

Anniversaries, Presentation Bring Happy Groups Together

The Monday night Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shortall were given a pleasant surprise when about 35 of their friends and neighbors drove in to help celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. It was a few days early but was held before their son Ross and Mary Lou would leave for Powell River. They received a number of nice gifts.

Presentation Party
A presentation was held in Ballinacall Hall on Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kirkwood (nee Dianne Swindler) who were married recently.

After dancing for a while Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood took the chair and asked the bride and groom to come to the platform. Miss Marilyn Madill read an address and they were presented with a lovely silver rooster and foot stool and mirror from the community and several other gifts from friends.

Both thanked all for the gifts.

All joined in singing "For They are July Good Fellows." All retired to the basement for lunch, after which all enjoyed more dancing to music by McEnery's Orchestra assisted by Mr. Ed Perryman who rattled the bones which you don't see much of now. Mr. Ernie McEnery and Mrs. Norman Sinclair joined the orchestra in a few songs which all joined in while dancing and this was very nice.

40 Years Married
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortall celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Wednesday at their home. Their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Mr. and Mrs. Richard and grandchildren joined with them. Their daughter Lillian is on a tour to Scotland so was unable to be with them. Congratulations to the bride and groom of 40 years.

The young people met in the church on Sunday night.

Booths Sold Out At Horse Show

The Churchill U.C.W. had a very successful sale of homemade pies, sandwiches and hot dogs as well as ice cream and pop at the horse show, held at Bayview Acres Ranch, 5th Line, last Saturday.

In spite of the rain in the afternoon everything was sold out.

In 93rd Year
Mr. and Mrs. John Near and boys, visited at his Uncle's home, Mr. and Mrs. John Maud, Guelph, on Sunday, Mr. Maud, who is in his 93rd year, is in good health and enjoys company.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson attended his sister, Mrs. Davis' 75th birthday party on Saturday at Kleinburg.

Mr. Russell Book of Detroit is visiting his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson and other relatives.

Neighbors and friends are pleased to hear Mr. Charlie Binzie is able to be around a little after being confined to the house for four weeks.

Churchill friends and relatives are sorry to hear Mrs. Harold Griffin who has been home from Guelph General Hospital, is still confined to the house but is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Damin and Linda motored to Regina and visited relatives and friends in that vicinity, arriving home Sunday after a two-week holiday.

Consider Quarters Park Superintendent

An agreement on the use of the Alexander house on the property of the Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Authority at Kelsa Dam was discussed at a meeting of the museum board with representatives of the Authority. The Conservation Authority will repurpose the unused portion of the house for use by the park superintendent but this portion will be turned over to the museum board on August 1, 1946, so the board may proceed with their planned renovation of the house as a continental project. Plans of renovation will be presented to the board.

The rental agreement between the Authority and museum board was reviewed. The area includes the barn that houses the museum so far, a former pig pen and about five acres, rented by the museum board from the Authority for \$1 a year. Long-range plans of the board encompass a much wider area than is presently in use.

Glorious Record of Lorne Scots

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the history of the Lorne Scots. In October the Peel District Militia unit will be presented with its colors by a representative of Her Majesty, during the World Flowering Match at Major Conn Smythe's Caledon Farms.

Forward
This brief history of the Lorne Scots Regiment and Regiments from which it was formed was prepared from the scanty records in the Regimental Archives, including the incomplete War Diaries of the units that served in World War II. The information about the first Scottish dress was confirmed by Lt. Col. Alexander Noble, who joined the regiment in 1901 and has a keen recollection of the earlier days of the Halton Regiment, the Lorne Rifles.

The late William Perkins Bull turned over to the Peel and Dufferin Regiment several files, including records of officers' service and nominal rolls used in the preparation of his book "From Brock to Currie". These documents filled in many gaps in the regimental history. The late Lt. Col. H. W. Jackson, M.B.E., L.D., while director of war records service, supplied war service records and extracts from part II orders of the overseas units. Col. Louis Keene, while commanding the Halton Rifles, had gathered letters, newspaper articles, pictures and extracts from earlier histories. These records filled four large scrap books and were an important source of information about the early history.

It is hoped that this short history will stimulate further research. The chairman of the Historical Committee extends his thanks to the following committee members for their assistance: Hon. Lt. Col. Lt. Col. E. R. Barber, F.D., C.D.; Lt. Col. S. R. Chartres, C.D.; Maj. B. L. Hunt, C.D. and Lt. J. W. Moore. The revision of the previous historical booklet was commenced during the term in command of Lt. Col. A. Kemp, C.D. and completed under the command of Lt. Col. F. Conover, C.D.

R. V. Conover, O.B.E., V.D. Colonel Chairman Historical Committee.

The Seventy Militia
The colony of Upper Canada, now the Province of Ontario in the Dominion of Canada, was established by the Constitutional Act of the British Parliament in 1791. The government consisted of a Lieutenant-Governor, Executive Council and a Legislative Assembly, elected by the citizens. For administrative purposes the area was divided into districts and gradually townships were surveyed and settled. The earliest areas settled were those facing on the St. Lawrence River, Lakes Ontario and Erie. The area now comprising the counties of Halton, Dufferin and Peel was first settled in the present townships of Toronto, Trafalgar and Nelson and it was known as part of the home district, later part of the county of York.

Relations between the newly formed Republic to the south of the Great Lakes and the British Government were constantly disturbed by boundary disputes. In Upper Canada, settlement had been close to the four important military posts, Kingston, Niagara,

Detroit and Michillimaine. When the latter three posts finally were ceded to the United States by the Jay Treaty of 1793, some of the population again migrated to British Territory. The aggression of the expansionists in the United States against the Indian tribes kept the frontier in constant turmoil and, as the small garrisons of British soldiers stationed at various small forts along the frontier were not adequate to protect the scattered settlements, the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada in 1793 passed a militia act enrolling all able bodied men between the ages of 16 and 50 for service in the defence of the newly formed colony.

Forward to Regiments
These enrolled men were formed into regiments or battalions and given the name of the district from which they were formed. There were several battalions of York Militia and the 2nd Regiment of York Militia was formed in the Townships of Toronto, Trafalgar and Nelson. In case of mobilization, arms, accoutrements, ammunition and uniforms were to be drawn from government stores. From these regiments, flank companies of volunteers were attached to the regular forces in time of danger. During the early eighteenth century the crisis between the United States and Great Britain had become more acute and at the same time Great Britain was deeply involved in the War of 1812. The British Navy controlled the high seas with settling blockading of American ships from Continental Europe. By 1814 a war party, "The Watchdogs," formed in the newer states west of the Allegheny Mountains, proclaimed it was the manifest destiny of the United States to control all the North American continent.

Early in 1812 the Legislature of Upper Canada passed a new militia act which provided for the formation of two flank companies in each Regiment of Militia. These companies were to be volunteers, but if sufficient numbers were not available, the remainder were to be selected by lot from the regiment.

War Declared
President Monroe declared war on Great Britain on 17 June, 1812, and preparation was made to invade Canada from Detroit across the Niagara Frontier and up the Richelieu River to Montreal and Quebec. Major General Isaac Brock, Lt. General Sir Isaac Brock, mobilized the flank companies of the War of 1812. The second York Militia, raised in the Townships of Toronto, Trafalgar and Nelson, commanded by Capt. John Chisholm served with General Brock at the capture of Detroit, and later at the Battle of the River Chippewa. The officers and men of these companies were granted land for service in any of these engagements. In 1851 the Gore District was

established. It included either townships and the townships of Trafalgar, Nelson, Esquimaux and Nassagaweya, now the county of Halton. On the 10th July, 1816, a Militia General Order redesignated the 2nd Regiment of York Militia the First Regiment of Gore Militia. The Second Regiment of Gore Militia, with limits in Trafalgar Township was authorized in 1821, Lt. Col. Graham Nelles commanding officer and Captains John, William and George Chisholm as three of the company commanders. The 5th Regiment of Gore Militia was formed in the Township of Nassagaweya and Esquimaux Townships with Lt. Col. William Jarvis commanding. The 8th Regiment of Gore Militia, with limits in Nelson Township appears in the Militia List of 1819. Col. William Chisholm was gazetted to command on the 3rd of May, 1830.

Annual Muster
The training of the militia consisted of an annual muster and some drill. The men were armed with their own weapons and wore whatever uniform they personally possessed, a motley crew. Annual training days were held in each regimental area, usually the Sovereign's Birthday. During the absence of Major-General Brock in 1812, the militia was called out to defend the capital York against insurgents. A detachment from the Gore Militia, raised in the townships of Trafalgar and Nelson, proceeded under Col. Wm. Chisholm to York. Col. Chisholm commanded one of the divisions of the militia in the movement to Montgomery's Tavern on December 7th, 1817. Lt. Col. George Chisholm and the 2nd Gore Militia served on the Niagara Frontier at Chippewa in January, 1838. A few took part in the cutting of the "Caroline," a ship used by Mackenzie's followers to carry supplies to Navy Island, intended for a future invasion of Canada.

In 1846 the militia districts were changed. The County of Halton was organized and six battalions of militia were formed in the county. First Battalion Halton Militia, with limits in Trafalgar Township, 2nd Battalion with limits in Nelson Township, 3rd Battalion with limits in Hamilton East and West, 4th Battalion with limits in Beverly Township, 5th Battalion, with limits in Dumfries Township, 6th Battalion with limits in Esquimaux and Nassagaweya Townships. In 1851 Sederbury Militia District No. 3 was formed with Lt. Col. George K. Chisholm to com-

mand the First Battalion Halton Militia on 11 Dec. 1851, with limits in the township of Trafalgar. The Second Battalion Halton Militia, with Lt. Col. Hiram Smith, dated 31st of April, 1853, was limited to part of the township of Nelson. The third Battalion Halton Militia, with limits in the Township of Trafalgar with Lt. Col. George Brown, was gazetted 13 May, 1853. Lt. Col. William Clay, was gazetted 12 May, 1856, to command the 4th Battalion Halton Militia limited to the Township of Esquimaux. Lt. Col. Alexander McNaughton was gazetted 13 May, 1853, to command the 5th Battalion Halton Militia with limits in the Township of Nassagaweya. Lt. Col. Adam Sprout commanded the 6th Battalion Halton Militia from 2nd of May, 1856, limits concession 1 to Toronto. The 7th Regiment North York Militia was authorized with limits in Chinguacousy and Toronto Gore with Lt. Col. John Scarlett to command from 16th July, 1855. Lt. Col. William Thompson commanded from 16th July, 1859 to 1845. The eighth Regiment North York Militia was authorized with limits townships of Caledon and Albion Col. John Council Baldwin to command 12 Oct. 1855.

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The area now known as Peel county was part of the county of York. The second Regiment of West York Militia was authorized 17 May, 1822 with Col. William Thompson in command, limits in Townships of Hespeler and Toronto. The 7th Regiment North York Militia was authorized with limits in Chinguacousy and Toronto Gore with Lt. Col. John Scarlett to command from 16th July, 1855. Lt. Col. William Thompson commanded from 16th July, 1859 to 1845. The eighth Regiment North York Militia was authorized with limits townships of Caledon and Albion Col. John Council Baldwin to command 12 Oct. 1855.

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Silver Wedding Anniversary Holiday Trips in Area News

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bulloch celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently with a party at their home. Guests present included Mrs. L. Reihill, Mrs. J. Eastham, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher, Woodbridge; Mr. and Mrs. S. Knowles, Miss C. Little, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. B. Immond, Erin; Mr. M. Yeates, Bolton; Miss M. Paterson, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. F. Little, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hue, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. D. Kidd, Mr. A. Johnson, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. V. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. McEwan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Isley from the village.

Holiday Trips
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Atken and Joan and Mr. Michael Hutchison of Toronto spent a few days at Lake Parkmeau. Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher and grandchildren Steven and Laurie Archibald enjoyed a few days holiday at Wasaga Beach. Mrs. J. Wheeler of Guelph was a recent visitor with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Lang. Mr. Reg. Bulloch left on Mon-

day for Peterborough where he has obtained a position. Mr. Alan McCrae returned home last week from a Toronto hospital where he underwent surgery.

Mrs. Isley Sr. of Limehouse visited on Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law, Wm. and Mrs. Isley and family. Miss Emma Ghent, Toronto, Mrs. H. Coates and Mrs. Art Coates, Port Credit, Mrs. Minnie Malmes, Waterloo and Mrs. Warren Barker of Burford were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard.

Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Brian were in Stratford on Saturday where they attended the wedding of the former's nephew Lavorne Carter and Sandra Petersen. Brian was one of the ushers.

Music League
Gary Ferguson spent a few days in Hamilton last week. He attended the 10th annual festival of the Canadian Music League. Mr. Archie Sinclair was able to leave the Guelph hospital following several days' treatment for diabetes. Mr. and Mrs. Therral Hills and family spent the weekend at Wasaga Beach.



FAR-AWAY VOICES brought pleasant memories to an Acton district man and his family when brothers and sisters not seen for nearly 12 years sent greetings via a tape recorder. Terry Slaven, R.R. 4, Acton, greeted his brother James for the first time in 15 years when the brother arrived for a three-week visit. James Slaven brought a tape recorder with greetings from three other brothers and three sisters. Listening to the tape left to right are Margaret Slaven, Mrs. T. Slaven, Irene (daughter of James) James Slaven, Terry Slaven and baby Agnes, James and Terry J.

Bob Hart Receives Brigade Promotion

Robert S. Hart, organizer and superintendent of the Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade Division, has been promoted to staff officer with the Wellington Grey Bruce Corps. He will be in charge of the North Halton area.

Replacing Mr. Hart as Brigade superintendent in Acton is George Hargrave who has been divisional officer. Mr. Hargrave will continue to work with the Acton brigade.

Expensive Steaks

Rotarians had a "bad time" Tuesday and Wednesday night. One of the members helpfully cleaned up after the steak fix at the farm home of Jim McCallough, by mistake threw into the fire all the money collected to cover expenses.

Sad is being laid around the Churchill reservoir.

—Pershed on a Lakeview television aerial one night this week just at dusk a big owl exhibited a four-foot wing spread when he flew back into the bush. He was heard booming mysteriously during the night too.

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