

New Ballinafad Hall Assured Grants, Auction Boost Fund

The future of a new community hall at Ballinafad was assured last week when council representatives from Erin and Esqueping townships assured payment of township grants totalling \$5,000 when they met with the building committee. The hall program received another shot in the arm Saturday when \$400 was raised during a community auction.

The building program had been temporarily halted after the foundation had been poured, when a question mark hovered over whether sufficient money had been raised during a public appeal. Township councillors assured payment of grants on the basis of funds raised to date. This week the contractor, William Hall of Guelph resumed work.

\$10,000 from Carraas Government and Erin and

Esqueping township grants as well as \$1,000 donation from Ballinafad W.I. assure \$11,000 of the required \$21,000 to build the new hall. Donations have been pouring in as canvassers make door-to-door calls for the remaining \$10,000.

A last minute stand is being taken by the canvass committee to enable those who have not already donated to play a part in the erection of the new building.

Top Price

Saturday afternoon events turned brighter than ever for the building committee when a large crowd gathered at the site of the new hall and bid on varied articles ranging from dishes, clothing and pets to farm animals and equipment. Auctioneer Frank Petch kept the crowd amused with his

witty methods of selling as he hung out for top price on each article.

Hairy Lauder on Sale

Patrons at the auction were able to enjoy a steaming cup of tea or coffee and a light snack sold by the Ballinafad W.I. as they wandered around selecting their articles. An old phonograph caught the attention of many parents as well as youngsters as favorite old Harry Lauder records were played.

A puppy dog attracted the interest of most of the children and a rooster and pig were eyed by the rural farmers. Clothing was sold at random prior and during the sale and vegetables, household goods and furniture brought fancy prices before the sale ended.

Triplet Calves Is Rare Birth

Triplet calves in beef cattle happen only once in every 107,000 births, and a Hereford mammy on the Norval district farm of Pat Patterson must have been the 107,000th.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday of last week, one of Mr. Patterson's cows did what some consider impossible — she gave birth to three healthy-looking young Herefords. The owner reports mammy and her three babies — all girls — are just fine.

Curling Revives Party Planned

Letters went out to curlers this week announcing the plans of the Curling Club for its first full season. An informal party has been arranged at the community centre for Monday evening, October 29, to accept memberships and meet new members.

Membership closing date is November 1. Frank Van Wyck is membership chairman. He explains that if it is necessary to limit the membership, last year's members will have first preference and for the new members it will be "first come, first served." Members from nearby towns will be accepted if curling time permits.

BALLINAFAD

Fall Thankoffering Has Korean Speaker

The United Church Women of Ballinafad held their Autumn Thankoffering Service on Sunday evening with the president Mrs. F. J. Shortill presiding. Mrs. T. Gibson conducted the Devotional. Members of the C.G.I.T. received the offering and gave the Dedicatory Prayer.

Rev. Sung Kook Shin was the guest speaker. He is taking further studies at the same College as Mr. Fleming. He told of mission work being done in Korea. Pictures were shown of many places in that country which were very instructional.

Ontario Like Prairie?

The seventh line from Ballinafad up seven lots is a dreadful sight since bulldozers laid low the stately elms and maples and smaller trees. Large rocks and stones are upturned. Ontario will soon be like the prairies with strong winds carrying off the top soil.

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Former Halton Sheriff, Politician "Bill" Hampshire Holds Fond Memories

Living to a ripe old age has many advantages, and one of them is a wealth of fond memories of the days gone by.

W. J. L. Hampshire, R.R. 3, Milton, celebrated his 90th birthday and for him, the days ahead will be happy ones.

His remarkably sharp memory has stored up many glittering items from out of the past — memories to be drawn out on a rainy day or when an old friend drops in to chat.

"Bill" Hampshire is a descendant of settlers who came to our land in 1803. . . a former township councillor . . . a man who cleared virgin White Pine with teams of horses . . . a former Halton sheriff . . . active church worker . . . school trustee . . . Federal election candidate . . . amateur boxer . . . noted public speaker . . . and a proud Scot. Memories of a lifetime of public service, the good times and the bad, will live in him forever.

Holds No Recipe

"I have no recipe for living to be 90," he said, "unless it's doing a good, hard day's work." He admits he has smoked since the age of 16, and he still enjoys a pipe. Mr. Hampshire injured one knee in his younger days, and it's giving him a bit of trouble now, forcing him to use a cane. But he still walks about a mile each day for exercise.

John McNaughton, his grandfather on his mother's side of the family, emigrated from Scotland to New York State in 1803, then in 1815 moved to Canada and settled on the present M. J. Carleton farm on the Town Line. Mr. McNaughton was the first Esqueping Reeve, a member of Halton's first County Council, its second Warden, and also Warden three other years. He seconded the resolution to erect the first county building.

"Deep Roots"

Prior to serving on Halton County Council, Mr. McNaughton served on the Gore District Council, which met at Dundas until 1849 when the county districts were formed. "I guess I've got deep roots in this part of the country," said the nonagenarian. Mr. Hampshire was born at Fergus, and at the age of seven months, his family moved to Speyside where his father had purchased a 200-acre farm. Ten acres of the farm had been cleared, and the other 190 acres was covered with virgin White Pine. Clearing the farm was the first task they tackled, and many years later, another 170 acres had been cleared.

Sent to England

There were 1,000 pine stumps in the first 10 acres but fortunately, the rest of the farm averaged 50 to 75 stumps an acre. "It took a number of years to clear it," recalled Mr. Hampshire. "But I broke it all with a horse-drawn plow." In those days, all the good pine was shipped to England for ship-building. The stumps were used to build the houses, many of which still dot the picturesque countryside today.

His father's farm is today owned by Dr. John Brown. During the 1890's Mr. Hampshire carried mortar and stone for a new house across the road, on Highway 25 just below 10 Sideroad, for builder Tom McJannett (at \$1 a day). In 1919 he purchased this fine home. Mr. Hampshire and his sister lived there until three years ago, when his sister was killed in an accident on the highway and he moved down the road to live with the Browns.

Thriving Community

He has a sharp memory for the days gone by, and recalls the days when Speyside was a thriving rural community. At one time there were two general stores, a Sunday school hall, village meeting place, blacksmith shop, stove factory and two saw mills.

He recalls seeing his first steam engine around the age of 10, at Thompson's Mill at Stewart town. Prior to that, five teams of horses were used for stumpings and threshings.

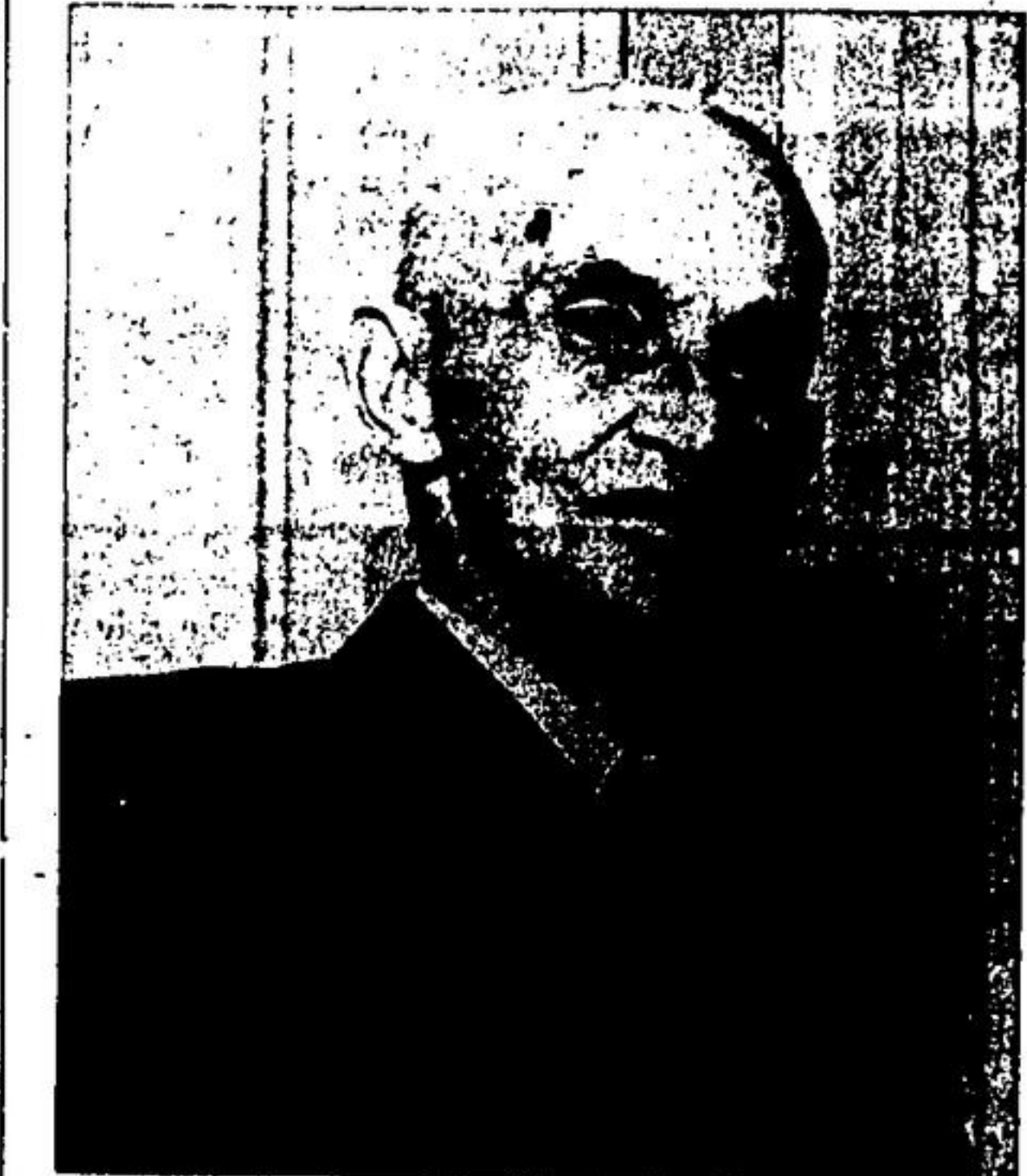
Educated at Dufferin School at Speyside, he later served 30 years as a trustee of the school, as well as a period as school caretaker.

On Councils

He spent seven years on the county council, two of them as deputy-reeve and two as reeve,



THE OLD SONG "Put Another Nickel In" didn't apply Saturday afternoon during the Ballinafad community auction sale. An old photograph donated to the auction amused patrons as they bid on articles up for auction. Pictured above are Mrs. Fred Archibald and her daughter Laurie with Mrs. Pete Fisher as they admire the old relic. Proceeds from the auction went toward the building fund for the Ballinafad community hall.



W. J. L. HAMPSHIRE of R.R. 3, Milton, a former Halton County Sheriff, celebrated his 90th birthday when a dinner in his honor was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown. He has lived in the Speyside district since boyhood, and has many fond memories of Halton's early days.



90 Imperial scientists and technicians pose for their pictures in the ultramodern wing of Imperial's research laboratories at Sarnia. Not shown: another 115 members of the Sarnia research staff, and another 130 who work in Imperial laboratories at Calgary.

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