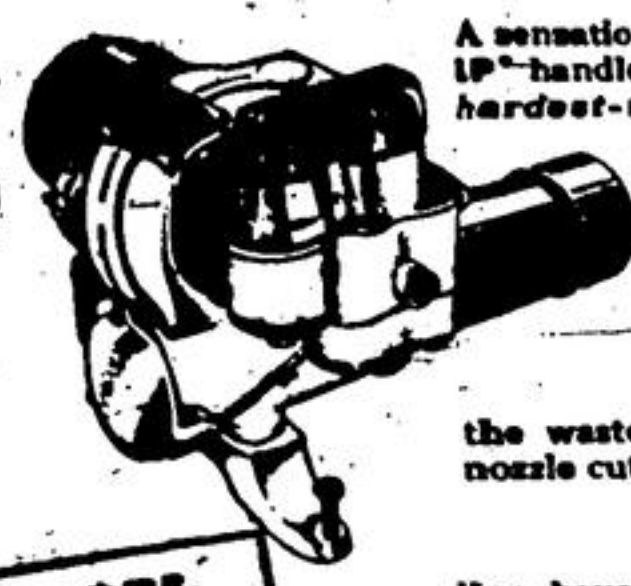


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Burlington Newspapermen Retire Honored by Citizens; Weekly Men

Citizens of Burlington and newspaper representatives in the weekly field honored Elgin and George Harris at a testimonial dinner in the Estaminet last Thursday evening. A television set was presented on their behalf to E. A. Harris, and an outboard motor to George Harris.

Most of the evening was given over to reminiscing about the old days, which was enjoyed equally by those who had lived through them and those who were hearing of them for the first time.

A. S. Nicholson was chairman for the evening and Paul A. Fisher gave an historical review of the early days in Burlington and district. Presentations were made by M. C. Smith to E. A. Harris and by A. D. Pellerin to George Harris.

Speaking on behalf of the weekly newspapermen were W. Teller, managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association; Don Fairbairn, C.B.C. Neighbourly News broadcaster, and G. A. Dills, editor of the Acton Free Press and the Milton Canadian Champion.

M. M. Robinson, president of the newly formed Burlington Printing Co., introduced the officers and directors of the new company and outlined the plans and aims for the Gazette for the future.

Mothers' Guests At Mission Band

Mothers and ladies of the United church were interested guests at the Mission Band Thankoffering meeting in the church. Katherine Garrett presided and Christine Johnston welcomed the group.

Ten children gave Scripture verses and Donna Shortill gave the prayer. After the business part of the meeting, Marlene Healy and John McGeachie took the offering. Ricky Inneside gave the dedication.

After an action song, The Windmill, the youngsters enjoyed a guessing game. Mrs. Helen Little read a story. Paul Wolfe gave a piano solo.

After the closing hymn, prayer was given by Rev. Gordon Adams. Miss Fern Brown was the accompanist for the program.

W.A. Serves Dinner To County Meetings

The Women's Association of the United church met in the Sunday School room on Tuesday of last week with the president, Mrs. H. Burns, presiding. The meeting opened with the Ode and prayer, followed by the roll call. A noted statesman. Recreational was taken by Mrs. H. Burns.

The ladies served dinner to the Presbyterian and executive of the Woman's Missionary Society of Halton county.

They were pleased to see Mrs. Poole able to be attending again. Deepest sympathy was extended to Mrs. B. Miller through the recent removal by death of her husband, and to the family and friends of the late Mrs. A. White, who was a member of the United church in Acton and had been living in Guelph for the past few years.

Ladies are still busy on the quilting project and having success for their sale of quilts. The sick were remembered with cards during the month of April.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Ralston, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. Wm. Sterritt and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.



Civil Defence in a Small Town

Ninth in a series of 24 articles

The small town will have to come to the rescue of the cities if Canada is ever involved in a nuclear war. In the civil defence plan, the small town would assume the role of relief and rehabilitation.

The only effective defence against the H-bomb, with its massive destructive power, is evacuation of likely target areas before the bomb falls. The population of strategic cities, therefore, would have to be absorbed in small towns and villages up to 100 miles away. That brings practically every community in the country a vital role in the over-all plan.

Towns close to cities may be required to provide many types of assistance. Transportation, most vital element in evacuation planning, may be required to help carry away the city population. Assistance from the closer towns' fire departments would be needed since no city is equipped to battle the fires expected to follow a nuclear attack.

But the big job would be to care for the fleeing refugees. Many would have nothing with them but the clothes they were wearing. The small towns would have to provide them with clothing, food and shelter. Emergency hospitals would have to be set up outside the stricken cities.

The first thing necessary for a small town's civil defence planning is to determine how its present facilities and lay-out can best be used. How many refugees could it care for? What help could it spare for a target city? Has it any large buildings that could serve as emergency hospitals? How many feeding establishments could it handle in an emergency?

Then it must have a plan through which its facilities can be put into use. The need of volunteers train-

ed to supplement all of a town's regular services—police, fire, health and welfare—is obvious considering the increased demands a large influx of refugees would make on them.

No community, however small or isolated, can consider itself outside these responsibilities. The vast area that would be affected by just one H-bomb blast refuses to relieve any town of these obligations.

It is estimated, for example, that the area contaminated by radioactivity downwind from one exploded bomb might be 500 miles long and 40 miles wide. The size of this area would vary, according to the power of the bomb, the height at which it burst, the nature of the ground under the burst and the weather at the time. It is possible to survive this fall-out radiation in proper shelter, for such radioactivity decays rapidly.

But evacuation is still the most effective defence. In event of a heavy bomb blast, leaving a whole city dangerously radioactive, and contaminating large areas outside it, the refugees would have only one safe course, to keep going until they got as far away as possible.

So no small town or community can consider itself too isolated to be of use in reducing the effects of nuclear attack on the larger and less fortunate communities.

"Having regard to the magnitude of the problems before us," F. F. Worthington, Federal Civil Defence Co-ordinator, has said, "it must be obvious to all that our safety depends on nationwide unity of purpose."

"There are no short cuts. The responsibility cannot be placed on the shoulders of any one level of government, nor can it rest entirely on the shoulders of the three levels of government."

Chamber Backs Two-Year Term For Councillors

Adoption of the two-year term of office will be recommended to Oakville and Trafalgar councils at their next meetings in a brief to be presented by the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce, says Allen Klarer, manager of the Chamber.

"The directors of the Chamber have approved the brief, prepared by the civic affairs committee, of which D. A. Lambert is chairman," said Mr. Klarer. "We will leave it to the councils to use their own discretion as to whether they will adopt the 'staggered' system or the straight two-year term, if they approve our recommendation."

"In the course of its survey the civic affairs committee learned that 58 Ontario municipalities, including 16 of the province's 29 cities, have now adopted the two-year term. Last year we presented to the town council facts regarding the two-year term of office and the ward system and the information was tabled. The civic affairs committee started its present survey in December."

Watermain Leak Bill Costs \$900

White inter-urban area workmen of Burlington-Nelson hunted without success for more than a month, trying to track down a leak in the 100-mile watermain system, an estimated eight million gallons of water seeped away.

As a result, Nelson township is being billed by the Water Board for half the lost water, plus the cost of finding the leak. The bill will amount to about \$900.

The leak was first noticed early in April when the meters at the filtration station on Lakeshore East suddenly began registering thousands of gallons more than the average daily consumption at this time of year. Employees were sent out to find the leak and had to do most of the hunting during the night hours because day noises made use of their special phones almost impossible.

The leak was discovered on April 17 at Woodward Ave and Sharon St. just over 40 days after the meters started zooming, but it was not the special phones that made the find. The water finally broke to the surface. Engineer Jack Higbee informed the board at its last meeting. He said it could have been caused by a shovel tooth during sewer excavation since a sewer had been laid under the watermain last December.

Cost of locating and repairing the leak was set at \$221.44, while the board instructed its secretary to bill the township council for 4,000,000 gallons of water, half the estimated loss, at 17 cents per 1000 gallons.

Tipson Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

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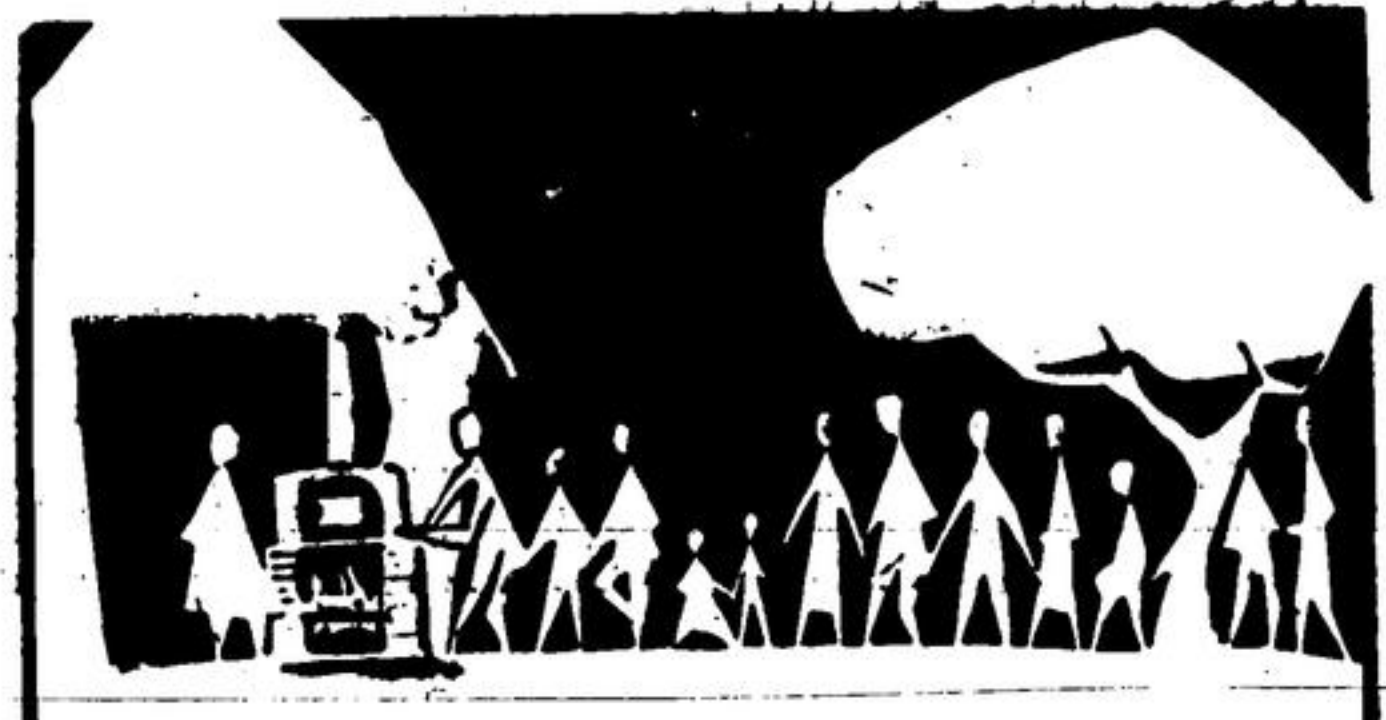
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Acton Public School KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

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