

—Hope to see you at the Free Press "open house" Friday evening.

—United church C.G.I.T. girls have been selling calendars as a fund-raising project.

—Workmen have been clearing ice away from the catch basins so melting snow drains from the streets.

—Students and some of the staff blizzed the high school gymnasium Saturday to take down all the At-Home decorations.

—Monday afternoon grade seven and eight pupils of the Robert Little school enjoyed a skating party at the arena, with teachers Doug Copeland, Keith Black and Keith Martin.

—U.S. basketball players met Ferguson Monday afternoon and Fergus won both senior and junior games. Agton went up to Ferguson Wednesday afternoon for a return match.

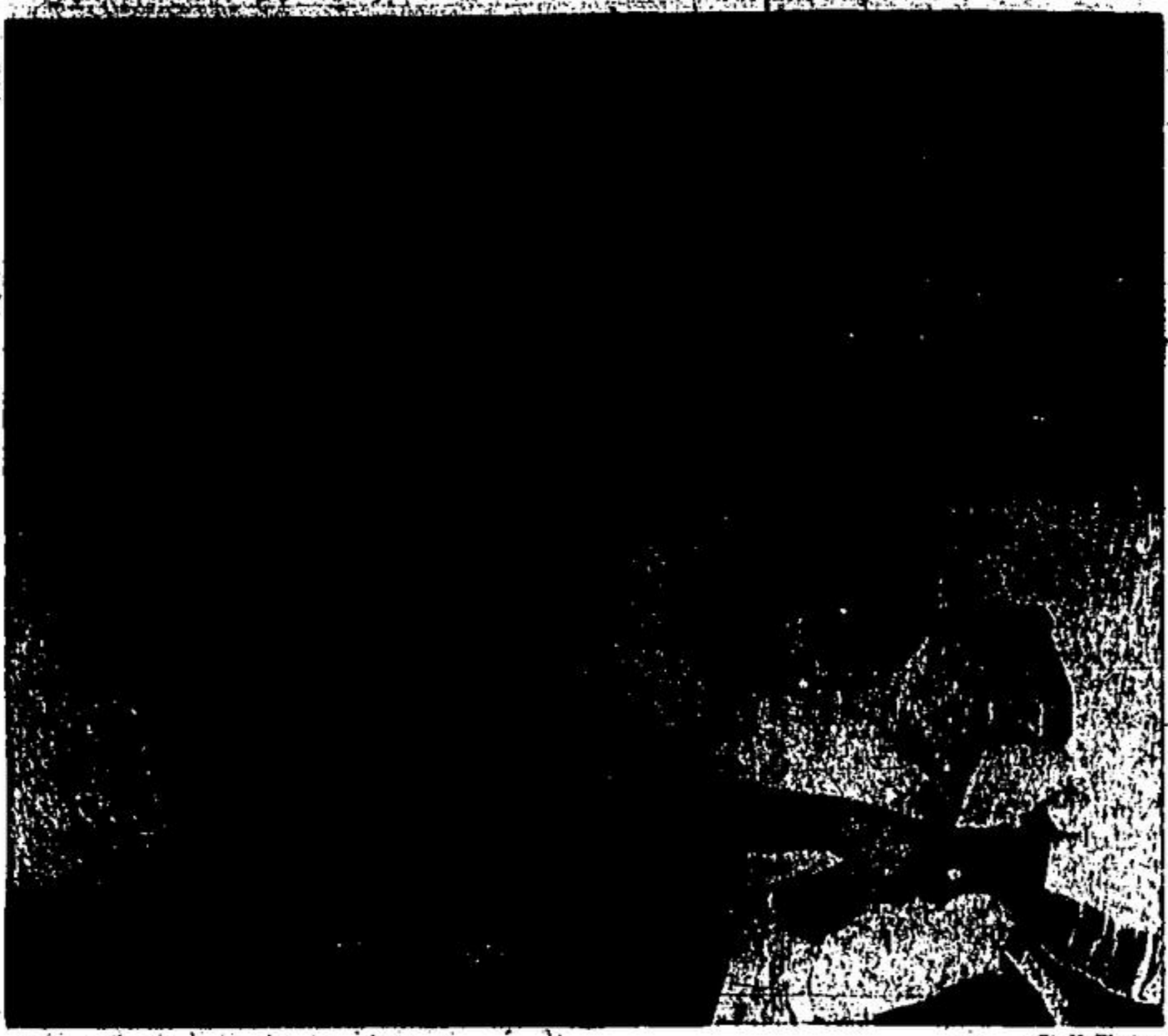
—Driving conditions on the weekend were bad. One visitor drove to town Friday evening in a small car and reported—in a shaky voice—she was blown right off the road.

—In a few sheltered spots under dripping eaves, snow has melted enough to reveal the earth—with pale green shoots of spring bulbs already above the ground. One look's as good as a tonic!

—A whole succession of cars had to be towed out after the At Home Friday. Although the parking was fine when the drivers went into the high school, they came out to find snowdrifts right up over the hoods.

—For several weeks now, there hasn't been quite enough room for all the news to go in the Free Press on Thursdays. Today there are 10 pages and we hope for a perfect match of ads and news. We're as sorry as you are when your welcome contribution has to be held over.

—If you don't like working with somebody looking over your shoulder, you may be glad you don't work at the Free Press this week. There have been tours each afternoon and evening. One staffer found he simply had to toss out all the work he did while answering questions, at the same time, and start all over again after his visitors left!



—Staff Photo
HOURS OF WORK were spent on making the costumes for the school opera and the result of the labor can be pictured above as five girls display their costumes. Pictured in front on the left is Marie Huisman, dressed as mother goose and on the right Beverly Saynuck, as the duchess. Seated in the back row left to right are Gail Timmy, Doreen McKelvey and Linda James, all ladies-in-waiting. The auditorium was packed for the first night performance Wednesday and tonight another sell-out crowd is expected.

BALLINAFAD

Church Mission Band Has Sunday Meeting

The Mission Band met in the basement of the church on Sunday morning with the leader, Mrs. Leo Jamieson, in charge. Scripture and prayer were taken by Mrs. Jamieson and Brian Sinclair. A prayer for missionaries was given by Ann Shortill. Katherine Sinclair told a story and Allan Jamieson gave a reading on temperance.

Held Easter

The Women's Institute held a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson when seven tables were played. Ladies' high prize went to Mrs. John Snow and cents' high to Robert McEnery. A half-won count prize went to Mrs. Lloyd Marshall and Elwood Snow.

Tour Plant

The correspondents of the Acton Free Press and Milton Canadian Champion were guests of Mr. Ditts on Monday afternoon and were taken on a tour of their new plant. It was quite interesting to see and to learn how the local paper is published. A nice lunch was served and each received a Sheaffer pen.

In Hospital

Henry Hiltz is in Guelph General Hospital where he underwent an operation. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The United Church Young People's met in the church on Sunday night.

EVERTON

Entertain Visitors In Community Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pluska, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patten, Diane and Kenny, Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Tovell.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ware were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Edwards and boys, Ennatisville, Mrs. Robert Hamilton and children, Mrs. Betty Hamilton and Ted.

Dan Hindley, Jannette, Lillian and Mary, Hillsburgh, visited on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hindley and uncle, All Talbot.

Mrs. Malcolm McLeod of Thornbury is visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Catherine, and also visiting with her mother, Mrs. Louella Robertson, who is in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin, Patsy and Nancy, visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood.

Miss Linda Fountain and Don Fountain spent the weekend in Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. James Fountain.

Roy Hindley returned home Thursday of last week from the Guelph General Hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cutting on the arrival of a daughter at the Guelph General Hospital Tuesday of last week.

47 New Phones Added in 1959

Expansion of telephone facilities in Acton during 1959 was typical of the situation across the territory served by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada; it was revealed in that company's 80th annual report issued this week. Last year's telephone construction program of \$196 million was the largest in the company's history, the report states, and 190,528 telephones were added to those in service.

On the local scene, some 47 telephones were added, C. S. Keith, Bell manager for this region, said, bringing the total to 1,572 as of December 31.

According to the report, net income totalled \$50,283,578 for last year, \$11,384,289 higher than in 1958. Earnings per share amounted to \$2.48 or 33 cents higher than in the previous year. The quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was increased to 55 cents for the final quarter and surplus was increased by \$9,107,845.

"Greater customer use of our services was accompanied in 1959 by an improvement in our earnings," Thomas W. Eadie, president, emphasized in the report.

"Revenues increased" by 14.5 per cent, due mainly to greater use of our services. With concerted efforts to improve productivity, we were able to limit the increase in operating costs to only seven per cent, a smaller rise than during any other year in the post-war period."

Honorary Patrons Head Scots' Edinburgh Festival Committee

The Duke of Argyll, Lieutenant-Governor J. Keiller MacKay, Roy H. Thomson and Lt. Col. John R. Barber, CD, head the list of honorary patrons associated with the Edinburgh committee sponsoring and organizing a trip to Edinburgh in August of the pipes and drums of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Hutton Regiment) Militia, who have been invited to take part in the Massed Military Band Tattoo.

The band will be in active service throughout August, and the cost of air-freighting them to Edinburgh and sundry expenses will be underwritten by officers, associates and friends of the unit. Representing the Acton-Georgetown district is Piper W. Weir.

Honor to Canada

Captain D. W. Pallett, chairman of the committee, said this week interest is mounting in the three counties and he hoped that considerable financial aid will be forthcoming. "This invitation to attend the festival is not only a great honor to Peel, Dufferin and Hutton, but to Canada as a whole," he stated.

Honorary Lieutenant Bartley Bull, ED, pointed out the Lorne Scots would be the only Canadian military band in the festival.

Leave August 12
Departure date has been set at 9:30 p.m. on August 12 and the contingent will arrive home September 11. The Edinburgh Festival runs from August 20 to September 10.

Request Program

Imaginary Trip to Africa Enjoyed by Alert Auxiliary

The Knox Alert Evening Auxiliary were delighted to welcome five members of the Daughters of Knox to present a program of an imaginary visit to Africa on Wednesday evening in the church.

Mrs. Kerwin McPhail, as a visitor to Africa, was welcomed by a missionary worker, Mrs. E. A. Hansen, who travelled by boat down the Cross river, visiting a leper colony, meeting the doctor there who was impersonated by Miss Helen Holmes.

GIRL GUIDE NEWS

Following God Save the Queen and roll call Mrs. Watson taught us a dance called the Spoke and Wheel.

Next, one girl was taken from each patrol and in some way her uniform was involved. The patrols had to find the errors and write them down. The patrol with the least errors got five points. The Rose Patrol won this complete. We sang many of the favorite songs of the company until it was time to close with Day is Done and Taps.

Accept Resignations Of Eramosa Officers

The resignation of Norman S. Marshall from Eramosa township planning board was accepted with regret by the Eramosa township council at their February meeting held in Rockwood town hall February 1. All council members were present. Reeve Joseph L. Oakes presided.

Clerk S. S. Royce was instructed by the council to express their thanks and appreciation for his valuable services during his term in office.

Officer Resigns

The resignation of H. G. Edwards as school attendance officer was also received with much regret. Mr. Edwards' term expires on February 29.

Correspondence was read from Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association, St. John Ambulance, Eden Mills (police village) trustees, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Gamble and Mr. Guthrie regarding Alexander versus trailer by-law and township and the National Building Code.

Make Grant

On a motion of Deputy Reeve E. Behnam and Councilman L. Marsten, a grant of \$25 is to be given to the Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association for the year 1960.

The St. John Ambulance will also receive a grant of \$10 for the year 1960.

The road expenditure for 1960 is as follows: \$9,000 construction, \$23,000 maintenance, a total of \$32,000.

Clifford Duffield is re-appointed inspector under the Warble Fly Control Act, his remuneration to be \$1 per hour and eight cents per mile travelled.

Meet Council Over Quarry

A petition circulated through Campbellville this week to stop a new quarry from locating on the village's north limits is meeting with good response, and will probably be presented to Nassageweia township council at a meeting next Monday night, it was reported Wednesday.

M.P.P. Helps

Ken Moore, who was chosen chairman of the committee named at a public meeting last week to stop the quarry, said he was not sure how many names were on the petition to date, but "we have contacted many people and got a lot of ideas." He said Halton M.P.P. Stanley Hall had assisted the group by checking on quarry legislation in the province.

Fear Nuisance

Residents at last week's meeting expressed alarm at the quarry's location and feared noise, dust and truck nuisance, lower pressure in village wells, and defacing of property if the Hamilton firm located the quarry on the Guelph line just north of the 401 Highway checkered.

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