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The Burlington-Nelson District High School Senior Rugby team and the Cheer Leaders were guests of honor at a turkey dinner held in the Roseland Park Country Club-house on Saturday evening.

Oral Fletcher, aged 38, who boarded with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turcotte, 58 Elizabeth Street and Mrs. Amelia Clayton, 37, Beach Blvd., were instantly killed about 9:30 on Tuesday night, when the Dodge coach in which they were riding was struck by a west bound C.N.R. tiler at the level crossing on Job's road, just west of the ramp on the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Charles Stokes of Glasgow, Scotland, has been named manager of the local Roxy Theatre. He came to Canada about six weeks ago, his wife and two boys still living there and waiting to come to Burlington. He has been in the theatre business for some eighteen years with the exception of service with the R.A.F. during the war. Mr. Stokes came here from Oakville where he has been in charge of the Century-Gregory Theatres for the past five weeks.—Gazette.

SPORTS CAMERA
By H. Coles

An argument arose the other day concerning the style of play in vogue today and that now practically non-existent brand of hockey as practiced by the old-timers. Perhaps since we dwell upon the local scene we shouldn't designate them as "old-timers" since several players in circulation today, have indulged in both brands. But in deference to influential scribblers who repeatedly refer to pre-war hockey as "old time" we'll just continue calling them that, at the risk of offending prominent figures who hardly regard themselves as such.

The discussion arose, as it invariably does when old and young advocates of the game hold a discussion, on whether the forward pass under existing rules has benefited or debased hockey. Like thousands of such discussions the more "official" viewpoint while the elder men lined up on the negative.

It was the contention of the older men that the forward pass has restricted hockey to only those players who skated hard, bumped hard, and shot hard with a tendency towards abolishing brilliant individual play executed with an agility rarely seen nowadays. They deplored the rapid extinction of the scintillating art of stick-handling in preference to "shoot the pill and follow it" and paramourly the lack of polished pattern plays now on the wane. "That stuff is all right for the pros, who know how to play it," they said in effect "but amateurs are altogether different. They haven't the speed, stamina, nor the reserves to maintain the pace demanded — one of the requisites of present day hockey. Amateurs can't risk life and limb, on what actually is only a diversion or hobby relieving the strain of routine life. Pros butter their bread by excelling at this. Amateurs aren't in a position too."

We might interject here, the question—How do you define an amateur? Does the fact most O.H. cash awards reduce their status to a pros? Is the halo still prevalent? Shouldn't the fact that they receive remuneration make them liable at least in conscience, to produce as high a grade of hockey, in respect to their talents of course, as the bona-fide pros? Nevertheless do they. In some instances it is pathetic to watch even Senior B clubs attempt to team as a unit.

Returning to the original thread, the youthful who support the beneficial theory, point to the decided uplift hockey has been infused with since the introduction of the red line. Testifying to this, they assert, are numerous new arenas being erected in centres both large and small and unprecedented crowds flocking to fixtures whether Senior, Int., Jr. Juvenile or any other category. Old time hockey barely stood on its own legs, at the gates, they claim, while the modern game is booming. The game today is faster and consequently liked better by the populace, who are after all, they commented, the only really impartial judges.

Of course, all this harangue did not alter one whit the opinion of anyone participating. The old-timers still shake their heads as they watch to-day's puck artists in their furious game while with as much enthusiasm the youthful still find the game most absorbing.

Personally we are confused.

ENGINEERS' PROGRESS
Engineering and other students who received honorary degrees in D.S. degrees in graduation ceremonies are now getting starting salaries as high as \$10,000 a month.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm
Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

A Happy New Year to Everybody! And let me tell you, I think you are just the nicest people. Yes, you must be, because the readers of this column were so kind to me this Christmas. I do appreciate your cards and letters and hope to acknowledge each one of them personally—but it takes time, you know, so, until you hear from me further will you please accept my thanks this way.

I also want to tell you how much it helps me to know that this column brings you a little pleasure, to get a letter now and then makes me realize I am writing to real people—some of you on farms like ourselves; some of you in towns and cities, and some, indeed, not in Canada at all but just "across the line". And here is a rather curious fact—more of my reader-letters come from the U.S.A. than from Canada—folks who have moved away and still have the home-town weekly sent to them. I wonder why... Is it because this column helps to keep green in your memory the Canadian way of living, especially on a farm? Perhaps you too, raised chickens, fed calves, cleaned eggs—or knew the joy of having electricity after living with coal-oil lamps year after year. Perhaps you relive with me the busy summer days; the unexpected thrashings; the difficulties of entertaining with the season's work at its peak—and yet loving it all and not wanting to trade one week of it for a salaried job in the city.

But time moves on and sometimes force of circumstances make it impossible for us to live exactly where we wish or do just exactly what we like. Sometimes you have to make a choice and so it is you may find yourself living an entirely different life from what you are used to. You are happy but yet you have memories—memories that you like to keep... of a home in Ontario... of which maybe Ginger Farm reminds you... of helping Dad down at the barn; or bringing home the Christmas tree and trimming it for the younger folk. Or, perhaps, with a new year dawning, you remember trudging off to school again, through snow-filled roads to the little school house up the line; and you remember the day of "the big storm" when Dad came after you in the cutter—and the cutter upset when you struck a fence-post which you couldn't see because a huge drift had buried the fence. And you remember Mum trying to watch for you, and she couldn't see you because of the blinding snow. And how good it was to come into the big warm kitchen where Mum had piping hot cocoa, made with half-milk there never was such cocoa as mother used to make! And you remember the kitchen... but it wasn't a steam-lined affair. There was room for the whole family. Dad would sit in his chair by the fire, reading the weekly paper, while Mum dished up a wonderful meal of savoury soup and dumplings. Likely as not there wasn't any hygro to ease the burden of work for Mum—but there were always willing hands! And of course, when you think of it you don't want to go back to days with no conveniences but yet, somehow it seems kind of nice to remember the soft glow of the big coal-oil lamp that stood in the centre of the kitchen table.

After supper, there not being a car in the family, and no show or dance to go to, the boys amused themselves with some carpenter-work they were doing down in the basement. And Mum got out her mending, or maybe set sponge for bread the next day while the girls did the dishes and then amused themselves in some way.

When you think of it, it seems so long ago, and yet so real. I hope you are all well and happy. I'll be writing again soon.

TO PREVENT PAINT GETTING ON WINDOWS
When painting frames, coat window pane edges with soap, by rubbing bar soap over glass. After paint dries on sash, wash soap from window pane. You may also wet newspaper and apply them to the window panes, then paint and splash as much as you like.

AUCTION SALE
of Household Furniture, Home Appliances, Etc.
The undersigned have received instructions from the executors of the estate of the late

HELA GOLDSMITH
to sell by Public Auction at Lot 2, Con. 9, Township of Esquesing, 1 mile north-east of Hornby, on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1949** at 1:30 o'clock, the following:
Large Walnut Oval Extension Table; long glass buffet; Hand Chino Cabinet; combined with 6 chairs to match; Drop Leaf Table; Old Small Tables; 2 Large Wicker Chairs; 3 Large Easy Chairs; Cuckoo Clock; Fancy Antique Chair (a gift from Gov. Simcoe); Large Hand-carved open Bookcase; 2 small mirror framed open Bookcases; large number of paintings and pictures; 2 Animal Statues; Library Table; Fancy Hall Rack; Secretary; Electric Cabinet Radio; Pine Chests; Eureka electric Sweeper; Large Brass Electric Lamp; Electric Iron; Electric Toaster; 2 Electric Hotplates; Electric Hanging Lamp with prisms; Electric Table Lamp; Day Bed; long hand made Pine Table; fancy Paper Rack; Work Benches; Sewing Machine; Dressers and Washstands, including one large poster dresser with oval mirror and washstand to match; Some Oil Lamps; several Enamelware; Ice Box; Coal Heater; 2 Cook Stoves; Carpets; Rugs; Pillows; Drapes; Several Large Union Jacks; Other Military Regalia; Cooking Utensils; Some Dishes and Glassware; Quantity of Coal; Butter Bowl; Crocks; Banners, etc.

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NOTICE TO ONTARIO MOTORISTS
Re Unsatisfied Judgment Fund Fee
Under an amendment to the Highway-Traffic Act enacted in 1947, provision was made for the creation of an Unsatisfied Judgment Fund out of which will be paid, in the manner prescribed, judgments for personal injuries and property damage sustained by reason of the operation of motor vehicles, which cannot be collected in the ordinary manner from the judgment debtors.
The method prescribed for creating the Fund is the collection of a special fee, when required, from each person to whom is issued either an operator's or a chauffeur's license.
Although to date no fees have been collected from those persons who own motor vehicles, the provision has been made for the collection of such fees and many motorists have been paying the fee.