

DISTRICT NEWS

Various Items Concerning Activities in Communities Nearby Where Many of Our Readers are Interested

BALLINAFAD

The W.A. met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Marshall. Mrs. Sno had charge of the Devotional and Mrs. Starrett the recreational. Different items of business were discussed and a short address was read by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Marshall presented a lovely bath towel and wash cloth to Mrs. Flindall who is leaving next week. The meeting closed with hymns and prayer after which a lovely lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. Smith.

The Mission Band met at the home of Mrs. Flindall with a large attendance. At the close of the meeting the children presented their Leader, Mrs. Flindall, with a lovely white purse. Mrs. Richard Shortall Jr., is going to help Mrs. Leo Jamieson, who was assistant leader of the Mission Band in Mrs. Flindall's place.

The Sunday School picnic of Churchhill and Ballinafad was held on Saturday at "The Old Mill" picnic grounds.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Price on the arrival of a baby daughter.

A presentation was held in the Hall on Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Ray McEnery. A lengthy program consisting of violin and piano. Miss Lillian Shortall and Mrs. Van-natter; cowboy selections by Sid Spears; piano solos, Doris Harding, June Leitch and Ruth Marshall; vocal solo, Helen Jackson; duets by Muriel and Helena Hiltz, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery, Helen Jackson and June Leitch. Reading by Mrs. Smith Mrs. Lloyd Marshall chairman, called on Mr. and Mrs. McEnery to come forward. Mrs. Smith read an address and Wilfred Harding and Frank Smith presented them with a lounge chair, a bridge lamp and end table. Both made reply thanking all and all joined in singing, "For They are Jolly Good Fellows." Lunch was served and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing to music by Mrs. Early and Alex. Near.

Mr. Donald McLean had a narrow escape when his team ran away and struck a telephone pole, taking 3 feet right out of it and leaving the wagon wound around the next one having dragged him some distance. He is still in hospital in serious condition but slightly improved. We trust he may have a speedy recovery. The horses were not hurt.

A Community Centre Planned By Eramosa

Tax Rate for 1949 at 8 Mills is Unchanged

Eramosa Township Council met in the Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 6th with all members present and the Reeve D. D. Gray in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson and Deputy Reeve Benham that the By-Law No. 7 to adopt the various assessments and set tax rates for 1949 be read a first and second time. Carried.

Moved by Councillors Hutchinson and Rutherford that the Eramosa Township tax rate for 1949 be set at 8 mills, unchanged from previous years. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Cox and Deputy Reeve Benham that By-law No. 7 setting the tax rates and adopting the various assessments for 1949 be read a third time and passed. Carried.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Benham and Councillor Rutherford that the By-law to establish a Community Centre in Eramosa Township be read a first and second time. Carried.

An invitation from the Nassage-wa Central Committee inviting the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillors and Officials of Eramosa to attend their celebration on July 29-30-31 was received and the clerk instructed to acknowledge and accept the invitation with thanks.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Department of Planning and Development re the Building By-law in Eden Mills; the Department of Public Welfare re relief recipients; and to enquire re the lease on the Farmer's Shed at Rockwood and the Municipal Shed at Everton.

A communication from the Un-employment Insurance Commission was ordered filed.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Benham and Councillor Cox that accounts amounting to \$822.78 be passed for payment and Council adjourn to meet July 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The Alaska Highway is 1,000 miles long.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors with Miss Lois Black and Mrs. Suter were Mr. and Mrs. Albert McWilliams and their family, Puslinch.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon spent the week-end at Grand Bend and called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCutcheon, Kitchener, on their way home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Boles visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boles and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, of Guelph, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware, Rockwood, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couling, Orangeville, spent the week-end at the home of Miss Kate Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palfaman Mt Pleasant, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horlop.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Alton were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Mr. and Mrs. Robt Patten, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Norman, Acton, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith.

ROCKWOOD

Last Friday evening a demonstration was in the program in connection with the new fire truck which is now ready in emergency cases. Fire Chief Vance, of Guelph, was present along with his driver John Habson, and following the demonstration, addressed a number of citizens in the town hall. The new outfit is a big improvement on the former truck which now carries a 2000 gallon tank. Considerable interest was manifest during the evening, and village officials are appreciative of the members of the Guelph Fire Department in coming out for the occasion.

Sunday evening a band concert was held on the school grounds when the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band was present. Band Master Chas. Mason conducted several numbers during the visit which were much appreciated by the large number present. At the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served to the visitors and a social time enjoyed.

In the absence of Rev. Fred Williamson of the Presbyterian Church Mr. Welch of Guelph conducted service Sunday morning. His ministry was much appreciated.

The school holidays are gradually nearing, and examinations will be the rule for the time being. Those who attend the G.C.V.I. are already enjoying their holidays.

Mr. Brock Grant who sold out his grocery business recently to Mr. C. D. Hefferman moved to Guelph last week. During their stay here both Mr. and Mrs. Grant made many friends who regret their leaving.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Greer and family of Hamilton were up for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdo Munro, of Hamilton, are now residing in their own house on Guelph Street.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Barnett (nee Dorothy Flear) on the occasion of their wedding last Saturday at the United Church, with Rev. John W. Oliver officiating. Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Flear, when some 35 guests were present.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Milne on the arrival of a son last week at the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. J. R. Sprowl and son have been busy drilling wells in Rockwood this season. The latest one drilled is at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Garstang, to a depth of 30 feet. Their son Jack who is a member of the R.C.M.P. in the North west, enjoyed a brief visit home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gray of Aylmer spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Plank.

Some people are born great, others make themselves great, and the rest of 'em grate upon others.

BOWLED OVER

The author of a famous book on economics received a phone call from a stranger recently. "I question your statistics on the high cost of living today," said the stranger. "My wife and I eat everything our hearts desire and we get it for exactly 68 cents a week."

"Sixty-eight cents a week" echoed the economist. "I can't believe it! Won't you tell me how? And to make sure I get your story straight, please speak louder."

"I can't speak louder," said the stranger, "I'm a goldfish."

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS



The Acton Home and School Association were hosts last Thursday evening to the above pupils who have completed their public school course at Acton. A banquet was served and the following day a tour was held in Toronto which will always remain a highlight in the lives of these pupils. Standing left to right: H. Spenserville, J. Vickery, B. Coon, S. Wilson, F. Gordon, V. Johnston, B. Ingles, J. Chandler, J. Gunn, C. Tyler, E. McHugh, Principal McKenzie, E. Jennings, G. Barr, I. McGilroy, D. Massey, R. Halston, P. Sargent, M. Mason, M. Vase, M. McCrellan, G. Wray. Sitting left to right: M. McCrellan, B. Smith, G. Robinson, D. Brown, I. Ritchie, H. Williamson, F. Dawkins, A. Bradley, M. Gamble. Omitted from this picture are Joe Rafka, Barbara Joan Baxter, and Russell Arnie who were absent and John Mowat, Gordon Clow and Jack Pink who were regrettably omitted by the camera.

The Pound Sterling

By R. J. DEACHMAN
These comments on the Pound Sterling came from my son when he was covering "Checky" "Brogan" and he called me "R.J." when he was a youngster. Liked it. He still does it. R.J.D.

Dear R. J.:
Your letter enclosing a cheque for a "quid" arrived today. Now that's very fine of you. A man can always use a "quid" no matter what his circumstances. As a matter of fact, the travel ban has forced me to lead such a hermit-like existence that I now have a bank balance of 19 pounds 10 and 6 which is really quite a fabulous sum.

There is a considerable psychology to the pound. Unlike the dollar it is not a readily savable, readily spendable and easily divisible sum. It is huge and unwieldy, breaks down into an alarming handful of change when laid across a counter for a box of matches or a package of cigarettes. It doesn't fit into a bill-fold but juts out at you like a ponderous legal document from a too small brief-case.

It is never used to quote prices. A cup of tea at a Railway Canteen costs three shillings. A pair of boots costs 45 shillings. A woman's pound remains aloof from all this bartering. The pound is not for spending, it is for saving. In fact, so impressive is this pale piece of paper that the Englishman hesitates to dispose of it in the same manner that he would hesitate to dispose of a loose page from a hymn book.

Now you decimal minded economists can convert the pound to a more calculable sum - but if you do you will destroy the Englishman's faith in it. Like the mystic number 7 the unwieldy value of the pound is holy. Call me reactionary, but in our brave new world I still want to see the pound as unyielding, confusing and incalculable as ever.

Did I ever mention the shortage of matches in this country? I once walked into every tobacconist on Princess St. in Edinburgh looking for matches and found none. At last I walked into a pub, hot and dry from my pilgrimage. I order a "McEwan's Wee Heavy" which is thick and strong and puts courage in a man. "Have you any matches?" I asked as the "Wee Heavy" began to revive me. "No sir," he said sadly. "Only Dr. Barnardo's." "Suppence?" I said. I had been in England long enough to know about such things. "No sir, three hapence. These are even smaller!" He gave me a folder which told me that my charity was turning orphaned children into useful citizens. It contained 8 paper matches. A shop keeper in the village near our camp once told me that he receives 24 boxes of matches a fortnight.

Mr. Churchill and Sir John Anderson tell us the consumption of cigarettes is rapidly rising. I don't doubt their statistics. But what in hell are they lighting them with? I know that in our own mess there are more cigarettes lit from the ends of other peoples cigarettes than are ever lit with matches. I eventually envisage a state of affairs in which there are no matches and every smoker becomes a Pro-theus, carrying a lighted cigarette for a needy friend.

The weather is apologizing for the drought. Rain and sun comes over in waves. The sky is fully mobile. The clouds come over and dump their load on us with the organized regularity of a RAF bomber attack.

The war may be over sometime - maybe I'll see you sooner than you think.

Grant!

LIMEHOUSE

Congratulations to Miss Helen Devereaux who recently obtained her master of arts degree in Household Economics from Toronto University.

Mr. and Mrs. Dieffenbach of Long Island, N.Y. were recent visitors with her sister, Miss Margaret Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Toronto, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geary.

Mrs. Pelling and Miss Margaret Pelling of Gormley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook of Mount Forest and Miss Eleanor Cook R.R. were with the Wilfred Harding's last week-end.

Rev. D. D. Davidson of Welland was the house guest of the A. C. Patterson's while here to preach at anniversary services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Other visitors with the Patterson's included Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair, Mrs. S. Smith and Miss Margaret Smith of Weston, and Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Orillia, a recent bridal couple.

Mr. Bill Newton of Barrie visited his mother last week-end.

Mrs. Lane's visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Eleanor of Toronto.

We extend sympathy to Mr. Jas. W. Turner whose invalid wife passed away on Tuesday morning. Also to her daughter, Mrs. Farmer.

With the H. Norton's were Mr. and Mrs. R. Pacler and Charles and children of Georgetown.

Mr. Robert Scott, Miss Pearl Scott, Mrs. Herb Scott and Patsy visited the Mitchell's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod of Mulder spent a week in Brookfield, N.Y. recently.

Mrs. Jones of Toronto has been visiting Miss Ramsbottom and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDougall of Manitowish Island and Mr. Albert McDougall, police inspector of Cochrane, called on Mrs. C. Meredith recently.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Don Warren, Gordie and Donna Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Easton and Barry Weston, Mrs. Susan Jones of Woodbridge and Mr. Jas. Coulter, Weston.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Wright on Friday evening when final plans were made for the week at the anniversary concert. Plans to celebrate the W.A.'s birthday got under way, too.

Mrs. J. L. Ellerby is in the Private Patient's Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital following an operation on Saturday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Singing increases the blood pressure, says an American doctor, but he neglected to say whose.



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All amounts for Dog Tax and Poll Tax for the year 1949, remaining unpaid on July 1st next, will be handed in for collection. This will result in a penalty being added.

All are advised to pay anything owing by way of above taxes so as to avoid this extra penalty.

E. E. HARROP, Chief of Police

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