

MASSAGUEWA S.S. No. 7

Busy Bee Institute Elects Executive (Intended for Last Week)

The Busy Bee Institute met at the home of Mrs. A. Pringle. The meeting opened with the Mary Stewart Collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports from standing committees were read and all reports a very good year.

This being the final meeting of 1953, new officers were elected. Mrs. Henderson was asked to take the chair during the election of officers, which were as follows: honorary president, Mrs. E. Steve Cox; president, Mrs. E. Steve Cox; vice-president, Mrs. E. Cox; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. I. Little; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. S. Cox; district director, Mrs. S. Cox; branch director, Mrs. Locker and Mrs. Dodds.

Conveners: Canadian agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. O. Locker; citizenship and education, Mrs. Roy Lindsay; historical research, Mrs. J. Dredge; current events, Mrs. A. Pringle; home economics and good cheer, Mrs. P. McLean; community activities, Mrs. N. Barlow; press reporter, Mrs. Locker; quill conveners, Mrs. Dodds and Mrs. Locker; auditors, Mrs. A. Pringle and Mrs. E. Cox.

All enjoyed the delightful lunch provided by the hostess and her assistants. The new president thanked Mrs. Pringle for the use of her home for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cox, in company with Mrs. P. McLean, visited friends in Guelph on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Locker and Mrs. O. Locker on Sunday.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Wm. Douglas of Speyside on Monday.

Mrs. Vera Scott of Dunnville and Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks of Hornby called on Joseph Frank's on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Frank and family of Brampton called at the same home.

Spring seeding is the order of the day in this community.

Definition of a pedestrian: A man possessed of two cars but also, with a wife and a 'teen-aged son or daughter.

Acton High School News

By Chris Lamb The routine of school life after a week of carefree holidays seems a bore and a pleasure at the same time. At least there is no more of this wondering what to do with ourselves. We have plenty to do. Since most of us are facing June exams, the teachers have lightened none of the load but seem more determined than ever to pound something into our little wooden heads. However, most of the high school population usually survives this last grinding term, even if it may seem unbelievable at the present time.

To help our teen-age drivers and potential drivers, Mr. Lorne Garner showed a safety film to the school on Monday morning. Since it had for its subject the efforts of a teen-ager to master the intricacies of the rules of the road, it could apply directly to any one of us. The movie was very informative and full of helpful suggestions for even the most difficult situations confronting the young driver.

There will be an assembly Friday morning too, when we will see a movie of the life of Alexander Graham Bell.

COMMAND APPEARANCE

Chairman: You say you have to leave the Board meeting early? Member: Yes, my mother-in-law is arriving on the four o'clock train.

THE BEST YOU KNOW HOW

A good deal of the driving one sees on our roads and highways today calls to mind the remark of the sturdy farmer who was asked to attend a series of lectures intended to improve the standard of crops and general farming in his area.

He covered his position by remarking "Heck, I don't need no schoolin', I'm not farmin' as well as I know how now."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Fred Wright Writes Of "Old Country"

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Dear Arlo: You asked me to drop you a few lines before we left Canada. I made no promises, as it would be impossible to write to all our friends. But I have felt the urge to write you for some time. As you perhaps know, the Free Press comes here to the home of my mother-in-law, Mrs. Walker. I have noted how well the Free Press is well read and looked forward to people of different callings read it. Many people tell me things and say "I saw it in your home-town paper." One Police Inspector said "I read the Acton Free Press avidly." Another retired, well-known business man, calls regularly, and devotes most of his time reading the Acton Free Press. I have been amazed at the publicity Acton gets by the few copies that come over this side. It is hard to say which features receive the most attention.

I have found out they are all read mostly, even the advertisements, as one thrifty housewife said: "I like to compare prices." I know the Editorials are well read, as well as the news items and the photos, the household hints and the agricultural columns. That is something, considering they have home and farm economies down to a science here, and know through necessity to get the most out of the soil.

But I do not hesitate to say that the most popular feature is "Chronicles of Ginger Farm." Our friends have been surprised that there is such a farm and the feature articles are written by a practical farm wife. We are proud to tell our friends that we know Mrs. Clarke, and try to describe "Ginger Farm," with the long lane where "Partner" tried to take the calf down or rather, where the calf took "Partner."

Now I see your associate Editor Jimmy Dills, is writing a feature column and if it receives as much reception as it has received in proportion on this side, there is no question it will become a fixed feature.

Glad to see the kiddies are at long last, going to have a swimming tank. Giving as I did, two weeks of my summer holidays in making house-to-house calls, seeking contributions to this effort, I feel glad a start is being made, and the money is being used for what the subscribers intended it for. Am appreciative of the efforts of the Committee and know somewhat of the vexing delays. After all they are only working voluntarily. Was very pleased to see that Acton was one of the first places in Canada to respond to the Flood Appeal. We were in the south of England at the time, and though, for traffic reasons, we did not go right into the flood area, we were in homes of friends, who were members of the Women's Volunteer Auxiliary, who were standing by, ready and did go, to help to clothe, house and feed the unfortunates. While this was a national disaster, our friends in Holland suffered much more. We have had grand weather, thirty-three days of sunshine without rain. Seeding is all finished, even the potatoes are planted. It seemed strange to us to see crocuses and snowdrops sprouting through the ground during the latter part of February. The daffodils have been out for some weeks now. Now the trees are sprouting. Fields are green, cattle out all winter and now sheep and lambs.

Glad to see that the I.O.D.E., the Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary, as well as the Acton Rotary started the Flood Relief off to a good start. While in the South, we saw the preparations for the coronation. The erection of stands along the route, and rehearsals. We called at Hyde Park, at Marble Arch, heard the "soap box" artists raving away to an interested audience, or otherwise with a policeman standing near to protect the speakers, if necessary. I will not tire you by giving you every detail of "places we've been and faces we've seen." This letter would take too much space.

Our flight over was uneventful too quick for anything to happen. During breakfast we were excited by the snow clouds far below us. Then we rapidly descended from 3 miles over northern Ireland. As we came down the sun was shining over the green fields, flowers out in bloom, and the Scottish skies blue like Italian. Our pilot announced over the loud-speakers, the islands as we passed them. We looked out of the window and saw the Island of Islay below us where many of Acton pioneers came from to whom we owe so much. The McDougalls, the McIsaacs, the McDonaids, the Reids and many others who gave up their home land to build up a new one. Over Arran Isle, then the mouth of the Clyde, and an ocean liner heading up to Glasgow or Greenock, with the beautiful mountains in the distance. As we came down and approached Prestwick airport we could see the town of Ayr, and the Burns country close by. Mr. later drove through this country that was loved by Burns and revered by all Scotsmen at home and abroad. We passed through Dumfries where Burns is buried, and where a massive memorial to his honor is erected. But more of this some other time. We passed through Kilmarnock, the home of "Johnnie Walker."

I can still see the tear in the eye of our Scottish porter, who regretfully complained he could get "ne'er a drop" himself. We were soon going along the north shore of the famous Solway Firth, where

the tide comes in faster than a race horse, as every schoolboy knows. Across the Solway, we could see the English mountains and the "John Peel country." Before leaving Wigtownshire and the Blue Mountains of Scotland behind us, we passed through Gretna Green, where runaway couples from Scotland were married by the blacksmith over the forge. But this applied only to Scottish couples who were married without any parent's consent. But not to others, as many young English couples found out, where the law insisted on the father's consent, if they were underage.

I have heard from "Scotty" Burton often, one this week pressing me hard to go and see him and his sister. I gather I am in for a right royal time with Scottish hospitality in showing me the sights of that famous city of Edinburgh. This I intend to accept and is a pleasure I am looking forward to. So many of "Scotty's" friends told me to convey their kind regards to him. I dare not return without seeing him.

I have visited Acton England Rotary Club and am going back to spend more time visiting this delightful suburban town of London. They had a visit from the postmistress of Acton, California, last summer. But more of this again.

Kind regards, Fred L. Wright.

EVERTON Community Guests Visit with Friends (Intended for last week)

Mrs. Margaret Tovell, Acton, is visiting a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon visited with Mr. Smith McCutcheon, Galt, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ireland, Troy, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCutcheon, Kitchener.

Friends of Mr. Howard Gilbank wish him a speedy recovery from his operation last Monday at the Guelph General Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Hortop visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hortop, Rockwood.

Mrs. T. A. Morrow of Dundalk is spending a while with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dolmer and family.

Miss Shirley Lillie spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and family, Guelph.

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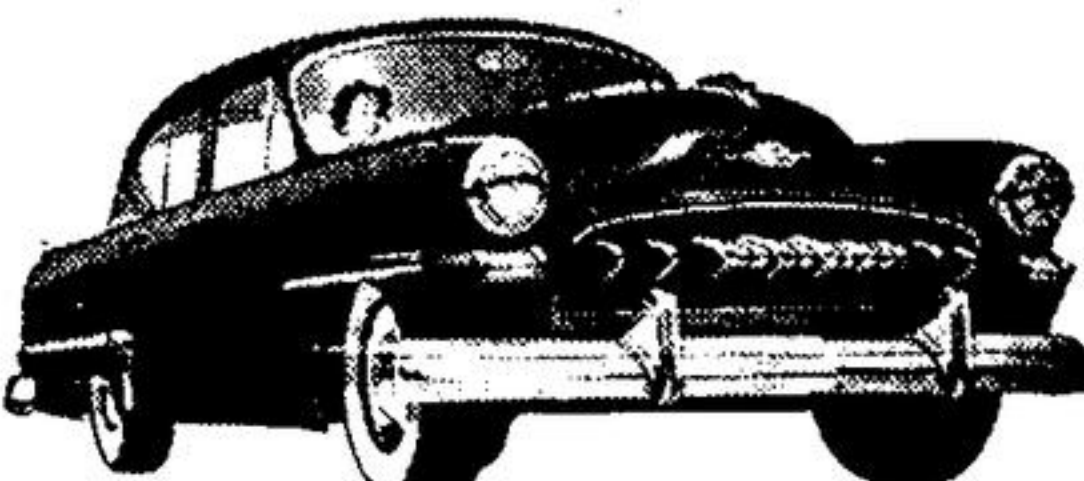
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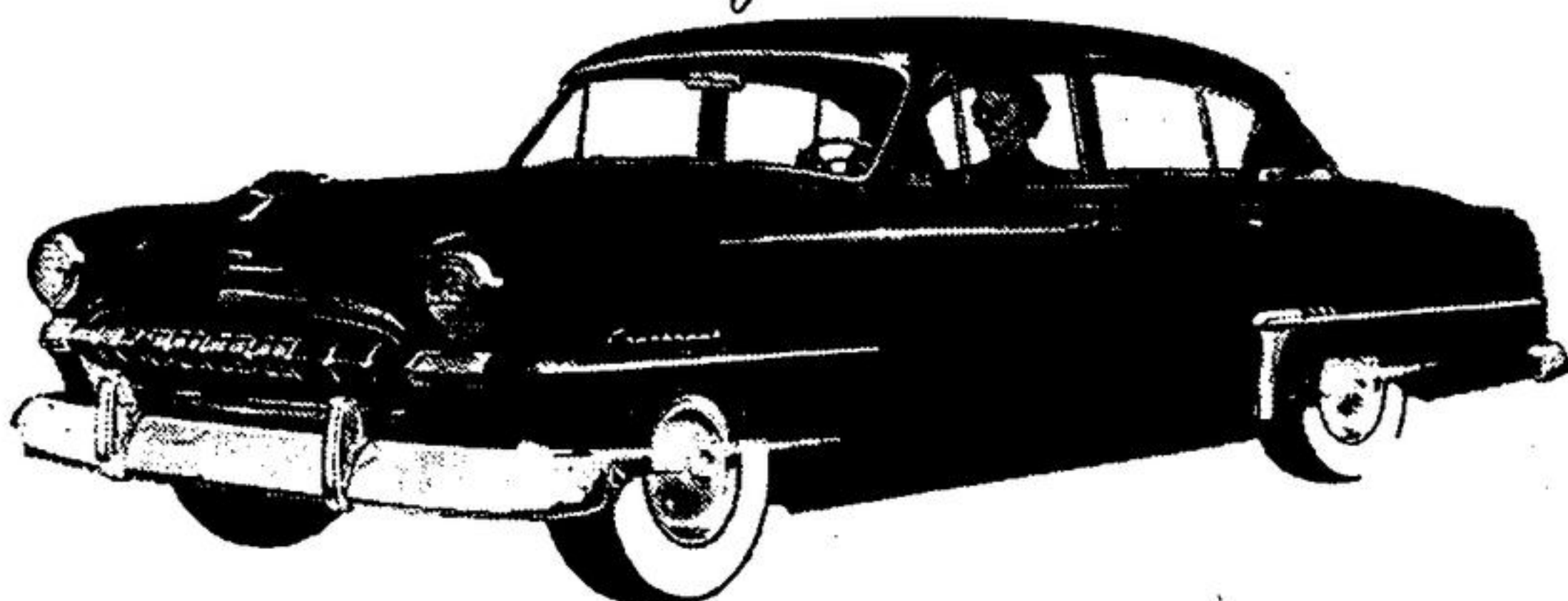
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