

# DISTRICT NEWS

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

## EDEN MILLS

Mrs. Gardiner of Toronto is spending a couple of weeks in the home of her son, Mr. Fred Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner.

Congratulations to our local ball boys on their victory over St. George and winning the cup.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ingle spent a day at Niagara Falls recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borthwick are spending two weeks with their nephew, Mr. Harold Taylor and Mrs. Taylor of Buffalo, N.Y.

The many friends of Mr. Wallace Lasby, Sr., will be sorry to learn he is in Private Patients Pavilion, Western Hospital, Toronto, undergoing treatment. All hope for him a speedy and complete recovery. Mrs. Lasby Sr. is able to be up a short time each day.

Mr. Donald Brinklow returned home after spending five weeks with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brinklow at Kings-ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mino spent a week recently in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sid Barnes and Mr. Barnes, near Whitby.

Master Ronnie Synnott of Guelph is spending a few days this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie.

Miss Ruth Elliot of Burlington is holidaying with relatives here.

## ROCKWOOD

Last Thursday afternoon, members of the Presbyterian Church and young people of the Sunday School held their annual picnic at the Old Mill in Guelph, with a good attendance. The day was all that could be desired to make a success. Baseball occupied the attention of the young folks for a time, then under the direction of Miss Beatrice Swanson, various items of sports were enjoyed. A bounteous supper was provided by the ladies of the congregation to which full justice was done by all. Following supper all departed for their homes after a pleasant afternoon's outing.

During the week-end, a few from Rockwood attended the 25th annual exhibition of the Canadian Gladiolus Society at Guelph in the Memorial Gardens arena, sponsored by the Guelph Horticultural Society. The arena presented a fine exhibit of the popular flower which today is well to the front in floral displays. Besides individual exhibits there were splendid displays by A. L. Moses of Lima, N.Y., J. W. Harris of Sarnia, Elmira, Elora, Guelph Township, Ont. Agricultural College and Ont. Reformatory, which were much admired by the numerous visitors. During the evening a varied program was enjoyed by the large number present, which included selection by the Royal City Four; distribution of prizes to pupils of Guelph Schools in connection with their efforts of illustrations of floral beauty; re-appearance of Friday evening's performance, when Miss Edale McKeown of Elora, Queen of the Canadian Gladiolus and her royal court, in which Henry Husking, M.P., in place of Hon. Wm. E. Hamilton, had the honor of crowning the Queen of the season's event. Ballet dancing by members of the Margaret Ferris School of Dancing as well as two novelty dances by younger folks. Following the conclusion of the show, a distribution of the floral exhibits took place.

During the past week, flowers noticed in bloom in gardens of residents, were a couple of dahlias which were some six inches in diameter, grown by Mrs. S. Petty; and fine size morning glories by Mrs. D. McMillan of a deep blue color.

Rev. R. O. Julliffe conducted service at the United Church Sunday morning. Reverend Mr. Foreman had the service the previous Sunday.

Sunday evening, the Guelph Salvation Army Band conducted a band concert at the School grounds which was much enjoyed by those present.

Mr. John R. Richardson celebrated his 84th birthday on Sunday at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richardson, Guelph. Other members of the family present for the occasion were Mr. Ralph B. Richardson and son, Ralph, Jr.; Mrs. Robt. Biehan; Mrs. George Cook and son Donald, all of Vine-land; Mrs. Jas. Hillis, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eckel of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henderson, Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eckel of Hamilton have returned home after spending a week's vacation with their father, Mr. John R. Richardson.

Mr. John R. Smith returned last week after another lengthy stay in Detroit.

## OSPRINGE

Mrs. Albert Young of Acton spent last week at the home of her son, Mr. George Young, Town Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Awrey and family spent several days last week at Waagsa Beach.

The many friends here of Mrs. Albert Scanlon were shocked to hear of her sudden passing at her home at Lonsborough on Tuesday. Several neighbours went up to the funeral.

Mrs. W. J. Jackson and Elvena Winter spent Sunday with friends at Weston.

Mrs. G. Suster was pianist at the Chisholm-Hurran wedding at Erin on Saturday. Miss E. Baldie was also guest.

The Acton Boys' and Girls' Band provided a splendid band concert at the school grounds on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The band under the leadership of Mr. Mason were in fine form and their numerous selections were greatly enjoyed. A collection was taken in aid of "Missions".

Mrs. Bruce, Sr. of the West is visiting at the home of her sons Ward and Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken returned home on Monday following their trip to Fort Worth, Texas.

## EVERTON

Miss Kate Reed visited last week with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stinson, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couling are staying at the home of Miss Kate Reed for a couple of weeks before moving into an apartment at Orangeville.

Mrs. Knight, St. Catharines is visiting with Mrs. Morris Morris and are glad to hear Mrs. Morris is somewhat improved.

Several from here attended Anniversary services at Church of Christ, Erin on Sunday.

Misses Joyce Robertson and Lorraine Webb spent a couple of days with their aunts, Mrs. Suter and Miss Lois Black.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Alton were Mr. and Mrs. Bev Hepburn and family of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patten and Dianne of Guelph.

Mrs. Hunter had as her guest for a couple of weeks, Mrs. Strome, Toronto.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hamilton were Mr. and Mrs. Alf Couling and Mr. and Mrs. Will Alexander.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Head were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Head and Donnie, Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herron, Weston; Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd, Islington; Mr. and Mrs. Don Blacker, Donnie and Jackie, Galt; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sayers, Oshawa; Mr. and Mrs. N. Sayers, Oshawa. Mrs. Blacker remained for a few days holiday.

## NASSAGAWEYA

The WMS of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church held a quilting party in the S.S. room of the church last Tuesday. Two quilt quilts were quilted and one bound. A large wool patch quilt was closely and neatly tied. The new kitchen cupboards also received a coat of paint. A social time was had at noon when lunches and ice cream were served.

Mr. Harry Livermore, London is a guest of his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barlow, the past week. Mrs. Blaney has returned home to Stratford after a week's visit in the same home.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nina Robinson and Mrs. Margaret Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, Capetown, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson and Jimmie, Cottam P.O., Essex.

Many have been ill with the summer "flu".

Mr. Norman Barlow and son, Ralph, had their lane graded by the County grader last week.

We notice "No Dumping" signs throughout the township and hope they are effective, but a dumping place is needed or where are those who have no place going to put their refuse.

Mr. Elmer Cox is busy painting inside our school this week.

Ronnie Lumsden, Toronto, nephew of Mrs. Elmer Cox had his holidays with his cousins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cox; suddenly ended when he fell and badly broke his wrist and was taken to the hospital in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox, St. Helena, attended the funeral of the former's uncle, the late James Little, of Orillia, on Tuesday.

## LIMEHOUSE

Recent visitors include: Mrs. Pearl Scott with Mrs. Noble, Mrs. W. Gowdy with Miss Ivens, Mrs. Bellina of Goswilly, with Mr. and Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Hall and Miss Marjorie Hall with Mrs. Lane and Mrs. H. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine, of Toronto, with Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Newton and Margaret and Helen of Barrie with Mrs. Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greig and Lois Ann and Mr. Wm. Greig, of Brantford, with Mrs. Gale and Miss Ivens.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Trotter and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trotter, a recent bride and groom of Stratford visited the A. W. Norton's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freuler, of Acton with the Geary's.

Mrs. S. Smith and Miss Margaret Smith, of Weston, with the A. C. Patterson's.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Newton on Friday evening with a good attendance. Mrs. Appleyard led in prayer and Mrs. Harding read Scripture. Further plans were made for a bazaar to be held in the fall.

Mr. W. Mitchell spent the week-end at Waubashene.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg, Elling and Ota visited at Sarnia recently.

Miss Ivens spent a few days in Brantford recently.

Over twenty immediate relatives visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones Saturday evening on the occasion of Mrs. Jones' birthday.

With their busily collected ball team, Limehouse defeated Stewartown on Thursday night by 22 to 10 but on Sunday Glen Williams swamped Limehouse 28-12.

## CAMPBELLVILLE

Recent guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharpe and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharpe of Elora and Mr. Kelly Sharpe of Montreal.

Mr. John Border and daughter of Yorkton Saskatchewan are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Borders and Mr. and Mrs. William King.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cairns and Mr. and Mrs. George Rowlands were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dales.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Cummings and family of Millgrove were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Geary.

Mrs. Thomas Mitchell visited her aunt in Toronto last week and also friends in Niagara Falls.

Mrs. M. Worthington of Toronto and Miss Wilma Gillies of Saskatchewan were recent guests with Mrs. A. McPedian and Katharine.

Mrs. William McPhail is vacationing in Vancouver with Billy Henderson.

Mrs. Ernest Walton, Thelma and her two granddaughters left by train for the West last week to visit Mrs. Bert Walton's parents.

Friends of Miss Joan Early, a polio victim, are pleased to know she has improved nicely and is able to play with her little friends.

Dr. and Mrs. John Beach and family have arrived back from Ottawa from three weeks vacation, but are moving this week to Frankford where Dr. Beach will take his place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Moore and family spent last week at their cottage at Waagsa Beach.

## CANADA'S KING OF THE CARNIVAL

Today, if John Bracken or External Affairs Minister Mike Pearson and any number of Canada's top figures or a side-show barker meet Mr. James Wesley Conklin's "Hello, Patty", says Ronald Williams in The Financial Post. He got the nickname because through the carnival business he has a reputation for "standing pat." He signs no written agreements, his word is as good as his bond. In situations where others might have backed up he stood "pat." Hence the nickname.

And in a business where jealousy and temperance are the rule the way other showmen feel about Conklin is the exception. He is a showman's showman.

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## POOR VISION

The bum approached a farmer and said: "Mister, will you give me something to eat?"

"See that pile of wood over there?" asked the farmer.

"No," said the bum.

"Why, I saw you see it!" said the farmer.

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## "My Week"

By R. J. Dedchman

It was election day, June 23, 1948, the year Sir Wilfred Laurier came to power. There was more excitement at that election than any other I have since witnessed, perhaps I was then more easily impressed.

We were putting a stone foundation under the barn that summer and one of the masons suggested that he would lay the corner stone, while my father would make a few remarks on the auspicious occasion. The men hollowed out a place in the wall and in it went the Toronto Globe, the Seaforth Express and the Gorrie Vidette. To this my father added a 25c piece, a remarkably generous act for a Scot, but he thought that future generations when the walls crumbled, might wish to see the type of money used in the age in which we lived.

In the fall of 1935, thirty-nine years later, I attended a fall fair in the Village of Gorrie, an elderly man, walking slowly came up and asked me if I knew him. "Yes," I said, "your name is Dick Clegg, you built the stone wall under our barn in 1908." "Well," he said, "when your father turned his back that day I swapped that 25c piece and that night, in Gorrie, we bought 5 glasses of beer with it. We didn't like the result of the election but the beer helped us to wash it down. Father would have loved that story but he will never know what happened to his 'two bits'."

I heard two business men talking the other day about the productivity of labor in Canada and the United States. The problem kept turning up in my mind and early this morning, before most people were out of bed, I dug up some facts. The figures I am using are from American sources and are for 1939. Before the war production per worker amounted to \$7,300. The Canadian figures for the same year gave us \$6,333, roughly 10 per cent less. I would not place too much emphasis on these figures, the difference does not necessarily register the comparative efficiency of the workers in the two countries. It would need a great deal more investigation than I have been able to give it up to the present. The difference might have been due to size of factories or products produced. Many other factors might accentuate the variation in the two countries. Anyway the figures are pre-war. Progress in Canada has been quite substantial since that date.

Here's an interesting one. In many British factories they have time off for tea in the afternoon. I do not know if the custom is general. Some time ago I saw a chart of production and there was a half hour in the afternoon in which production was arrested while the workers took tea. It may be that they worked harder afterwards. The loss of time may have been made up—the tea may have been worth the price but production in Britain is normally lower per unit of labor than in either Canada or the United States. It is not the machinery alone which accounts for the difference. Using exactly the same machines, production per man hour was less in Great Britain than in the United States.

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