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### Halton County Shows Way In Social Work, TB Seals

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tion and to expand the social service area of rehabilitation. He advised the meeting that \$2,000 had been donated to the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital for the purpose of outfitting a room and the Association was prepared to support in a similar manner any new hospital anywhere in the county where the Association deemed it advisable.

Dr. Holling, Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Collings praised the activities of the Association and the effective way in which assistance was given to Halton county citizens.

Mrs. R. R. Parker, the social worker, reported on the activities in the area of social service during the past year. 200 visits had been made to homes and hospitals since Mrs. Parker first took over the duties of social worker nine months ago.

Mr. Bean advised the meeting the Association was better able to as-

ist the citizens of the county as a result of the services rendered by the social worker, Dr. Holling stated there was keen interest in this project of having a social worker and again Halton county was showing the way.

After the meeting, the directors met and elected the following officers: president, E. C. Foster, Campbellville; vice-president, G. C. Gowland, Milton; honorary treasurer, H. M. Harrison, Oakville; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lunan, Oakville; medical advisory committee, Dr. A. F. Bull, Burlington; Women's Institute representative, Mrs. Somerville, Acton; chairman, educational committee, B. MacNab, Milton; chairman, social service and rehabilitation, Mrs. M. Pettit, Milton.

The other officers of the Association are: H. C. Morris, Oakville; Ken McDonald, Georgetown; Dr. W. M. Anderson, Oakville; Norman Craig, Burlington; W. R. Green, Oakville; John Goy, Acton and Mrs. R. Parker, Acton.

Mr. Bean's resignation was accepted with regret but he explained he was leaving the county and could no longer take an active part in the administration of the Association's affairs. He was warmly praised for his efforts over the past two years.

### UNITED SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY APPOINTMENT

Mr. T. P. Pinckard, General Manager of United Suburban Gas Company Limited, has appointed James F. Robertson District Manager for Acton, Milton and Georgetown. Mr. Robertson was born in Esquewaugh Township and is the son of Mrs. M. Robertson and the late John F. Robertson, formerly of Acton. For a number of years he has been with the United Gas and Fuel Company in Hamilton and has now taken up residence in Georgetown. (Adv.)

### John Charles Benham Anne Owens Married

Chrysmthomms... and fern adorned Rockwood United church for the wedding of Miss Anne Owens, daughter of Mrs. Luella Owens and the late William Owens, Hespeler, and John Charles Benham, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Benham of Rockwood. Rev. J. Dilts officiated.

James Owens of Toronto gave his niece in marriage. She was gowned in a floor length embroidered crystaline over taffeta frock, styled on princess lines with a V neckline and long lily pointed sleeves. She carried pink sweetheart roses centered on a white Bible accented with white streamers.

Miss Irene Owens was maid of honor in a ballerina length gown of blue taffeta with matching daisy headpiece carrying a bouquet of pale pink shasta daisies.

Flower girl, Miss Eileen McAsoy, wore a pink nylon over taffeta gown with matching pink daisy headpiece and carried a bouquet of blue shasta daisies.

David Benham, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Gerald McAsoy of Hespeler and Arthur Stovel, Rockwood. Mrs. Gordon supplied the wedding music.

A reception was held in the Rockwood United Sunday school room.

For a honeymoon trip to the southern United States, the bride changed to a printed blue dress with matching navy linen duster coat. She chose white and navy accessories with a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Benham are making their home at R.R. 3, Rockwood.

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**

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

This time last year I was in England where the average daytime temperature was around 64 degrees. During last week's heat wave it didn't make me feel any cooler to remember how comfortable I was a year ago—comfortable wearing a suit, or a sweater-dress, topped by a light-weight long coat. Sometimes I wasn't quite warm enough but even so, it was preferable to what we had to put up with last week.

Wasn't the heat and humidity terrific? Especially after sundown—no wind, not a breath of air either indoors or out. I wouldn't venture outside during the evening anyway—not with giant-size mosquitoes around. All the peaky insects seem abnormally big this year—flies, mosquitoes and June-bugs.

Dave was still with us and the poor little chap was covered with bites although I anointed him with insect repellent several times a day. It was hot work looking after an active youngster but the hotter it got, the gladder we were he was here and not in the city. If we had been allowed we would like to have kept him all summer but I am afraid our work would have suffered. As it was, Partner had to quit fixing fences because the heat and mosquitoes were too much for Dave.

But was he proud of himself? Partner had been using the manure spreader as a trailer behind the tractor and Dave went along sitting on a box covered with an old quilt. That was the real McCoy.

Saturday evening Dave, Art, Honey and the baby came to take David home. It was six weeks since Dave had seen Mummy and Daddy and at first he wasn't too sure about them. However, in about five minutes the reunion was complete, especially with Honey. No wonder we often hear "a boy and a dog belong together." That is certainly true with Dave and his dog. The baby? Well, Dave wasn't too interested in the baby. He looked at him and said "nice baby" and then went back to Honey.

We had a great time loading the car with toys, eggs, clothes and equipment. Especially clothes which served as an illustration of our changeable climate. Inside of six weeks Dave had worn everything from a snowsuit and rubber boots to little more than his birthday suit. The last few days he had been running around clad only in a little pair of training pants.

After everyone had gone, the house seemed strangely quiet. In fact, it was so quiet I got very little sleep that night. There was the empty cot and no small boy twatting restlessly around all night. And I would think about him and wonder how he was settling down in his home environment and what would be his reaction to a new baby in the home.

Sunday seemed quieter still but blessedly real Partner had only the dogs trailing him around. On his way to the barn or the hen-house and I was saved numerous trips to the bathroom.

Mitchie White welcomed the change. After an exploratory trip to the house, he found it so peaceful he stayed around all day. And of course we were able to watch television without interruptions.

Speaking of TV, there was a wonderful documentary program Sunday night. In the Shadow of the City showing farm land before and after. First as a prosperous farm, then the sale of a farm, stock and implements. Finally the process of construction as the land was taken over for a subdivision. And then the finished picture—a family life in a newly developed community, with all its advantages and disadvantages. It was so good I hope the CBC will repeat it.

Well, it is now Monday morning—a lovely, cool, refreshing morning. No excuse now for not getting up, with the sun at least—if it peeps in at all. At this moment Partner is in the throes of a bad attack of arthritis in his hands, following a very restless night. A trucker has just come in to take away a veal calf. That makes one less lovely little creature for Partner to cope with—but it will also mean more milking and more cream to separate.

I wonder if the cause—and a real cure—for arthritis will ever be found. It can often be relieved but seldom is it cured. It is responsible for the loss of more work hours than any other disease. Here is Partner, for instance, still young enough to be active and yet unable to cope with a normal day's work.

The most insidious thing about prolonged arthritis is its weakening effect. Pain and disability a person can cope with to a certain extent, but progressive weakness is another matter. This year Partner knew that even with help he could not handle the hay so he sold the standing hay to one neighbor and rented one half of the farm to another for pasture.

Even at that, we have a lot to be thankful for. Partner is well and healthy in every other respect. It is just "the miseries" that get him down—the aftermath of five years' war service. As an "old vet" he could probably get a burnt-out pension. But who could live on \$1,200 a year these days? Unless it has been changed, that is the maximum income for a burnt-out pensioner.

The Lord helps those who help themselves—but apparently that isn't the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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