

LIMEHOUSE (Intended for Last Week)

A largely attended and pleasant event was held in Limehouse Memorial Hall last Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller and Russell, who have moved to their new home on Lot 21, 8th Ave. A few games of euchre were played with Mrs. A. W. Norton and Mr. Walter Linham winning high score. Mrs. H. Barber and Mr. Harvey McDowell low. Mr. Hatkin and Mr. Clifford McDonald held the marked cards and Mr. S. Kirkpatrick the marked chair. Mrs. J. I. Ellery, chairman, called all the winners to the platform, including Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Russell, who were very much surprised when they found they were to be presented with gifts on behalf of the community. Mrs. Frank Brown read the address to the family and other representatives of the committee in charge presented Mr. and Mrs. Miller with a tri-light lamp and a pair of contrasting satin chesterfield cushions and to Russell a Reynolds life time pen. The parents thanked everyone inviting them to visit them in their new home while Russell smiled his response. Mr. Fred Brooks then came to the platform and asked Mr. E. Miller to come forward to receive a table lamp from the community for his uncle, Mr. William Lane, who was unable to attend. Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Mr. J. A. Noble sponsored the purchase of the gift. Lunch was served and a dance followed. Miss Helen Shelburne and Mr. Hill McDonald were lucky spot dance winners.

Mr. Alex Wright and Mr. Bill Gillette were week-end visitors with the Wrights. Mr. W. I. Newton of Harrie spent Sunday with his parents. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Clarke on the arrival of their second daughter in Peel Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, December 10th. Mr. and Mrs. Mills visited in the village the first of this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenless and children of Milton visited the Bentons on Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Smethurst has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smethurst and the McGowan's at Harrie.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Roughley last Thursday. Donations made were \$10.00 to Scott Mission Toronto, \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital and \$5 to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Incurables.

Mrs. Wright displayed the lavette prepared for the Children's Aid Society in its decorated basket. She valued the garments at \$10.95 with a few still necessary.

The Fourth Line ladies convened by Mrs. F. Brown cleared \$20 during the month. Mrs. Ellery, assisted by a few other ladies cleared \$18 catering for a recent wedding. A committee was appointed to arrange a community Christmas party and plans were discussed to entertain our two war brides.

Mrs. Ellery gave a good report of the Guelph Area Convention to which she was the delegate. Each convener of a standing committee read the report on her subject also brought back by the delegate from the convention. Mrs. Wright read a poem to illustrate the motto, "Strive not for selfish dreams, for wealthy friends to be displayed; but to be worthy of the friendships that you have already made."

Mrs. Smethurst, convener of Historical Research read extracts from a 1916 Georgetown Herald comparing rising prices then with those of 1944 and also an article on compiling the "Township Village History" all of which are to be completed for the 30th W. I. anniversary in 1947. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a delicious lunch.

Quitting conveners Mrs. S. Gistly and Mrs. S. Wright arranged an afternoon tea and quilting at the Hall on Tuesday to honor our local war brides. Mrs. Edgar Boney, Jr., and Mrs. Ouke Mulder.

After finishing the quilts, a short program was enjoyed. Mrs. E. Karn and Anna Spitzer with solos, a vocal duet by Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Karn and a sing song of carols and other well-known songs.

Mrs. H. Norton, Mrs. Roughley, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Karn were at the piano by turn. Mrs. Ellery, president of the W.I. said a few words of welcome to the two honored guests and Mrs. Roughley convener of citizenship and Mrs. A. Benton, convener of social welfare, presented each with a hand made quilt from Limehouse Women's Institute. Each suitably responded to the gift.

Mrs. Wright had conducted a scrambled word contest. Mrs. Ellery and Mrs. A. Benton served lunch to the twenty-two ladies attending.

CIVIL DEFENCE PLANS

New civil defence plans, which may include large scale evacuation from target areas and the use of planes by mobile aid columns, are expected to be issued by the government shortly. Reports of the special missions sent to study the effects of atom and saturation bombing in Japan and Germany will likely form the basis of these plans. At the same time, the experience of the air raid precaution units which did such magnificent work during the days of the blitz and the V-bomb attacks will not be lost. Between 500 and 600 civil defence clubs are meeting regularly throughout Britain. While, at the moment, they are purely social organizations, the idea has got government backing and they almost assuredly will find a place in the new plans.

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1896

Taken from the edition of the Free Press of December 17th, 1896.

Acton L.O.L. 607 officers for the year are W. E. Smith, Wm. Walker, T. J. Edminston, Fred Smith, W. D. Smith, Duncan McDonald, Edward Gable, Jas. Wilson.

A bill was introduced at last meeting of Peel County Council accepting the legacy of the late Miss Porter, who left \$4000 to build a post house at or near Brantford inside of two years.

Messrs T. H. Harding, James McLain and Robert Wallace are the retiring members of Public School Board this year.

Those elected as officers of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. were John Shaw, W. Stark, W. Fick, Dr. J. F. Uren, I. Francis, J. Lawson, John Kenney Sr.

Georgetown will have to select a new reeve for next year. Mr. Joseph Barber, who has been reeve for a number of years has decided to retire.

The supply of hemlock bark for next season for Beardmore and Co. and Acton Tanning Co. is now about all in. They have received 500 car loads.

Mr. F. Nixon of Ashgrove, who heads the list of students at the County Model School has been engaged to teach at Dublin School for 1898. Mr. A. C. Warren, the present teacher, has resigned.

Those taking part at the Foresters At Home were: Councillor Nicklin, Mr. H. P. Moore, Rev. Victor J. Gilpin, Mr. Chas. Jenner, Mrs. J. Eastwood, Miss Jessie Nicklin, Mr. W. Stark.

At the annual meeting of the Ebenezer Ladies Aid the following were elected to office: Mrs. A. Easton, Mrs. J. McLaughan, Miss E. Darby, Miss Clara Adamson, Miss Florence Fletcher.

BACK IN 1926

From the issue of the Free Press of December 23rd, 1926.

December has been a real old-fashioned winter so far.

At a conference of the Council, Public School Board and Hydrp Commission plans were made for the installation of a complete electric lighting system throughout the High and Public Schools.

A gathering of musically inclined citizens was held at the home of Reeve Mason for the purpose of forming a glee club. The election of officers were chosen as follows: President, Reeve Mason, treasurer, C. E. Knapp; secretary, H. McComb; committee, J. Lewis, H. Hinton, F. Coles, N. Gibbons, C. Masales, Librarian A. Jack.

The rink was open to the public on Friday evening. On Saturday evening Acton Citizens' Band supplied music. The members of the Ladies Aid of Knox Church entertained the members of the church choir at a banquet on Thursday evening.

The Bishop of Niagara performed impressive rites of a candidate for priesthood at St. Alban's Church on Tuesday. Rev. Phillip A. Sawyer, L. Th. who has been deacon in charge of St. Alban's Church and St. John's Church, Rockwood, was advanced to the priesthood.

DIED. LAING. On Wednesday, December 15th, 1926, at his late residence, NASSAGAWAY, Prince W. Laing.

NASSAGAWAY (Intended for Last Week)

The annual meeting of the Woman's Association of Ebenezer United Church was held on Tuesday, December 3rd in the basement of the church. There was a good attendance and very satisfactory reports on the activities of the Association during the year.

The Heather Mission Band of the Ebenezer United Church held their monthly meeting on Sunday, December 1st, in the church basement, under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Fatt and Mrs. Archibald.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Frank (nee Miss Mabel McGregor) on their recent marriage.

Mrs. McDonald of Aurora and Mrs. White of King visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Nassagaway for a few days over the week-end.

The Bloomsbury Farm Forum Group met in S.S. No. 9 School on Monday evening with a fair attendance and after listening to the radio broadcast, or the topic of "What About Chemistry? Will Farmer's Find New Markets through the Industrial use of Farm Products?" a lively discussion of the topic by those present took place, with progressive euchre and social time ending the meeting.

The Public Schools of the Township are practicing for their Christmas concerts also the various Sunday Schools.

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg police agreed that the case was too hot for them to handle and asked the public to take it off their hands. It was a case of mustard found at the city's principal intersection of Portage and Main Streets and since unclaimed.

In Britain To-day . . .

Written exclusively for Canadian Weekly Newspapers by Gordon C. Stewart.

Christmas is coming the second post-war Christmas. And Christmas will be celebrated. There is no doubt about that. But it certainly will not be crowned with many of the joys one feels these people should have now. As a traditional time of feasting and merry-making for both young and old, it will fall short of olden times. Rationed foods and high prices of everything else are the two causes. The meat ration remains at 24 cents worth a person per week. Fowl, fish and game are unrationed, but the supply is short and the prices correspondingly high. Almost all the home-raised turkeys have been bought up months ago by the larger hotels, restaurants and clubs and they certainly will not be seen hung in shop windows for open sale. Any that do reach the shops will be held for favored customers and at a price that makes one lose faith in the patron saint of Christmas. True, the controlled price is from 65 to 75 cents per pound, but the old law of supply and demand still exists, and especially under the counter. The Minister of Food has just announced that nine thousand tons of turkeys have been purchased abroad. How many will reach the people for whom they are intended is yet to be seen.

Bread still remains unrationed, but it is hoped that sufficient grape fruit from Palestine and apples from Canada and the U.S. will arrive for one allocation throughout the country. No additional fats will be obtainable for cooking and dried fruits are in points. Plum puddings (for registered customers only) are 80 cents for 2 pounds; green grapes cost \$3 a pound. Melons can be had at around \$2, pineapples cost \$4 each and walnuts are a dollar and a half a pound. And that's that for Christmas food.

Wines and spirits are supposed to be more plentiful this year. Pre-war brandy is priced at from \$20 to \$25 a bottle. The controlled price of other spirits is about \$5 a bottle but, unless one is a regular customer of some standing, there will be little chance of finding any in the shops. Plenty, of course, can be had at three or four times this price from other sources. How it gets there is what one can't help wondering.

Toys are more plentiful than last year and though of better quality, they, too, are out of reason in price. A polar bear on wheels for \$36, a teddy bear at \$20 and a doll's carriage for \$26 are examples of some of the better ones. And how would you like to pay up to four dollars for a small wooden horse? You can even get a small dressed doll for about \$12. So if father hasn't got a fortune (free from income tax) or is unwilling to mortgage everything he owns, the outlook for the children is dull. But Christmas is coming and it still will be Christmas.

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Obituary

DAVID JOHN SINCLAIR A very large congregation assembled at Ballinafad United Church on Thursday, December 5th to pay last respects to a highly respected citizen, David John Sinclair, of Erin Township, who passed away at Guelph General Hospital on Monday, December 2nd, 1946 in his 62nd year. Born in the year 1884, he was the only son of the late John Sinclair and Clara Elizabeth McEnery. He was married to the former Edith Rose Burt, he is survived by a son Garnet and a daughter Jean, both at home. He served Erin Township as councillor, deputy reeve and reeve and Wellington County as warden in 1927.

In 1929 he was appointed to the City of Guelph and County of Wellington Suburban Road Commission, a position he held until resigning on November 28, 1946. He had always been a great worker and had taken an active interest in his church where he was an elder and a member of the judicial board. He was also a former president of the North Wellington Liberal Association.

The funeral took place from his late residence, Lot 28, 9th line, Erin Township, when his pastor, Rev. O. R. Flindale, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, conducted the service. The pallbearers were all close friends of the late Mr. Sinclair: Ross McEwing, M. L. A., William Keith, Wellington County Engineer, Sims McLean, fellow member of Suburban Road Commission and three neighbors, Robert McEnery, Bob Kirkwood and Henry Hills. Interment was made at the family plot, Erin Cemetery, where services were conducted by the Masonic Order.

Flower bearers were Lloyd Marshall, Frank Smith, A. D. McEnery, Grant Wright, Fred Sinclair, R. B. Kirkwood, Lloyd McEnery, Henry Isley, Fred McEnery, Kenneth Kirkwood, Grenfell Wright, Ernie McEnery and Frank Longstreet.

The many floral tributes were from the family, members of Ballinafad United Church, the neighbors, members and officials of Wellington County Council, ex-wardens Association of Wellington County, City of Guelph and County of Wellington Suburban Road Commission, members and council officials of Erin Township; North Wellington Liberal Association; Wellington Lodge No. 271, Mr. and Mrs. Ross McEwing, Mr. David McEnery, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sovereign and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Cole and Aileen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burt and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burt and family, Mr. Goldwin Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McEnery and family, Mr. Howard Hayward.

BALLINAFAD (Intended for Last Week)

The funeral of Mr. James Swindlehurst was held on Wednesday from Johnstone & Rumley Funeral Home, Acton to Ballinafad United Church and was conducted by Rev. O. R. Flindale.

Mr. Swindlehurst has lived in this community all his life. He was in his 83rd year. Surviving are his wife Mary Chambers and one daughter, Mrs. Elliott McDowell. Interment was made in Ballinafad Cemetery. Pallbearers were six nephews, Bob Wilson, Norman McLean, Fred Harding, Ray and Lloyd Swindlehurst.

Mrs. Swindlehurst is quite ill at the home of her daughter. We hope for a speedy recovery.

The Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, the discussion was on "What About Chemistry?" What are its objectives? Can it create new markets through industrial use of farm products. Can it increase the net return to the farmer without raising the price of food products to the consumer? There was an attendance of 35.

A shower was held in the Hall on Wednesday night for Miss Betty Rider and Mr. Gordon Pritch, whose marriage took place on Saturday. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herb Allan on the arrival of a daughter.

One of the largest funerals ever held in Ballinafad United Church, assembled to pay their last respects to a most highly respected and widely known resident, Mr. D. J. Sinclair, husband of Edith Rose Burt. He was in his 63rd year and passed away in Guelph General Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Sinclair was born on the farm where he resided at the time of his death, Lot 2, Con. 8, Erin. Besides his wife he is survived by two children, one son, Garnet, and one daughter, Jean, both at home. He was an elder in the church, served as councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve of Erin Township and in 1923 was warden of Wellington County.

KINDLINESS

Pat was struggling with a heavy bundle. A friend, passing in a cart, offered him a lift. Pat, was delighted and jumped up. "Put your bundle down on the cart man," said his friend noticing that Pat was still nursing it. "Oh, no," said Pat. "Seeing as you're so kind as to carry me I'll not be asking ye to carry me bundle as well."

Thanks to All

To those who supported me in the Election on Monday My Sincerest Thanks To One and All Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas And to the Reeve and Council, Best Wishes for a Successful and Progressive New Year in Acton — W. J. Benson

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