

### History of Pioneering Ramsey Family Wins Second Prize In Essay Contest

In the last Wellington County Historical Society essay contest, an account of a pioneering family in the district proved very interesting as well as well composed and was awarded the second prize. Writer of the essay was Mrs. S. (Florence) Tröndale of R. R. 1, Puslinch.

The following is the essay: Having planted the seeds which grew the first apple trees in the County of Wellington, is part of the interesting story of the pioneer family of John and Rachel Ramsey.

In 1819 John Ramsey, in company with two brothers, Robert and Henry, left the north of Ireland to settle 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.

Journeying on foot from Little York by way of Dundas Street, following the surveyor's blaze on what is now the Guelph Road through the townships of Nelson and Nassagaweya, they arrived at their destination.

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 wigwag. 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 Cleaver, daughter of his former employer. After the wedding ceremony, she mounted a horse already heavily loaded with equipment and set off with her husband for their wilderness home.

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

On 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 the site where Rockwood now stands.

Tragedy overtook this pioneer home when after only eleven years of married life at the age of 39 years, the husband and father was called by death. How his brave pioneer comrade carried on with three small children to care for is a story in itself.

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.

gave away to his many friends and neighbors. He had a very interesting collection of odd rocks.

Under his direction the rocks were built into a monument for himself; this is now a landmark of interest in Ebenezer Cemetery, Nassagaweya.

In those early homes soap was made by leeching ashes to procure lye to which waste fat was added and boiled in an outdoor kettle.

As one recalls these stories of this pioneer family, it can truly be said of them, as it was of the Pilgrim Fathers: "Aye, call it holy ground, The soil where first they trod; They have left unstained what there they found, Freedom to worship God."

### Visitor Protests Firing Of Teacher

Dear Sir: You will please print this in your paper and oblige the writer.

For the last few weeks I have been a guest of friends of mine in Halton County and I have two little nieces going to No. 8 School in Equeusing Township. I understand that a young teacher has been fired there for no just reason.

The firing of the above teacher was against the parents' wishes and I think they should have something to say regarding this matter. Who pays the bills? The taxpayers, the owners of property in your township.

At the present time, we are fighting all over the world against injustice. Let's clean up here first. There's been too much of this in the past. The world is crying out for justice. How do you expect to get peace if we don't 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, Respectfully, Frank Payne (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 Pond Construction

The Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Lands and Forests, urges more farmers and landowners to construct ponds on their property and is willing to provide advice concerning the stocking of these ponds.



RECENTLY INVENTED by Leslie Lowe of Campbellville, the Whirlwind Snowplow 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 snow 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 snowplow inventors.

### OSPRINGE Anniversary Falls On Christmas Day

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, Everton Corners, parents of Mrs. Fred Baptle, who on Christmas Day celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sunter, Galt and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McGowan and Douglas, all of Niagara Falls, spent New Year's with Mrs. G. Sunter and Miss E. Balde.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finer and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson, Linda and Gary spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henderson at Belwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brown and family visited in Vineland on Tuesday.

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

Miss Elvena Winter of Oustie 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 relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson had a family gathering during the holidays. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn, Townline; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robertson and Glenice; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Patrick, all of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson and Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson, all of Guelph; Miss Anne Stansbury and Mr. Ted Stansbury, Oakville and Mr. Ken 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. Ernest 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. Spretta Grundy spent the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy. Friends of Mrs. J. A. Bulloch are sorry to learn she is in the Guelph hospital undergoing treatment. All wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Leo Nicholson and Sharon returned home with Mr. Nicholson on Monday to St. Catharines after spending several months at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Matthews. Another daughter, Diane, is remaining with her grandparents.

Miss Isabelle d'Entremont is holidaying with her parents at West Pubnico, N.S. Miss Phyllis Foreman of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Foreman. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson of Guelph Township visited recently with Mrs. Mary Cooke. Mrs. A. M. Rowe of Trenton is holidaying with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKinney and Warren. Mrs. Flora McKenzie spent several days last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie. Messrs R. and J. Hunter had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craig and Joan of Georgetown.

### CAROL SINGING

The first of all Christmas carols, was that sung in the Heavens by the Angels, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Good Will toward Men." Many say that St. Francis was the first to make the carol popular. The singing of carols is observed in all cities and churches all over the world.

derive or will derive a benefit from the construction of a disposal system, a rate 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 water is not installed.

The civil defence program was discussed and several copies of the book were to be secured and various organizations were to meet to discuss the plans on January 12th. Applications were received for renewal of a number of licenses.

Councillor Thompson suggested that a record player that would carry a number of records be secured for the arena and some new records. The Arena Committee were empowered to purchase the equipment.

The collector was instructed to prepare an amendment to the by-law 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 nuisance of upset garbage containers.

A motion was passed authorizing the purchase of an oil space heater for the council chamber, provided it will do a satisfactory job. The collector was instructed to prepare a by-law prohibiting the depositing of refuse on the streets.

The collector read a draft of revisions of the traffic by-law providing for limiting of parking, etc. and council approved of the proposed amendments and gave first and second readings of the by-law before submitting it to the Department of Highways.

### CRACKS BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Among the Russian people, stories ridiculing the Communist regime are being circulated on the sly, at the risk of the concentration camp, says Richard Hanson in a 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, "all of which are good Communists." The teacher, delighted with 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 horrified. "Why, Janos," she exclaims, "ten days ago you said your kittens were all good Communists."

"Yes," says Janos, "but now their eyes are open."

A motion was passed requesting Greenwood Bros. to return and supply the crushed stone on order just as soon as possible in the spring.

Applications were received for the position of manager and bookmaker of the Acton arena for the season.

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 required at the arena.

The following motion was passed: That all members of council be paid at the rate of 5c per mile for out of town travelling expenses and at the rate of \$1 per meal.

The application of H. E. Holmes as manager of the arena on the same basis as last year was accepted.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for the booth concession at the arena. The division of gate receipts with the Minor Hockey Club games was on a basis of 65 per cent to the club and 35 per cent to the town.

The clerk presented copies of the inspector's report on repairs following the installation of sewers.

### Annual Meeting Of HALTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

will be held in the COURT HOUSE, MILTON, ON

## Jan. 18, 1951 at 2.00 p.m.

Directors Meeting at 1.30

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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 possession, as owner is leaving town. For appointment to inspect, contact

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### "SCOTLAND" TO VISIT WEST INDIES

The recently reconitioned 26,000 ton Canadian Pacific luxury liner, Empress of Scotland, will re-enter the cruise field this winter with a 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 pools, a Lido deck for sunbathing (shown at top), and buffet meals served on the glass-enclosed promenade deck (lower right). Traditional Canadian Pacific service and cuisine will be combined with extensive cruises to the four corners of the world before the war.