

# Local Topics

—Some of the scouts have been camping out at Blue Springs during their Easter holidays.

—The Y is spic 'n' span, dressed in bright new paint, for the conference there this weekend.

—"Drive carefully" means more than ever now. The point system of demerits came into effect yesterday.

—Less than a month until Daylight Saving Time begins! The clocks get switched on Sunday, April 26.

—More signs spotted this week: a ground hog and a wild goose. Both are reported by the correspondent for Churchill.

—The first robin was reported several weeks ago, and there are many of them hopping around on the cold ground now.

—The northern lights were streaking across the sky on the weekend in a display such as we see on coldest, crispest nights of winter.

—Believe it or not, last year during the Easter weekend, Acton firemen were called out four times to fight grass fires. Not much sign of grass this year yet.

—When Georgetown's new high school is completed soon, a painting of the old school will be hung there. It was commissioned by the student council and the artist was Frank Black, who teaches art classes here.

—You'll notice a new column in the Free Press this week—"Sugar and Spice." We have read it regularly in other weekly newspapers, and know you'll enjoy it, too. It will be found on the editorial page each week.

—The official opening and dedication of the attractive new Highway Gospel church in Milton took place on Easter Sunday. Among the 25 worshippers was Rev. K. J. Reid of Acton.

—Grainy snow drifts melted like ice cream yesterday.

—A smart Easter scene in Manning Electric's window is drawing plenty of comment this week. It portrays a spring scene with gay animals, all hand painted. It was made by Mrs. Monty Root.

—Easter Sunday was sunny in the afternoon. The ladies who decided not to wear their boots to church were forced to walk in the centre of the road to miss the soggy snow and freezing slush.

—The teacher had asked the class to list, in their opinion, the nine greatest Americans. After a while, she stopped at one desk and asked, "Have you finished your list yet, Bobby?" "Not yet," he replied, "I can't decide on the short-stop."

—The snow melted enough at the end of last week to reveal very optimistic looking shoots of daffodils, crocuses and tulips. We would be interested to hear of any early blooming flowers this year. News that crocuses are out would really be welcome!

—G. Hedley Dasher, deputy minister of reform institution operations, suggests that inmates of provincial reformatories could be employed to develop natural resources. It has been added locally that the Conservation Authority's new project, Hi-Pot Lo park at Rockwood, might just fill the bill.

## Half Way

Rotary president Ted Hansen this week reported that returns from the Easter Seals Campaign to date amount to \$450, and noted this amount indicated the halfway mark as compared with last year's campaign.

Mr. Hansen also reminded citizens to mail their donation to the treasurer Walter Woodburn in care of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

## Nassagaweya Drop No. 6 School Area Controversy

Nassagaweya council has dropped the idea of including School Section No. 6 in the township school area No. 1. A delegation of seven area ratepayers led by Bill Mahon, protesting the inclusion of the S.S. 6 in the system, met with favorable reception at Monday night's council meeting, as a change in grant structures has made it just as favorable to leave the school in its own section.

Earlier legislation stated the township needed either 10 or all schools in the township in one school area to qualify for higher grants. A more recent ruling states six or all are needed. There are currently nine in S.S. 1, and S.S. 6 is the tenth school.

**Dump Needed**  
Mrs. Allan Ferner requested council to establish a dumping ground in the township, to permit



Keep the free dance tomorrow evening (Friday) in mind. The executive have planned a swinging affair and have gone to considerable trouble to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

On Monday, April 6, initiations will take place at the general meeting. Centre and reserve seats. It may be your lucky night to win the pot of gold offered by our generous executive.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary are a busy bunch of gals at present planning dinners and other activities for the near future.

Branch 'B' is glad to hear Lou Raach is home from the hospital and at the same time send all the best to Emerald W. Coles who is confined to hospital in Toronto.

At present Legion sports activities appear to be at a standstill since the dart tournament wound up recently but you can bet your bottom dollar the sports officer will come up with a brilliant idea to spark a contest or tournament of some kind shortly.

her husband to dispose of garbage he collects. Council took no action on the request.

Holman Construction of Rockwood was awarded the tender for crushing and delivering of 8,000 yards of gravel. Prices were 82 cents a yard on the road, 50 cents a yard stockpiled, and 40 cents a yard at the pit.

**65 Foxes Killed**  
Payment was authorized for 65 fox bounties covering the first quarter of 1959.

The road superintendent's voucher for \$988 was approved for payment, as were accounts totalling \$1,541.87.

The building by-law was amended to stipulate that no building permits would be issued for tourist establishments unless formal notification had been given the Department of Travel and Publicity. This brings the by-law into line with Department policy.

## Halton Juniors 25 Years Old

Halton's Junior Farmers climaxed the present year—and the first 25 years of their organization—at the annual banquet and dance at Nelson High School on Saturday evening.

The dining hall of the school was filled to capacity with over 300 for the turkey supper and program, and afterwards the Halton juniors of the past 25 years stayed to dance to the music of Miller's Orchestra, which had played the music for the first annual dance 25 years ago.

Guests in attendance at the banquet spent considerable time renewing acquaintances and reviewing the past 25 years of the organization, which over the years has proved itself to be one of the top junior farmer outfits in Ontario. Halton boasts many records and achievements which would be hard to equal in neighboring counties.

**Propose Toasts**  
Roy K. Ford, past president, was

chairman for the banquet which included a toast to the past Junior Farmers by Joan Wrigglesworth, a toast to the Halton Juniors by George Atkins and a toast to the Ontario Junior Farmers Association by Mac Sprawl. Replying were Ad Woodley, Sandy Buchanan and Jim Needham.

Bill Tolton, who had delighted earlier Junior Farmer audiences with his recitations, was present to do Little Albert and the Lion and sent the audience into fits of laughter. Dave Pelletiero led in singing while Mrs. Roy Coulter accompanied him.

**Introducer Guests**  
Jean Peterson introduced the head table guests including Dave Pelletiero, Mr. and Mrs. Al Francis, Mac Sprawl, Joan Wrigglesworth, Warden and Mrs. John Milne, Mrs. Wilma Norris, Cecil Chisholm, Mrs. Wilma Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Whitelock, Roy Ford, Sandy Buchanan, Mrs. Marie O'Connor, George E. Elliott, George Atkins, Ad Woodley, Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom and Jim Needham.

Past presidents' pins were presented to the 1934 charter president, Cecil Chisholm and the presidents who followed him until 1949, when pins were presented yearly. They included Mrs. Marie O'Connor 1935, Walter Latham 1936, Mrs. Ruth Ford 1937, Claude McLaughlin 1938, Verma Kingston 1939, Melvin McCullough 1940, Walter Reid (deceased) 1941, Mrs. Charlotte McCune 1942, Marilyn Heston 1943, Mrs. Margaret Harmer 1944, and John McNabb 1945. Others in date include George Atkins 1946, Mrs. Edna George 1947, Cameron Wilson 1948, Mrs. Isney Bird 1949, Rev. Stanley Jay 1950, David Pelletiero 1951, Mac Sprawl 1952, Harold Tyrrell 1953, Don Matthews 1954, John Pickett 1955, John Peterson 1956, Earl Wilson 1957, Roy Ford 1958 and Sandy Buchanan 1959.

**Book of Letters**  
At the conclusion of the program Jean Peterson and Mrs. Wilma Wilson made a presentation of a book of letters from former Halton juniors to J. E. Whitelock, who retired March 31 as agricultural representative after serving 24½ years.

A Roy Coulter, representing the Halton Federation of Agriculture, presented a gavel to Mr. Buchanan, president of the Halton Juniors.

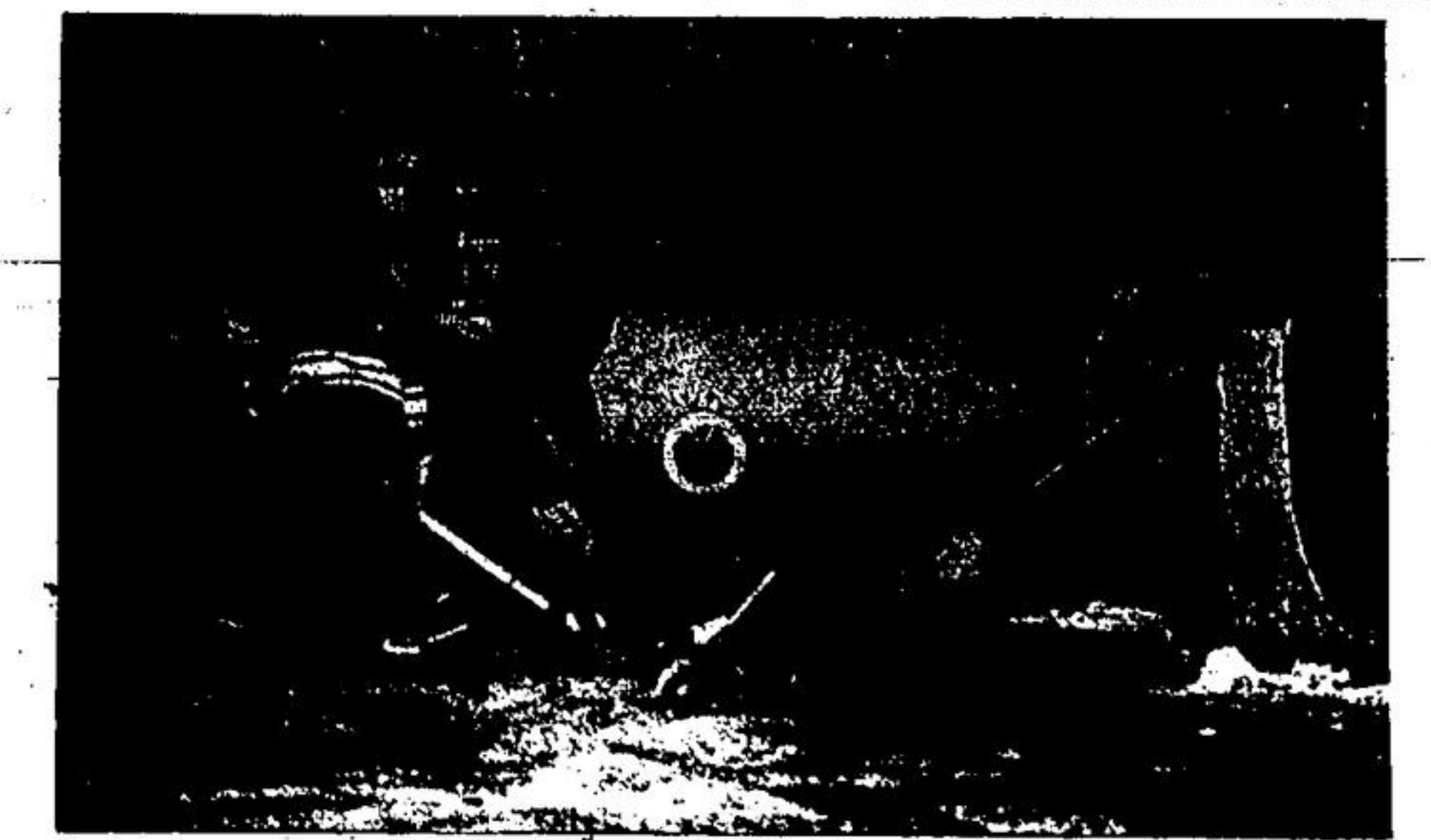
Following the program, "Leaves of Silver", a 72-page booklet prepared by the Junior Farmers' editorial board, was sold. The book commemorates the first 25 years of the association.

**NO PRESSURE**  
The car that joins the rush hour route ahead of you may not yet have warmed up, so it will take far longer to pick up speed than you might expect. Pressing the driver from behind won't help at all. The Ontario Safety League recommends extra care and extra patience in zero weather.



RETIRING "AG. REP." J. Earl Whitelock was honored Saturday night at the 25th anniversary of Halton Junior Farmers, when Jean Peterson, left, and Wilma Wilson presented him with a book of letters from former Halton Junior Farmers, expressing their appreciation for his helpfulness. Mr. Whitelock retired this week after 24½ years as Halton's agricultural representative.

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ACTON JUVENILES coached by Barry Inscow made a standout effort for honors Friday in Milton at the 20-town Juvenile Tournament in aid of the Listowel Arena Fund. They met Fergus juniors Friday afternoon and though the game was a see-saw battle until the end, Fergus stepped ahead in the dying minutes to emerge the victors, 6-5. Above Bob Cox (back to camera) scores Acton's second goal of the game on a confused Fergus defender. Milton won the 'B' division championship, while Simcoe took the 'A' championship and the tournament trophy.

## Class in Hall In Nassagaweya

Overcrowding at the No. 9 Nassagaweya township school has meant the opening of a new school classroom in the township hall at Brookville.

Mrs. Mona Storrie has been hired by the board to conduct daily classes for 15 grade six, seven and eight students at the hall until better accommodation can be found.

Canada's past and present expenditures on the St. Lawrence waterway represent more than \$45 per capita on the basis of present population, the comparative figure for the United States is \$1.27 per capita.

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## Speyside Store Changes Hands

Speyside General Store changed ownership this week when Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kelly formerly of RR 4, Acton, took over the business.

The Kellys succeeded Mrs. K. Dove who operated the store for the past few years. They expect to maintain the high standards set by their predecessor in carrying a complete line of merchandise.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have two children a son, Don, age 12 and a daughter, Doris, age two, three years.

Besides the general store, Mrs. Kelly has a small home and is planning to build a new one. It will be about 4000 sq. ft. and will have a garage. It will be built on the corner of the Acton Free Press.

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