

Plan Burns' Night Supper Following T.V. Appearance

On Saturday evening, after practicing for TV on Wednesday, January 11, members of the Acton Scottish Dance Club joined other members of the executive at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Buckner to discuss final arrangements for the Burns' Supper, which is being held in the Royal Hotel, Guelph, on Saturday, January 21.



A new Bible House was recently opened in London, Ontario, to be the headquarters of the Western Ontario District of the Canadian Bible Society. The building located on Waterloo St. will be both district administrative offices and a scripture distribution centre.

Not Rustled

A northern Trudgill farmer reported 24 head of cattle missing from his barn Monday night, and for a while the excitement was something to see. The word eventually got around that the valuable herd had been rustled, and neighboring farmers began to worry.

However, Ninth Line farmer Roy Break reported Wednesday the cattle — an even two dozen — had been located and returned. Seems somebody opened the barn door and they just wandered two miles down the road.

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Fire, Meetings, Reunion Highlight Community News

A fire which could have had disastrous results started in a barn belonging to Jack Nesbitt on New Year's Day. A jump bill was used to keep a sick ram warm but in some way fell into the straw. Quick action of neighbors and Rockwood fire department kept the blaze under control.

The 1961 council for Eden Mills got underway with their first meeting on Tuesday evening in the hall. Many problems are facing the new members and a busy year is anticipated. Peter Ortelis was appointed chairman, H. Gilbertson is chairman of works, and Bill Mino is village foreman.

Five sisters held a reunion during the week with dinner at the Royal York Hotel, Guelph, and the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Noble. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbertson and Mrs. James Gilbertson, Eden Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPhail, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ortelis and Mr. and Mrs. C. Noble, Guelph.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden were Mr. and Mrs. Melford Harkness of Teeswater, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gemell and son Bob, Dundas; Douglas Buchanan of Guelph; and Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright.

The Brownie troop of Eden Mills held open house for their mothers on Wednesday evening. Each girl presented her mother with a potted daffodil which has to be cared for by the girl in order to get a Golden Bear. Their leaders, Brown Owl and Tawny Owl, led in games and a lunch was served by the Brownies.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beatty spent a day in Toronto. Mrs. Gunther of Milton spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Allison.

Elect Officers The election of officers was held at the last meeting of the W.A. of Eden Mills United church. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. W. Wilson; first vice-president, Mrs. James; second vice-president, Mrs. Thomlinson; secretary, Mrs. Milson; treasurer, Mrs. Marshall; junior assistant, Mrs. Beatty; flower convener, Mrs. B. Wallace; courtesy convener, Mrs. W. Wilson. A bake sale was planned for later in the month.

The Wright family were in Galt Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson will attend the birthday party Tuesday for her father, George Flewelling of Florida, who will be 75 years old.

Rev. Charles R. Gower, former pastor of Acton Baptist church, died suddenly Monday January 9, minutes before he was to deliver an invocation prayer at the inaugural council meeting in Petrolia.

Rev. Gower was pastor in the Acton church from 1947 to 1950 and conducted services both in Georgetown and Acton churches. He lived in Georgetown.

He was active in the ministry in the Petrolia area for 30 years and was moderator of the Middlesex-Lambton Association of Baptist churches.

Rev. Gower collapsed while council took their oath of office and was caught by a reporter who carried him into the hallway and applied artificial respiration. Petrolia Fire Department arrived with an inhalator but Mr. Gower did not respond. He was pronounced dead by the doctor as Mrs. Gower was brought into the hall from the church manse across the street.

Miss Carol-Judd of London and Miss Vera Storey of Toronto, to visit New Year's holiday visit with Mrs. Fred Hosking. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hurd of Weston visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Bayne and Miss Helen Bayne.

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Flames Level Campbellville Barn Mon. Destroy \$5,000 Waxing Equipment

Flames of the Campbellville fire that levelled a barn and an adjoining building on Monday and threatened nearby buildings were seen for miles. Milton firemen were called out at 6:45 p.m. to the blaze 2 miles north of Campbellville which had already taken hold of the building. Albert Schouten, owner of the farm, discovered the blaze shortly after supper and attempted to fight the fire with assistance of other workmen. His extinguishers, emptied without bringing the fire under control.

Water Limited The firemen fought the blaze but with a limited supply of water, were forced to retreat and protect two large sheds that were standing close to the barn. The fire brigade, with its pumper and utility truck, stood by until 1 a.m.

Freezing Temperature Below freezing temperatures hampered the firemen as pools of water turned to ice and flying spray numbed faces and hands. Neighbors assisted by offering the firemen hot coffee. Chief A. E. Clement, thanked them for their assistance.

Mr. Schouten, of R.R. 1, Campbellville had equipment in the barn for waxing turnips for shipping. The building also contained 400 bales of hay and 120 bales of straw. Tons of wax were stored in the lower section of the barn. The waxing equipment alone was estimated at \$5,000.

The cause of the blaze is still undetermined.

Install New Officers At Church Meeting

Following the reorganization meeting of the Presbyterian Church Young People's Society last week, John Birch officiated for the installation of the Young People's executive during the service Sunday morning. Preceding the Sunday school scholars adjourning for Sunday school, Mr. Birch addressed the young folk briefly.

The many friends of Mrs. Watts will regret her illness. She is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Others who are in hospitals are Archie Flear in Hamilton General Hospital and Jimmy Fink in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, where he underwent an operation on his spine which proved successful. He is resting comfortably and slowly improving.

Attend Convention Alex and Duncan McPhedran attended the Milk Producers' convention and banquet held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, January 4 and 5.

Wayne Hosking, medical intern at Kingston hospital, was among those home for holidays. Also home were Bruce and Sheila Hosking of Hamilton Teachers' College.

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Federation Asks Higher Pay

Three hundred delegates from all parts of Ontario attended the three-day annual assembly of the 12,000-member Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in Toronto recently.

R. A. Cozens, vice-principal of Delhi high school, Delhi, was elected president. The federation was elected first vice-president, Miss Margaret A. Robinson of Forest Hill, second vice-president, and David Younger, Sudbury, third vice-president. O. A. Gilmore, Burlington, is treasurer.

Donald Thomas, retiring O.S.S.T.F. president, told the assembly that teachers either must face up to educational policy decisions of major importance or face the possibility of losing leadership in their own field.

"We dare not abdicate the field to those who are occupying it by those whose training and experience is less than our own," he said. "We shall have to squatter rights in this area until we have found answers to the problems which are arising in ever-increasing numbers."

Citizens Nervous Today, he continued, "no one is sure what the Canadian public needs in education. Big money is kept at all the Canadian public — knows what we want in education. The average Canadian citizen feels alarmed, but he is not too sure whether it is the cost, or the form, or the administration of education that is making him nervous."

Teachers, then, must take the leadership, must find the answers, he stated. The federation was urged to raise its sights on maximum salaries. A report by the salary committee headed by J. W. Kippen, principal of Mitchell district high school, recommended a starting salary of \$4,800 for pass Bachelor of Arts degree, increasing to \$11,200 for an hours B.A. after 18 years' experience. But L. M. Robb, field secretary, further amplified this report with a call for higher maxima for those in senior positions.

Only Few Over \$10,000 "The teaching profession," he stated, "has to raise itself from a second-rate profession to that of a prime profession." He felt that top salaries of \$20,000 to \$25,000 were not only desirable, but necessary, "so that teaching can be considered the ideal occupation for all intelligent men and women." Mr. Robb said that only 744 out of some 12,000 Ontario secondary school teachers make more than \$10,000 a year.

The University of Waterloo and the federation announced a joint agreement to furnish Canada's first comprehensive summer program for teachers anxious to upgrade their certificates. 14 courses will be offered, in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, English, French, history and geography. These will permit

Esqueusing Township Names Appointments

Appointments of various officials to fire area committees and conservation areas, highlighted the inaugural meeting of Esqueusing's 1961 council last week.

Reeve Campbell Sinclair and councillors, Walter Linham were named to the Acton fire area. Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Bird was named to the Milton committee, and councillors, George Leslie and Wilfrid Leslie were named to the Georgetown fire area.

Named to the Credit Valley conservation authority was Wilfred Leslie, while Wilfrid Bird takes his seat again on the Sixteen Mile Creek authority and Reeve Sinclair was returned to the Grand Valley authority. R. L. Davidson was appointed to the Esqueusing Planning Board for three years.

Name Staffer In a by-law, council named Geoffrey Denny as assistant assessor for the township. Another by-law passed, designating 22 Side-road between Highway 25, and the Nassagaweya-Esqueusing boundary line, as a through highway.

Council also asked approval for the transfer of \$1,839 from machinery purchase to roads construction; \$6,150 from roads construction to roads maintenance; and \$500 from roads construction to machinery purchase.

Seek Dump Burlington council's public works committee is studying the establishment of a public dump in the northern section of town.

Councillor Loron Laing said one was badly needed, as people were dumping their refuse along the sides of the roads. "They aren't going to drive 25 miles to take it to Aldershot," he added.

Why aren't all the Christmas decorations clean yet?

Four O.S.S.T.F. scholarships were announced for educational study by teachers in 1961. These will cover the influence of community factors on secondary school curricula, comparative achievements for students coming through the junior high school system, the teaching of Greek in secondary schools, and the development of deductive logic in adolescence.

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Church Meeting The annual church meeting will be held this Saturday evening at the church. A good attendance is requested. Friends of this community are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butler received word on Saturday that her sister at Guelph, Mrs. Mary Hardy, had taken suddenly ill. Friends wish her a speedy recovery. Congratulations to Mrs. Chester Allen who won the \$60 on Saturday for the draw of the week. Communion services will be held this Sunday at church.