

Scottish Dance Club Concludes, Children's Lessons Continue

Recently, some three dozen people met in the Y.M.C.A. to conclude the sixth and final season of the Arion Scottish Dance Club. Some two dozen of these present were members who had gathered together in 1953 in the garden of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner's home on Wellington St.

Colored lights among the trees added to the gaiety of that occasion. Many cars, attracted by the lively music, lined up while their occupants watched the dancing on the lawn and invited guests partook of the Scottish fare. Proceeds from this "different" evening went to the local I.O.D.E. scholarship fund.

Club Forward

And so the Arion Scottish Dance Club was formed with the following aims:

- (1) To keep alive the best in Scottish tradition and to hand this on to the children.
- (2) To help the young people of the community, with special emphasis on the Pipe Band.
- (3) To help charitable causes — the Retarded Children has been the club's special project.
- (4) To welcome Canadians and new Canadians and anyone especially interested in dancing as a social activity.

Through the years, the club flourished amazingly well. Milton followed suit to form a Scottish club, Guelph started the Scottish Country Dance Club, still functioning under the auspices of the Guelph Y.M.C.A.

Popularity Spread

On many occasions, the club went to Kitchener to dance on TV.

Thus another club—the Kitchener Scottish Country Dance Society—was formed. Several people from the Arion club attended their lovely ball in the Walper Hotel, Kitchener, well patronized by members of many Scottish Country Dance groups from Toronto, London, Hamilton, St. Catharines and even from the United States. It was a stately night with gentlemen in Highland evening dress and many ladies in long gowns with their clan tartan sashes on their shoulders.

Club Closes

And now, regretfully, the time has come to fold up the Arion Scottish Dance Club. Time marches on, indeed, and few old or people are able to cope with the arduous chores very necessary to the smooth running of any organization.

At an earlier meeting, Mrs. Bill Connal, Guelph, proposed that the founder members keep together, meeting each month in each other's homes. Scottish tradition will be maintained with the occasional dance, also the eminently successful Burns' Supper and Dance held each year in Guelph. Next year, the Social Club will support the Guelph Club.

Class in V

It was proposed that the remainder of the funds be used (along with the dues he paid each month by the new social club) to sponsor a teacher for the younger group, who formerly met under David Izatt. Jack Crobbie, Guelph, will be the teacher and parents will be notified soon after the children return to school in September. There will be approximately 10 lessons before and 10 lessons after Christmas.

At the request of Mrs. Robert Currie, Guelph, ladies of the club will knit and help to support the Canadian Save the Children Fund in their spare time.

Earlier in the season, Sidney Newton had approached the club with regard to the teaching of ballroom dancing to a group of teenagers. With the aid of J. Barr, very skilled in the art of ballroom dancing, it is hoped that with careful planning, with parent and teacher co-operation, the serious minded young people will have the opportunity of being instructed in the basic steps — in preparation, perhaps, for the High School annual "At Home."

Isatis Honored

On May 9, the club met to honor Mr. and Mrs. David Izatt.

Scottish Farmer Visits Halton Schools, Development Impress Him

The excellent standard of local beef stock, the new M. M. Robinson technical school in Burlington, the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph and the mushrooming development of Halton County, are the things in the area that most impress 23-year-old Scottish visitor John Duncan. As a representative of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers, John is spending nearly four months in Ontario, blending work with relaxation, sight-seeing and visiting farms throughout the province.



PATY MCKAY, daughter of TV star Cliff McKay, competed at the horse show Saturday with her favorite mount "Black Ace". Patty attends Acton district high school and is a noted horsewoman at various district shows.

Since May 29 John has been staying in Halton County, first at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pecketer of R.R. 6, Milton, and since Saturday at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Reford Gardhouse of R. R. 5, Milton.

Farming in Canada is much the same as farming Scotland, according to John, although the average Canadian farm is a little better mechanized than a comparable Scottish farm. Also in Canada, farmers grow corn while in Scotland no corn is grown at all.

In Halton the Scottish visitor was most impressed by the high standard of Shorthorn cattle. "There aren't any better Short-horns in Scotland, indeed I doubt if there are better Short-horns anywhere," the six foot, 190 Scotsman reported.

While staying at the Pelletier farm, John visited the M. M. Robinson technical school and described it as being "terribly well equipped. They don't equip schools as elaborate in Scotland, I was very impressed," he said.

On Friday he attended the Ontario Sheep Breeders Association field day at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, and described the college as having

"More We Are Together" Sing 35 In One House

Some Georgetowners are jammed into their homes like sardines in a can, according to reports brought to Council, Monday.

"Five families are living in one bungalow on McGee's Crescent," Councillor Bill Smith said. "It's a disgrace to the area."

"Some French people are living about 35 in one house in the orchard (the Lane subdivision),

Councillor James Young added: "The language is pretty strong if the wind is in the wrong direction. The Planning Board has no suggestions. We can call the Department of Health and ask them to check both buildings."

Mayor Joe Gibbons suggested any individual could call the Halton Health Unit.

Councillor Robert Francis said a full time by-law enforcement officer was needed.

South America Seen on Slides

Lakeside I.O.D.E. members entertained the Duke of Devonshire chapter and other guests in the Legion Hall, Tuesday evening. The Chapters held separate business meetings first.

Guest speaker was Edwan Harrop of Milton, who had travelled extensively in South America. He was particularly interested in the different methods of farming. He was entertained at a beautiful, large farm house, and was impressed by the very different standard of living of the farm workers. He was introduced by Mrs. H. Hinton and Mrs. I. Inglis and Miss M. Z. Bennett both expressed thanks.

Bake Sale

During the Lakeside business meeting, plans were made for the bake sale in Simpson's store this Friday afternoon. Four members volunteered to clerk.

First plans were made for the annual bazaar in November, and entries at the fall fair.

There was a display of articles for lavettes which will be sent to the Save the Children Fund. 27 members contributed.

A letter has been received from Germany expressing thanks for the good packet books sent servicemen. Mrs. R. West read an amusing article on colloquialisms from Newfoundland. Mrs. W. E. Sproston reported on the centennial project meeting, she attended at Lakeside's representative and was named to the committee.

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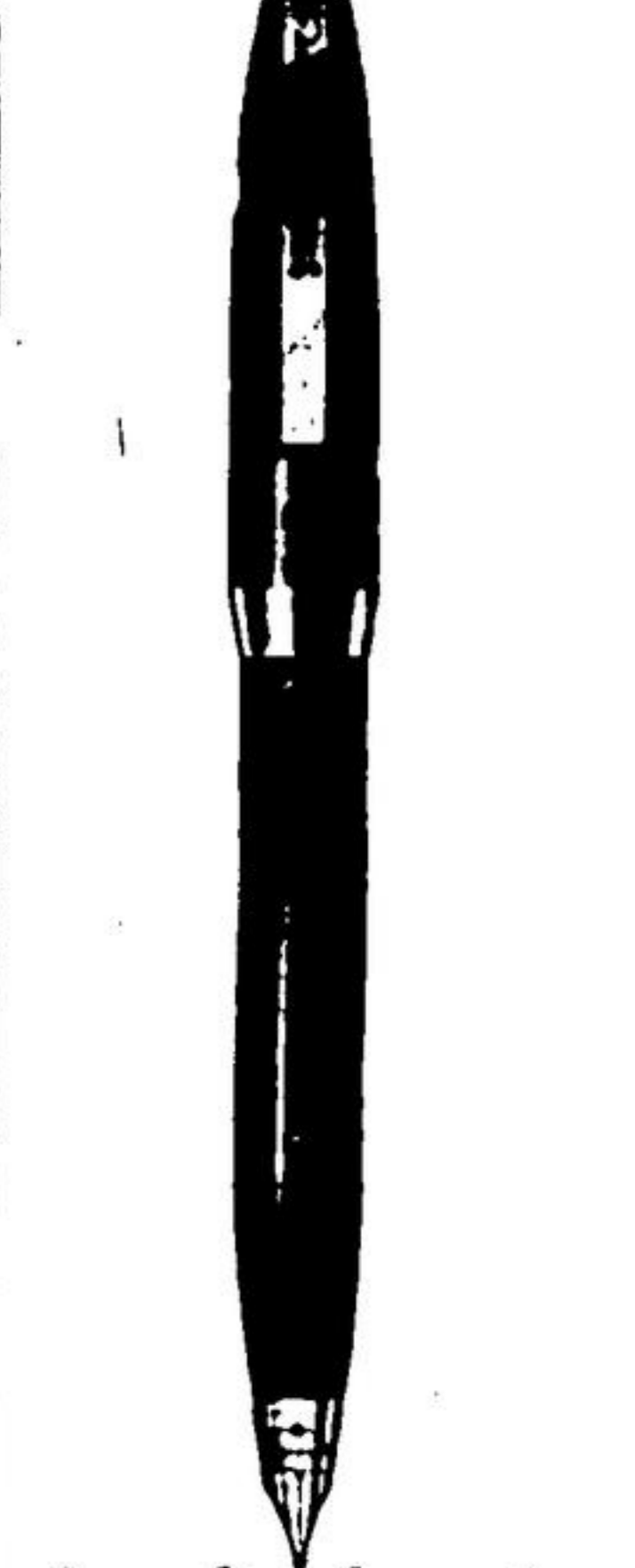
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Halton Juniors Welcome Scot

The Halton County Junior Farmers welcomed John Duncan, the Scottish Young Farmer who is staying in the county from May 29 to June 12. This special evening was held in the Boyne Hall, Friday evening, June 5 at 8:30 p.m.

The evening commenced with the county directors' meeting. The County Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, at the Milton High School, with track and field events in the morning and ball games after lunch.

The County Junior Farmer Rifle Shooting team will be chosen on Monday, June 22, at Ashgrove Welding. These competitors are all planned to choose representatives for the Guelph Field Day on Saturday, July 11.

John Duncan was then introduced by Ed Segsworth, provincial director for Halton. John then showed slides and discussed the agriculture and geography of Scotland. Several musical numbers were provided by Junior Farmer members, followed by a County Field Day schedule, instructing the members on new dances. Refreshments ended an enjoyable evening.

John Duncan is spending his final week in Halton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reford Gardhouse.

Daughters of Knox Enjoy Rockwood Trip

The June meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held in the form of a potluck supper in the basement of the church.

After a delicious supper Mrs. A. H. McKenzie gave a very interesting report of the 100th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society which she attended at St. Andrew and St. Paul's Church in Montreal.

The group then went by car to Rockwood where they went through the Weathervane Antique Store which is owned by Mr. Don R. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart told the group about his Lyon glass collection, bedspreads and several other articles of interest, and the tour was very much enjoyed by all the girls.

On returning to Acton, the group went back to the church and enjoyed lunch and a cup of tea.

Mrs. A. Holmes, assisted by Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, Mrs. J. Pink, Mrs. W. Toth, Mrs. E. A. Hansen and Miss Helen Holmes were the ladies in charge of the lovely supper and the entertainment.

HARLEY...to HALTON

(Intended for last week)

The past week has again been a controversial one, mainly revolving around the flag issue. I am sure that everyone has, by now seen the new flag design, three maple leaves on a white background with blue borders. I have seen now a photograph of this flag lying and to me, it is certainly acceptable. It has a distinctive design and is easily recognized as Canadian because of the maple leaves.

Mail is now pouring into Ottawa and I understand the Prime Minister's mail is approximately two to one in favor of such a distinctive Canadian flag. It is likely that discussion of the flag will start the middle of next week. The debate will probably continue until completion without interruption, although it is very difficult to predict what will happen or when it will happen.

Non-Confidence Motion

The past week has seen another non-confidence motion in the House of Commons. The Liberal government survived, as usual, but the N.D.P. and Thompson's Social Credit Party splitting and supporting the government. This now completes four out of six non-confidence motions for this year. The remaining two are expected to be left until fall, so now we have complete time to devote to legislation.

These motions of non-confidence are a little unusual in a way. The Opposition can pick a topic and criticize the government for their handling of the topic or situation, and force a vote after two days of debate. If the Opposition were successful in such a vote, this, of course, would not solve the problem directly by any suggested action. What it would do would be to force the government to resign and cause a subsequent general election.

Spends Little

Canada spends a very small total sum on medical research of an independent nature. Gone are the days when research could be carried out in spare time and in small quarters with no equipment. With the advances in technique, cost has become very great if one is to compete with others in this work.

Under such circumstances, it is easy to see why skilled personnel in experimental and clinical research go to the United States where funds are greater and more readily available.

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