

ROCKWOOD

Carol Proceeds Given to Relief

During Christmas Eve, a group of young folks will about some parts of the village, singing carols...

A former resident of Rockwood and Kromson township, Mr. Wm. J. Edwards passed away on Monday of last week in township, in his 88th year...

The funeral took place last Thursday with service in the United church with Rev. J. A. Dills officiating...

The late Mr. Edwards was predeceased by his wife, Margaret A. Hunter, and survived by daughters Mrs. F. Barber, Quelp, Mrs. Frank Hicks, Vancouver, Mrs. Stanley Robinson, Bruce Mines, Ont., his son, Mrs. Doreen MacGillivray, Westminister, B.C.

Christmas Day passed off quietly in town. A service was held in St. John's church at 11 a.m. with a good attendance...

Holiday visitors Mr. Dave Maltby, St. Catharines, Mr. and Mrs. George Waller and babe, Palmerston, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ventry, Quelp, Mr. and Mrs. John Hatch (nee Pat Linford), London, Miss Ada Waller, Miss Ivy Collinson, Georgetown, Bruce Hoeking, Hamilton, Wayne Hoeking, Queen's University, Miss Garrett Guild, Shelburne, Miss Mary Joliffe, Stratford.

Family gatherings were the order in some homes, as at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Guild, Dr. and Mrs. D. Finlay, Mr. and Mrs. George Laverty, Mr. and Mrs. George Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hodgson, former residents of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stout spent Christmas with their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. McCrie, Oakville.

Mrs. J. A. Little spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barlow are changing their drive-in restaurant on the highway and leaving for a holiday at Miami, Florida.

Good-bye Nineteen Fifty-Six and welcome Nineteen Fifty-Seven Happy New Year.

George R. Somerville Passes Away Sunday

A life-long resident and a citizen who played a prominent part in the affairs of Acton district, George R. Somerville passed away on Sunday after a brief illness, at the Quelp General Hospital.

He was a son of the late Fyfe Somerville and Margaret Cook and was born April 23, 1862 on the Somerville homestead on the town line of Nassagaweya and Esqueping townships.

He has spent his entire life on the farm. Following his marriage in 1924 in Acton to Miss Olla B. Armstrong, the couple spent 21 years on what is now known as the Somerville farm on Highway 25, adjoining the town line.

Mr. Somerville was a successful farmer and active in farm organizations. He was past president of Acton Agricultural Society and a fair digester for many years. He was also past president of Acton Milk Producers, served on the Board of Managers of Knox church, Acton, and was a member of the Esqueping Planning Board.

He was a member of Walker Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Besides his wife he leaves a family of children, one brother and three sisters. They are Margaret (Mrs. H. Nissen) of Sarnia; Fyfe of Acton; John, H. (Burns) of Montreal; Miss Helen of Toronto; and Bill of Acton. Another son, Ross, predeceased him in 1934; the brother, Dr. W. R. Somerville, resides in Haileybury, and his sister, Miss Minnie Somerville, and Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, reside in Acton and Mrs. W. W. Matheson of Hillsburg. The sympathy of many friends in this community goes to the bereaved.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the Burns funeral home. Here many friends gathered and a wealth of floral offerings paid tribute to the esteem in which he was held by a wide circle. Members of Walker Lodge attended and the service was conducted by his minister, Rev. A. McKenzie of Knox church. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Norval Hill Tie-Ups Result in Petition To Dept. of Highways

Disturbed about repeated tie-ups in stormy weather near Norval, Rev. C. C. Adams, Vice of Norval, presented a petition to the County Council to improve the chronic condition.

Council decided to petition the Minister of Highways to set up a different system of sanding in the area. The petition suggests that the stock pile of sand be placed at the bottom of the hill and a dyke be in the village of Norval to funnel it to look after those hills.

Mr. Adams told Council that the worst tie-up at present is at Acton. During snowstorms traffic is tied up for two or three hours on the Norval hills, he said. The result was frequent collisions and loss of lives.

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EDEN MILLS Church Groups Hold Christmas Meetings

The Christmas meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church was held in the home of Mrs. H. Gilbertson.

The W.M.S. was in charge of the presentation and the program in the Glad Tidings was given. A solo by Mrs. W. Lauby, A Christmas Prayer, and a reading by Mrs. W. Gilbertson, Home-maker's Prayer, were added and very much enjoyed.

Arrangements were made to attend the annual presbytery to be held in Quelp in the near future. Roll call was answered with Christmas cake.

The Ladies' Aid was in charge of the new president, Mrs. James Gilbertson, who opened with a reading and prayer. Donations were voted to be sent to the Armagh home for girls and the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Mingo spoke a few words of appreciation to the retiring president, Mrs. H. Gilbertson, and the retiring secretary, Mrs. Bob Roy, for the faithful way they had carried out their duties.

Mrs. R. Wright presented Mrs. Gilbertson with a serving table and Mrs. J. Milne presented Mrs. Roy with a lamp. Both replied suitably.

A concert was conducted by Mrs. Macdonald and son by Mrs. J. Milne. Roll call was a Christmas exchange. A social half hour was spent with Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Field. Sr. assisting the hostess.

A lovely candlelight service was held on Sunday evening and although the weather was very unpropitious, a goodly number ventured out to enjoy the carols and punsters by the choir. Mr. Douglas Hick was in charge of the service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowrie and Miss Isabel Lowrie spent Christmas in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNeven and family of Rockcliffe visited over the holiday with Mrs. McNeven's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Milne.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dewely and family of Trenton visited in the hospital homes for Christmas.

Mrs. Anna Coulson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain and sons visited in the home of Mrs. W. Lauby.

Mrs. Dystone McLean of Brantford was a holiday visitor in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Will McLean. Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all.



Photo by Dick Halburn, Toronto Star

SNOW, BELOW-ZERO temperatures, high winds and disrupted equipment all combined to harass firefighters at a barn fire Saturday evening. Livestock was lost in the blaze which completely destroyed the barn owned by E. Jennings. With a tractor saved from the flames, loss was estimated at \$7,000. Firemen were on the scene for 10 hours during the coldest night of the season to date, checking that the fire would not break out again and possibly spread to neighboring homes which had previously been threatened.

A mutual aid call brought assistance from a Georgetown pump. Acton trucks suffered frost and mechanical difficulties at the fire and were both out of action at once. The Georgetown pump also developed frost problems and a portable pump was used. Firemen are pictured in action in the two photographs above.

Decision Won't Upset Adoptions

The following editorial, which recently appeared in the Toronto Star, was submitted by G. F. Thompson of the Halton County Children's Aid Society. Mr. Thompson believes it will be of some assistance to those who are connected with the adoption of children through such agencies.

The recent decision of the Ontario appeal court upsetting the private placement of twin boys and returning them to the custody of their natural parents is worrying many people who have adopted children. They fear the decision, which is being appealed, could mean that the children they have adopted may be taken from them if the natural parents try to regain custody.

This fear is not shared by adoption authorities in Ontario, who point out that there has never been a case in the province in which an official court adoption order has been granted and then upset by the higher court. There was no official adoption order in the case of the twin boys. It was a private placement.

Last year 1,000 adoption orders were granted by the courts, an all-time record for Ontario, and 600 more than the previous year. The orders are issued following application to director of child welfare for the province and after a year of probation in which a child and society designated by the director satisfies itself that the adoption is a proper one. Until four years ago the probation period was two years under the Child Welfare Act.

Under the Child Welfare Act, a judge cannot issue an adoption order unless the director of child welfare provides a certificate that the probable provision has been fulfilled.

Eighty per cent of the adoption orders granted last year were the result of placements by children's aid societies. The rest were private placements followed up by applications and then adoption orders. In previous years the number of such placements ran closer to 90 per cent.

Since Jan. 1, 1935, the Child Welfare Act has required that all private placements must be registered with the child welfare branch. Cases in which adoptions are arranged privately by doctors, lawyers, and others who are not followed up by an order for adoption.

The thousands of adopting parents who have obtained orders or whose applications are now in process, should be reassured by the result of the knowledge that none have been upset.

Mrs. Ross Ballentine was the lucky winner of a turkey in the Rock-a-long Institute draw.

SCANNING THE Sports SCENE WITH HARTLEY COLES

HOW ARE YOU fixed for blades? After weeks of mild weather, the weatherman finally sent us temperatures to this neck of the woods and Bill Shepherd and Al Kirkness are no false start have a neat sheet of ice for skating at the arena.

So you can take out the blades, the boys of perhaps have them sharpened and enjoy natural ice at its best on the nights allotted for skating. It's a form of recreation that anyone except the very young and the very old can participate in and enjoy.

If the town fathers are in an expansive mood, perhaps they will break down and purchase some new records to augment the supply of skaters' waltzes and polkas already in the arena record cabinet. If they do, we hope they make a careful selection.

Can you imagine skating to Elvis and his guitar strumming out 'You Ain't Nothin' but a Houn' Dog. Better we should be dead.

IF WINTER stays with us the arena will be a hive of activity for the next few weeks. The Minor Sports executive are anxious to get on the ice with their teams, and the Junior hockey club need ice time to round into shape.

First game of the season here is slated for Friday night when Ireston invades the local ice palace to even up the score with Acton. The Acton club, in case you haven't heard, nosed out Preston on their own backyard last week. Which all goes to show the unpredictability of Junior hockey.

First, Georgetown pastes Acton, then Preston edges Georgetown and now Acton B's Preston. Tonight Acton journeys to Elmira for a game with the Elmira Juniors. They are an unknown quantity here so far but Georgetown pasted them 10-2 in their first meeting.

According to accounts in the Georgetown Herald, Georgetown is the team to beat in this league, albeit early in the season. However, we'll reserve our decision for later on when we've seen the other teams play and how well they do against Acton when the locals get a few bumps under their belts.

SENIORS: Television sports fans will be glad to hear that N.H.L. hockey games will be shown on Saturday afternoon starting this Saturday. Games will not feature either Toronto or Montreal who have games on Saturday nights.

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EVERTON Holiday Visitors In District Homes

Visitors over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cutting and Mrs. Norton and Tommy were Miss Marjorie Cutting, Hamilton and Miss Ethel Houston, Quelp.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horlop and family and Mrs. W. H. Horlop attended a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horlop, Blackwood, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Tovel spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Alton and family, Quelp.

New Year's Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jettis and family were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cutting and Raymond, Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jettis and Bobby and Miss George Jettis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fountain and Miss Jennie Tovel spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fountain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horlop and family and Mrs. W. H. Horlop spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jettis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCubbin and family and Mrs. K. M. Mar 11th, Killeen, visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jettis and Bobby.

Miss Jennie Tovel accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Robinson and visited last Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Quelp.

CHURCH Many Visitors For Christmas

Christmas was a merry time in this neighborhood. Many were the Christmas turkeys, puddings, goulash and trimmings consumed. Families met over tables laden with traditional Christmas foods.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Thompson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Swackhamer and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Swackhamer held Christmas for all the family from Hamilton and Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Leitch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny and Robert spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mel McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denny and family spent Christmas with the latter's parents in Quelp.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and family celebrated Christmas in Hillsburg with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McArthur had as guests on Christmas Day, Miss Viola Stewart, Mr. Smith Griffin, and Mrs. Elsie Hildebrand.

Mr. R. McKenry is spending a few days holiday with her daughter, Mrs. Stan Morrison.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery in Sarnia.

Georgetown History Recalled at Opening

GEORGETOWN—Ontario hydro is the most efficient public utility in the world," said Lt. Col. A. A. Kennedy, D.S.O., E.D., who officially declared the new Georgetown hydro building open after cutting the ribbon.

Col. Kennedy, Ontario hydro commissioner, was one of a group of dignitaries who attended the opening of a new, modern building beside the post office.

Georgetown has special significance to him, he said, because his family firm, Wm. Kennedy and Sons, supplied hydraulic turbines to help power the Barber paper mill in the 1870's and the hydro plant two miles down stream which was the first long distance transmission of electrical energy in the world.

Comparing Georgetown's hydro requirements in a three year period, the speaker said that in 1912, there were 354 customers using 72 kilowatts and in 1935, 2007 customers using 4007 kilowatts.

The original name of Hungry Hollow would be most inappropriate for modern Georgetown, he said.

BRITISH TRIUMPH

British BSA machines took the first four places in the 200 mile U.S. national motorcycle championship race at Daytona Beach, Florida, recently. The amateur championship was won by a British Triumph at an average speed of 98.28 m.p.h.

More than 700,000 lbs. of butter are used annually in making candy in Canada.

SILVER WOOD Review Stone School History At Special Meeting, Social

To mark the passing of the 100-year-old School Section No. 16, popularly known as the Stone School, the ratepayers were invited to a special meeting and social by the School Board on Friday, December 26, Mount Pleasant school to give it its proper name, Stone School area in the New Year.

Mr. John Glynn was nominated to take the chair for the meeting in the absence of the board chairman, Mr. George Henderson, and Miss Charlotte McCullough took over the secretarial duties. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, as was the treasurer's report given by Mr. Ben Cass, who read some items from the accounts of 26 years ago when the late Mrs. Healdell then Miss Jennie Moore bought for \$240 a year.

Mr. J. W. Hill provided eight copies of the school history and the postage stamps for the year amounted to 20 cents. The secretary's salary was \$5 and the total yearly expenses amounted to \$247 as compared with approximately \$700 of last year.

Some of those present long conversed with the school secretary, Miss Jennie Moore, who spoke to the meeting. Mrs. Agnes Hill, Mrs. Henderson, and Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. K. C. Lindsay and his interest in the school in rather forced interest that he admitted started 52 years ago, and up until the last year, the school was a Lindsay attending school, which was the original history of the early days of the section is practically non-existent and dates can only be arrived at from a few by guess, he gave some interesting early day items. Up until 1870 schools were all contained the money needed being collected in the section.

The original school, built probably in 1831, stood on the site of the old school almost on the site of the old school. A month was spent in having a shop nearby and the day some school books. The twentieth can outside with a some how setting fire to the school. It was rebuilt on its present site, like in 1866.

The first mention of schools in Lindsay could find was 1852 when seven school commissioners were appointed probably in Halton County as a Mississauga Indian reserve upon the war of 1812 and wasn't opened up until 1829 following a survey made by Mr. Hugh Black. Mrs. Healdell's grandfather.

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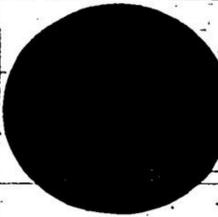
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