

Personal Notes

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes.

Mr. James H. Taylor of Guelph was in town Wednesday renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robertson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson on Saturday.

Mr. Lorne Hamelin of Toronto visited with the Johnstons on the first line, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston spent Sunday with friends in Arthur and Mount Forest.

Mrs. R. E. Burns of Whitby spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. G. R. Somerville.

Mrs. James Marsh and family of Scarborough visited with relatives in town for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sprowl and little son were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns.

Miss May Armstrong of Toronto is visiting with her sister, Mrs. G. R. Somerville on No. 7 highway.

A course for Rover Crew leaders is being held in Georgetown Saturday and Ron Smith is planning to attend.

Among the many guests at the Friendly Circle's Four Seasons tea was a former president, Mrs. Stella Adamson of Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Krapek, Jimmie, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Nolan spent the weekend with Johnnie's parents in Huntsville.

Mrs. Mike Cox left Malton Sunday to return to El Cajon, California, after attending the funeral of her father, Mr. Charlie Withers.

Following a business trip to the States, Mr. Jack Mainprize of Montreal spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize and Mr. Bill Mainprize.

Mrs. Matt Tyler, Mrs. Robert Tyler and children and Mrs. Rae Wallis and son are back from Phoenix, Arizona, due to the illness and death of Mrs. Jack Ridley.

Mrs. Dougald Kennedy visited with relatives in Whitby the past week.

Quite a few from town drove to Stoney Creek Friday to witness the impressive Queen's Scout recognition ceremony there. Parents and friends had received invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Manning of Huntsville are visiting this week with the latter's brother, Johnnie Krapek, and family and visiting with friends in Niagara Falls and Hamilton also.

Mrs. George Robertson from Dublin Institute and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Acton W.I. are attending the Public Relations Conference for conveners at the O.A.C., Guelph this week.

Several from town attended the Milton Rotary Club banquet at the Masonic Hall on No. 25 highway Tuesday evening. Well over 200 heard advertising executive Don Henshaw extol imagination.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cripps and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, St. Catharines, and visited with the latter's mother, Mrs. Ada Franklin, who has been a patient at Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catharines.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston were Mr. and Mrs. A. Sparks and grandson, of Cooksville, Mr. James Clark and sisters Miss Mabel Clark and Mrs. E. Lavery, of Toronto, Mrs. R. Andrews of Mount Forest, Mrs. Anne Neu of Preston and Mrs. Anne Rolston and daughter Lorie of Guelph.

When Scout group committee member George Haggitt was at the Queen's Scout recognition ceremony at Stoney Creek on Friday evening, he was surprised and delighted to encounter his former cubmaster from England. He left the cubs when he was 12 and hadn't seen his leader, Gordon Williams, since. Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Williams are both still associated with scouting. Mr. Williams is now the district commissioner in Hamilton.

Comes to Defense of Schools Parries "Concerned's" Points

The Editor, Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir: Since no one else came forward in defence of our schools and teachers I'd like to say a few words "Concerned" criticising our output of university students counsels us to forget our dreams of sending our children to university if they attend Acton schools.

As evidence to support this advice "concerned" compares the figures of '47 and '48 to those of today claiming that though the children have the same intelligence today they are not receiving expert guidance by qualified teachers.

Post-War Years Would the writer then have us believe that the teachers of those years had university degrees? That they were teachers with superior education and qualifications?

Those were the immediate post-war years when there were few jobs available and a sudden excess of man-power discharged from the armed forces. In the decade since there has been a tremendous change in living standards and wages.

Jobs Waiting Today a grade XII or XIII student can walk out and get a good job or take a course at teachers' college that will put good money in their pockets now rather than make the sacrifices required of them to gain their degree. Is this situation the fault of the teachers or is it due to the monumental stupidity of our present-day society?

Parents Must Help Our whole economy evolves around the "have now worry later" policy. With this pattern for them to follow how can we expect the graduating students to be different? Teachers can give food for the mind but the parents must whet the appetite for that kind of diet.

Motivation towards university, seeing into the needs of the future and the unquenchable curiosity for learning, must begin in the home and carried on through constant conditioning of the child towards the goals of higher learning.

Can't Afford to Compete If our schools have become a training ground for teachers does this situation exist only in Acton or in all small over-taxed towns who can't afford to compete with the industrialized urban areas for the services of the experienced and specializing teachers? And if teachers who began in Acton are now highly rated in their profes-

sions is that not a matter of pride rather than concern?

More Need Education Are there not many, many more children in need of education? Should we begrudge the infants and the unborn the opportunity to have good teachers because we don't feel that beginners should learn in our schools under the guidance of the fine principals and teachers we have on our staffs?

School inspectors constantly check on the teachers now and old to see that the rigid standards of the Department of Education are maintained and our school board makes no bones about dismissing teachers who are not up to par.

Best in Halton Our public schools have been recommended as being the best run, top qualified schools in Halton County. Does that not speak well enough for their qualifications?

Perhaps "Concerned" does not realize that the Canadian educational policy is based on education for all-round living for all children not just concentrating the three R's on those who are able to go higher through ability or circumstances of means, as is the policy in other countries.

Not Enough for All As for the writer's remedial methods for our high school this is an ideal situation any parent or educator would agree and is practised in some Toronto schools but aside from the realistic financial point of view there just aren't enough specialists to go around.

The O.E.A. recognizes that 70% of mathematics specialists are over 60 years of age. Consider also that the department of education has water down the entrance requirements while still maintaining its grade XIII standards, which leaves a bigger job for today's teachers in the same amount of time.

A university degree does not make a teacher, it is a special quality within a person that leads them into the teaching profession.

Yours truly, Mrs. E. Browne.

PRICELESS PROSE "Darling," said the husband, "I'm writing a letter to your mother. I wish I could remember what I wrote to her the last time which made her so angry she cancelled her visit to us."

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BALLINAFAD

Guest Speakers, Special Music At Ballinafad Anniversary

Anniversary services were held in Ballinafad United Church Sunday with a fine attendance at both services.

Sub-Post Office Handling Orders Right in Plant

The rush at the Michigan Bulb Company in shipping orders for plants and shrubs is bigger than ever this year. Orders are coming in and being shipped out by the hundreds every day.

One peak day, over a full train car load of Michigan Bulb stock left town containing 1100 bags of mail. Each day one car is completely given over to the orders. Again this year the post office has set up a sub-office right in the Bower Ave. plant to facilitate their work. Mrs. John Chapman is in charge, working with Mrs. Shirley Brice, Mrs. Herb Cook, Sam Leishman and Bob Heatley. Early spring and fall are peak seasons for mailing.

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Rev. John McDermid, Brampton, was guest speaker taking as his text "A Sabbath Day's Journey".

Mrs. Hancock of Glen Williams the guest soloist sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Be Still My Soul". The choir sang an anthem.

Rev. W. W. Sherwin of Guelph was guest speaker for the evening service taking as his text, "Faith," showing how we should not be afraid to gamble on the good things of life and forget the wrong.

Hillsburgh Presbyterian choir supplied the music for the evening service singing two anthems.

Recent Visitors Visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cripps, Wasaga Beach, Keith and Elizabeth Allan, Georgetown, Mrs. Ken Colton and Bonnie, Orton, Mrs. Arnold

McEnery with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McEnery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Ashgrove, with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibson.

Mrs. Walter Linham with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson.

Mrs. D. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McEnery, Mrs. Wm.

Evans of Acton, Mrs. J. McEnery, Silvercreek, with Mr. and Mrs. Cam McEnery.

Mrs. Ella McEnery of Guelph at the home of her son.

Visiting Brother Mrs. Jesse McEnery left last Thursday to spend a couple of weeks with her brother, Mr. Joe Dampier of Tennessee, who has been confined to hospital following an accident in which his wife was killed.

Extend Sympathy The sympathy of this community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews in the passing of Mrs. Matthews' mother after a lengthy illness.

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(Advertisement)

School Children Participate In Reading Council Meeting

Over 200 teachers from Halton County schools attended the third and final meeting of the Halton Reading Council of the International Reading Association and heard lectures, saw displays and elected new officers, at the Robert Little school, Acton, Wednesday evening.

In charge of the evening's program was Lloyd Fulford, of Oakville from the Oakville Central school.

New Officers The first part of the meeting dealt with the election of new officers, with the following chosen to act on the executive: president Mrs. Florence Mears, Burlington; vice president, Gordon Buckley, Bronte; secretary, David Pawson, Burlington; and treasurer, Harold Calling, Georgetown.

Representatives elected consisted of L. Fulford and Miss E. Atkinson, both of Oakville; Mrs. L. Horning and D. Trueman, Burlington; Frank Hughes and Elizabeth Hodgson, Halton District No. 2 and Eida Presse of Milton; Mrs. Ora Copeland of Acton and Doug Scott of Georgetown, representing Halton-district No. 1.

Individual Meetings Following the general meeting four grade meetings were staged with kindergarten teachers attending a lecture conducted by Miss Margaret Wettlaufer, A.T.C.M. Kindergarten consultant, Toronto Board of Education. Her topic was "Reading Readiness".

Grade 1, 2 and 3 teachers were entertained by pupils from Grade three from the Robert Little Public School, when Miss R. Aileen Belfry, B.A. Master, Toronto Teachers' College, met the youngsters for the first time and after a brief lesson, had them demonstrate to the grade teachers the art of reading properly.

Grade 4, 5 and 6 teachers had much the same experience when pupils from grade 5 at the Robert

Little public school demonstrated in the same manner under the tuition of Mrs. Gene Miller, Reading Supervisor, South Peel Board of Education.

Lectures Teachers Grade seven and eight teachers from the county heard Claude Watson, B.A., B.Ed. principal, Glen Avon public school, North York, gave a lecture on "Teaching reading in the content areas".

Miss Belfry's demonstrated topic was "The basic primary skills of word attack and word analysis", while Mrs. Miller chose the topic "Emphasizing skills basic to the development of comprehension".

Mr. Fulford, past president of the association, stated the aims and objects of the organization are to promote a higher quality in reading and an interest in the basic subject "Reading in the community".

Following the meeting lunch was served in the home economics room of the school. Principal G. W. McKenzie was host to the visiting teachers.

Pupils Participate Those taking part in the demonstration exercise under the leadership of Miss Belfry were the following pupils from the Robert Little school, grade 2 class: Gordon McKay, Michael Marchment, Sandy Pateak, Gay Ellis, Linda Lawson, Judy Dean, Sylvia Hanousek, Harry Barons, Clive Stewart, Sharon White, Billy Pendleton, Elizabeth Hurst, Marsha McKenzie, Noel Myers, Patricia Nicolak, Anne Watson.

Taking part in the instructional lesson under the tuition of Mrs. Miller were the following from grade 5 of the Robert Little school: Janis McMullen, Helen Harris, Jim Fryer, Edith Hopkins, Carol Beatty, Jo Marie Marchment, David Watson, Anthony Hurst, Bill Landsborough.

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