



A BUSH BLAZE threatened a large tract of Halton County Forest at Guelph Junction on Monday of this week as the fire crept through six to eight-year-old plantings of red pine, on an estimated four acres in the 125 acre tract. Milton Fire Brigade and members of the Department of Lands and Forests controlled the flames before they got into the heavier, surrounding bush.

YOUNG PINES BURNED BY FOREST FIRE PERHAPS BERRY PICKERS TO BLAME?

Fire that threatened 125 acres of Halton County Forest in the Snyder tract at Guelph Junction was brought under control on Monday afternoon by the Milton District Fire Brigade and Department of Lands and Forests rangers. The fire broke out about three-quarters of a mile back into the bush and Jim Ferrer reported that as he was walking back the road clearing steps, he noticed smoke from a small fire and on investigating found the blaze creeping rapidly through the area. He notified the Milton Brigade and the Department of Lands and Forests at Hespeler and help to quell the spread of the blaze arrived shortly from Milton. Zone Forester C. R. Geeves estimated about three to four acres of the area were burned over. The trouble was a fire like this is a real fight into the soil and burns the organic matter to the mineral soil which greatly reduces the value of the land, the forester commented. The area in which the fire was located was cut over and red pine plantings were about six to eight years old. Sprayed red pine trees of about 10 feet height stood yellowed and killed by the blaze that crept up at ground level, smothering the trees at the base and scorching the needles. Stumps in the area indicated the area had been severely burned over in 1933, the Forester suggested. Jim Ferrer turned in the alarm with the cooperation of O. Newell who lived at the entrance to the bush area and a half west of Guelph Junction. A wood fire had been attended by the brigade and department rangers on July 24 further back in the bush and Mr. Geeves reported it had been about a week to be sure the fire was completely extinguished with the area being kept regularly. The Milton brigade answered the call at 2 p.m. and did not return to town until after 4 p.m. During that time they poured over the gallons of water in flaming stumps and the creeping blaze in places. Department rangers used an additional 1500 gallons. If water obtained from a creek where they loaded a disposable reservoir. It was thought careless berry pickers might have been the cause of both blazes.

ROCKWOOD Reinforce Wall At Hortop's Dam

Hortop's mill is closed for a few days to allow repairs on the entrance of water power into the flume. A bulldozer from Acton was used during the week-end to shove mud to stop temporarily the water from flowing through the mill entrance. Monday, men were busy putting up forms for cement and reinforcing the top of the original stone wall. The mill itself has seen some changes in years gone by and some 50 odd years ago, the old mill stones used for grinding were much in evidence. Now up-to-date grinders with metal plates are in constant use. Mr. Walter C. Carpenter of Guelph conducted services in St. John's church Sunday morning. At the United church, Rev. James Neave conducted the service. Helen Moyer again presided at the console of the Hammond electric organ and will continue so till return of Mrs. Gordon S. Harris (nee Marie Land) from her wedding trip. At the Presbyterian church, Rev. Fred Williamson occupied his pulpit after his month's vacation. Girls' ball games are in the play-off at present. Following the game of Monday evening last week, when Rockwood Rockets beat Eden Mills, the home team suffered defeat last Friday evening at Eden Mills. Monday evening on the local diamond, Eden Mills won the score being 10-7. More of our town citizens who have been on holiday and returned home are Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jackson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Toss and family, who spent a week at Honey Harbour. Recent visitors from Montreal and Oshawa spent a week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Milne and family. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hurd of Weston were up for the week-end.

BALLINAFAD Institute Meets Several Holidaying

The Women's Institute meeting was held on Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Lloyd McLean. The meeting opened with the opening of the Ode and Mary Stewart Collet. Minutes were read and approved. Several items of business were discussed. Roll call was answered with "What a Child Should be Taught before Starting to School." Mrs. Baker, convener of education, took over the meeting and asked all to stand and sing School Days. She called on the different conveners for a two minute report. Mrs. Don Brown gave the current events and Mrs. Norman Sinclair the motto, "In youth we learn, in age we understand." Mrs. Baker gave a paper on education. The meeting closed with the Queen. Mr. and Mrs. Russ and Bobby are on holidays at Hespeler. The service next Sunday will be in charge of the Young People's Union at the regular time. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Laur, Jean and Peter and Shirley Kirkwood returned from a week's holidays at Victoria Harbour. Louise Snow is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLean. Beth McEnery spent a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen McEnery in Guelph. Mr. Tom Gibson is finished harvest and threshed out on August 10. Miss Young's house took on a new look with a new coat of paint. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McEnery attended the Old Time Fiddlers' contest at Shelburne.

Live in Rockwood After Trip to West

St. George's Anglican church in Guelph was the setting for the marriage of Miss Betty Jennings and Leonard William Charles Dadd. The four o'clock ceremony was performed by Canon Stanley A. Kirk. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jennings of Guelph and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dadd of Rockwood. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wall-length gown of lace over satin. The bodice was fashioned with tiny cap sleeves and a scoop neckline trimmed with rhinestones. Her fingertip veil was caught to a headpiece trimmed with rhinestones and pearls and she wore elbow length lace mittens and carried red roses. Mrs. Vera Howell was matron of honor for her sister. Her pale-green ballerina length gown was of net over taffeta. The strapless bodice was topped by a lace bolero. She wore a green flower headdress, matching green mittens and carried tinted yellow carnations. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Joy Hawkins, sister of the groom and Miss Dorothy Randall, wearing gowns similar to that of the matron of honor. Mrs. Hawkins in pale mauve and Miss Randall in pink. They wore matching flower headdresses and mittens and their flowers were tinted green carnations. Allan Dadd was best man for his brother and the ushers were Robert McAlpine and Henry Benham. Miss Anna Pond played the wedding music.

Eight Year Trip Encircles Globe

A young woman who went on a trip for 12 months and stayed away for eight years was home in Canada for a visit. She is Miss Dorothy Bridges, who visited in Acton last March on the last lap of her lengthy trip around the world. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert Johnston of Acton, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bridges. She has relatives here. Her home is in Victoria, B.C. Dorothy and her sister Louise set out for a year's trip in 1946. They visited many countries, taking a great variety of jobs some good, some not so good. Louise has married an Australian and now lives in the Malayan peninsula. Miss Dorothy Bridges has just recently returned to her position as financial manager of a U.S. firm in the Orient. The girls sailed from San Francisco and toured New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, Ceylon, India and China. Given a holiday from her firm Miss Bridges completed her circuiting the globe. En route to Canada's west coast, she saw, for periods from two days to three weeks, Bangkok, Karachi, Beirut, Cairo, Rome, Zurich, Paris, England, Boston, New York and Acton. As librarians, the girls worked in some odd places, including underground. As teachers, they taught mathematics in shillings and pence.

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