

— Mrs. Hartley Colas is the new clerk in the post office.

— There doesn't seem any sign of serious flooding despite plenty of snow.

— County public speaking competitions will be in Acton Friday, March 29.

— April 21 . . . Spring is sprung, the grass is green, I wonder where the puddles is?

— A garage at Lindsay's mill, destroyed by fire several months ago, has been replaced.

— Conservative Headquarters in the former Roxie Theatre will open sometime this weekend.

— Groups in town are making arrangements to attend Holy Week Services together on different nights.

— Easter seals were in the mall this week, and all returns go to Ralph Davies, treasurer of the campaign for the Rotary Club.

— The clock radio and electric kettle that are the prizes in the Action Fire Fighters' bantam hockey club draw are on display in Action Home Furnishings window. Tickets are selling well.

— Glen Williams residents don't think the Credit river will flood this spring. There were rampaging icebergs there two years ago.

— Here's this week's Free Press, despite a few problems which include a case of adult mumps, a couple of doses of flu, a resignation and a bandaged knee due to a curling mishap. No wonder Mrs. Dowling in the office went west Tuesday . . . all the way to Victoria.

— With another 3,000 voters on Halton lists this year, election day could be a long day—if confusion similar to last year develops. Halton was one of the last ridings to report on local results and in the end the service vote determined the result.

— A Streetsville brick truck driven by Jack Campbell of Acton was the cause of much damage Wednesday of last week when the airline broke. The truck careened down the seventh line near Hornby and crossing the base line smashed into a guard rail. He smashed into a station wagon, wrecking it, and further down crashed into a hydro pole. Realizing his brakes had failed he kept his hand on the horn and no one was hurt.

— Barbara Youmans, 12 years old and a grade seven pupil at Glen Williams Public School, was chosen to represent Esquerring Township in a preliminary public speaking contest last Wednesday, March 13, at Stewartstown. She will take part in the inspectorate public speaking final at Howard Wriggleworth School in Georgetown, March 22.

Taking as her topic "My Dreams of the Future," Barbara defeated nine other contestants chosen as winners in their own schools, who delivered five to seven minute speeches. Runners-up was Bryan Reynolds, 13, grade eight student at Stewartstown Public School, speaking on the History of The Water Wheel; Jill Kemshall, 12-year-old grade eight pupil at Glen Williams, placed third with her address on Space Travel.

Close to 100 persons gathered in the Township Hall to hear the well-prepared and interesting addresses. Christina McTrash of the Township Hall, and the local Fire Department.

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But one little dark figure was trudging the roads,

With her shawl wrapped around her, and hat pulled down tight.

There was nothing in Munster could give her a friend.

And she trudged her way through the dark of the night.

The sad travelling woman.

Kitty O'Hare

When she finished her story the tea was drawn.

And the most of them stretched with a bit of a yawn.

As they glanced towards the window and wished it was dawn.

For the old lady's tale had been strong in its telling.

And after the tea and a pipe for the road.

The company all seemed well ed down with a good feed.

And when time came for leaving, very slow as a load.

Not a brave one among them would open the door.

And, says Kitty O'Hare, with her dark shawl around her.

Opens the door, while the others surround her.

And bravely goes out where the darkness abounds her.

For she was the teller of all the wild tales.

Pretty soon all the others folk leave from the castle.

And through the darkness in clusters were weavers.

As they whispered and murmured of sadness and dismay.

All down the bouscous on these own little homes.

They reached each thatched cottage and safety of home.

POET'S CORNER

THE STORY TELLER OF IRELAND — KITTY O'HARE

By David E. Cohen

Where are the tales of yesteryear,

Which used to strike our hearts

With fear,

With ghosts and goblins which seemed to appear

In the spiraling smoke of the open hearth.

Headless horsemen and Banquo's wall,

Wrapped in each wonderful, terrible tale,

Long dead soldiers in chain mail,

Wandering the roads in the dead of night.

The chimney corner would be dismal, dark,

Till a spin of the wheel sent up smoke and then spark.

And the old folks smoked clay pipes and sat still and stark,

As the travelling woman unfolded her tale.

She told of the ghosts that were with and against her,

Of goblins and wee folks, disturbed as they sensed her,

From Ulster to Munster and Connacht to Leinster,

Her tale was unfolded in wonder and awe.

The children themselves were supposed to be sleeping,

But ah! Twasn't long 'till the rascals came creeping.

And they sat in the doorway, their sleepy eyes peeping,

And gobbled each word that the old lady said.

Oh! The sadness and tears showed on many old faces.

And on younger collops in a great many cases.

But the boudies were manly and strong in their graces,

Pretending no fear in the old lady's tale.

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Ford Men View Fire Hazards

The 1,400 employees of Ford Motor Co. plant at Oakville will be learning more about fire hazards around the home, during the coming weeks.

Oakville Fire Department members have been invited to show a series of colored slides on home fire prevention during plant breaks.

The slides series was compiled by the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau last year, mainly through the efforts of Oakville Firefighters Capt. Don Cherrington and Lt. Wes Miller.

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