



WEAVING BASKETS was one of the many projects for the senior group at the Ballinfad Summer Vacation School last week. Left to right are George Bates Jr., George Bates, pastor of Malville, Churchill and Ballinfad United churches who supervised, and Wendy Klatt. Dry reed was soaked in water to make it pliable before the weaving process began.

Acton's Trade Fair...

Acton will have a small scale Trade Fair this year in conjunction with the fall fair the middle of September. As well as the produce of farms and the home, directors are expecting to use the new cement floor for the first time for a commercial and industrial display. These booths by local firms and businesses always attracted interest in past years and the area was always a haven in event of bad weather. The curling rink was used for years for booths, and several years ago the dirt floor of the arena was devoted to exhibits of Acton industries and merchants. It proved fascinating; few people realized the products that were made in town. And since then there are even more industries which produce a wide variety of fine goods - cupboards, boots, organs, leather goods, plastics, knitwear, saws - that will undoubtedly amaze the many visitors who come to the fair. Stores, too, will show their wares. The greenhouses could add

Underground Wiring Coming...

The current trend toward underground wiring is being studied presently by Acton Hydro Commissioners, who are beginning to visualize a much improved eastern entrance to the town. In conjunction with the Queen St. widening program, for which no detailed plans have yet been received, they are discussing installing new standards with underground wiring. Beautification of the town's outskirts and reduction of maintenance costs are two of

The Ultimate Speed Trap...

Installation of new electronic speed checks, requiring only two wires ten feet apart and an automatic stop watch, is another step in concerted police efforts to cut down on speeding. Automatically and immediately registering speed of the car, the new system eliminates all the guesswork and most of the headaches in apprehending speeders. It marks a decided improvement over the old system which required a longer distance and sometimes allowed motorists to "beat the

Happier Than Most...

On the whole are you satisfied with the work you do? And with the amount of leisure and free time you get to yourself? According to a recent Gallup poll of opinion in Canada and seven other countries, many more people than might have been supposed are quite ready to answer both questions affirmatively. And Canadians more so than most. In Canada, some 86 per cent answered "yes" to the first question, a higher propor-

beauty. The possibilities are endless and exciting. This is a fine project undertaken by a new fair committee under Calvin Anken with Gordon Harding, Lawrence Hemley, Ed Woynarski, Cliff Muir and Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer. And their efforts will benefit the arena in turn. Proceeds from the rental of space on the new floor will be given as a donation toward the cost of the floor. Members of the committee are beginning now to make contacts. They'll be selling space around the edges of the arena and down the centre, reserving space at one end for the Friday evening program taking place on a raised platform. This commendable new feature undertaken by the energetic fair board will continue the blending of farm and town as a progressive entity in Halton.

the reasons which offset the increased cost of underground wiring. This is an improvement which has obvious advantages in our rugged climate, and many towns are embarking on the re-wiring, section by section. Let's hope Acton joins the trend as soon as possible, and that the tangle of overhead wires which scars any modern country will, within a few decades, be completely eliminated.

rap" if they spotted the radar trap. The new system still requires supervision of a couple of policemen, and in this respect is not completely automated. But some day they'll probably develop a system which photographs all cars exceeding the speed limit, and provides enough evidence to obtain a conviction in court - without any supervision at all. Police would probably welcome such a machine, even if motorists wouldn't.

tion than in any of the others save Switzerland (92 per cent). And no less than 74 per cent are apparently well satisfied with the amount of leisure available to them. The majority in both cases is an impressively emphatic one, suggesting as it does a high degree of contentment on the part of Canadians who work for a living. Given the demands and distractions of the age in which we live, this is no small achievement.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 17, 1944.
On Friday evening, August 11th, the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Pulker received members of the parish of Acton and Rockwood at the Rectory. Those pouring tea were Mrs. H. Kingsmill and Mrs. B. Parreter of Acton and Mrs. J. Lister and Mrs. L. Nightingale of Rockwood. Miss Alan Adams of Toronto, Miss Phyllis Mackie, Misses Norma Kentner, Irma Kentner, Lena Lawson, Barbara Lawson, Joan Parreter and Mauretta Rowley assisted. This week's rains were a bit scattered but it hit this district a little anyway. Remembering that it's a long time from October to May we're not going to complain about a little excess heat now. The house shortage continues very acute here. Many families are waiting to move into Acton as soon as quarters are available. Weekend and Sunday visitors in Rockwood - Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith and babe of Alton, Mr. Roy Day of Toronto, Pic John Jones of Toronto, Sgt. George Day of Cornwall, Ont., and Pte. Ernest Gerrie who is on active service in Newfoundland is home on furlough. Also his brother Allan. Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Oakes and family have returned home after a holiday at Inverness Lodge on Three Mile Lake in the Muskoka district. Mr. and Mrs. William Dunbar and son, Wayne Dunbar, R.C.A.F., also Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Knight of Rockwood. Visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 20, 1914.
Our first contingent of soldier boys to respond to the call to arms is gone. The following men were sworn in on the parade ground at the armories on Saturday by H. P. Moore, J. P. Col. Scrip, James Scrip, E. Cokes, Corp. Larzer, Scrip, Les; Pte. V. Lane; Pte. Fred Willis; Pte. James Gabb, Pte. D. Douglas; Pte. A. Aicgo, Pte. Winterburn; Pte. J. Robertson; Pte. G. Green; Pte. F. Wright; Pte. John Reilly; Pte. I. Roult; Pte. J. Sahlin; Pte. R. Singleton; Pte. N. H. Ward. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rice having decided to retire, have disposed of their grocery store to Mr. J. R. Livingstone - a bright young man determined to make the business a continued success. Acton's contribution to the hospital for the wounded of the British forces was \$489.20. The members of the Daughters of the Empire in Acton are Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mrs. Beardmore, Misses Ruby Clarke and Florence Holmes. About nine o'clock on Saturday morning a fire broke out in the stores department of the Acton Tanning Company, which threatened to be disastrous for work on the part of the employees. It was extinguished in less than ten minutes. Mr. and Mrs. George Rozell, and Miss Rozell, who recently returned from the north-west, are now comfortably settled in Dr. Hore's house on Willow Street.

FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BRAMPTON - Water from Huttonville should reach Brampton late in mid-October, it was learned recently. Construction of the pipeline, approved by the Ontario Water Resources Commission, will begin shortly. Estimated cost will be \$12,800 for the well and pump-house construction, pumping equipment, booster and supply mains from Huttonville to McLaughlin Rd. and Queen St. West.

OAKVILLE - Four St. John Ambulance instructors from Oakville placed first in the worldwide International Rescue and First Aid competition held in Miami, Florida recently. H. C. McKean, G. R. Coleman, O. N. Carlson and G. I. Moore proved that Oakville St. John Ambulance brigade is well prepared to assist the public, as they defeated 24 teams from several countries to win the award.

MILTON - Thousands of windows were smashed and the roof of a farm house was punctured with holes when hail stones "as big as eggs" struck United Greenhouses Walker's Line, Burlington, during a recent electrical storm. Nearly every window on the roof of 11 greenhouses owned by Martin Devner and Martin Trischler were broken by the huge hail stones and damage was estimated in the thousands.

GEORGETOWN - The one lane bridge which creates a bottleneck for traffic entering and leaving the eastern section of Glen Williams from the 9th Line will be replaced with a modern two-lane structure next year if plans don't hit a snag. "If everything goes right Glen Williams should have their long awaited new bridge in late 1965," Halton County engineer Roy Smith reported.

BURLINGTON - Burlington people who are employed by the City of Hamilton may be forced to move within a year, if Hamilton city council accepts a motion to this effect being presented by controller James Campbell. Altogether 240 people who work for the City of Hamilton live in Burlington, Dundas, Ancaster and Stoney Creek. Mr. Campbell, who feels city employees should live in the city, has given a notice of motion to be debated at Hamilton Council's August meeting.

OSPRINGE

Three Boys Sleeping in Hut Driven Out by Fire at Night
Fire destroyed a hut at the rear of the home of Joseph Dakin early Monday morning, in which three boys, 12, 14 and 15, were sleeping. The blaze was believed started by an old wood stove which had been lit before the boys turned in. The boys luckily escaped just before the building burst into flames. The Acton Fire brigade attended and were unable to save the shed, but doused a bush fire which started to burn. The Dakin home is on the second line just beside the Speed River.

Wedding Friday

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith (nee Patricia Vinat) who were married on Friday evening in Burlington United Church. Following a honeymoon, they will be residing in Guelph. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and family and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson attended the wedding and reception.

Double Bereavement

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Sinclair family in their double bereavement last week. Mrs. Minnie Sinclair passed away on Monday and the day of her funeral - Thursday - her son Archie passed away. H.S. Graduates
Congratulations to the Grade 13 students who were successful in the recent exams. Sharon Buck, a student at Bishop MacDonell, Guelph, who will be entering St. Joseph's hospital in September as a nurse in training. Sandra McEwan, Erin District High School, who is working in the Chemistry lab at the University of Guelph. Virginia Snyder, Erin District High School, who will be enter-

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BARKLEY

I was hangered into attending a wedding this summer. They are events I normally avoid as carefully as I would a leper colony. But this was a special one. My old partner, after fighting the good fight for 40 years, looked upon it more as a historic event than a mere re-chance of nuptial vows. For years, my wife and every other married female he came in contact with had bullied him, pleaded with him, urged him, pushed eligible young women in front of him, in that great and noble feminine vocation known as 'Don't Let a Single One Get Away'. During the process, I and the husbands of these other harpies maintained a discreet silence, our sympathy indicated only by the rolling of eyeballs heavenward. Secretly and unobtrusively, we cheered him on to greater heights of courage, stubbornness or insularity, depending on your point of view. Anyway, he finally took the plunge, or got out of his depth or something, after four decades of incredible fortitude. But trust him! He didn't just get hitched and start raising a family and going through all the horrors that involves. Nope! He married a charming widow and when the last vow had been taken, he became an instant husband, father and grandfather. The rest of us go through 25 years of being miserable to achieve that serene height.

Well, as I started out to say, weddings, to me and to most men, are just a big pain in the arm. I'd rather go to a good funeral, any day. But women are different. They take to weddings like cats to kippers. There is something almost morbid about their fascination with that production which most men consider a minor tragic-comedy. You should have seen the nonsense we went through getting ready for this one. I figured we'd get dressed up, shine our shoes, buy the happy couple a carving knife, and that's all there was to it. Well, that's all I did to prepare for it. But my old woman started operating at least a month before the ceremony. Though I kept reminding her that she wasn't the bride, she was in and out of practically every dress shop in the province, before she got the right dress and hat. Then there was a big thing about her gloves. They were just a shade off the old - something - Tears, Dye, Dye remover. More dye. Thank goodness I went in my bare hands. And then there was the gift.

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EDEN MILLS

Holiday Visitors In District News

Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodhouse spent a week at Utterton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodhouse. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hinkley and daughter have returned home after a trip to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. Mino left Sunday to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barnes at Carnarvon. Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean Jr. and two daughters have been on holidays for the past week. The Stevenson family are at Cobden visiting grandparents and sister Dr. and Mrs. James Henry for the rest of the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden and family spent Sunday in Teeswater. Mrs. George Aitken will be at Haliburton for the next week with her sister and family, Mrs. Funston. Miss Joanne Wright spent a few days in Acton, guest of Linda Lawson. Marty and Paul Francis of London are holidaying at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. McLean Sr. Mrs. Bob Gilbertson has been removed to Toronto General Hospital for further treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Lowrie and son Steven, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie have returned home after a weekend at Red Stone Lake guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lemmar. Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbertson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson attended the pioneer steam engine reunion at Petrolia on Saturday. Miss Betty Lemon of Red Stone Lake is holidaying with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie. Little Peter Martin is at present confined to Hospital.

CAMPBELLVILLE

On Sunday evening members of the Hillsburgh Baptist Church, enjoyed a Fireside and sing song at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Snyder, following the regular church service. Mr. and Mrs. Harold May, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robertson and daughters of Oakville were Sunday visitors with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

Visits Holland Finds it Crowded

By Mrs. G. Ingalls
Mrs. B. C. Deumar of R.R. 2, Campbellville has returned from a holiday in Utrecht, Holland when she flew from Malton to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kock and her three sisters at Zandvoort, Holland near the North Sea. It is 12 years since she last visited her home land, and she found they had not progressed as much as Canada has. It is very crowded in Holland, and they get along with the bare necessities of life. It was a wonderful experience to come back to her husband and children and new home, in our beautiful and spacious country of Canada. T. G. Hall and C. Forde of Hollywood, Florida spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lennard Andrews and family this week. Visat at Getzby
Mrs. Allan Moore, Mrs. Frank Wheelahan and Margaret Wheelahan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes at Grimsby on Saturday. Miss Anna McPhedran of Woodstock, and Mrs. Bert Huchon of Ayr were Sunday guests of Miss Katharine McPhedran.

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