

—Off with the storm windows and on with the screens as the sun-begins to rouse the flies once again.

—The entranceway to Lakeview subdivision off Main Street has been improved with a load of gravel.

—Farmers have finally made a start in their fields, and crocuses are common. But spring was certainly reluctant.

—Streets are beginning to take on a new look as town workmen are busy cleaning up the winter's accumulation of sand and debris.

—Fishermen who have been down to Lake Ontario already for smelt have not been too successful. They figure catches will be a lot better next week.

—Judy Morton of Acton suffered a sprained ankle Sunday morning when a car she was a passenger in left the roadway and dropped into a four foot ditch in Guelph.

—It's spring clean-up time and many are beginning to rake lawns, clean up gardens and make ready for spring planting. Some shrubs were planted on the holiday weekend.

—Acton Junior Farmers viewed farm safety films and made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. W. Masters, newlyweds, during their meeting at the Bannockburn school Monday evening.

—The Free Press received several answers to the puzzle published last week—all of them right. We were glad to hear people enjoyed it. We hope to have a series from our "anonymous" puzzle-maker.

—The interesting April bulletin of the Home and School Association contains a message from principal Elmer Smith which parents have been reading. It lists 16 ways parents can help their children with school learning.

—Cars driven by Samson Gishy of Limehouse and Allan C. Stokes of Georgetown received a total of \$300 damage Saturday evening when they collided at the intersection of Highway 7 and Esquesing's 22 sidewalk. No one was injured.

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—Action boys scheduled to play in the Easter hockey tournament in Milton last weekend were disappointed to learn they were dismissed a few minutes before stepping onto the ice. A protest lodged by a visiting team sparked an emergent meeting prior to the game and the youngsters were unable to play.

Halton Nixes Deer Season

There will be NO open deer season on deer in Halton County this year, it was agreed by county councillors at the April meeting on Tuesday.

This month, the Burlington fish and game protective association objected to plans for an open season, and last month a Nassagaweya farmer also objected. On the other side, the Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Club and the Halton Sportsmen's Club have requested deer seasons to rid the county of large herds of deer, and provide sport for their members.

Apparently, the cons outweighed the pros. The agricultural committee reported they have "realized feelings in this matter" and agreed to hold a decision in abeyance at least for this year.

Spring Storm

Sweeping up a storm are the men who have been hired by the town to sweep the roads. They're surrounded by billowing dust as they progress down the streets.

EBENEZER

Guest Soloist, Choir Music Highlights Special Service

There is a charm and beauty all its own of an evening service in a rural church set deep in the country. Each year at Easter time a special service is held at Ebenezer United church, third line, Nassagaweya township which many people travel to attend.

This year they came under a starlit sky to see the great windows of colored glass warmly welcoming them as they neared the church. As they left their cars and approached the building, the soft voice of the pipe organ ushered them into the interior of this very beautiful sanctuary.

The Good Friday service of meditation was held on April 15 at 8.30 p.m. and again the church was filled to capacity.

The service was in four parts, each relating to the journey of Christ to the Cross of Calvary and the tomb. The first part was The Prayer of Consecration, the second dealt with The Scourging and Mocking, the third part with The Crucifixion, and the fourth part with The Sealing of the Tomb. In each there was a portion of the scripture reading for each person to meditate upon in silence.

The music was under the direction of J. F. Kitching as choir leader of the augmented Ebenezer United church choir and Eden Mills United church choir. Miss Margaret Early, resident organist, was at the pipe organ. Mrs. Joyce Weiler of Dublin Street United church choir, Guelph, was the guest soloist for this special service and her solos were "Jesus I Will Ponder Now" and "It Was For Me".

Chair anthems were "All in the April Evening" and "In Joseph's Lovely Garden". The congregation also had their part in the service in the five hymns so loved by people throughout the world.

At the conclusion of the hour long service, they left the church to the music of the organ playing the Pastoral Symphony from Handel's Messiah, out into the night of the countryside with its ceiling of stars, carrying with them the message of Good Friday as given by the reading of scripture and music.

Visitors came from Guelph, Rockwood, Acton and Campbellville, including the residents from the district served by this church. To attend Ebenezer United church on a Good Friday is an experience which remains with one throughout the year. For it attracts those who have once attended to return year after year, and for those who long for a service in a rural church at the close of the day, here is an opportunity presented each Good Friday.

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Combined Easter Services Highlight Holiday Season

Easter services at the local Church of Christ Disciples were fittingly observed.

The minister Rev. Byron F. Howlett is shared with the Guelph Church and some combined services were held.

Thursday evening, preceding Good Friday, a Candlelight Communion service was held in the Guelph Church for both congregations.

A goodly number from the local Church attended.

Friday Service Good Friday morning a Community Worship service was held in Rockwood Presbyterian Church when Rev. Howlett delivered the sermon "Crosses of Calvary" and many from here attended.

The brotherhood of Disciple Churches have been holding a Chain of Prayer since January 1, 1960 and Everton Church observed a twelve hour period starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The sanctuary was open all day and the various members kept vigil in prayer and quiet meditation.

Easter Sunday On Easter Sunday a special Sunrise service at 6 a.m. was well attended by members of both Everton and Guelph congregations.

Easter hymns of praise were sung and Donna and Marilyn Kingsbury sang an appropriate duet.

A timely message by Rev. Howlett concluded an inspirational service.

Regular Service The regular Easter service was conducted by the minister with a good attendance present.

Easter lilies and potted plants adorned the platform.

The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. David Armstrong of Rockwood sang the anthem "Christ Arose", and a duet "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" was given by Donna and Marilyn Kingsbury.

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CHURCHILL

S. E. Griffin, Nonagenarian Honored at Suprise Party

A social evening was held at Churchill Church on Wednesday evening, April 13, as a surprise party for Mr. S. E. Griffin who celebrated his 90th birthday.

A few games were played after which Arthur Swackhamer was master of ceremonies for the following program: music by the orchestra, violin selection Robert Denny, instrumental Linda Swackhamer, accordion solo Vera Denny, trio skit by Archie Kerr and family which everyone enjoyed.

Make Presentation Mr. Smith Griffin was then called to the front and Mr. Frank Freeman read the address.

Miss Doris Thompson and Mrs. Dave Williamson presented him with a hymn book and Bible and a few other gifts from close relatives who were present.

Mr. Griffin made a fitting reply after which all joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Everyone went to the basement where the table was decorated for the occasion. The head table was centred with candles and a birthday cake in the shape of a horse shoe, the other tables were centred with daffodils.

As Mr. Griffin proceeded to cut the cake all joined in singing "Happy Birthday".

Mr. Griffin has lived in this community all his life and enjoys good health and is active in doing chores around the farm and farming.

Celebrate Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday with a family gathering and a few friends.

They were taken by surprise on Saturday night when a few of their friends called to congratulate them on the occasion.

Enchere was played after which they were presented with a pop up toaster and mirror.

Easter Service A special service was held on Sunday at the church.

Easter lilies and candles with an open Bible were placed on a table in front of the pulpit for the occasion.

Mr. Murray McBride gave the message on Easter.

Mrs. Emmerson Anderson Fay closed with a solo "Christ is Risen".

Hold Bee A bee has been held tearing

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