

## Personal Notes

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mrs. R. M. McDonald has been a patient at the Guelph General Hospital this week.

Mrs. Forbes Wilson of Brampton spent a day with Mrs. Ramshaw.

Miss Elva Pearen has been a patient at the Guelph General Hospital.

Miss Mary Lou Creighton has finished her third year in pharmacy at the University of Toronto.

University of Toronto student Brian Barbeau is home for the summer. He has a job at A. P. Green-Firebrick Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Reid of Guelph spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Landsborough, Lake Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood and son of St. Catharines, spent the weekend at the parental homes here.

Assessor Bill Erskine attended the annual convention of the Assessing Officers of Ontario in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, this week.

Mrs. G. H. Lantz and her daughter, Mrs. Ross Robertson, of Milton, attended service at Knox Presbyterian Church here on Sunday and visited with friends.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. A. B. Lyon of Ulster, Pennsylvania arrived to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Dill, and Mr. Dill.

A pre-theology student at Waterloo University College, Laurier, Dubuque, arrived home last weekend after completing his second year. He is the son of Mayor and Mrs. Les Dubu.

Teaching of conversational French in elementary schools was the subject of an open meeting in Milton Thursday evening of last week and several from Acton went down, including representatives of the school board, a principal and parents. The speakers were Dr. Robert Gauthier, director of French instruction for the Ontario Department of Education and Mr. Duplancie who was in charge of Oakville's French lessons until his retirement a year ago to write text books for teachers. A film showed the best methods of instruction. Introduction of French in the public school curriculum has generally begun by pressure from parents, enthusiastic response to private lessons or separate classes sometimes given in the school before regular classes. The meeting in Milton was sponsored by the Milton University Women's Club which has several members from Acton.

Police Constable Allen and Mrs. Leishman, and family of Barrie spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leishman.

This Sunday Gary Masses leaves for Ottawa as Acton Rotary Club's representative in the annual "Adventure in Citizenship." He'll have a report for the Free Press.

Young Johnny McHugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McHugh, has a possible cracked collarbone, cuts and bruises and is recuperating at home following hospitalization. He was struck by a car near his home last week.

Roger Lambert after serving a three-year stint in the Royal Canadian Navy, enjoyed a three-month vacation before signing up for another five years. Friday he left for Moncton, New Brunswick where he expects to be stationed for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough, Helen, Ruth and Donna of Acton and Mr. Mac Sinclair of Guelph spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Park of R.R. 2, Petrolia and attended the 91st anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Petrolia, Ont. The Landsborough sisters sang with the choir and rendered vocal trios at both services.

Officer Cadet James Tronside finished his last exam in engineering physics at McMaster University at five o'clock Saturday, was home Sunday but left Milton at eight o'clock Sunday evening for Victoria, B.C. where he was to board ship immediately for a six weeks' training cruise on the ship, H.M.C.S. Sussexville, sailed Monday morning down the coast and from California will go across to Hawaii. It is the flagship of the training fleet. Training continues at Royal Roads, Esquimalt, and then the cadets have 30 days' leave in August before returning to university. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tronside.

The "open house" at the Motel Black racetrack Sunday afternoon drew many from this district. Andrew directed the throngs to points of interest; a few employees offered information at various points but there were no guides. Visitors saw the vast grandstand, hastily-readied cement black cocktail bar and beer parlor, dining room, kitchen, stables and offices, as well as the underground conveyor belt which carries bins of money constantly from the betting wickets to a cement block and wire netting calculating room. Stables are out of sight in the bush over a half mile from the track and these were open for visitors too.

## Research in Russia Advancing Very Speedily, Speaker Tells

A lay representative last year to the International Cancer convention in Moscow, Maurice J. Grimes, executive director of the Ontario branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, addressed both the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside chapters of the I.O.D.E., several members of the local cancer society and representatives of the Georgetown society Tuesday in the Legion hall. Lakeside hosted the meeting.

Mr. Grimes outlined the work of the Cancer Society and stressed the need of more education, service and research, all of which require more money each year. He showed slides of Demark, Sweden, Finland and Russia. His talk of his travels and experiences was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Grimes said that four years ago, at the time of the last cancer convention, Russia was far behind in research, but last year they had surged forward in their work and would soon be ahead.

Business Meeting  
Lakeside members held their separate business meeting before Mr. Grimes arrived. For a layette for the Canadian Save the Child fund, 65 articles were turned in.

Tennis Meeting  
Plans were finalized and an executive chosen during the initial meeting of the Acton tennis club Tuesday evening. George Elliott was named president with Mrs. Jim Graham secretary-treasurer, Cass de Jung on the property committee and Wayne Ridley in charge of the membership. There were 26 at the meeting in the community centre.

During the meeting chaired by recreation director Jim Cashburn plans were made for the summer season and the fate of the club in the event the tennis property owned by Beardmore and Company is sold.

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## Schools Express Headmaster Visiting Here from England

A retired school headmaster from England who hadn't been in Acton since 1906 and his wife were in town visiting last week - at the home of nephew Mr. Wilfred Coles.

They were renewing friendships which have endured since shortly after the turn of the century when Mr. Cooksey's father, a Baptist missionary in the West Indies, spent a summer with his family here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coles. Since then Mr. and Mrs. Coles have visited the family in England, the last time, with Miss Jessie Coles, in 1957.

The Cookseys landed in Canada Wednesday of last week and came here by train Thursday On Thursday and Friday they toured the town and met other friends including Mac Sprowl who visited them in England, and Alex Mann, a childhood playmate of Mr. Cooksey's. He remembered the tannery, and they enjoyed a tour there.

Impressed by Schools  
Former headmaster of St. Marks and St. John's College in Chelsea - a Baptist College connected with Oxford University, - he was particularly interested to see our schools.

He was very much impressed and told of the dismal old buildings in England which have housed scholars for generations. Here the new buildings are bright and roomy. They left for Detroit and from there go to Winnipeg and Banff and on to Vancouver where they will visit Mr. Cooksey's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. E. Kendall and children, the latter a professor at the University of British Columbia. (They visited the Coles here in Acton, too.)

Education secretary Mrs. Reid gave a report on books purchased for the Empire Day presentations at the public schools which will take place May 17. The chapters are joining to send one student from Acton high school to the Waterloo College seminar on United Nations June 23 to June 28.

Arrangements were completed for the Treasure Mart to be held in VanGils' store June 7. Conveners were chosen, Mrs. Lidka and Mrs. McGehele for the home baking candy, jams and jellies; Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Mainprize and Miss Mainprize for the rummage; Mrs. Ironside for summer reading; Mrs. Johnson for the plant bar. Mrs. Beatty will convene an assortment of new articles made and donated by talented members of the chapters.

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