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Language, Weather Different In Iran

David Norton and Gordon Hurst have left for another term at Lakefield Prep School. David, whose parents are at present in Iran, is the grandson of Mr. William Norton. His friend, Gordon, comes from Peru, where the Norton's lived for several years.

David's father is now with the Iranian Oil Explorations and Producing Co. in Abadan, southern Iran and one of his first tasks is to learn the Persian language. Mrs. Norton is also getting two hours tuition a day. Their climate is not like ours for they planted their garden before Christmas and flower and vegetables are growing nicely although their nights are chilly.

The boys have been visiting in the Acton-Georgetown area during the holidays.

90th Birthday

A happy birthday is the wish of the community for Dr. H. A. McCullough who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday.

Mrs. D. W. Shier spent Christmas in Toronto.

Barbara Lindsay, who is in training at the Guelph General Hospital, spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay.

Mr. Frank Miller, who has been in Vancouver is at present with the E. L. Millers.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lindauer on the birth of their daughter, Doris Elaine and to Mr. and Mrs. Clare Burns, who have a son.

Mr. Frank Marchington and his son, Kenney of Ottawa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marchington.

BALLINAFAD

J. P. Kirkwood Was Treasurer For 19 Years

The annual meeting of the United Church was held on Monday night in the church basement with Rev. Morgan McFarlane of Georgetown presiding. Good reports were received from all the different societies. Mrs. F. J. Shortill was appointed treasurer to fill Mr. J. P. Kirkwood's place. The latter has had the position for 19 years.

The Women's Institute held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Marshall on January 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shortill have moved from their farm on the 8th line to their home in Ballinafad. Their son, Floyd, who was married in the fall, has taken over the farm.

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Scores Wide In Junior Matches Milton Wins 13-8, Palermo 15-8

In a goal-studded game when the opposition almost doubled Acton's score, Palermo emerged victors 15-8 in this week's Junior Farmer hockey game. In the second game of the evening at Milton arena, the home team, Milton Junior Farmers, downed Norval 13-8.

Acton was outscored in every period of the match, although the score was 3-1 in their favor before the men from the south of the county put on the steam.

Also keeping the match's record keepers busy were the eight penalties which were meted out to D. McKenzie, Coon, B. Wheeler and B. Somerville of Acton and L. Vivian and B. Price of Palermo. All were minor.

Line-ups—Acton: M. Sprowl, C. Sprowl, G. Scott, Coon, DeBlauw, G. Wheeler, D. McKenzie, J. Marshall, L. Thompson, C. Thompson, B. Wheeler, B. Somerville, B. Overland, Footitt.

Palermo: J. Delmen, K. Vivian, D. Vivian, L. Vivian, B. Cudmore, Bob Marshall, G. Greer, B. Price, D. Pelletterio, Bill Marshall, G. Richardson, B. Broughton, P. Flippance, G. Pelletterio.

Two misconduct penalties, both to Norval players, marred the 13-8 Milton win. P. Pomeroy and K. Richardson both merited the majors in the third period. Others off the ice temporarily during the encounter were A. Howden, G. Gillies and C. Gillies for Milton, E. Wilson, D. Pomeroy and H. Wilson for Norval.

Scoring was fairly even, goal for goal, until the last of the third period when Milton crowned their win with seven goals in a row. Stars of the splurge were Willmott, who got four of the seven and two assists, and D. LeRiche with two. G. Gillies shot home the other.

Line-up — Milton: G. Gillies, C. Gillies, E. McDowell, D. Pearson, C. McCann, H. Tasker, F. Tasker, R. Tasker, A. Howden, D. LeRiche, J. Willmott, D. Johnson.

Norval: F. Brigden, E. Wilson, B. Wilson, H. Wilson, J. Cunningham, R. Cunningham, K. Richardson, F. Barnes, C. McDonald, G. Ferguson, P. Pomeroy, D. Smith.

PERSONALS

Dr. Will Somerville of Haileybury visited Acton relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leslie are among those who will be spending some of the winter months in Florida. They left this week.

Visiting friends and relatives in town on Sunday were former Actonians, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Harrison of Toronto. They are leaving for Florida this week-end.

The annual banquet for the employees of Ledger's IGA store was held last evening (Wednesday) at Hilltop lodge, Erin. Dancing was enjoyed after the turkey dinner.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter on the week-end were their son, Sgt. Fred Hunter, his fiancee, Miss Mary Alger and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Alger of Picton. Next Sunday Sgt. Hunter leaves for Shilo, Manitoba, where he will be instructing troops.

Among those from Acton who attended the annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial of the Presbyterian church Tuesday in Guelph were Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, Mrs. C. Hansen, Mrs. L. Masters, Mrs. W. Toth, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. E. A. Hansen and Mrs. H. L. Bennie.

Rockwood WA, WMS Hold First Meetings

Mrs. David Gray entertained the ladies of Rockwood Presbyterian W.M.S. and W.A. for their first meeting of the new year.

With the President, Mrs. George Swanston in charge a short business meeting of the W.A. was held. Encouraging reports on the year's work were given by the secretary and treasurer and future improvements were planned.

After the Mispah benediction, Mrs. J. Freeman took the chair for the W. M. S. and opened the meeting with a poem followed by a hymn. Mrs. Gordon Swanston read the scripture lesson and Mrs. T. Storey the Glad Tidings prayer.

An interesting letter from the wife of a missionary in Formosa was read by Mrs. W. Swanston and a report on her work as deaconess by Miss Margaret Near was read by Mrs. Feeman.

Mrs. D. Black conducted the installation of officers for the coming year.

The meeting was closed with a hymn and prayer. Mrs. Gray assisted by Mrs. L. Johnston and Mrs. L. Gamble served refreshments and al enjoyed a social time together.

When you feel discouraged at your job and feel like the smallest pebble on the beach, remember that the "big potatoes are on top of the heap because a lot of little potatoes are in there holding them up."

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HALTON CENTENNIAL MANOR

Acton Baptist Group Presents Play At Manor

On Friday night, January 6, the residents of the Manor were glad to welcome a group of young people from the Acton Baptist church, a group which has put on very delightful entertainments on previous occasions. The main part of the entertainment took the form of a delightful little play, with the young people taking the various parts.

Before the play began, however, the residents viewed a number of beautiful colored slides showing scenes of great beauty in California, Oregon and British Columbia. They were shown by Mrs. Hutchen, who also identified the places shown as the slides were projected on the screen.

The play was a three act play called The Crowded Life. It was performed extremely well in spite of the fact that there was no curtain or raised platform as in a regular theatre. The humor was delightful and the moral well established. It was directed by Mrs. Garner and performed by the following cast: father, Warren Wagner; mother, Fay Garner; son, John Tripp; son's chum, Roy Dunk; daughter, Ruth Landsborough; maid, Helen Landsborough; doctor, Bob Landsborough.

As was the case with the plays produced previously by young people of the Acton Baptist church, this play, The Crowded Life, was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the audience at the Manor.

New Year's Theme

On Sunday, January 8, it was a pleasure for the residents to see again at the Manor, Rev. E. Orsborn, minister of Knox Presbyterian church, Milton, and Mrs. S. Lockie. Mr. Orsborn was in charge of the afternoon service in the chapel and Mrs. Lockie played the accompaniments for the hymns.

Since it was still early in the New Year, Mr Orsborn conducted a service in keeping with this time of year. Hymns suitable to the New Year were sung and the 23rd Psalm was read

As his text for this New Year sermon, Mr Orsborn chose the last verse of the Book of Daniel. He developed his theme by comparing life to a journey, a continuous journey, with swift changes and with many duties to be performed every day. For this reason, life requires a great deal of effort, but God has told us to walk and not faint, until we reach the final goal.

Slipped Under Truck Boy, 5, Hospitalized

Levio Bonin, aged five, was hospitalized after he slid under the wheels of a truck at his home at the Lime Kilns, Friday of last week.

Police stated that a bread truck driven by William Coulter of Campbellville was backing out of the lane and Levio slipped on some ice, falling under the front wheels of the truck.

The boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonin, was treated by Dr. Hunter at Milton Private Hospital.

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — The local museum has acquired a poster published in 1901, announcing a "Greate Synging Meeting" at the Moose Jaw Social Centre and Reading Room.

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OSPRINGE

4-H Leaders Chosen Milky Way Project

Mrs. Len Buck was hostess for the January meting of the Women's Institute. With thirteen ladies present, the roll call was answered by a recipe for a hot supper. After the Ode and the Collect, Mrs. Wilfred Awry read the minutes and treasurer's report. Letters of thanks were read from shut-ins who received boxes of cheer at Christmas.

Mrs. E. Fisher and Mrs. E. Archibald were chosen as leaders for the 4-H homemaking club project, "The Milky Way." Mrs. D. G. Robertson read a story on New Years' and Miss Doris Fines took charge of the topic, Home Economics and Health, with an excellent paper. The motto, It takes face powder to get a man, but baking powder to keep him was the subject for a humorous paper by Mrs. Ken Stubbington. A contest on birds and animals was won by Mrs. Norman McKenzie.

God Save the Queen was sung and a social time was enjoyed with lunch being served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. DeVries and Mrs. Robertson acting for Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Klooster is ill with jaundice and Mrs. Sy DeVries has been home with pneumonia.

Mrs. Fred Johnston and Mrs. Martha Jackson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alf Winter and family at Oustic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Snyder and two daughters returned home Thursday following a two weeks visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Miss Joyce Robertson of the Kitchener Public School Staff was home for the week-end.

ROCKWOOD

Mrs. R. Nickell 95 Years Old

Congratulations to Mrs. R. Nickell on the occasion of her 95th birthday.

Another of our Rockwood residents, Mrs. M. O'Brien is nearing her 101st birthday the latter part of this month, on January 22nd.

Sunday evening another of Mr. Martin Bauer's junior choir sacred concerts was enjoyed in the United Church, the young people of Knox Church, Guelph, being the guests along with a number of the Presbyterian Church in the village. One pleasing feature of the evening, was the presence of "The Royalettes" ladies' quartette from Guelph. Their numbers of the program were much enjoyed. Mr. Bauer also contributed some vocal selections with Mrs. Gordon Harris at the console of the organ. There was a good attendance considering the weather conditions.

Mr. Wm. Hurren, who is an employee of the C.N.R. moved to Hamilton last week.

Holy Communion was observed at St John's Church Sunday afternoon.

EVERTON

Birthday Occasions Gathering on Sunday

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. Viterwijk and family were Mr. and Mrs. M. Gehuts, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Gehuts, Rene and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. S. Toebes, Elly and Henry, Acton. The happy occasion was Mr. Viterwijk's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hortop, Elizabeth and Nancy visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hortop, Rockwood.

Mrs. Omar Parker visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ralph Comfort, Guelph.

Miss Evelyn Dolmer, Guelph, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dolmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Ian, Guelph were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Alton.

Miss Janette Hindley spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hindley.

New Year's and through the week visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ware were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Edwards and family, Mrs. Betty Hamilton and Ted, Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Mampaey and Lewy, Mrs. Bob Hamilton and Lois, Rockwod, Mr. Harry Ware, Barbara, George and Jimmy, Mr. Tom and Bert Ware, Acton, Mr. R. H. Elliot, of Guelph, Miss Joan Hamilton, of Guelph, and Mr. Jim Forbes of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bruce and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hortop and family visited recently with Miss Ada Currie and Mr. Erett Currie, Ospringe.

LIMEHOUSE

Local School Pupils Enjoy Skating Party

The Earl Scott's entertained local school children at a skating party on their rink at Blue Valley ranch on Friday evening, serving hot dogs and drinks.

Mrs. Kennedy and her son of Huttonville were New Year visitors with the Archie McDonald's.

Mrs. Warrington of Cobourg spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. Norton.

Mr. Joseph Swtizer returned to the home of his daughter on Thursday after a month's treatment in Guelph General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeo and little son of Savant Lake are with Mr. and Mrs. N. Quibell and children.

The Newton Ruddell's entertained the Ruddell families for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Lane and the H. Norton's.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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

Last Saturday was a lovely morning—cold and bright—so much nicer than the dull, foggy, half-freezing weather we had had for over a week. A day that made you feel like settling down to work and getting a few "extras" done. "After all who minds the cold?" I remarked. "No one—if they don't have to be out in it, any more than you do," Partner replied.

Well, I didn't argue the point except to say that although Partner is in and out most of the day he does not seem to mind the cold either. Anyway, it was such a lovely morning that, even though it was Saturday, I went ahead and got a two week's washing done. My washdays are controlled by the weather, not the day of the week. I was certainly glad I got busy that time as, by mid-afternoon, the weather had changed again and we were almost freezing under the full force of a bitter north-east wind.

Our sunroom, where I have nearly all my plants, dropped down to 32 degrees and was getting colder. By nine o'clock I was moving all the plants on to the dining room table. And what a job that was. They are there yet as the wind, as I write, is still howling around the house, but fortunately it has veered slightly away from the east.

However, I guess our troubles are nothing to what they are experiencing in the Maritime provinces. It is almost fantastic to think of miles and miles of power lines brought down by freezing rain. If we get a touch of the same thing in Ontario think of the thousands of homes that would be left without heat.

Hydro power is a wonderful convenience—until it fails. It is then that homes with an oil furnace and electric kitchen range get cold in a hurry. I often think we are inviting trouble when we depend so much on electricity for the comforts and necessities of life. And more particularly when the wiring is old and inadequate. For instance one family I know of, moved into an old farm house a few years ago. They had previously lived in the city so of course their country home had to be entirely remodelled. Since then they have installed almost every electrical gadget on the market from an electric frying pan to an automatic dishwasher. At Christmas time they had a number of house guests, so, with all the appliances, extra cooking and many lights burning, they spent most of one evening blowing fuses and replacing them. How they finally solved the problem I don't know.

Increasing the number of appliances without inspection of the wiring is like pouring water into a pitcher that is already full—and a lot more dangerous. Old houses were never wired to take the load that is expected of them now. Dee and Art found that out to their sorrow after moving to another house last spring. They soon called in an electrician to look over the situation. What he discovered in the way of faulty home-wiring was a crime. Of course everything is all right now but it was naturally an unlooked for expense.

Which reminds me: David went to hospital again last Thursday and came home on Friday—minus his tonsils and adenoids. At first he seemed so well but now he is running a temperature. We hope it is only temporary and that this concludes his visits to the hospital for a little while. Honey is having her turn too and is in the Dogs' Hospital for observation and treatment for partly paralyzed hindquarters. I asked Daughter if Honey's hospitalization came under the Blue Cross. You can imagine her answer.

Well, we thought we had heard almost everything in the way of advice to farmers, but last week Professor D. R. Campbell, head of the O.A.C. came out with something quite new. In brief he said there were too many farmers and those in low income groups should move to the city and seek more profitable jobs in industry. As if young farmers need encouragement in that direction! Promising young fellows, showing every indication of becoming modern and progressive farmers, have already been lured away by industry's shorter hours and higher wages.

As for hired help, a good man is hard to get. In fact this problem alone deters many farmers from operating their farms to capacity—and in that way they help increase the number of low-income farmers. We have a great, many industrial plants in this district and jobs are already being filled by men and boys from nearby farms. A young lad, who has already quit farming for factory work would undoubtedly listen to Professor Campbell's remarks with glee. I can imagine him turning to his father with the remark—"There, Dad—you see I am on the right track. That chap says there are too many farmers. And he should know." A young fellow wouldn't stop to analyse the statement and sift out the qualifying remarks.

It is all very confusing. A great hue and cry about farm land being taken over by the St. Lawrence Seaway. Department of Highways, subdivisions and industrial plants—and then Professor Campbell says in a public statement there are too many farms. What are we to think?

—Several families have moved into their new homes in the Lakeview subdivision.