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Do Your Best! Be Prepared! CUB & SCOUT News

Test passing at the early instruction period found some of the Cubs passing most of their Tenderpads tests. These classes will carry on at 8:30 each Thursday evening at the Scout Hall before the regular Cub meeting begins at seven.

To open last week's meeting the Grand Howl was led by acting Sixer David Peal. Six competitions were started, the Red Six finishing on top with 14 points.

The meeting closed with Cub Gordon Hufnagel leading the Pack in the Grand Howl.

Competitions will continue tonight, points being awarded for attendance, dues and Six participation. Instruction will be given on the First Star knots. Presentation of badges will also be made.

Again this week another Pack rule is outlined: "Any Cub who is sent home from a Pack meeting will lose his neckerchief and will remain at home for the following meeting. A phone or personal call to the parents by the Cubmaster will follow."

Two Missionaries Topic for Evening Auxiliary

The Ballinacred Auxiliary held their monthly meeting at the home of the president Mrs. F. J. Shortill, with the president in the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn. The roll call, "How to improve our auxiliary" was answered with some good ideas.

Minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Mrs. Sinclair. Cards and visits were taken by the recording secretary Mrs. Dick Shortill.

Acton Native Wed In Kitchener Friday

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Kitchener was lit with candles and decorated with multi-colored gladioli for the wedding of Jean Louise Dolmage and James Victor Spielvogel late Friday afternoon, May 14. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dolmage of Kitchener and Mr. Spielvogel the son of Mr. Rudolph Spielvogel of Acton and the late Mrs. Spielvogel.

Rev. F. G. Stewart officiated, with Mr. Edward Johnston playing the organ during the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a portrait gown of exquisite embroidered Swiss organza, with the bouffant skirt worn over a crinoline. The tightly moulded bodice with its brief cap sleeves featured an oval neckline, edged with a garland of floral petals in organza. This edging was repeated on the cuffs of the elbow length mittens. Her embroidered chapel veil was attached to a scalloped, semi-circular cap of cut work sheer organza.

She carried a white Bible with two gardenias and stephanotis.

Attending Miss Dolmage was Miss Patricia Maddick of Kitchener, who wore a ballerina length gown of frosted white organza over willow green corded taffeta. A large pleated cape collar framed the décolletage of the basque bodice, which was cinched at the waist with a cummerbund sash of green taffeta. She wore a butterfly winged smoked cloche hat in green taffeta with matching frilled mitts. She carried pink Sweetheart roses and white sweet peas with green streamers.

Groomsmen were Roy Kirkness of Acton, and the ushers William Spielvogel of Acton and Gerald Dolmage of Kitchener.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Hacienda in Waterloo. Guests were received by Mrs. Dolmage, who wore a grey and white dress with navy accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. She was assisted by Mrs. Allan Kirkness of Acton, who chose navy with white accessories, and pink carnations.

Guests were present from Georgetown, Bracebridge, Toronto, Mitchell, Wingham, Seaford, Clifton and Deep River as well as Kitchener and Acton.

Leaving on the wedding trip to Buffalo and Montreal, the bride wore a blue linen dress suit, with pink and navy accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. On their return, they will live in Kitchener.



THE OLD STONE SCHOOL, which to-day forms a part of Acton's present Public School building, was the town's third school building and is shown here in a Free Press reproduction from an old glass plate print owned by Mr. Frank McIntosh. This school was built in 1861. Over twenty years prior to that, the first school was built on the corner of River and Main Streets, where it still stands occupied by Hill, Lasby. The second school, a cottage roofed building, was erected on the same site in 1848 and was moved twice, first to Agnes Street then to Queen Street where it still stands, and is occupied by Matt Tyler. The stone school went up on the present Public School site in 1861 and it was not until 1892 that the front portion, at right, was torn down and a two storey brick structure erected which is the present front. In 1913, at a cost of \$6,500 a second storey of brick was added to the rear part at left. No further changes were made to the Public School until the new addition was opened two years ago. In September of this year the Public School will take over the present High School building.

Canadian in the U.K.

Grandeur of Roman Baths Stands Out in Traveller's Sights of England

By Mac Brown

Twenty-six days without rain in the county of Gloucestershire, but rain finally came and kept up for five days, almost steady rain. The farmers were beginning to worry in earnest. The clay land throughout the Cotswold Hills began to show small cracks and this is serious. The spring wheat wasn't growing; the leaves of the trees were only in bud form and the ground frosts each evening were holding the grass back. But the rain came and everybody was happy.

I returned from a five day trip down through the counties of Wiltshire, Somerset and Dorset. I had travelled 107 miles to the farm of Malcolm McIntosh at East Chaldon, 10 miles east of Dorechester, Dorset. Mr. McIntosh, a Scotchman born at Inverness, Scotland, but who spent over 20 years of his life working for the Cunard Line in China, is a tenant farmer who has 1,100 acres of land that runs right to the English Channel. He has over one mile of shoreline with chalk cliffs ranging from 75 feet to 320 feet. He has only 600 acres of land arable, as the back part of his farm is rough.

It is here 50 ewes and 103 lambs run, also 100 head of Galloway cattle, an animal that resembles the Aberdeen Angus only more upstanding with a very rough coat. The Galloway beast certainly shows plainness throughout, but does well on this poor hilly land near the sea that only has, in some places, two to three inches of soil covering the chalk. Mr. McIntosh keeps 100 head of Friesians of which 50 are milk cows. Five men are employed the year round.

Famous Roman Baths
I stayed here for two days and returned to Westbury, Wiltshire, to stay the week-end with relatives of Esquering councillor Walter Lingham. They have a grocery store in Westbury, a pretty town of 5,100 people. While there they took me to see the Roman Baths at Bath, 17

miles west of Westbury. Here in the city of Bath are the best preserved and most important relics in Great Britain of the Roman era. The Roman baths are situated under buildings 37 feet below the street level, are six feet deep with water in them. Steps lead down into them from four sides. Mineral springs are used both for bathing and drinking and are beneficial in all cases of rheumatism and gout as well as other ailments. Thousands come to Bath each year to drink the healing water which to me seems very strong with a sulphur taste.

While at Westbury, they took me to Lord Bath's house, a mansion built for £8,000. Most of the Kings and Queens down through the ages have stayed at this beautiful mansion. I also saw the oldest Saxon church at Bradford-on-Avon. This church is believed to be the oldest Saxon church in England.

During the week-end they took me to Salisbury, 26 miles east of Westbury. Here stands Salisbury Cathedral, started in 1220 and completed in 1258. The spire which at 404 feet is the tallest spire in England, was not added until later.

Neolithic Bones
Returning to Westbury we passed Stonehenge, the world-famous circle of vast neolithic stones in the centre of the Salisbury plains. Back of Westbury is a chiselled white horse, cut about half a foot down into the chalk on the side of the mountain. It can be seen for seven miles and is about 110 feet long. The legs are around 30 feet long. There are two such white horses in the County of Wiltshire.

Mr. Davidson-Smith went to the Gloucester Farm Institute to get information on feeding alfalfa seed. They recommend 15 pounds to the acre, also two tons of lime to the acre which seems a lot for these Cotswold Hills. While there, they gave me some statistics of cattle population of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. These were the last taken in June 1953: Great Britain had 24,777,000 and sheep 21,654,000. About 52 different breeds of these are on the island and in Northern Ireland while the pig population is 4,962,000.

Population Dense
The amount of stock on the island amazes me yet the farmers are able to produce only one-half the food to feed the island. There are 44 million people in England and Wales, of which eight and a half million live in London and about eight million live in Scotland. This means there are around 52

million on the island. Three million farmers and farm workers will have to farm more intensively if they hope to better this; they feel they can as it has been done in Denmark and could be done here. One can hardly imagine how thick the population is. In places there are 720 people to the square mile; this is quite a difference between Canada where there are 18 to the square mile.

Soon I leave for the County of Hampshire to stay there two days, then back to London to Cambridge University.

Well Difficulty In County Noted

The problem of the declining water table in Halton county was a topic of discussion when members of the Ontario Water Wells Association met last week in Oakville for their third annual convention.

All told, there are about 600 licensed well-drillers in Ontario, and at least 90 per cent of them belong to the association. 200 were at the convention.

Objective of the association is to raise the standards of the profession or trade. Means of accomplishing this include holding conventions where the drillers are shown the latest machinery for making bigger and better holes in the ground and given easily digested lessons in geology.

What about the declining water tables that have plagued residents of southern Peel and Halton counties? Sheldon S. Rice, Streetville, association vice-president, blames two factors. Earthquakes and deforestation. Less water is retained in the land to replenish the aquifers (water-bearing strata) since the trees were cut. And although Central Ontario isn't considered earthquake country, it does have occasional tremors. These crack the beds of the subterranean lakes. The water seeps out the cracks and wells go dry.

Fortunately however, Ontario has no more underground lakes—the southern part of the province has, anyway, than it has open lakes. And most of them can be reached with a 100-foot well. That isn't to say Mr. Rice sees such a big 900 foot well as a strong, useful water supply.

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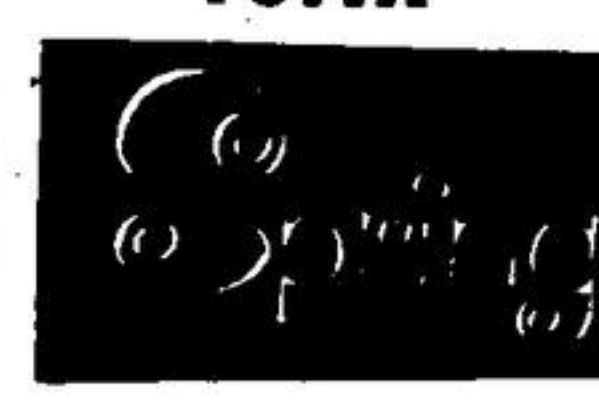
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