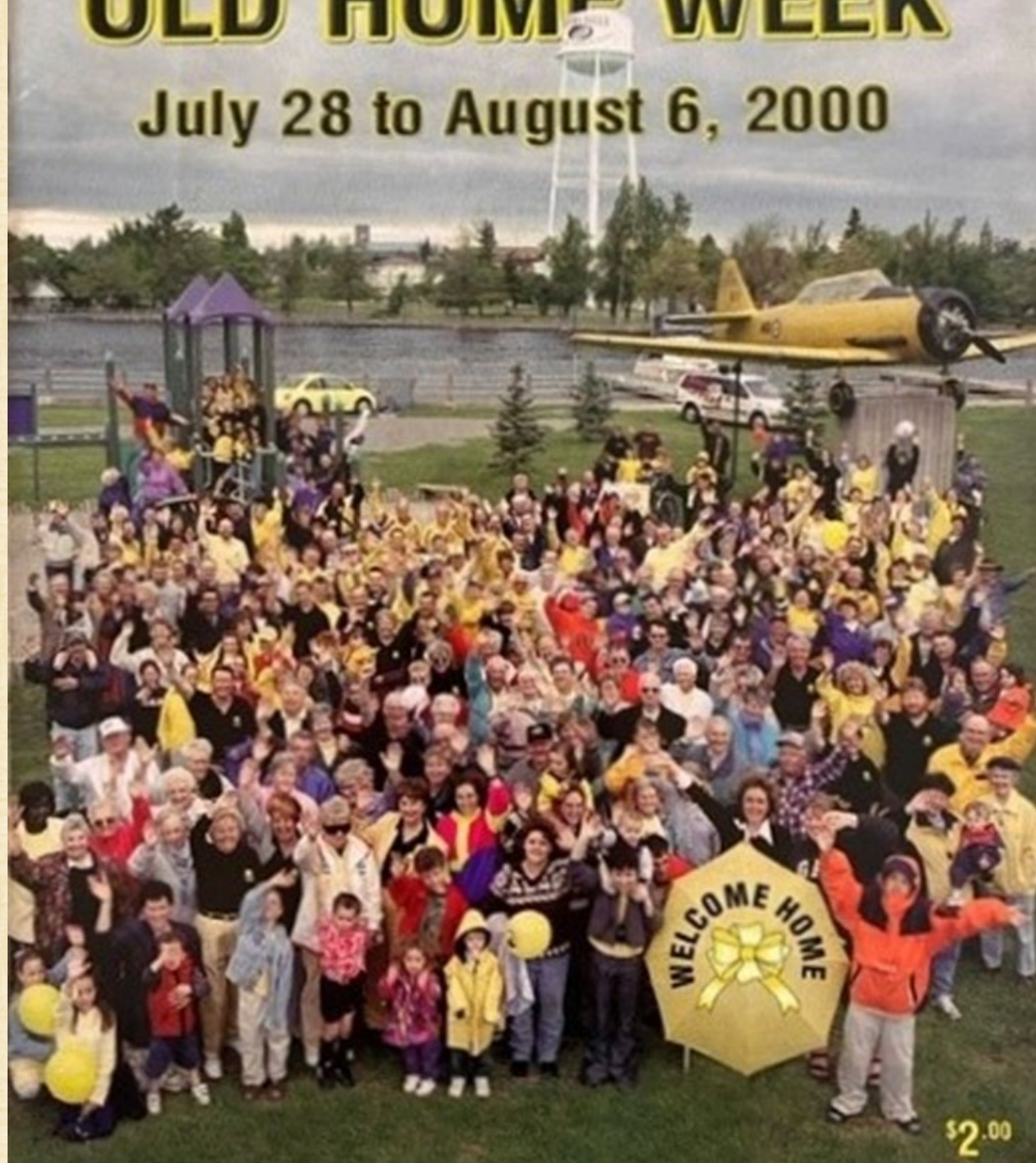


Nightshirt antics

Bouncing baby reporter, Steve St-Laurent gets a push from harried housewives (left to right) Sharon Tapp, Merv Darling and Kitty Bast. More than 500 people donned nightshirts, bikinis, diapers and various other costumes to take part in a nonsensical parade last night which left onlookers in fits of laughter. —(Clifford photo)

Smiths Falls **OLD HOME WEEK**

July 28 to August 6, 2000





"The goal for Old Home Week 2000 has not changed -- to reunite friends, classmates and former residents in a celebration of our town..."

...We wanted to share with you all the best that Smiths Falls offers during ten unforgettable, fun and entertainment filled days. Enjoy!"

Enjoy

Smiths Falls
Old Home Week
2000
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The Record News **EMC** MARKET COVERAGE

Friday, July 28, 2000

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Committee members Gord Giff, Jackie Staples and Wendy Afford put some finishing touches on one of the signs at the entrance to Smiths Falls this week. The decoration work was in preparation for the opening of Old Home Week, this evening, Friday, July 28. See page 9 for more details — and Welcome Home!

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Variety of souvenirs available for OHW 2000

There are Old Home Week 2000 souvenirs to suit every taste and budget.

The Old Home Week Committee is selling playing cards featuring people, businesses and locations that represent the Town of Smiths Falls, as well the Old Home Week souvenir buttons are available for purchase at various locations in town.

Patterson Jewellers in Smiths Falls has designed an Old Home Week watch with the logo and dates of the festival on the face of the watch.



Creative Computing on Beckwith Street has been busy producing Old Home Week souvenirs that are unique and fits every budget. They have in stock coffee



mugs, candles, t-shirts, sweatshirts, mousepads, coasters, aprons, calendars, temporary body tattoos and tote bags.

The Civinettes of Smiths Falls have produced ball caps & beer steins and are available at various locations in town.



Written by Ron "Curly" Haskins, the song "Do You Remember These" is 25 nostalgic verses inspired by Old Home Week and featuring the talents of local entertainers. The CD will be available at various locations in Smiths Falls. Proceeds are to go toward the Smiths Falls Community Theatre project.

"Formerly of Smiths Falls now residing Kelowna B.C. will be attending the celebrations hopefully with all his 13 brothers & sisters present too."

Dave Plant, Kelowna B.C (Confirmed 01/30/00)





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OHW Attractions - 2000

Shuttle Bus Service
FREE
DURING
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We encourage residents and visitors to leave their cars at home or at one of the parking lots on the bus route and enjoy the ride!

SEE MAP FOR DETAILS

Rideau Canal Museum

34 Beckwith St. South (beside downtown bridge) Phone: 284-0505. The museum pays homage to the construction of North America's oldest continuously operating canal, built in the 1830s, through a spectacular slide show, computer network, working models and more.

July 28 - August 6 Open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission (museum only) Adults \$2.50; Seniors \$2.25; Students \$ 2.00; Children \$1.50 During Old Home Week, with each adult & senior admission paid, visitors will receive a set of (4) Ben Balelowsky Prints depicting Smiths Falls.

Also July 28 - August 6 Canal Locks Tour

A guided tour available during Old Home Week, will be starting from the museum and proceeding along the locks. Learn how the locks work and the history of the locks in the Rideau Canal system. Admission (including museum admission) Adults \$5, Seniors \$4.50, Students, \$4, Children \$3, and Family Pass \$14.



Smiths Falls Railway Museum

90 William St. West Phone: 283-5696.

This museum is a National Historical Site built in 1912 for the Canadian Northern Railway and subsequently purchased by Canadian National Railway and ceased operation in 1974. It is almost completely restored to its

original grandeur and houses about ten thousand artifacts along with rolling stock. Visitors will enjoy a guided tour of this lovely facility or if you wish tour on your own.

July 28 - August 6 Open daily from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 30 - The Railway Museum will host a special Fun Day and invite young and old to visit us for a trip back in time and partake in the extra activities that are scheduled for this day.



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Hershey Chocolate Shoppe

1 Hershey Dr., Phone: 283-3300
Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Hershey Factory Outlet is the reason why Smiths Falls is "The Chocolate Capital of Ontario!" Start by touring the Hershey Heritage Room to discover how Milton Hershey's vision began. Take a self-guided tour through the observation gallery and see how your favourite chocolate bar is made. Complete the tour with a free sample, and then fill your shopping basket in the chocolate-lover's dream come true - the Chocolate Shoppe, which is filled with Hershey products, novelties and souvenirs.



DON'T MISS
THE FAMOUS
Lombardy Fair
August 5, 6 & 7

Heritage House Museum

Old Sly's Road, off County Rd. 43 beside the Curling Club. Phone 283-8560. This home was carefully restored to 1867-75 and features an indoor bake



oven and seven period rooms furnished to recreate the lifestyle of a wealthy millowner. July 30 - Edwardian Lawn Party. 1-3 p.m. Admission: \$2.50 Adults, \$1.50 Children, \$5.00 Family (Max. 4) Enjoy a cup of tea or some cool lemonade and baked treats, served by our costumed volunteers. Then participate in some of the many games such as horse shoes, lawn bowling, sack races and much more. Aug. 5 & 6 - Blacksmith Demonstrations 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Learn how the blacksmiths of old would work with red-hot metal to form the horseshoes, tools and household implements used in everyday life at the turn of the century.



WELCOME HOME

S.F.D.C.I. REUNION 2000

JULY 28

7 P.M. — — 12 A.M.

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OHWW Highlights - 2000

"I attended S.F.D.C.I. from 70 to 75. Coming home from Calgary with my family to enjoy OHW."

Chris (Welch) McKeage,
Calgary, Alberta
(Confirmed 01/30/00)

Opening Ceremonies

On Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m., the official Opening Ceremonies will take place at Cenotaph Park. The Smiths Falls Community Theatre group will be dressed in the decade days era of the 1950s, greeting all the visitors and invited guests. Colonel and Mrs. By as well as the opening ceremony dignitaries will arrive by tugboat compliments of Parks Canada. Following the opening comments and well wishes cake will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the long-awaited start to Old Home Week 2000.



Smiths Falls Cadets marching in parade. There will be \$2,500 in prize money for the various float categories.

Everyone Loves A Parade

What a way to celebrate! Smiths Falls Old Home Week 2000 will be doing so in style with not one - but three parades. The opening parade, expected to be the largest in Eastern Ontario, will commence at 1:30



1976 Night Shirt parade

sharp from the County Fair Mall on Saturday, July 29. Twelve bands, numerous floats, fire trucks, SFDCl cadets, antique cars, clowns, decorated bicycles, and CJOH News Anchor Max Keeping as the Grand Marshal, will be sure to draw the crowds.

Old Home Week 2000

On Thursday, August 3, at 8 p.m., the tradition from 1925 continues as the Old Home Week Night Shirt Parade gets underway. Invite your relatives, friends, neighbours and co-workers to don their zaniest nightshirt and have fun on this summer evening!

Last and certainly not least, the Closing Parade held on Sunday, August 6 with the theme "We'll Meet Again," featuring seven bands, floats, firefighters, and much more, will celebrate all the fun and fellowship that Old Home Week 2000 inspired. Following the parade, Lower Reach Park will be the location of an afternoon and evening of music, closing ceremonies and fireworks. Enjoy!



Can-Am Soapbox Derby

Canada's largest derby racing event, held in Smiths Falls during Old Home Week 2000 from August 5 & 6. People are coming to Smiths Falls and the Can-Am's from New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, Kentucky, Quebec and Ontario. See centre spread map for route.



July 28 - August 6

"Looking forward to visiting Smiths Falls our 'home town' during Old Home Week."

Dave and Anne Reilly,
Somerset, Ky. USA
(Confirmed 06/07/00)

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Welcome Home!

OHW History Of Old Home Week



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"Old Home Week 1976, with all its excitement, is gone, but it will live forever in the hearts and memories of those who took part."

More than 40,000 people packed the streets of Smiths Falls during Old Home Week 1976. Young and the young-at-heart were there to join in on the festivities. The streets were lined for the opening 'monster' parade where over 100 floats, 15 bands, antique cars, fire trucks and playful clowns marched from the County Fair Mall to the Community Centre.

Young and old alike twirled, swished, slid and swung their way through a happy mix of all-time favourite tunes and latest hits during the dances held during Old Home Week. There were lots of new faces, forgotten friends and distant relatives, but everyone had one thing in common - they were all having a good time.

Even before the first visitor crossed the town limits to enjoy Old Home Week 1976, the organizers were finalizing all details from the dances to the 150-mile walk promoting the town's 150th anniversary. Thirteen community-minded (and exhausted) people, accompanied by a team of horses pulling a covered wagon, trekked from Smiths Falls to Perth, Westport, Kingston,



Marty Dales arrives Home from her 150-mile stroll.

Gananoque, Brockville and back home in just six days. This was not an endurance test, but a show of pride of Smiths Falls and an open invitation for the surrounding communities to visit our town.

Old Home Week Outstanding Success

Old Home Week 1976, with all its excitement, is gone, but it will live forever in the hearts and memories of those who took part. It will be remembered as a time of celebration, when problems and differences were forgotten in favour of a joyous community spirit that outshone anything else that might have entered our minds.

Previous Old Home Weeks, in 1925 and 1950, are still remembered for their good times and comradeship, but they will never match the memory of this past summer.

Old Home Week 1976 was the largest and greatest celebration this town has ever seen. Few communities across this vast country can boast of the spirit generated in Smiths Falls during the celebration of its 150th birthday.

Old Home Week would never have reached the level of success it did without

the generous help and support so freely provided by you and hundreds more of our citizens.

On behalf of the citizens of Smiths Falls, the Old Home Week Committee would like to express a sincere thank you to you for your help.

You have helped prove Smiths Falls, your hometown and ours, is still one of the best and most community-minded towns on the face of the earth.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely,
George Morrison, Chairman
Old Home Week Committee, 1976

This letter of appreciation was written to Marty Dales for her contribution and efforts during Old Home Week 1976.

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"Received a post card from my nephew Ron Labelle and look forward to attending Old Home Week Celebrations."

Evelyn Gulley
(Confirmed 01/15/00)

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