History of Pioneering Ramsey Family Wins Second Prize In Essay Contest

-In the last Wellington, County | gave away to his many Irlends and ·Historical Society essay contest, an | neighbors. He had a very interestaccount of a plonegring family. In | ing collection, of 'odd_rocks. the district proved very interesting | histor yof pioneers ramsey 2 as well as well composed and was

The following is the essay: Having planted the seeds which grew the first apple trees in County of Wellington, la part the interesting story of the ploneer family of John and Rathel Ramsey In 1819 John Ramsey, in company

with two brothers Robert and

Henry, left the north of Ireland tosettle in Upper Canada. Little York (now Toronto) was then the hub of the new settlement and the Township of Eramosa was in the course of survey and open for settlers. 'After taking the onth of allegiance the three brothers drew 100 acres each in the

new township. John drew the eas half of Lot No. 1, Robert the west half of Lot No. 1, and Henry the west half of Lot No. 2, all in the third concession.

York by way of Dundas Street, grim Fathers: following the surveyor's "blaze" "Aye, call it holy ground, on what is now the Guelph Road The soil where first they trod; through the townships of Nelson They have left unstained what and Nassagaweya, they arrived at their destination. After examining Freedom to worship God. their lots, they returned to Dundas' Street; Nelson town, where they worked for John Cleaver, makin oak staves for potash barrels which were rafted down the lake to

In the spring of 1820 the three brothers provided themselves with a few articles, of which the axe was the most essential and walked over twenty miles through the unbroken forest to the place which was to be their future-home .-

On John Ramsey's lot the surveyors had left a wigwam. This served the brothers as a shelter until they completed a log shanty which served them as a dwelling for about four years.

In 1821 John Ramsey married Rachel Gleaver, daughter of . his former employer. After the wedding .ceremony, - she mounted horse already heavily loaded with equipment and set off with her Rusband for their wilderness home Mrs. Ramsey had the disquieting knowledge that there was not another white woman within twenty miles. She is reputed to have been the first white woman resident in the County of Wellington.

From apples served at their wedding breakfast, Mrs. Ramsey saved a few scods which she planted. From those seeds came the first apple trees grown in the County of Wellington.

One February 12, 1822, their first child was born! An amusing incident happened with the birth of the baby. The family cat, hearing the feeble cry of the newcomer, took fright and fled to the bachelor shanty of John Harris, located on site where Rockwood now stands. Two other children were later, born to the family; Martha in 1823 and John in 1825.

In 1823 a purchase was made of 100 acres across the road in the township of Nassagaweya for the sum of 22 pounds. In that year they erected a log house 24x30 ft with the assistance of all the menin the vicinity. They numbered eighteen

Tragedy, twertook this pioneer home when after only cleven Pond Construction years of married life, at the age of 39 tears, the husband and father brave pioneer comrade carried, on jurges more farmers and landown-Her grandchildren remembered these ponds her as a familiar figure coming to | Ponds may be made by excava

child of Eramosa, was married to by damning a stream. Herry Scott, an immigrant from the north of Ireland They settled on Lot No 18 Concession-2 of Eramosa Township where they raised ten children

When the first child in this family was about six months of age the mother and baby were left alone for three days while the husband travelled to Dundas to have wheat ground into flour Sufficients wood and water were, farmer. stored in the house and the door provided with extra bars as security against prowling Indians

The second daughter. Martha the many values they provide. Ramsey, married Walter Scott. They settled on a Eramosa farm. Their children died in infancy.

John Ramsey married. Mary Daniels and two daughters were born to them John remained on the family farm. In due course, a targe stone house was built on the Nassagaweya side and a large barn on the Eramosa half of the property. He took an active interest in community and municipal affairs, being reeve of Nassageway Township from 1873 to 1881.

tired in a rough-cast house on the roof-top solar heat installation making of beautiful rustic chairs energy necessary for heating a was one of his hobbies; these he home.

Under his direction the rocks awarded the second prize. Writer were built-into a monument for of the essny was Mrs. S. (Flor. himself; this is now a landmark of. encey Trousdale of R. R. I. Pus- Interest in Ebenezer Cemetery,

> In those early homes sonp was made by leeching ashes, to procure lye to which waste fat was added and bolled in an outdoor kettle. Candles were made from tallow which was the name of sheep-fat In the apring maple syrup maple auger were made in large quantities. The first spiles were made of cedar and troughs for catching the sap were blocks of wood hollowed out with an axe. Cheese was made at certain times. On one occasion a relative driving, a herd of cows stopped overnight at Henry Scott's. In the morning the cows were milked and cheese made from that extra supply of milk. A calf was killed and its stomach used to procure the

starter for the cheese. As one recalls these stories of this ploneer family, it can truly be Journeying on foot from Little said of them, as it was of the Pil-

there they found.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Visitor Protests Firing Of Teacher

Severn Bridge, Muskoka, January 3, 1951

You will please print this in family visited in Vineland your paper and oblige the writer. Tuesday. For the last few weeks I have been a guest of friends of mine in Halton County and I have two fittle nieces going to No. 8 School in Esquesing Township. I understand that a young teacher has been fired there for no just reason. found in 'my rounds that the teacher was well liked and I was a guest at the school concert and I enjoyed same. I'thought it was

The firing of the above teacher was against the parents' wishes lives and I think they should have something to say regarding this

in your township. injustice. Let's clean up here first. There's been too much of expect-to get peace, if we don't Stansbury, Oakville and Mr. Ken

play the game? I am a Mason and Orangeman and a member of several boards. This matter should be put in the hands of the Legion since he is a veteran, to see what is at the back of this matter.

-Thanking you.

(Letters to the Editor are NOT the viewpoint necessarily of the Editor but published as-an expression of the individual who submits the article.)

Department Urges

The Division of Fish and Wildlife was called by death . How his Department of Lands and Forests. with three small children to care ers to construct pends on their profor, is a story in itself. Mrs., perty and is willing to provide ad-Ramsey lived to be 69 years old vice concerning the stocking of

visit them, riding on a white tions to collect normal drainage waters They may utilize springs In 1839, Mary Ramsey, that first for a supply on they may be made In addition to beautifying

property in general, these ponds provide swimming and fishing for the young people in summer and skating in winter. They are also a steady source of water for stock

and a reservoir in case of fire. The also constitute a sound measure of soil and water conservation, retaining water which would otherwise run off and be lost to the

Ponds are about one-half to one acre in size, are usually sufficient to provide all the area needed for Kinney and Warren.

permission and approval of specifi- and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. al of the Board to permit the Accations from the Ontario Depart- Norman McKenzie . ment of Linds and Forests are reuired to avoid action detrimental to fish and downstream landown-

GLASS SHINGLES

Partially blackened glass plates are now used for solar heating, reports The Financial Post. Placed Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Good of a meeting of all county assessors His later years were spont re- shingle style on house, the new Will toward Men." Many say that on January 4th in Milton. Assessor



RECENTLY INVENTED by Lesile Lowe of Campbellville, the Whir wind Snow Loader is pictured in operation. The truck to which the snow loading unit is attached is behind, while the truck on the right is being loaded with know at the rate of a load a minute, to carry it off to be dumped. This plow has been sold to the city of Waterloo. The Halton Manufacturing Company Limited has been formed by the two snow plow inventors.

Annniversary Falls On Christmas Day

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, Everton Corners, parents of 1951. Wedding Anniversary.

Niagara Falls, spent New Year's pairs were discussed by council. with Mrs. G. Sunter and Miss E.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson. Linda and Gary spent Monday with Belwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brown and

Mrs. David Stewart and Vernon visited in Hamilton on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. George Rennick and Marion. The many friends of Mrs. Rennick are sorry to learn she is quite poorly.

Miss Elvena Winter of Oustic spent the Christmas vacation with Mrs. W. J. Jackson.

Mr. D. N. McTavish spent Christmas Day with relatives in Toronto and New Year's with Acton relat-

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson had a family gathering during the matter. Who pays the bills? The holidays. Those present included: taxpayers, the owners of property Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn, Townline; Mr. and Mrs. At the present time, we are Norman Robertson and Glenice, fighting all-over the world against Mr. and Mrs. Vic Patrick, all of Acton P.U.C., town operat-Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson and Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Dougthis in the past. The world is cry- las Robertson, all of Guelph; Miss ing out for justice. How do you. Anne Stansbury and Mr. Ted Robertson of Toronto.

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson were their. son. George of Hamilton, and Miss Anne Steele of North Bay. Guests on New Year's included Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb and family of Paisley Block, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robertson and family, Guelph.

Friends of Miss Ada and Mr. Er ett Currie and Miss Margaret Black who are motoring through the west and the States were sorry to learn they were in a motor accident last week at Spokane, Wash. Miss Black suffered injuries which necessitated hospital treatment and the car was badly smashed. No other details have been received.

Mrs. Saretta Grundy, spent the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Georga Grundy. Friends of Mrs. J. A. Bulloch are sorry to learn shells in the Guelph-

hospital undergoing treatment. All wish for her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Leo Nicholson and Sharon

returned home-with Mr. Nicholson! The following motion was passed: spending several months at the paid at the rate of 5c per mile for home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. jout of town travelling expenses R. J. Matthews. Another daughter, and at the rate of \$1 per meal."" Diane is remaining with her The application of H. F. Holmes

bolidaying with her parents at cepted West Pubnico, N.S.

spent Christmas with her parents, concession at the arena. Rev and Mrs. Foreman.

ly with Mrs. Mary Cooke. holiday)ng with her daughter and the inspector's report on repairs son-in-law. Mr, and Mrs. A. Mc- following the installation of sew-

Mrs. Flora McKenzie spent sev-

Bert Craig and Joan of George-

-CAROL-SINGING

The first of all Christmas carols, was that sung in the Heavens by Police was received the Angels, "Glory to God in the The County Agsessor gave notice St. Francis was the first to make Crump will attend. churches all over the world.

Name Committees Inaugural Meeting for the bouncil chamber, provided (Continued from Page One)

pointing 'Councillor' J. Greer'

Mrs. Fred Baptie, who, on Christ. M. Nakoneczky, requested that a viding for limiting of parking, etc. mas Day celebrated their Golden driveway be replaced at his resid- and council approved of the proence on Elgin Street. Town Fore- posed amendments and gave first Mr. and Mps. Arnold Sunter, man Kirkness was instructed to Gau and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. Earl secure gravel and make repairs as before submitting it to the Depart-McGowan and Douglas, -all of soon as possible. Other road re-

The water main extension account of \$392.10 was passed for payment to the Canada Valve and Hydrant Co.

The sewer accounts amounting to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henderson at \$1100.16 were paid as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee als recommended the following an counts for payment: Norwich Union Fire Ins. corporation fire ins. ... \$116.24

Tommy Green, repairs to radiator of grader John Calder, installing. floor,drain in Y MacSwain Motors, new

wheel, rim, grease job Acton Free Press, printlog and advertising ... Mason, expenses trip Toronto McGeachie, expenses re trips to Toronto

E. G. Tyler, expenses re trip to Toronto Can. Law Book Co.; set of 1950 Statutes Bell Telephone, Kirkness

lons, November ... Remington Rand Ltd. typewriter service, 1050 Ont. Prov. Police account

for November Arena accounts, records & F. Crump, ticket seller & taker 4 engagements R. J. Hargrave Service Stn. gas and oil account

\$1401.18 A motion was passed requesting Greenwood Bros. to return, and supply the crushed stone on order

Applications were received for the position of manager and lee maker of the Acton arena for the

Council had received very fine comments on the ice that had been made by the municipal employees at the arena and due to weather conditions, it was decided to carry on the present plan and when plowing and ice making are heavy an additional ice maker was to be engaged. The application of Mr Norton will be accepted at such time as full time operation is re-

quired at the arena. on Monday to St Catharines after oThat all members of council be

as manager of the arena on the Miss Isabelle d'Entremont is same basis as last -- year was ac-

.The clerk was instructed to ad-Miss Phyllis Foreman of Toronto vertise for tenders for the booth

The division of gate receipts Mr and Mrs. Thomas Henderson with the Minor Hockey Club games of Guelph Township visited recent- was on a basis of 65 per cent to the club and 35 per cent to the town. Mrs. A M. Rowe of Trenton is . The clerk presented copies of

A letter from the Ontario Mun-When a dam is contemplated, eral 'days last week with her son | icipal Board gaye tentative approvton School Board to call for ten-Messrs R. and J. Hunter had as | ders to ascertain if the School can their guests recently Mr. and Mrs - be erected and completed within the specified amount of \$220,000 It is understood that the construction of the School is not to commence until final approval is given by the Municipal Board.

The December report of the

ion upon owners or occupants who before the war. . .

derive or will derive a benefit from the construction of a disposal evelon prate sufficient to pay one half the cost of the work. This will mean an additional amount equal to present water rates with a flat rate on premises where wa-

ter is not installed. The civil defence program was liscussed and several copies of the book were to be secured and varlous organizations were to meet to discuss the plans on Jonuary 12th. Applications were received for

renewal of a number of licenses. Councillor Thompson . suggested that a record player "that would enrry a number of records be secused for this arena and some new records. The Arena Committee were empowered to nurchase the

The solicitor was instructed prepare an amendment to the bylaw prohibiting the running at large of dogs between sundown on Sunday and Wednesday nights to sunrise Monday and on Thursday nights .- This is an attempt to alleviate the nulsance of upset garbage containers.

A motion was passed authorizing the purchase of an oll space heater It will do a satisfactory job.

The solicitor was instructed to Another motion was passed ap - prepare a by-law prohibiting the a depositing of refuse on the streets. member of the Planning Board for The solicitor read a draft o revisions of the traffic by-law proand second readings of the by-law

Council adjourned at 1:50 a.m.

CRACKS BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Among the Russian people, storles ridiculing the Communist reg-Ime are being circulated on the sly, at the risk of the concentration camp, says Richard Hanser in December Reader's Digest article condensed from the Freeman. Like

this one: In a Budapest schoolroom little Janos is asked to give an example of a dependent clause. "Our cat has a litter of ten kittens," he says, 40.45 "all of which are good Communists." The teacher, delighted with 47.70 his grasp of both grammar and the Party line, urges him to do as well when the government inspector pays his annual visit.

When the inspector arrives, the teacher calls confidently on Janos to answer the same question. "Our cat," replies Janos, "has ten kittens, all of which are good Western democrats.". The teacher is horrifled. "Why, Janos," she exclaims, "ten days ago you said your kittens were all good Communists,"

"Yes," says Janos, "but now

The only woman held in really low esteem by the Berbers is the go-between, although she is only

employed in the respectable task of

their eyes are open."

arranging marriages.

- Annual Meeting Of

HALTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

will be held in the

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Jan. 18, 1951 at 2.00 p.m.

Directors Meeting at 1.30

A. DIXON, Presiden

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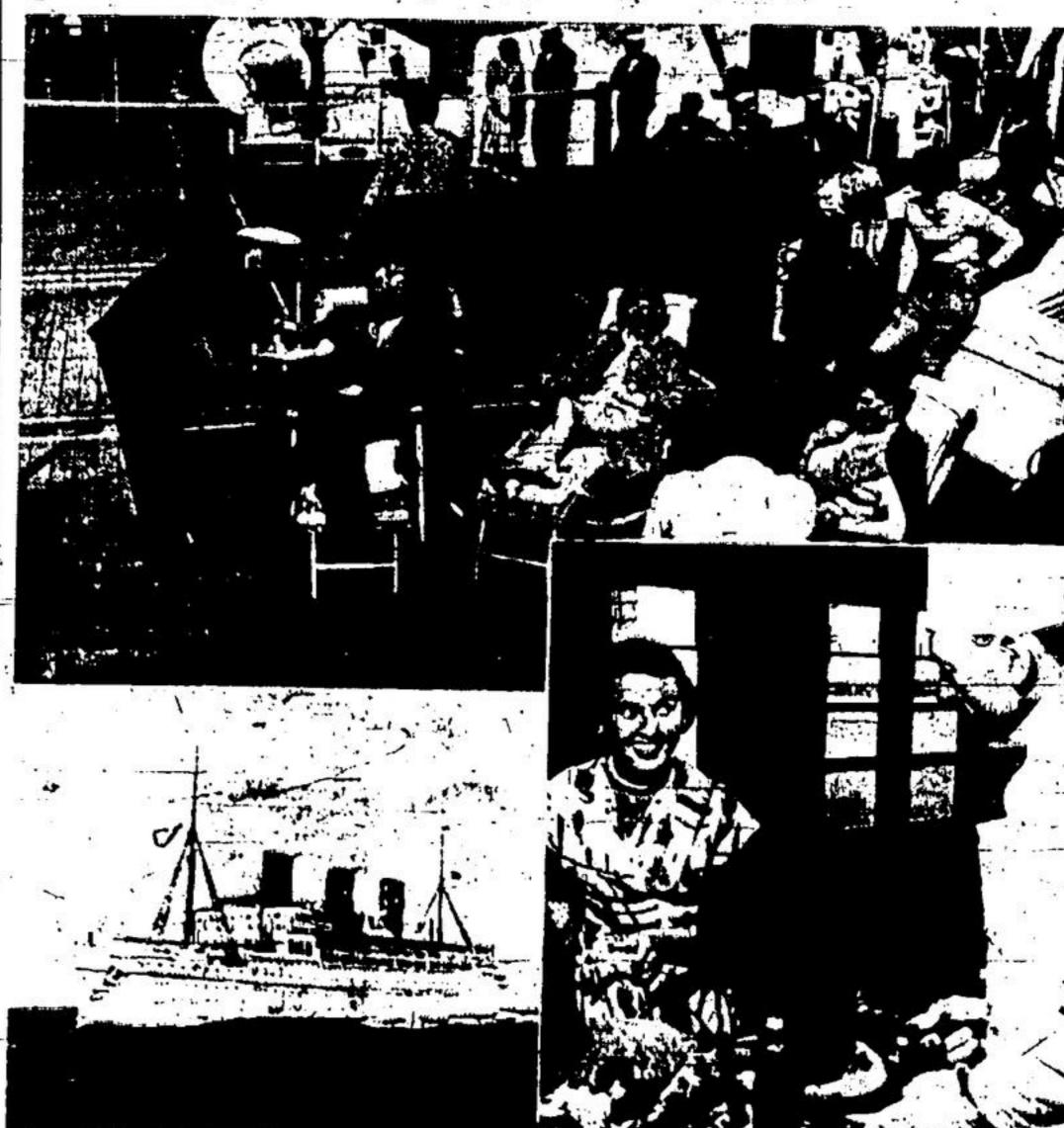
NEW HOME We have just listed exclusively one of the newest residences in a new sub-division. N.H.A. plan. Terms by paying owner's equity and small monthly payments. Owner's artistic skill has made this house and surroundings much to be desired. All conveniences on one floor. Extra rooms can be added if needed later by completing the upstairs. Heavily wired, furnace, hot water, full size cellar. Immediate possesion, as owner is leaving town. For appointment to inspect,

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"SCOTLAND" TO VISIT WEST INDIES: The recently reconditioned 26,000 ton Canadian Pacific luxury liner, Empress of Scotland, will re-enter the cruise field this winter withta series of seven voyages from New York down through the sun-bathed Caribbean ports of the storied Spanish Main. The beautifully:appointed flagship of the Canadian Pacific "White Empress' fleet, shown in lower left, will feature indoor and outdoor swimming pobls, a-Lido deck for sunbattling (shown at top), and Frampsa side of the farm. The said to supply 60 per cent. of the the carol popular. The singing of A by-law was given the required buffet meals served on the glass-enclosed promenade deck (lower right). Traditional Canadian carols is observed in all cities and readings to authorize the imposit- Pacific service and cuisine will be combined with extensive cruises to the four corners of the world

The same of the sa