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Scout News



By Wayne Currie
The Boy Scout Association of Canada paid tribute to Scoutmaster Dave Dills by presenting him with the medal of merit, one of the highest awards in Scouting at last week's meeting on February 22.
Tom Watson, chairman of the board, read the letter from the Canadian headquarters at Ottawa. Group leader Gord Clow presented Dave with the badge to be worn on his uniform. The medal will be presented at a suitable date. Dave has not only led the Scouts of the First Acton Troop, but has given his services to Scouting in general.
There was a good turnout and the meeting followed the regular order, except for the presentation to Dave. New knot ropes have been purchased and the troop spent half an hour whipping them in their patrol colors.
The Scouts later left for a tour through the A. P. Green Firebrick Co. Mr. Barbeau, the manager, directed the troop and showed them how firebrick is processed. Mr. Barbeau was thanked and the meeting was broken off.
Photography will be held tonight. Bob Robbins hopes for more cooperation at the wood-working classes on Wednesday evenings. These classes are not only for Scouts but for anyone interested.

Chapter Told Need For Vigorous Order

At the last meeting of Hornby District Royal Scarlet Chapter, a good turnout of members from all lodges in the district heard the Deputy Grand Lecturer of Ontario West, W. Bro. Black, deliver a stirring talk on the need for a vigorous Orange Order in Canada today.
He noted that the Order has increased considerably during this last year and stated that he hoped that this was only the beginning.
The Master of L.O.L. 68, Harvey Lusty, received the Royal Scarlet Degree.

Reading Dedicated To Late Member

Mrs. Robert Turner, Crescent Street, was hostess for the Evening Masonry meeting on Wednesday evening February 17. Mrs. R. O'Hara presided for the worship and study hour introducing the topic with a poem of consecration. Mrs. H. L. Bonnie read the Scripture Lesson and led in prayer.
Mrs. Earl Marshall read the chapter from the Study Book "Where'er the Sun" and continuing the voyage of discovery with "Cheer along the Way." Mrs. Pearl Kennedy and Mrs. Fred Anderson presented a little skit showing the need and the work done by the hospital visitors of the W.M.S.

Mrs. O'Hara read a few of the personal experiences as told by these women who work in the various hospitals.

For the business period, Mrs. J. Inglis, first vice-president, presided. The highlight of the Missionary Institute held in Guelph were reported by several who had attended.

Mrs. R. H. Armstrong contributed some chosen poems by Edna Jacques including "Beautiful Churches" and in conclusion Miss Helen MacFosell dedicated a reading "My Neighbor" to the late Mrs. McLellan, a respected member of the Senior W.M.S. and a devoted member of the church.

The meeting was brought to a close with the hymn "Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storm of Life" and the Mazzah Benediction.

Members remained for a half hour of social fellowship and enjoyed lunch provided by the committee.

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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendoline F. Clarke

Maybe I had better say a word or two about our grandson or someone will think he has been shipped down to Montreal. But that couldn't be. \$3,000 wouldn't pay for our David.
David Dee and Arthur were out for the day two weeks ago and what a change we saw in him. Strong, sturdy active and good-tempered. I don't think babies come any better than our grandson. Of course, that may be a slightly biased opinion but would you expect anything else from me? His grandpa thinks the same way. I am sure but admit it. No not he. What's all the fuss about? Says Partner. "The little like is just another baby!"

Last week I was in the city and stayed overnight with Daughter. It was seven p.m. when I arrived and I was greeted like this, "Oh, I'm so glad you've come in time. Art can't get home until late so will you baby-sit while I go shopping?" David's all right fast asleep in his cot. While she was talking, Daughter was also getting her coat on and was out of the house before I could agree or disagree.

I looked at my sleeping grandson and couldn't believe that two weeks could make so much difference. Four months old that very day and he looked six or seven. Fifteen minutes later he was awake and crying "Oh dear" I thought "now what's going to happen when he finds out his mother taking care of him?" I tried over his cot, but he looked up, stopped crying and began smiling and gurgling quite happily. From then on, it was easy going. I knew the early evening was over, his wakful period. I put him down on the big bed and for the next hour we really enjoyed our class as we both had quite a lot to talk about.

I was amazed that David did not make a sound with me as apparently he does with some people. Could it be some kind of mad man? I was the next best thing to his mother. Did he know that between us there was real kinship? If so he didn't have much consideration for his grandmother during the night. At four o'clock in the morning, he was giving an active demonstration of what a healthy pair of lungs can do. But I stayed put! That is a grandmother's privilege except in times of emergency. Love our grandchildren, look after them, sew and knit for them, baby-sit for them or take them for walks, but during the night, they are their mother's responsibility — father's too, for that matter. However, I know of one grandmother who gets up and goes to the parent's room if she hears the baby crying during the night. I might add her solicitude is not appreciated by her son and daughter-in-law.

Looking after David brought back to me one of my deepest regrets—that my mother never saw her Canadian grandchildren. I

Confer Blue Degree Of LOL at Oakville

At the last meeting of L.O.L. 3234, Oakville, the newest lodge in Halton county spent a busy night conferring the Blue degree on two brothers from Ireland and hearing a goodly number of able speakers, including W. Bro. Black, Deputy Grand Lecturer of Ontario West; W. Bro. Robert Drury, County Master of Peel; W. Bro. Jack Fox, County Master of Halton and W. Bro. A. Moore, Master of L.O.L. 467, Acton.

This rapidly increasing lodge is planning to organize a Ladies' Lodge at Oakville. Two applications for affiliation were received from two more brothers just out from Ireland and several more prospects for membership were discussed.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Warrant to the W. Master and members of L.O.L. 3234, made by W. Bro. Hlack on behalf of Grand Lodge.

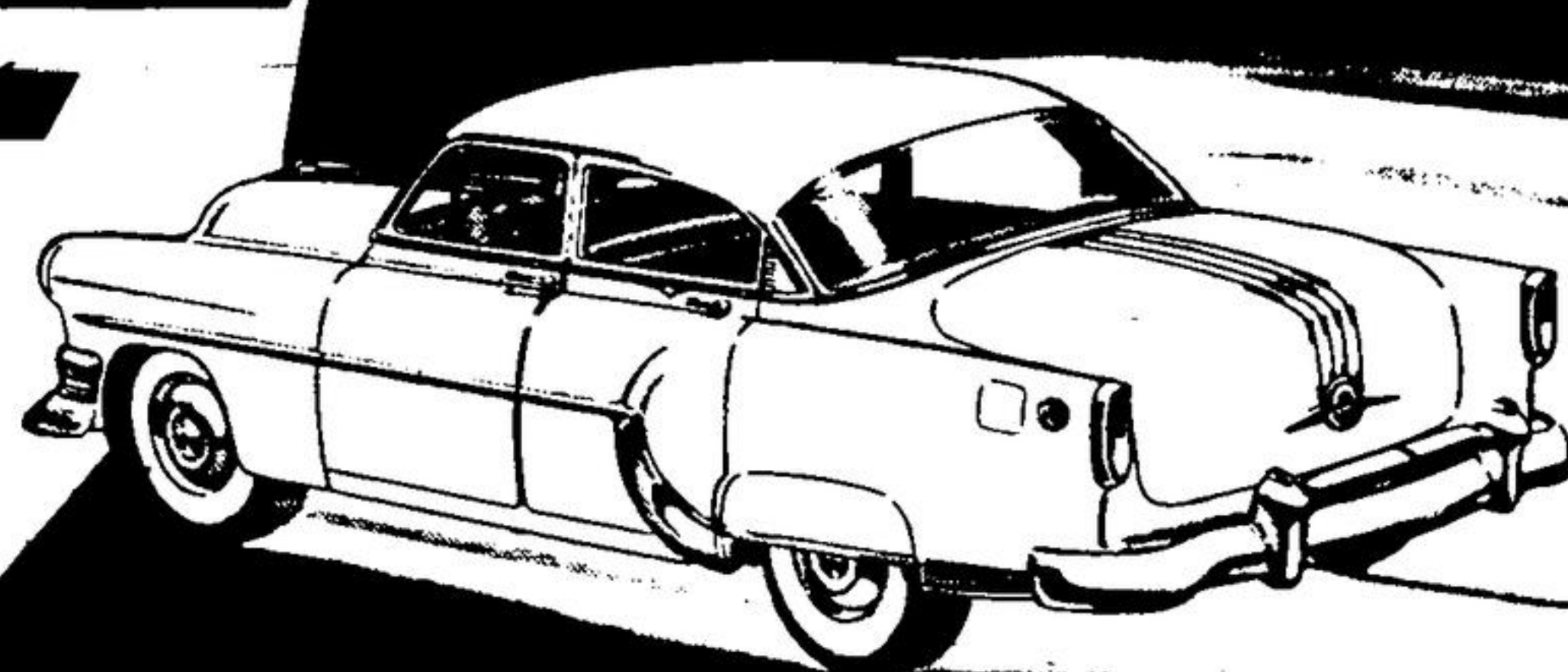
think a daughter, more so than a son, is never completely satisfied until she can more or less share her love and pride in her children with her own mother. When that is impossible it stays with her as an everlasting regret.

What a time I have arranging to get away when it will be the least inconvenience to Partner... and then I don't hit it right. I made plans for my two-day trip to the city earlier in the week but did not go because a man was coming to deliver some hoifers. On such an occasion I like to be around in case anyone gets hurt or needs help in any way. So I waited until Friday and then what happened? While Partner had all his own work to do, plus getting meals and attending to the fire and furnace, another cow had a calf; a new neighbor came to return a call while Partner was still at the barn; there was a telephone call from a friend living in Toronto who was visiting in Milton and expected to see me before he returned. Incidentally, I was phoning that same friend in Toronto only to learn he was in Milton. The father-in-law, man of the father-in-law, man made their customary calls and the mailman left a whole pile of "fan mail" also a mysterious parcel. The parcel was a cardboard box about a foot square. Inside the many paper wrappings were two glass tumblers. One was inscribed "Partner, Ginger Farm" and the other "Gwendoline, Ginger Farm." That's all, not a hint as to the identity of the donor and even the postmark was illegible and gave no clue. Partner said "Someone's pulling your leg!" Well, maybe maybe not. Anyway we used the glasses to-day. So to our unknown benefactor we say "thanks a lot." It was fun, anyway, coming home to a nice little surprise.

And now for a request. Can any reader of this column tell me where I can procure a copy of the Halton County Atlas, date 1870—I think—for which I shall be glad to pay anything that is reasonable. Also any old newspaper clippings, church, school or family items, that are no longer needed by the owner I am trying to collect all the information I can relative to the early history of the county. Now I have started I find it so fascinating I can't leave it alone.

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