

Notes on Nature

By WES FOUNTAIN

COMING OF SPRING
Springtime starts to stir in Nature's veins soon after the first of the new year. Few are aware of its earliest symptoms, for most of them are hidden underground. Often in early February, if the eye is sharp enough, one may see a faint spring brightening in willow twigs and maple buds. Usually the beginning weeks of Springs are a series of disap-

pointing stops and starts, a battle between warm days and cold ones.

Old Man Winter is stubborn and hates to give up, but the odds are more and more against him as the sun moves northward and the days grow longer. As his grip weakens, his opponent becomes stronger and stronger until, in thousands of ways and places, the burst of spring sweeps across the land with a power that carries everything before it.

Colorful Signs

Throughout the lower part of Ontario, the most colorful signs of Spring's awakening are the strangely hooded spathes of the skunk cabbage. Often their pointed tips appear above ground by the middle of February. Purplish brown, deep crimson, green or yellow, in various combinations as well as solid colors, they bring to the winter-worn swamps and stream edges, a gaiety very welcomed.

The name of this native swamp dweller comes from the skunk-like odor of its bruised or broken leaves and roots. Skunk cabbages are strong, hardy plants with long, stout and rubbery roots that anchor them firmly in their muddy homes.

Spring has hardly started when the apparently fragile British Soldiers flaunt their astonishing scarlet fruits, as brilliant for their size as anything in nature's entire year. Each scarlet mass contains microscopic spores instead of regular seeds. British Soldiers seldom grow more than an inch tall. Their pale, silvery grey branches always look more dead than alive. They have no roots, leaves or flowers, and they are found only where the soil is too barren and gritty for most other plants to grow at all.

Communion Service Given to New Church

At the regular service of the young suburban congregation of Calvin Church, Kitchener, last Sunday morning, Murray Coles and William Benson were present to make a presentation to that congregation of the wooden communion service that had been used in Knox Presbyterian church from 1916 until 1959. The gift was very gratefully received and accepted as an evidence of interest in and encouragement of this fine new congregation in south-west Kitchener.

It is expected that the building of the church edifice will commence soon.

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT services of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children is the diagnostic clinics held in fifteen or sixteen different communities. Medical specialists from the major centres travel to these clinics where more than 1,500 boys and girls are examined in one year. Easter Seal contributions make it possible to hold these clinics. The campaign objective is \$875,000.

Four Halton Municipalities Pay \$19,100 Credit Valley Levy

Out of \$84,125, the Credit Conservation Authority's 1961 levy, Halton municipalities will contribute \$19,098.20, almost one quarter of the total levy. Contributing Halton municipalities are Acton, Esquesing Township, Georgetown and Trafalgar Township. The levy is based on the percentage of the municipality in the watershed, the total population of the municipality, population estimated in the watershed and a levy rate of \$0.88 per person.

Trafalgar Township has 15 per cent of their municipality in the watershed which places 4,544 people within the conservation area resulting in a levy of \$3,981.90. Esquesing Township has about half their area containing a population of 2,884 in the watershed resulting in a levy of \$2,527.20. The town of Acton and Georgetown are completely in the watershed so that the levy is placed on their total populations of 4,336 and 10,034 amounting to \$3,796.40 and \$8,792.72 respectively.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority was established on May 13, 1954 and is now a quarter of a million dollar enterprise. With the addition of the 102 acres of land donated by Dr. Frank Wilcox in 1960, the CVCA

Explains Regrouping Of Women in Church

Details of the new United Church Women's group were given to members of the Friendly Circle at their meeting in the Young People's room of the United church Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Dwight Engel spoke on two days spent by herself and Mrs. Anthony Ironside at Fess-Oaks, the United Church lay workers' training centre, in February. They found the conference very enlightening and Mrs. Engel explained how the women's organizations of the church will be reorganized.

Mrs. S. Jerome was in charge of devotions; Mrs. L. Youngblut read the scripture and Miss M. Z. Bennett led in prayer. Miss Jean McLean was at the piano. Lunch was served.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE
Two prizes, painted at the side of the road to puzzle over a dead animal they saw there. "It has two stripes," said one. "That settles it," said the other. "It's either a skunk or a porcupine."

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Station, Restaurant in Township Permits

Included in \$28,000 worth of building permits issued in Esquesing Township during February, was a \$15,000 permit for a Shell Oil service station and restaurant at the Highway 401-Highway 25 junction.

Four Accidents \$2,400 Damage

Four accidents partially blamed on rough driving conditions recently were investigated by North Halton O.P.P. Total damage came to \$2,400.

March 9, a car driven by John East of Acton and a trailer truck driven by Harold McIsaac of Cedar Valley collided on Highway 401 near Milton, causing \$900 damage to the car.

March 11, a car driven by B. Baiks, Hamilton, rolled over on Highway 401 near Milton, causing \$600 damage, and one driven by John Jankov of Grand Valley went out of control and hit guard rails on Highway 25 south of Speyside, causing \$300 damage.

Sunday, March 12, \$600 damage was received by a car driven by Lynn Scott of Erin Township, when it rolled over on the Seventh Line below Ballinatal. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

Sunshine Executive Plans New Building

The executive of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children met last week at the home of Mrs. Sillars, Milton, corresponding secretary. President Mrs. Roy Ellenton presided. An invitation to attend the regional meeting at Mount Haven School, Hamilton, was received also an invitation to the opening of the Newmarket school "Fairmead".

Mrs. Sillars read the principal's report on the progress of students. The April O.A.R.C. annual conference was announced and members were urged to attend.

The recreation convenor announced plans for the summer at Bellwood Camp, and it was noted parents of children eight years and older would be helping to assist with plans for camp attendance.

Building committee chairman G. G. Addison announced that vi-sits had been made by his committee to various new schools, and plans for the new North Halton school are now being drawn by the architect, James Martin. A social hall hour followed the meeting.

Fame Sells \$17,000 Shares

"Farmers' Allied Meat Enterprises continue to grow rapidly in Halton County," provincial director Archie R. Service of Milton reported last week. He explained that to date Halton livestock producers have purchased \$17,000 of Halton's \$24,000 quota of shares in the new marketing enterprise, and more farmers are still subscribing.

Trafalgar Township went well over the top and sold \$7,100 worth of shares, while Esquesing runs a close second. Nasagaweya continues to sell shares and Burlington's canvass is showing good results, even though only one canvasser is working.

FAME representatives hope to complete the canvass by March 31st.

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by KEN HULFORD

High School

March 13: The Rocks' two and totals won from the Rebels brought them nearer to the first place. Teddy Bears, Don Price's 205 single headed up the winning efforts of the Rocks. Mike Rogers with 232 and Doug Ford with 206 had Rebels' top singles.

Loss Shock to Bears

Dropping two and totals to the Sapphires came as a bit of a shock to the Teddy Bears, especially when Jim Hurlough was winging an 813 (360) tri-count for them. This, along with Wayne Mason's 220, would have given them a better chance of more wins, but John Foley was putting a 629 (328) triple for their two well deserved wins.

Yogis Have 1 Big Game

With Pete Homer nipping up a 636 triple, El Ca Tomps notch ed out a two game win from Yogis. The Yogis fired their best game in the final spasm and it paid off with a win plus the odd point for totals. "Terrible Terry" Masales with 107 739 tri-count and Mike Matricks' 216 solo paced the Yogis' trundling.

League Standing

Teddy Bears 96, The Rocks 92 1/2, Yogis 84, El Ca Tomps 75 1/2, The Rebels 69, Sapphires 66.

Beardmore

March 13: Muskoka are still on the upgrade. The upset they won with a two and totals win to climb with one point of first place. Muskoka were riding high on the triples of Steve Elsnick 601, Al Roach 681 and Bert Fowler 622. John Dennis 602 triple, Harry Rogers' 212 and John Robinson's 222 singles, were good enough to get Uppers their lone win.

Leatherettes Pull Switch

Leatherettes, instead of winning their usual first game and losing the next two, pulled a switch. They lost the first but then went out and won the next two and totals. Joyce Masales 700 (304) and Helen LeSueur 604 took care of Leatherettes for triples. Helen Yatenam 223 and Kay James 223 looked after the singles. The short enders, Super Soles while short of games, were on show on the score. Bill Howie 610, Phil LeSueur 714, Millie Fabian 631 and Ed Parent 609 are triples that rate in any league.

Whirlybirds Roll Steady Games

The Whirlybirds rolled three steady games and it paid off in a two game win. The opposing Devons poked along for the first two, then really came to life and powered home enough pins to win the last game and the odd singleton for totals. Whirlybirds' triples came from Roger Murray 671 and Pat Walde 618. Mike Robert Brown was on his way for a tri-count with 229 and 210, but somewhere in the third game, things went cockeyed for "Browning". Sonny Lowinsky was around with a 230 solo. "Lime" Masales' 641 triple did not hurt the Devons' total pins, neither did the singles of Archie Papillon 204, Dennis Crooke 202 and Floyd Masales 232.

League Standing

Uppers 91, Muskoka 90, Devons 89, Whirlybird 74, Leatherettes 65, Super Soles 53.

Legion Ladies

March 13: Goodnikes had much the better of the pins in the first two games with Hopetide, but Hopetide were still hoping for a win as they went into the third game and their pins were rewarded. They avoided a shut out. Marilyn Hill's brace of singles, 250 and 205, parked the Hopetide score. Grace Aylmer spotted her 200 solo on the right place for Hopetide. In the third game and it clinched the win.

U.S. Take 2 in Close Play

U.S. won their first game from Wexford. Frank's 612 pins, and Kay's 511, were the pinners. They then scored out in the third by 19. Still, the two and

Acton Ladies

March 15: Corona Shoes sorta stepped on the Lovell Bros. coots and made with a two and totals win. The "Footwear Kids" almost picked up the works. They dropped the middle stanza by 19 pins. Helen LeSueur's 606 triple and Arlene Bruce's 272 single, along with Peggy Lawson's 209 and 212 ditto, were the payoff scores for Corona. Lovell's were shy on triples but sliced off three singles as Stef Peterson 234, Verla Arne 200 and Jean McIsaac 201.

League Standing

Corona Shoes 96, Wexford Thinkers 86, Hopetide 79, U.S. 75.

Blue Springs Nursery

March 14: With a three game win from the Carnations, Asters took over the top spot in the league standing. Marg Woodhouse's 203 single, along with those of Rhea Goodwin, 221 and 212, plus the triple of 643 from Beryl Jordan, got Asters in a winning mood. Carnations tried but were lacking in the big singles and triples.

Mums Lose 1st Place

Mums were knocked out of first place when the Violets took 'em over the jumps for a two and totals loss. Millie Stitt's 675 tri-count and Shirley Moore's 207 single headed up the Violets' win. Mums were overlooked as regards to triples but got in a couple of singles—Nancy Jensen 216 and Adele Nancay 204.

Roses Climb Up Win Trellis

Roses were climbing up the win trellis. They snipped off the Glads to make with a two and totals win. Roses' triumph was sparked by Sophie Oebtrich with a 602 triple and the singles of Joyce Withers, 205, Verla Church 206 and Linda Gordon 236. Glads were glad of Wanetta Smith's 633 triple and pleased with Alice Pilkington's 223 single.

League Standing

Asters 99, Mums 98, Roses 89, Violets 77, Glads 71, Carnations 70.

Service League

March 14: Wallfords were on their merry way for the first two games and were all set to hit the jackpot for a clean sweep but Micro Plastic had other ideas and capped the last game. Still the big share of the 5-2 go kept the good men of Goodwin in the top slot. Ken Hulford's 697 triple, along with Ray Everdell's 210 single, topped the Wallfords' trundling. Micro stayed in the single division for their best scores—Leo McGilgalloway 227, Cyril Leighton 202 and 222.

Pickups Make Nice Effort

Y's Men ran up a first two game win on the Pickups, then were caught on the down beat and the Pickups came up with a nice effort, winning the last game and snaking the odd point for totals by 22 pins. "Duke" Brown's 601 triple and the singles of Jim King 226, George LaMarche 225, Bill Vivian 203 and "Tommy the Tiger" Grundner 203 looked good on the Pickups' score sheet. Eric Somerville's 216 solo was the only mention able for Y's Men.

League Standing

Wallfords 79, Y's Men 72, Micro Plastic 56 1/2, Pickups 28 1/2.

Industrial-Commercial

March 15: It's Reliable! Easy still hanging on in first place with a two and totals win from Al Delvey's Wheeling and dealing for the "Last Box", top triple two were Ed McGilgalloway 763, Ross Morton 700 and Ben Boyd 634. Al Delvey delivered a hot triple with the scores of Bob Taylor 741, Ed DeLaurier 736 and 711, and Ed DeLaurier 688. Aylmer made two wins, but lost the third game by 27 pins.

Snack Bar Stay in 2nd Slot

The Jolly Rogers kept headed the M's Snack Bar in the first but the Snack Bar crew rectified that in a hurry and won the next two and totals to stay solid in the second slot. Al's big two were Spike Spruce 647, Don Logan 638 and Bill Johnstone 608. Rogers failed to make the triple.

Ledger's Take 2—Totals

Twenty eight pins was Ledger's take margin of victory over the Gays. Carlys in the first, then they powered home a but win in the second but there it stopped because the Call and Hand shifted into high gear and latched onto the last game to avoid the shutout. Ledgers' 609 triple, triple trundling came from Gurnesmoke, Irvine 689 and Dave Manes 614. Ches Pexcha was the lone tripler for Gays with 628. That more or less puts the spotlight on "Junior". Carleys' 460 double.

League Standing

Reliable Taxi 122, M's Snack Bar 118, Ledger's 108, Gays' Carriage 83, Jolly Rogers 60, A-1 Delivery 55.

Acton Ladies

Benson's Put Boots to Prouse's
Benson Shoes really put the boots to the Prouse Motors. They made every game a winning one. Benson's almost hit a win in the second but the Bensonites had 'em by 11 pins. Benson Shoes were up for this affair with Ina Mellon 648, Janet Bowman 618 and Helen Oberheim 600 being the top trio. The Motorettes missed triples but got in on the singles with Peg Ballentine 222, Charlotte Holmes 224 and 223.

Lamb's Take Close Decler

Lamb Real Estate bowed to McCallum Services in the first, got the evenupper in the second then in a close battle for the decider, made it by six pins. The "Little Lambs", lacking triples, made their singles pay off—Joan Barr 232, Rita Dwyer 215, Jean McPhail 203, Diane Speltz 222 and 210 being the pinners. Joan Knight carved out a 662 tripler for McCallum's with Marion Storey 246, Helen Holmes 204 and Kitty Allen 223 getting the singles.

League Standing

Lovell Bros. 103, McCallum Services 95, Corona Shoes 92, Benson Shoes 90, Lamb Real Estate 88, Prouse Motors 78.

Thursday Toppers

March 16: With steady bowling, the Hunters caught the Catchers off base and came up with a three game win to add seven points to their point total. Ed Marshall of the losing Catchers turned in the best solo of this affair—a 221.

Cats Hand Been Zero Count

Triple Cats were not fazed by Joan Knight's 614 triple on the Boss Bee Score sheet and handed the Boss a zero count. The Tiger Cats turned in three neat singles to make their triple win authentic. Verla Arne 209, Marj Louche 203 and Jean Masales 234.

League Standing

Catchers 113, Tiger Cats 103, Hunters 77, Boss Bees 71.

Acton Major

March 16: Casamir Flors barely got off the ground in the first against the Tiger 4 but all they did and they twisted the Cats' tail for a six pin win. They were living in the second but then that Cats were mad and clawed out the equalizer. The Tigers were still on the upper strata in the third but Cats were on the prowl and got their second win plus the odd point for totals. Leading the Tiger Cats' hit parade were Ken Hulford 805 (322), Jack Bullough 733 (303) and Mike Bennett 715. Plooting Tigers' big tri-count, were Ron Shannon 775, "Pink" Gaveau and Pete Turkock 662.

TenPro Smite Dominion Hotel

TenPro smote the Dominion Hotel and then then Ten Pro were "bip" and the "Wax" was Wallopers' and "dughead" when the TenPro found them a three game defeat. What a "babe" game and when they gave him the old news on the left to the imagination. Having no trouble with headpins or corners for Ten Pro were Ralph Barron 886 (324), Gord Colquhoun 775 and Phil LeSueur 669. Innie MacDermid's 788 (320), Innie MacDermid's 672 and Red Boy' Anderson 603 Dominion rolled a win or two but was not to be.

Firefighters Win All Games

The Firefighters, the Firefighters did in their tournament apparently paid off because they were at it and they scored all games from the Acton Billiard. Unpredictable, the Firefighters, John Krupak with 235 and Jack Prok 690 headed up the triple win. Two of the "Coc" Boys' picked out from behind. The Firefighters' game on the afternoon of the 16th was a bit strong then they powered home a but win in the second but there it stopped because the Call and Hand shifted into high gear and latched onto the last game to avoid the shutout. Ledgers' 609 triple, triple trundling came from Gurnesmoke, Irvine 689 and Dave Manes 614. Ches Pexcha was the lone tripler for Gays with 628. That more or less puts the spotlight on "Junior". Carleys' 460 double.

League Standing

Firefighters 113, Tiger Cats 103, Hunters 77, Boss Bees 71.

Acton Friends

March 16: Satellites don't feel when they go into orbit. They go into orbit. They span the Sugar Jets for a three game loss.

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