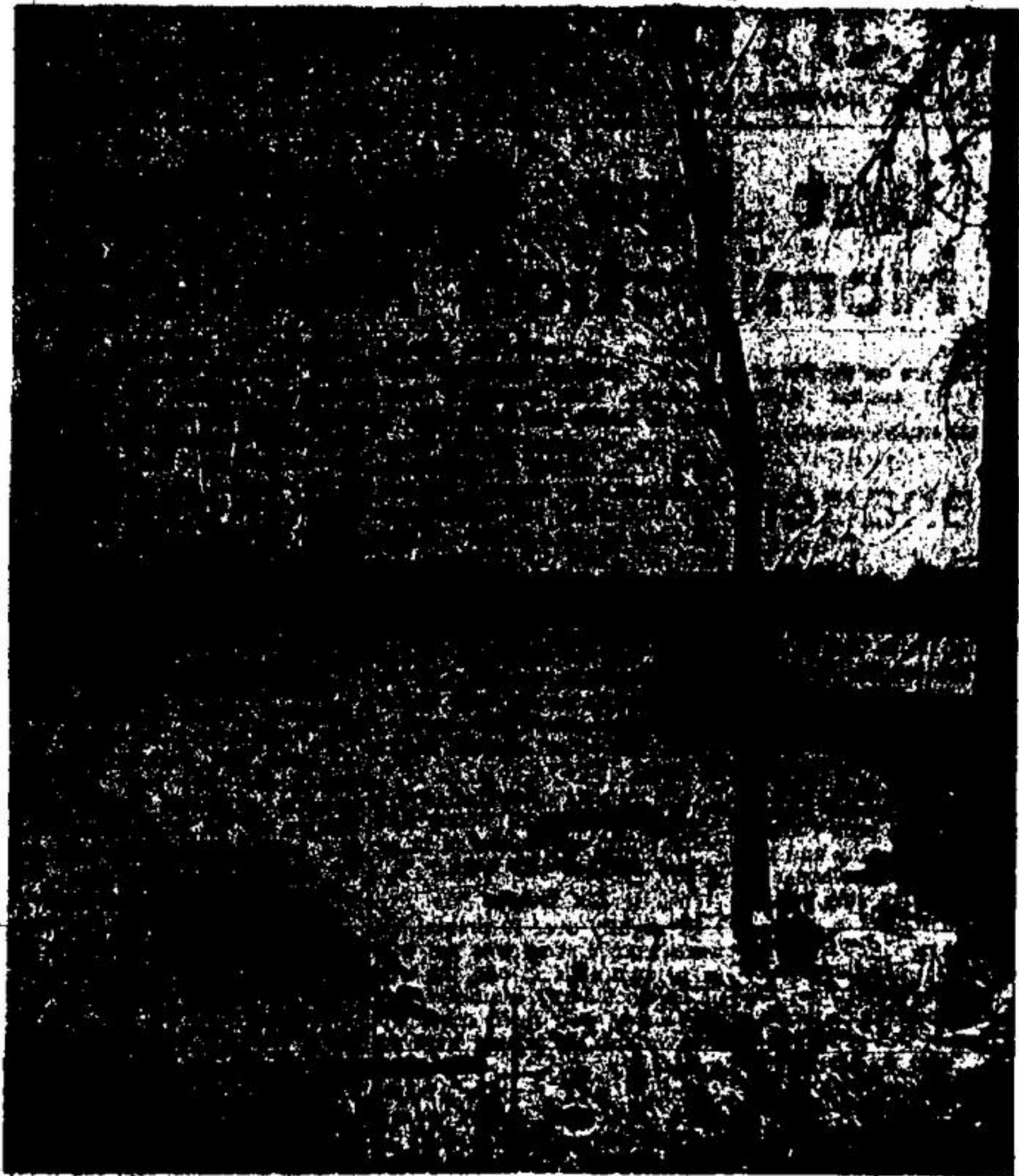


"Winter's on the Way"



—Photo by Esther Taylor

Store Closing Bylaw?...

Again a large percentage of the merchants have presented to Council a petition requesting the passing of a by-law restricting the hours retail business may be conducted in Acton. The last closing by-law was declared invalid in the courts.

Apparently no change in hours is requested from the hours now in effect through a "gentleman's agreement." Passing of the by-law would legalize the present agreement and no thought of prosecuting any of the stores, which did not, or would not, sign the petition is anticipated.

If it is not the intention to implement the by-law, there is no reason to pass it. It

would appear we now have sufficient municipal by-laws which are not enforced.

Of course this is not our only objection to the by-law.

We feel there should be no closing by-law. We feel that if any merchant, or group of merchants, is prepared to offer the public a service there are no grounds for preventing him from doing this.

No town is so completely isolated that it is possible to say "we'll be open certain hours and you can shop during these hours or go without." If any merchant is prepared to give customers service in Acton, when they want it, there is no reason to stop him,

It Serves You Right...

Once again ratepayers' apathy in selecting the men to run their municipality for the coming year has been evidenced in the amount of interest shown in the annual nomination meeting. Interest will no doubt be just as overwhelming at the polls next Tuesday.

With a turnout of a few more than fifty ratepayers at the meeting last week, the indications are that only 2.4 per cent care about their town, their tax money and the future of the town. On election day next week, probably a few more, maybe 35 per cent, will troop to the polls exercising their "civic duty" to go back into hibernation until the tax bills come out. Then they feel justified in complaining, on the street corner, because "I went out to vote".

It seems the ruckus of a few years ago to preserve our great "democratic freedom" was just to preserve these freedoms for

somebody else. Municipal government is probably the closest form of government to the vast majority of the people in Canada — yet we don't care to take any interest in its function. The oft-heard complaint that a few of the big wheels are running the town is pure drivel. If these few citizens are interested enough to come forward and offer to do the job, you'd better get out and help them.

The fact that over the years good men have come forward to administer the town business is not to our credit. We didn't deserve it.

So next week when you read that 35 per cent of the electors in Acton have elected a municipal administration for 1963, you can sit back and feel righteous because you were among the one in three ratepayers who, with a feeling of great sacrifice, exercised their democratic right and voted.

Too Sweeping...

Every once in a while somebody in an official position proposes a new restriction on the liberty of the citizen. The latest is a coroner in Hamilton, Ont., who noted that the identity of a murderer who had been shot and killed was not established for many hours, or some days, after he was shot. The coroner thinks, so the newspaper reported, that this identity would have been established if there had been a rule that all people be fingerprinted.

It is suggested that the restriction is too sweeping. It ought to be possible for the ordinary law-abiding citizen to go about his private business without having his fingerprints on file in some police station.

The matter of the too easy purchase of firearms is different. A firearm is a dangerous weapon and it seems reasonable that the identity of a person buying it should be on

record somewhere. After all, it is illegal for a druggist, for instance, to sell poison to a person who does not leave a signature and an address. Murders by poison are not always thereby prevented but at least it puts the murderer on notice.

Safety...

"Safety is not a sometime thing... nor is it a once-in-a-while effort! Safety is a vital part of our day-to-day existence," says Gordon E. Grundy, President of the Canadian Automobile Chamber of Commerce. As a witty commentary on the need for constant care in traffic, the Ontario Safety League reports a U.S. survey that shows that only one in 20 drivers whose cars are equipped with seat belts bothers to fasten them.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1942.
Nominations on Friday evening had the usual attendance of about 25 citizens. Clear and concise explanations of the year's business were given by Reeve McDonald and three members of the council. Public Utilities Commission and member of the School Board.

Following the nominations the following have qualified for office, with all posts filled by acclamation:
Reeve, J. M. McDonald; council, A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, J. F. Davison and Charles Kirkness; school board, V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blow, W. Geo. Mason; Public Utilities Commission, J. R. MacArthur.

Principal M. Leitch of the continuation school was chairman for the meeting. Reeve McDonald reported the municipality had purchased Victory Bonds of \$1,000. He reviewed developments in connection with the Maria St. Bridge which he said had been used as a municipal football for years. It has been closed for repair.

Tall white standards of chrysanthemums decorated the United Church for the setting of a ceremony when Muriel Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darby, became the bride of Private Telford George Reid, son of Mrs. Reid, Toronto, and the late Mr. George Reid. Mrs. Thomas Reid was the bride's only attendant. The groomsmen were Mr. Thomas Reid, Rev. W. Fosbury officiating and Miss Fern Brown played the organ. The ushers were William Darby and Mr. Orval Darby, brothers of the bride. They will make their home in Acton. The groom is stationed at Camp Borden.

Gnr. Alex Sinclair has joined the Artillery and is stationed at Fredericton, N.B.
A letter of thanks has been sent from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. to principal McKenzie thanking the students for their splendid collection of 1,600 magazines for the Navy League. The chapter is purchasing I.O.D.E. calendars for each school room here and in the district.

At the meeting of county council reports were given on the county-wide salvage collection.
Acton stores are open Wednesday afternoon from now till Christmas.
1943 auto licenses will not go on sale till March. You'll get your new ration book then, too.

The Y boys' airplane club has been named and is the "airmando" club and by the looks of the boys, it will be kept very much alive.
The enemy took a beating last week on all fronts. The Russians turned on the Nazis at numerous points along the freezing and sprawling eastern front, particularly around Stalingrad where they were seeking to close a huge pincer against hundreds of thousands of Germans in that area.

The Limehouse Girls' Lookout club had their meeting at the home of Doris Harding on Saturday. Doris Smith acting as chairman. Final arrangements were made in connection with a bazaar and tea at Mrs. Harvey Norton's home.
A large crowd of neighbors and friends gathered at F. E. Hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Muriel C. Cutcheon who were recently married.

In Rockwood the continuation school concert was held in the town hall which was taxed to capacity. Charles K. Harris of the school board was chairman. Secondary graduation diplomas were presented by Mrs. A. J. Elliott to Helen Allan, Laura Bower, Grace Stewart, Wm. Stewart and Eileen Wright.

There is a shortage of butter presently.
record somewhere. After all, it is illegal for a druggist, for instance, to sell poison to a person who does not leave a signature and an address. Murders by poison are not always thereby prevented but at least it puts the murderer on notice.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 28, 1912.
The response made to the efforts of the National Sanitarium Association to secure the observance of next Sunday as Tuberculosis Day throughout the province has been exceptionally cordial and encouraging.

Two Toronto youths gone wrong attempted to rob Mr. E. S. Rice, grocer, Saturday night. They had a gun, but beat a hasty retreat. They were arrested in Georgetown.

Bishop Francis Warne of India spent several days with friends in Acton and vicinity. He is a son of William Warne Sr. of Erin township and was born there. The headquarters of the Bishop is now at Lucknow and he has a vast territory under his supervision.

St. Alban's bazaar and sale of work in the town hall last Friday and Saturday is regarded as the most successful of its kind in the forty year's history of the church. The rector, Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, is highly gratified with the handsome financial returns. Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Beardmore were moving spirits in connection with the various enterprises exploited and the members of St. Alban's Ladies' Guild, St. Margaret's Guild and the young men were all actively engaged.

The attendance was large throughout but both evenings there were immense crowds. The fish pond, bran dip and ice cream and refreshment booths were completely cleared out on Friday night, and a complete new supply was necessary for Saturday's operations.

The booths were in charge of the following ladies and gentlemen: clothing, dry goods, etc., Mrs. G. Chapman, Mrs. John Clarke, Mrs. S. Laird, Mrs. Geo. Cook and Mrs. Logie; florery and candy Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, The Misses Clark, The Misses Chapman, The Misses White, Misses Mabel Hall, Clara Bauer, Gertrude Statham, Alice Flynn, Ethel Goldham and Mrs. Sheppard; ice cream and refreshments Miss Moore, Mrs. Jos. Hall, Mrs. Waller, Messrs. H. Harwood and Jack Chapman; fish, pond, Geo. Cook, W. A. Leger and Jas. Smith.

Groceries and Gilbert's booth, W. Lee and Chas. Moore; disc game, T. Sheppard; electrified water, J. Chinnery; rummage counter, Jack Jennings.
The ladies of the town met last Friday evening for organization in connection with the Local Option contest. They will do valiant service in this fight for right over wrong. If the women have their way the liquor traffic will be shorn of its power.

Messrs. James Ross, W. Stalker and J. Arthur each brought a fine deer home from Muskoka. The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday. Mrs. A. G. Clarridge and Mrs. N. F. Moore are going to speak on how to prepare hot suppers, and making candies for Christmas by six of the ladies.

The new consolidated catalogue of the Free Library has been issued and was obtainable by readers at the library last evening.
Ballmatald will give a good vote for local option. Now that the hotel here is gone there is no desire for its restoration.
On Thursday evening the Greenock Literary Society held its regular weekly meeting. A short program was given by the following musical selections by Mrs. J. F. Pearen, Miss and Mr. Allan and Mr. Kennedy, short addresses given by Messrs. J. E. Peaton, F. West, H. C. Simons and W. P. Near and a solo by Miss Margaret Near. The critic's report was given by Miss M. McDonald.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN—Chief Hibbert, former assistant assessor became town assessor when Joe Gibbons, the former assessor surrendered to the call of municipal politics. Mr. Hibbert, who has been in the department for six years has passed a three-year course in assessment from Queen's University which entitles him to the letters M.A. after his name.

BRAMPTON—A Chicago bakery has placed a \$1 million stake in Bramalea with the purchase of a 40,000 square foot plant in the industrial area on Diemda Rd. The Kitchens of Sara Lee announced yesterday the Bramalea plant is the company's first move into Canada. President Charles W. Lubin said the bakery is geared for an initial \$5 million bakery sales.

WATERDOWN—The nomination meeting for Waterdown on Monday evening resulted in three candidates for Council, an acclamation for the two utilities commission seats and one extra candidate for public school trustee. With two council members to be elected the candidates are Mrs. Clark Johnson, John Repta and Robert McNaem. Herbert Martin and William Laha were elected to the Utilities Commission by acclamation. Candidates for the three public school trustee posts are John P. Page, Leslie W. Powis, Arthur Cockwell and Douglas Lavoick. Reeve D. A. B. Johnston was elected for a two year term as reeve last year.

OAKVILLE—A leading figure in school affairs in the former Township of Trafalgar for many years, E. J. James was honored recently on the occasion of his retirement at a public gathering in the school named in his honor. Mr. James, who retired in September as assistant administrator of the Oakville Board of Education, was business administrator of the Trafalgar School area Board previous to amalgamation.

MILTON—Fifteen Milton garages have gone into a "Gas War" during the past week. The first in Milton since last year. Second grade gas, usually sold at 39.9 cents a gallon, is being sold at 37.9 cents per gallon. The last gas war started last year on November 29, with gas eventually reaching a low price of 33.9 cents per gallon.

Sugar and Spice...

BY ORA BAILEY

Noticed a letter to the editor the other day that suggested congregations should give their minister a hearty round of applause if they enjoyed his sermon. At first, the idea appealed to me. Many a time in church, I've been completely carried away by the sermon. In fact, on several occasions, I've been carried right out of this world. To dreamland.

On second thought, however, the notion of applause for a sermon lost its appeal. Supporting the minister got a real storm of hand-clapping. There's always the chance that he would beam happily, hold up his hand like a TV comic, pull another sermon out of the sleeve of his cassock, and give us a 30 minute encore.

With the knowledge that the roast was odoriferous at home, the gastric juices would flow like Niagara Falls and the consequent rumbling of stomachs would be horrible to contemplate, frightful to listen to, and destructive to any facade of holiness that we managed to erect.

Then, on the other hand, it would be only fair, if we were to applaud with gusto for stirring sermons, that we should be able to express our disapproval in the customary manner by booing, stamping and whistling, if we didn't like what the parson said. And the pros-

pect of rousing some of our soundest sleepers with such an outburst instead of the mellow tones of the organ, is 'traught with heart attacks, strokes and apoplexy.' We'd need a crew of trained stretcher-bearers in a day when you can hardly get sidemen.

Can't you imagine the jolt you'd get as you sat there happily nodding, if some hardened sinner who disapproved of the sermon on sin came out with a mighty "BOO-OO-OOO" right in your ear? You might very easily fall off the bench, simultaneously uttering an expletive that would irrevocably consign you to the fiery regions from which the sermon had just tried to save you.

Nope, we'd be much better to leave things as they are, and greet the end of the sermon with the same old hawking, coughing, snuffling and glove-searching as we do now.

I've often felt that being a preacher must be one of the toughest propositions in modern society. He has enough problems to make anyone take refuge in blasphemy, but he can't. He knows enough inside stuff to blast the parish wide open, but he has to keep mum.

Some of his parishioners get sore if he doesn't visit them regularly. Others turn out the lights and refuse to answer the door when they see him coming. Still others invite him in, which is probably the worst fate of all.

He can sit down and wait until the television show is over.

Pioneer Church Essay Subject

Mrs. Chester Allan was hostess for the November meeting of the Greenock W.I. Vice-president, Mrs. G. Wallace conducted the opening exercises in the absence of president, Mrs. Hemley. The scripture reading was given by Mrs. L. Trussenaar. Eleven members and one visitor answered the roll call by telling of an Indian custom or by displaying Indian handicrafts.

Secretary Mrs. E. Patterson explained the details of the essay contest. The subject is "A Pioneer Church in our Community." There are two sections, one for elementary school pupils and a second class open to anyone. The church must be one located in Wellington County but the writer does not necessarily have to be a resident of this county.

Mrs. Haggerty wrote the branch concerning the resolution which deals with off-grain in material. She asked co-operation from members to eliminate this problem.

"Canada's World Obligations, as Women See Them" is the title of a Radio Forum program to be broadcast on February 4, 1963. This is to be followed by a discussion group. Greenock W.I. will again sponsor a refuge child, along with other branches in Centre Wellington District. A letter written on Pingshue's behalf, was read by Mrs. C. Aitken who also gave a report of the district executive meeting held in Ferguson recently.

Mrs. Elwood Johnston and Mrs. K. Bolerick as Citizenship and Education Conveners each gave good papers.
A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, and her assistants Mrs. J. Thompson and Mrs. Wm. Johnston. Mrs. Thompson thanked Mrs. Allan.

First White Woman Walked to Eramosa

Mrs. D. Henderson was hostess for the November meeting of the Busy Bee Institute. Eight members and one guest were present. The president, Mrs. Hayward, opened the meeting with a reading for Armistice Day. Everyone then repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was answered by "A Historical Place I Have Visited." Mrs. E. Cose gave the Thought for the Day. Everyone joined in singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

The guest speaker Mrs. Trousdale gave a very interesting talk on Historical Research. She told how her great grandparents walked up the Guelph Road to Eramosa and staked out their land then went back to Burlington for the winter. Her great grandmother was the first white woman to come up the Guelph Road. She came on horseback. She also showed some pictures of her great grandparents and her grandparents, also some other pictures. It was a very interesting evening. Mrs. Henderson thanked Mrs. Trousdale.
Mr. and Mrs. Hayward are having a social evening for the members and their husbands on Tuesday, Nov. 27. A man from the hydro is going to show a film on hydro.

Everyone sang two hymns for Armistice Day and Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Robinson gave two short readings.
The meeting closed with everyone repeating the Institute Grace. The courteous conveners, Mrs. Lindsay, thanked Mrs. Henderson for her kind hospitality and lovely lunch.

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