



Category: 1b Historic

Name: the BERTRAND trees

Location: Radville

Species: Several

Link 1: <http://www.radville.ca/about.htm>

History/Description:

Gerald (Jerry) Bertrand was sixteen years old in 1936, a student at the Radville Public School and a Boy Scout. Radville was a dusty, treeless prairie town. Jerry contacted all the merchants, raised funds, and wrote a letter to the town council of the day regarding planting trees along Radville streets.

Two years later when drought conditions had improved some he was put in charge of a crew that planted 2800 trees. Water had to be hauled by tank from the river to keep these trees watered. Jerry went on to the U of S., and also married his childhood sweetheart, also from Radville.

Two years later he enlisted in the army, and, sadly, died over-seas. But today Radville is a beautiful community because of him.

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