

# Personals

Miss Etta Dills is visiting this week with friends in Nanticoke.

Miss Carol Anne Lantz, Guelph, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr and Mrs Jack Hollinger, of Toronto, visited at their home during the week-end.

Mrs. W. H. Clayton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hincks in Hamilton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning, of Toronto, visited on Sunday in Hanover.

Mr and Mrs John Lambert and John Jr. visited at Drayton on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lambert and Roddy.

Mr and Mrs Wm Hincks and son of Hamilton, Miss Dorothy Clayton, Mr Gay Furlong and Mr. Bill Clayton of Toronto, visited over the week-end with Mr and Mrs W. H. Clayton.

Mrs James Moore, Mrs F. Cleafe, Mrs J. Lambert, Miss M. Z. Bennett and Miss E. Hawthorn, attended the Sectional Rally of the Women's Missionary Society of United Church in Ballinacrad.

# Engagements

Mr and Mrs James Morrison announce the engagement of their daughter, Lena May, to William Ernest Neils, son of Mr and Mrs Cecil Neils. The marriage to take place in the latter part of November.

# CONSUMERS WANTED

One of the things that Canada buys in the United States in vast amount is steel. Many seem to wonder why, when we produce steel here in much greater quantity than prior to 1939.

Canada imports steel in three forms. One is special steel of kinds which could not be economically made in Canada.

The second group is in the form of parts for goods completed in this country. One important item is automobile bodies, which are stamped out like cookies in huge cadgets. The cost of the stamping machine is so great there is no possibility with Canada's present population of our being able to use such a gadget for ourselves alone.

The third group, also vital is the finished steel products which are imported. These finished looking monsters, used in road construction are one item. A typical machine is another. A machine to tear up old staking is a third. Unless and until Canada has double or triple its present population, machine building in this country will be limited. The total Canadian market for typesetting machines, for example, is probably less than 100 a year.

Cure for Canada's present economic problems is more population. Pending that day, it will be hoped that more products can be found that the United States wants and needs and will take without slapping on a prohibitive tariff. Sheep, Rock ore is finding a high grade market. (Our export of iron ore is greater than our import.) Alberta has a major oil field, closer to market than Peru's. It is hoped the demand for newsprint will not recede. And Labrador ore may also help.

But the greatest help would be more consumers in the ten provinces.

# RADIOACTIVE EXPERTS

Seventy shipments of radioactive materials are this month being despatched from Harwell. Britain's atomic energy centre to overseas countries. This is an equivalent to an increase of some 60 per cent on exports in August and September. Britain's second atomic energy factory, the Windscale Works in North England is rapidly taking shape. One of the uranium piles is almost completed, the base of the second is outwardly finished and other buildings are in the course of construction. Production in this factory as in the first atom works in North England will be directed to peaceful purpose, in particular, the provision of a new source of power for industry.

# INCREASED NUMBER OF VEHICLES, DRIVERS

Up to the end of August, 862,068 vehicles of all kinds had been registered with the Motor Vehicles Branch, Department of Highways, an increase of 88,743 over 1948.

There are 1,219,800 licensed drivers, Highways Minister Doucett reports, so far this year, compared with 862,719 for the complete year of 1948.

The increase for this year of 88,743 includes 64,426 passenger cars and 19,843 commercial vehicles.

# Church News

**United Church of Canada**  
Acton, Ontario  
REV. LOUIS PICKERING  
Minister  
Parsonage—Hower Avenue  
Miss O. M. Langford, A.T.O.M.  
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1949  
11:00 a.m.—Sermon: Incentive to Great Living  
7:00 p.m. Sermon: The Greatest Event Since Pentecost. Special music, Campbellville Quartet  
Rev. H. W. Avison, M.A., D.D. will preach at both services. Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, B.A., minister in charge.  
All are cordially invited.

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., Minister

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1949  
7:00 p.m. Divine Worship  
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
7:00 p.m. Divine Worship  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Rev. CHAS. E. GOWER, Minister

Standard Time  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1949  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:30 a.m.—The Gideons  
Friday Nov 25 8:00 p.m. H.Y.P.U.  
If you have no Church home worship with us.

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. LUSTON, B.A.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1949  
9 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Beginner's Class  
7 p.m. Evening Prayer  
A Welcome Awaits You

**Ballet Dancing**  
The Georgetown Recreation Committee has arranged for ballet classes to be held every Monday in the Room at the area under the direction of Mrs. R. Canham.  
Juniors 5 to 6 p.m., Seniors 6 to 7 p.m. For information phone Mrs. Canham, Georgetown 62821 mornings.

**Wanted!**  
Salesman  
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**Annual Meeting**  
ESQUEWING FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE  
at the  
Township Hall  
Stewartstown  
Friday, December 2nd  
at 8.15 p.m.

An interesting program has been arranged, including a sing-song, lunch and dance.  
Guest Speaker  
PROF. A. ROBERTSON

Canada's total highway mileage is 553,370.

# November Drive Has 32 Miles Interest Packed

Observant Frank Day of Rockwood Finds Recollections in Every Mile

Editor's Note—Mr. Frank Day, former Township Clerk and Postmaster at Rockwood, took time to write of the interest he found in a drive in this district. We know readers will get the same enjoyment we found in this item.

One of the penalties of living retired is that of having to empty the wash water on Monday morning. This was frequently the excuse of the late John Laster when he came to Rockwood Post Office a few minutes later than usual on Monday mornings. Monday, November 7th, 1949, found me at noon with this little chore accomplished also a trip to the Post Office and a brief glance over the Globe and Mail and Friday's copy of "Hansard" (by courtesy of H. A. Hosking M.P.).

Dinner, a smoke and nap brought 2:15 and I remarked to my wife that some books should be delivered to No. 6 (Luttrell's) School and some apples should be delivered in Acton; the temperature was 48, the sun was shining, the roads were dry and it was a lovely day for a country drive.

"What about it?" "I'll be ready in 15 minutes," said she.

We stopped for a minute or two at the bank; the beautiful weather outside was reflected in the far end manner of the always courteous manager—J. H. Gibb. It was readily seen that a loan for \$100.00 would be an easy touch to day but we remembered, "Yield not to temptation" and decided not to take advantage of the Royal Bank of Canada. We had a word or two with our successor as Clerk and Treasurer of the Township of Eramosa, S. S. Royce, while in the bank and learned that he had received an assessment appeal to the Judge within seven months of taking office. We thought this was rather tough on a new Clerk for we remembered the appeal of Gypsum Lane & Alabaster to the Judge when we had held office only a few months and after having to conduct an election for Reeve and Councillor during our first four months. The Gypsum appeal was the first from Eramosa since The Grand Trunk Railway had appealed 50 years earlier, therefore it was the first from Eramosa for His Honor Judge R. E. McKinnon. Several appeals have intervened but this new appeal will be the first from Eramosa to His Honor Judge R. E. Clark.

Leaving the village post the Station, the residence of former M. O. H. Dr. K. W. Weller, in residence of Ex-councillor Wm. J. Pinkney and the former farm of the late Councillor Joe Stovel on the right and the rear of Deputy-Reeve Ernest Benham's farm on the left, the first man we saw was Ex-warden and present Reeve D. D. Gray, dragging his line with a tractor. The line of one Royce who gets around as much as D. D. Gray needs occasional attention. Next farm on the right was that of Councillor or Thos. G. Hutchinson who still resides there with his daughter and son-in-law.

Three miles from Rockwood on the paved County Road we crossed No. 24 Highway, for many years this has been a bleak corner but the past 2 or 3 years have seen the erection of the inviting Bruceville Store and Service Station on the West corner and Duncan Kingsbury's fine new home on the North corner. Another half mile brought us to the home of the late Warden W. A. Dickson now occupied by Mrs. Dickson, her daughter and son-in-law. Then came the Forsyth farms, Thomas, former Assessor, on the left, the third Thomas Forsyth in a direct line live in this vicinity. A tall elm on Tom's farm marks the exact centre of the township—3 1/2 concessions from the Guelph and Erin boundaries and 16 lots from the Nassagaweya and Garafraxa boundaries. If one has time it is wise to stop on the top of the hill at Lot 19, on any clear day, the twin towers of the Church of Our Lady Guelph may be seen and on this November day with the leaves off the trees, St. Peter's Church at Oustie could be seen 2 1/2 miles up the road. It is only at this season that the good roads and absence of leaves and steamed windows provide for such magnificent views of rural Eramosa. The countless houses and barns; herds and pastures; green fall wheat and plowed stubble; bush and green swamp, compete strongly with all green of Summer or the multicolored maples of October.

We had to turn right at Lot 20, leaving the County road and noticed on the West corner, the closed cemetery of the former Church of the Ascension, the first Anglican Congregation to be established in Eramosa. One concession brought us to Luttrell's School and two more to the Township of Erin which has no sideroad at Lot 20. Driving down the townline, past

the home of James Mitchell, who filled almost every municipal office in the Township of Eramosa about 100 years ago, we entered Erin Township on No. 17 sideroad. This is the only road except the two townlines, that crosses the 10 miles of Erin Township without a jog or bend; no other such road running NE to SW exists in either Erin or Eramosa.

At the 1st line corner we look up one lot to the buildings of the late Robt. J. Kerr, noted brewer of Yorkshires, auctioneer, Deputy-Reeve of Erin and later a prominent man about town in Acton. Bob was a Methodist in 1919 he conducted a furniture sale in Rockwood, I attended with an elderly lady who took Methodism seriously. Bob was trying to sell a rug "How much am I offered for this rug, practically good as new," he asked. My lady friend was unused to the wiles of auctioneers. She said, "I am surprised at Mr. Kerr, you can see that rug is half worn out." And from a Methodist too! she added.

Right on the North corner is the first house to be erected on that 100 acres, which had been owned by the McWilliams family and the late Geo. A. Marshall, former Postmaster at Eramosa. This house was purchased by the writer from the late Rance Howatt, President of The Guelph Trust Co. and sold to Russell McDonald, who is erecting the first house on the property over 100 years after the general settlement of this district.

Crossing the County Road we reach the farm of Judge R. E. McKinnon stretching from the 2nd to the third lines. We always stop at the 3rd for the view Northward toward Hill-burgh and Comingsville. Summer, Fall or Winter, it is worthwhile. Down in the valley we turn South-East on the 4th line, remembering that the last time we were there, the bridge over the creek was lying at a drunken angle with one side in the water, and we crossed only after careful inspection and with a touch of jitters. This time a new cement bridge spans the creek and we quickly climb to the hills again to look North to "The Maple" on the farm the home of Chester. But the pleasant summer resort and scene of wedding breakfasts and chicken suppers to be provided by Mrs. Burr for residents and organizations of Guelph and vicinity.

In between on the 5th line, the home of Chester's brother, Goldie, the popular Reeve of Erin Township Down the 4th crossing No. 24 Highway we again pause to view the up-to-date plant of S. E. Griffin & Son on the 5th, perched on the height of land near where water will run either to Lake Erie or Lake Ontario. The farm is the residence of Harold L. Griffin, Councillor for Erin and the home of many championship in Short-horn, team and potatoes. Crossing No. 24 road we overhauled a farmer with a team and demoted a rare sight nowadays, we had not seen a single electric car since we had left our village for at least 10 miles. We pulled out to let us pass and being surprised we proposed a 5 or 6 minute rest at the crossing of the Halton Wellington boundary, as by past the Church Hill settlement and the home of Arthur Swackhamer, Ex Reeve of Erin Township on its right.

No. 7 Highway and a speed-up to 40.4 quickly brought us to Acton where Main Street was cluttered with parked cars and trucks on both sides, leaving barely room for through traffic in the centre. Driving through there is so dangerous that everyone drives slowly enough to make it quite safe. On visiting a sick friend, we were again reminded of the beautiful weather by finding him sitting with no coat, vest or sweater, the ordinary fire making the house almost uncomfortably warm on a balmy afternoon.

We had occasion to visit Fairview Cemetery, having buried a relative there recently, we passed the memorial to William Johnston, the founder of probably the best known and most efficient undertaking establishment in the district now ably continued by his son-in-law, V. B. Rundle. Close together were the monuments of the Waters, Lambs and Murrays, all former residents of Crewson's Corner. John Murray, who married a Swackhamer, his sons, Al and Will, Al being the benefactor who gave Acton its excellent YMCA building and other bequests. Will, who trimmed the Blue Spring Park to make an almost perfect setting for its present use by the Provincial Boy Scout authorities. Walter Lamb the mason who built his own monument with field stone; whose father built the dry stone fences on the Harris farm in Rockwood; and whose son, Orrie, continues proficient in the family art.

We glanced at the monument of Sir Donald Mann of railways fame and at those of the McNabbs and Grubbs from Eramosa. Way back on the hill, we noticed the fresh grave of Mrs. Al Nicklin, mother of Guelph's city engineer, and of Mr. Holmes, brother of H. S., former C.N.R. agent. Coming back we saw preparation for the burial of W. R. E. Blair, well-known Acton tinsmith. In the north corner stands the monument to Jack Wilderspin, winner of the Military Cross in World War I, with whom we attended school 50 years ago in England. We have been charged

with a sort of morbid sadness in our tendency to look over cemeteries; we do not find it sad, it is historically interesting and since one usually thinks of departed friends and acquaintances in a most generous manner we know of no place where one can meet with so many old friends, in a sense, in so short a time.

Coming over the sort of Bailey bridge on Highway 24 through Acton to No. 7 Highway, we again speeded up to 40.45, only to be halted with the request to "turn up the 1st line and see how Ed Pearson's new house is coming along." Turning north we passed the former house of Wm Murray, one-time Reeve of Esquewing, we remember Wesley bringing his bride to Crewson's Corners Church one Sunday morning after the honeymoon over forty years ago. Crossing again into Wellington we saw the farm of Wesley's father, Andrew a former Deputy Reeve of Erin.

Noting the progress on the new house at No. 5 indicated we turned toward home and were treated to the sight of a huge deer crossing the road a few yards ahead of the car. He came from Joel Lebe's swamp and his place for leg up. Patrons' fence was worth driving miles to see.

The unanimity of the local councils of the County of Wellington in not allowing deer hunts this year, is being welcomed in many circles. Naturally, other views are held, but many residents do appreciate the protection of the hand some deer, of whom they only get a glimpse once every few years. The Clerk of Eramosa states that after 50 years residence in the township he has not seen a deer at large. We have seen them at pasture in England, France and in Alberta, but can only remember 11 in over 40 years near Eramosa, and these all within the past ten years. The first we saw was on a ridge down beside the river at Eramosa, then with Oswald Meadows we sighted four one Spring beside the little river just outside Rockwood. Four years ago we saw a beauty crossing the clearing at the Nassagaweya Esquewing town line just South West of Acton. In 1943 or 1946 we saw a couple one evening on Lot 18 Con 1, Erin. In June of 1947 we saw one on No. 10 sideroad Con 5 Eramosa, jumping into Will Peart's field. Later the same summer we watched a small one feeding for a while at Lot 18 Con 2, Erin, then it leaped into Judge McKinnon's farm. They may be come a nuisance but have hardly reached that stage yet it is believed that small numbers are illegally killed annually. There is a good story told of a prominent Eramosa farmer who knew that some deer was making their home in his swamp. One Christmas afternoon a few years ago he thought a full grown one might be about so he slipped away to the upper 100 with his traps set. A spotted deer took the bait and while the Christmas afternoon and saw the first one crossing the clearing over the road, he expected the idea and followed. It was easy to follow the tracks in the snow of the first man who was more intent regarding the food than the deer. The two men were not far apart when "Bang! Bang!" sent a couple of beauties racing through the bush. The Lanes' language of the younger man as he shouted ridicule for his poor marksmanship so startled the first man that he still thinks of Game Warden when he hears a shout in the bush. Coming nearer Rockwood we passed the farm of Councillor George Wallace and crossing into Eramosa we sight the Black home, where Jim, the Reeve who won an election in 1914 by a majority of one spent his life.

Midway across the concession on the right is the site of the birthplace of the great J. J. Hill and on the East half on the left, the home of Harvey Bayne whose great grandfather Burns originally set down the road on Lot 3. It is said that the Bayne farm was acquired by the Burns family for building a road through the swamp at Lot 3.

Also on the left can be seen the farm of Charlie McNabb, Charlie is the only man in Eramosa Township who can say that his grandfather and father were successively Reeve of the Township. Charles Sr. for some years about 1913 and Archie for some years about 1927. Both lived on this same farm which had been settled by William of a still older generation. One would almost expect young Charlie to enter Council at some time, he should do alright having won public speaking contests when a boy.

Still nearer Rockwood, we pass the boyhood homes of the Dunbar family forefathers of C. L. Dunbar, K.C. and Angus Dunbar, K.C. prominent in legal circles in Guelph for many years. The present M.P. for South Wellington, Henry A. Hosking spent most of his boyhood just outside the village on a former Dunbar farm. Driving in on Harris Street in the gathering dusk, the street lights flashed on at about 5:30. We had travelled 32 miles in three hours.

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