



**ACTON HIGH SCHOOL** nearly made a clean sweep at last week's inter-school field day. It was the school with the most points, the girls' relay team took first place for a trophy, and an Acton boy won the 880 yard dash open. In the front row above are: bantam girl champion Karen McMurray of Milton; junior girl champion Ruth Landsborough of Acton; intermediate girl champion Blair Hotchen of Acton. In the back row are senior boy champion Wayne Arbic of Acton; winner of the 880 yard dash and the Tom Watson trophy, Bruce Andrews of Acton; junior champion Ron Hayward, Acton.

**Eden Crest W.I. Visit**

**Museum Recalls Gracious Age**

The September meeting of the Eden Crest Women's Institute was under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Mack, convener of Historical Research and Current Events, and took the form of an evening visit to the Elora Museum, an evening which was both entertaining and instructive. For most, it was the first visit to the museum, and all were amazed at the variety and quantity of objects which have been collected, labelled and arranged to good advantage in such a short time. Mrs. Haggerty, the charming curator, is well informed about the exhibits and takes pleasure in explaining the use of the various items, many of which are indeed puzzling to this generation.

There were beautiful and intricate samplers done in almost invisible stitches by small girls who spent their time in more lady-like pursuits than do little girls today. These samplers recorded some gem of thought which might be an inspiration to the child, but they also served to preserve patterns of various stitches in a day when written instructions for needlework were not available.

A boy's dress made of a seersucker fabric with very elaborate black embroidery recalled the days when boys wear dresses up to school age. There was a beautiful plush-covered foot warmer designed to hold a coal fire for use on a long sleigh drive or even in the houses which were inadequately heated. Most ingenious was the hearing aid which certainly was not intended to keep one's infirmity a secret, consisting of a flexible tube an inch in diameter and about three feet long, which ended in a trumpet. A purse made of apple seeds, a dainty and elegant fan made of peacock feathers and ivory, wedding costumes for men

and women, a quaint doll buggy, voluminous and elaborate clothing, recalled days of elegant and gracious living.

The diary of a small boy who later became a doctor, the tools of his medical profession, books on nursing, treatises on social conventions and customs long since become obsolete as the moustache cups designed for right or left handed people, beautiful and fragile glass and china, wrought silver, evoked amusement and admiration.

A murderous looking weapon used by the Indians, consisting of a leather thong joined to a stick and ending in a pouch which held an egg shaped stone possibly explained why doctors of ancient tribes were skilled in the art of mending skulls. A piece of human scalp was still embedded in the joint.

In the basement is a collection of agricultural implements and scullery utensils. The weight of the irons and cooling pots left no doubt that their users possessed a strength and endurance equal to that of today's more athletic women. It must be the perversity of human nature that in a day when washing and ironing was so labor-

iously performed, women wore so many voluminous, frilled and starched petticoats which collected the mud and dust of the streets, while now that washing is practically automatic and featherweight irons give heat control for each individual fabric, they have reduced their clothing to a minimum, and use synthetic fabrics which need little or no ironing.

After the museum visit, the ladies drove to the Golden Beaver for a delicious lunch, during which they held their meeting. Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Barden were named delegates to the area convention.



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Dr. C. W. Stephens gave Miss Keith a purse of \$1,600 as a gesture of appreciation for her service. The purse was accompanied by a scroll on which were listed the names of her well-wishers.

The gathering alone, just seeing so many friends, would have been sufficient tribute and satisfaction, said Miss Keith in reply. She added the list of names which accompanied that gift would be prized all of her life.

Where money has been received by the association, the holder of the ticket may obtain a refund by sending the detached portion to this address: **GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL ASSOC., Box 330, Georgetown, Ont.**

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**Blanche Picket Wed To Douglas Vaughan**

St. Paul's United church, Milton, was beautifully decorated with tall standards and baskets of white gladioli and ferns on Saturday afternoon, September 22, for the marriage of Blanche Susanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson L. Pickett to Douglas Allen Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Vaughan. Rev. Harry J. Mahoney, B.A., B.D., of Glencoe, uncle of the bride, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Warr, interim minister of St. Paul's church.

Mrs. Harold Magee presided at the organ and prior to the processional, Leonard Berry sang O Perfect Hour, and during the signing of the register, Through the Years.

The petite bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a dress of parchment white silk bombazine over taffeta, featuring empire lines with long sleeves ending in a point and full length bouffant skirt. The rounded neckline was embroidered with seed pearls and brilliants. A crown of seed pearls and brilliants held her veil of tulle illusion and her flowerers were an open spray of white gardenias, tied with satin and tulle.

Miss Anne Pickett was her sister's maid of honor, and Miss Dorothy Wood and Mrs. Victor Nelmarkka, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore similar gowns of tryst rose taffeta styled on princess lines, with full waltz length skirts and velvet bows at the back of their rounded necklines. Their matching hats were trimmed with opalescent sequins and they carried white pom chrysanthemums centred with a cluster of roses.

William Vaughan was best man for his brother and ushering the guests to their places were Brian Moore of Campbellville, Charles Bundy of Milton, and Richard Pickett, the bride's brother.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party received 140 guests. They were assisted by Mrs. Pickett, wearing a mist blue broadened satin sheath with matching beaver hat and a corsage of roses. Mrs. Vaughan also received guests in midnight blue lace with pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Later the bridal couple left on a motor trip to Quebec, the bride travelling in an imported suit of charcoal tweed with dusty rose hat, black accessories and a corsage of roses. On their return, they will reside in Milton.

Out of town guests attended from Oakville, Toronto, Port Credit, Guelph, London, Glencoe, Kitchener, Eden Mills, Campbellville, Kilbride, Rockwood, Long Branch, Bronte, Newmarket, Hamilton, Arkell, Kingston and Waterloo.

**Tribute Paid Retiring Matron Alice Keith by 700 Friends**

Appreciation for a working lifetime spent in their behalf was voiced by more than 700 people who gathered at Vermilion Park, Alberta, to pay tribute to Miss Alice Keith, matron and superintendent of the Vermilion Municipal Hospital for the past 38 years. Miss Keith was born and raised in Acton.

It was the largest gathering of its kind in the history of Vermilion and district and the first occasion at which people from east and west, north and south, as well as townfolk, all joined to honor one of their citizens.

Miss Keith retired from her duties at the end of September. While her future plans are indefinite, it is thought she will continue to reside in Vermilion.

Miss Keith graduated from the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton in 1919. Following graduation, she remained on the Royal Alexandra staff until she came to Vermilion, to the newly-built municipal hospital.

Nurse Keith remained there until 1929 when she returned to the staff of the Royal Alexandra. In the fall of that same year she went to the University of Toronto for a course in public health and joined the department of public health of Toronto as a public health nurse. She remained in Toronto until 1932, when she was persuaded to return to Vermilion.

Mrs. Hilda Cross presented the guest of honor with a beautiful basket of flowers on behalf of the Graduate Nurses' Association. A gift from the hospital board followed.

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