



READY TO ROLL Eden Mills children are pictured on their toboggans during the annual outing last Saturday when the Community Club sponsored the event. Kiddies were present with toboggans, sleighs, flying saucers and even enjoyed

slides down the hill on pieces of cardboard. Mrs. Beryl Wright, club member, pictured, standing in centre, looked after the children and fed them hot chocolate and doughnuts at the conclusion of the fun.

Eden Mills Community Club Sponsors Tobogganing Party

Eden Mills Ball Park was the scene of activity on Saturday afternoon with the annual tobogganing party for the children of Eden Mills and surroundings. Weather conditions were perfect for the 68 children that attended and had a grand time sleigh riding.

SILVERWOOD

Mrs. H. Marchington Hostess to W.I. Ladies

The January meeting of the Silver-Wood Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Marchington, with the president Mrs. W. R. Norton in the chair.

The meeting opened with the Maple Leaf and the Mary Stewart Collect, followed by Roll Call. "My favorite way to relax" This brought a variety of answers, from gardening to mending socks.

Current Events were given by Mrs. D. W. Shier, and the motto "Be too large for worry, too sensible for anger, and too happy to think of trouble" was given by Mrs. R. R. Corbett.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Fidel Allen of Springfield, N.S., was read, in answer to the group's wish for the cheque collected at the Christmas meeting.

Although Mrs. George Henderson, the convener for "Health" was unable to be present, she had arranged for Mr. Vern McComber to show pictures on the Government Hospitalization plan, which was very much appreciated.

Mrs. R. Corbett and Mrs. H. Lindauer were assistants to the hostess in the social half hour that followed.

Best wishes of the community go to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lindsay, and her husband, Mr. Tom Carberry, for a happy married life in their home in Bolton. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay had a baby Christmas month, with Mary's wedding, and the birth of two granddaughters, to Jean, Mrs. Davidson of Guelph, and to Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Georgetown.

Highway 401 Contract Let

Two projects in this area were included in highway contracts worth \$1,500,000 awarded last Friday by the Ontario highways department. They concern work on the new super-highway 401. A \$494,639 contract was awarded to Sterling Construction Co. of Windsor for grading more than five miles. Another contract worth \$33,332 went to Mowbray Construction Co. of Wingham for construction of a bridge in Nassagaweya township.

The area concerned in the contract will carry the work into the township of Waterloo to a point close to the road between concessions two and three. It is expected that highway 401 will be through to Milton this year and paved across Nassagaweya and Puslinch townships as far as highway 6 next year. Paving is then expected to be completed in 1961 from the Guelph-Hamilton highway as far as the border of Waterloo township.

CHURCHILL

Rev. Adams Conducts Communion Service

Communion service was held on Sunday with Rev. Gordon Adams conducting the service. Friends extend their sympathy to Mrs. Leonard Steele and family in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Steele is from this community.

Young People's held their meeting at Church Hill Church on Sunday evening. Miss Mary Ann McEachern gave the topic.

A number in the community have been sick with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lawrence of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer, Ms. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and family visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Swackhamer, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner have returned home after spending a two weeks' trip to different places in Florida.

Mr. Archie Kerr is attending a three day convention for sale managers at Brantford.

ROCKWOOD

Install Lights At St. John's

Two new lights were installed in St. John's Church during the weekend. They cast forth soft lights through amber colored glass.

Service on Sunday at St. John's Church was cut short due to the failure of the oil burner to operate properly. Holy Communion was celebrated.

Miss Enid McNabb of Toronto was home for the weekend. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lynch Caughey (nee Victoria Waller) on the occasion of their recent wedding, December 6, in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, Quebec.

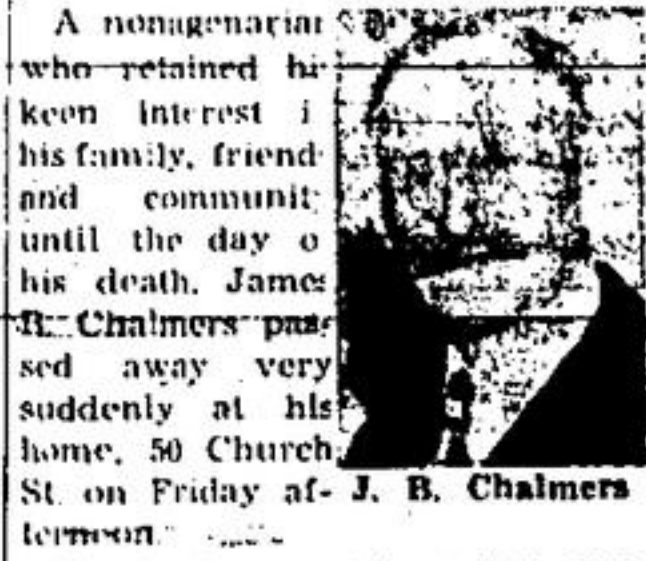
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King, (nee Muriel Gray) Guelph, on the birth of a son at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, January 9th.

The creche which was set up adjacent to St. John's Church before Christmas was taken down last week and stored away for the next time. While lit up in the evening it presented a striking portrayal of Christ's birth.

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OBITUARY

J. B. Chalmers in 91st Year As Death Ends Active Life



A nonagenarian who retained his keen interest in his family, friends and community until the day of his death, James B. Chalmers passed away very suddenly at his home, 50 Church St. on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Chalmers celebrated his 90th birthday last Easter Sunday. A brief illness culminated his life of activity. In later years he had been confined to his bed for much time. There he enjoyed reading and chatting with his many visitors. Watching television was another pastime.

He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Stan Norton. Others in his family are a son and daughters Robert J. of Blythe, Mrs. Douglas Bell (Catherine) of Guelph, Miss Mary Chalmers of Toronto, Mrs. John Valley (Margaret) of Wainwright and Mrs. Elmer Grisechow (Audrey) of Acton. A brother, Robert Chalmers of Owen Sound, also remains.

Mrs. Chalmers passed away in 1933. Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoenaker funeral home on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. with Rev. A. H. McKenzie recalling the esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

pallbearers were: Cliff Bradley, Tom Watson, Rudolph Spieswogl, Sam Holmes, Lorne Norton and Mike Cove.

Born in Scotland
Darn in Montrose, Scotland, Mr. Chalmers emigrated to Canada when a lad of six with his parents, John and Katherine who settled first in the Scotch Block in Esquimaux and later at Owen Sound.

When he had grown into manhood, he moved to Alpena, Michigan, where he joined the army and served in the Spanish-American War at the turn of the century.

He was one of few living veterans of the war living in this district. When he was able, he thoroughly enjoyed attending reunions and commemorations. He was a commander of the Spanish American War Veterans' Camp in Toronto.

It was while he was in Alpena that Mr. Chalmers met the girl who became his bride, Kenna Friedrich, whom he married later in Toronto. The couple moved to Acton from Teeswater over 35 years ago, and Mr. Chalmers engaged in the plumbing and tin-smithing business. He retired in 1945.

The son of a ship's carpenter, Mr. Chalmers had a noted skill in fashioning model ships. Several of his fine models have been presented to Acton groups, and are enjoyed by many. One is at the Scout Hall and others at schools.

His active interest in the town was manifested when he assumed the duties of reeve for two years. He was found at lawn bowling and curling in younger years.

He was a life member of Acton Legion and attended many parades before his illness. A member of Walker Lodge for many years, he was a life member and in 1951 received his 50 year jewel.

He was a member of Acton Citizens' Band for many years and recently was made an honorary member.

Present for the program was Mrs. G. Adams, District Guide Commissioner and many parents of the girls.

Following the ceremony the guides made plans for a hike this weekend.

OSPRINGE

School Bus, Car in Collision Drivers, Five Pupils Uninjured

A school bus, driven by Keith Leitch and a car driven by Donald Croft of R.R. 3, Rockwood, were in collision on 24 highway and the First Line intersection, shortly before 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Neither drivers or the five pupils on the bus were injured and were able to continue on their way to Erin District High School.

Mr. George Laid, Second Line, underwent surgery last week at the Guelph Hospital and is now convalescing at his home.

Mr. Wm. Stubbington is holidaying with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Storey at Napanee.

Members of the Klondike family held a birthday party on Saturday night for their mother, Mrs. K. Klondike.

LIMEHOUSE

Student Teachers Assist at School

Student teachers from Toronto Teachers' College with Mrs. McKay at S.S. No. 9 last week were Mrs. Patterson of Georgetown and Miss Dawn Martin of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mather and daughter spent the Christmas holidays with relatives at Banbury, Oxford, England, traveling both ways by plane.

Neil Benton was home for the weekend from Ottawa, where he has been transferred by the Canadian Bank of Commerce as Personal Loan clerk from Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and family of St. Catharines visited her brother, Mr. John Glyn, Mrs. Glyn and Peter on Saturday, Mrs. Glyn Sr. returning with them after a holiday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kern and family of London spent the weekend with the Kerns here.

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GIRL GUIDE NEWS

Five new guides were welcomed into the Acton Guides on Tuesday evening during the regular meeting when they received their wings in a flying-tip ceremony.

Those accepted into the guides were: Sandra Hargrave, Catherine Stoyan, Christine Blunn, Pat Churchill and Ann McCabe.

During the ceremony the girls bid their Brownie friends goodbye and went into the circle of the guide group.

Present for the program was Mrs. G. Adams, District Guide Commissioner and many parents of the girls.

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SCOUT NEWS

This week's meeting started the usual way with the troop being called to the horseshoe for flag break, scout silence, and inspection. After the horseshoe was broken off L. Duby, assistant scoutmaster, instructed all Scouts, Tenderfoot or Queen's Scouts on Second Class bandages. Some Scouts realize they had forgotten some of the bandages and L. Duby suggested they brush up on them.

As soon as the instruction period was over a game of chance was organized. This game consists of two teams. One team of scouts chooses the other and tries to get all of the other team back to the Scout Hall. However, this week Brian Sprouton, Andrew Smith and Bob Foyers were not caught.

The game of chance came to an end when the Scouts were summoned back to the Scout Hall. The horseshoe was formed and after Scout silence, Scoutmaster H. Coles informed the Scouts that there would be a radio club formed and the meeting would be every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Any boys interested, write to Scoutmaster H. Coles.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. D. Bathwell, Mrs. H. F. Holmes and Mrs. W. J. Beatty, was appointed.

A vivid and interesting view of the Scandinavian countries and the World Fair was enjoyed by Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan showed pictures of their recent visit to those countries with Mrs. Buchanan giving the running commentary.

not necessarily scouts, are urged to come.

The meeting was adjourned and a Court of Honor was called which the Patrol Leaders and their parents attend along with the leaders.

The Scouts noticed that some curtains were put up, and there was a bit of painting done around the hall. They also noticed that a lock was installed on the door to the leaders' room.

That's all for this week. Good Scouting.
P. Newton, T.I.

Banla's hat has not been claimed from the Free Press office yet.

Seems to be plenty of ice and snow packed up Mill Street and back streets, which makes parking difficult.

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