



**SOUVENIRS OF HOLLAND** were brought back by Mrs. John Van Der Brink when she returned from her native land after a recent visit. Mrs. Van Der Brink spent five and a half weeks in Holland visiting relatives. It was her first trip back since coming to Canada. She is shown holding some of the souvenir spoons, a jug of brandy with a silk tapestry placed on the wall at her back. She brought back many other mementos of her trip.

**BALTIMARAD**

**Vacation Bible School Ends Sprowl Presentation in Hall**

Vacation Bible School was held at Ballinacraig Church last week when 80 children attended. Mr. Bates was leader. It is surprising the work accomplished by the children in such a short time. The teachers and children are to be congratulated. The sympathy of the community goes out to the family of Mrs. Freeman, who lived in Ballinacraig and passed away on Saturday night. A presentation was held in Ballinacraig Hall on Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sprowl, when a full house of about 400 greeted them. After dancing a while, Walter Linham, chairman, called on Mrs. O'Rourke for a reading. Mrs. Don Matthews read an address, which had on it a button with the pictures of the bride and groom and the list of 447 donors all typed on four ribbons.

They were presented with a platform rocker, a swivel chair, two step-up tables, a coffee table, two table lamps, a floor lamp, a hassock, a smoker stand, several small gifts and a sum of money taken in at the door. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sprowl thanked all for everything.

All joined in singing For They are Jolly Good Fellows. The chairman called on Judge George Elliott and Charlie Cutts to speak. Lunch was served and dancing to McEnery's orchestra resumed.

There were guests from Burlington, Oakville, Georgetown, Milton, Acton, Esquesing, Erin and Nassagaweya, including M.P. P. George Kerr. The presentations were made by Ralph McKown, Clarence Denny, Norm Turner, Don Matthews, Harvey Kirkwood, Fyfe Somerville and Jack Marshall.

**HARLEY...to HALTON**

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

Since our last column, all the items prior to the flag have been cleared. The flag debate has begun and as expected, the Conservative Opposition spent the first day of the renewed debate talking unopposed by any other speakers. One of their main arguments appears to be that this is not an important issue. If this is so (and I do not accept their viewpoint), then why do they want to debate it continually? As far as taking up the item of Parliament, we are using up our recess time to stay here and decide the flag issue.

**White Paper Tabled**  
The White Paper on the Canada Pension Plan has been tabled in the House of Commons and I would like to outline it in my column as there have been a great many enquiries into the details and consequences of the Plan. It will provide social insurance to people in retirement, to widows, orphans and the disabled. The benefits have to be portable for people who change jobs and homes. Private pension plans may continue to provide benefits over these Canada Pension Plan minimum levels.

(1) An earnings-related pension available between ages 65 and 70 years, whether retired or not.  
(2) The existing flat rate Old Age Security Pension will also be available from 65 to 70; if taken before 70 years it will be reduced appropriately.  
A lump sum benefit will be paid when a contributor or pensioner dies, amounting to six times the monthly retirement pension.

be 1-8 per cent of income up to an income ceiling of \$5,000 per year for an employee and the employer will pay a similar amount. A self-employed person will pay the full 3.6 per cent. Pensions are to be 25 per cent of what a man has been earning. Pensions being paid will be increased periodically if the level of prices rises.

There has been a great deal of anxiety regarding pension plans at present in existence. I would like to, therefore, comment on the Canada Pension Plan and its relationship with private plans.

**May Modify Private Plans**  
Those responsible for each private pension plan will be free to decide how they wish to modify their own plan. In plans where contributions are high, they may decide not to increase their contributions, but to reduce the private plan contribution rate accordingly. They may decide to augment their present plan with the Canada Pension Plan.

The Canada Pension Plan will NOT take over reserves already built up by private plans, or remove any rights or benefits already acquired. The integration of private plans with the Canada Pension Plan will not be compulsory.

In countries where a public pension plan has been in effect, it has not been a deterrent to the growth of private plans. An analysis of the financial effects of the pension plan has been concluded that such effects will not be large. This is supported by the experience of other countries.

**COLLISION ON NO. 7**  
In a collision on Highway 7 at the Fourth Line, Sunday afternoon, cars driven by Frank J. Pavlich of Burlington and Lillie Peavoy of R.R. 1, Hillsburg received a total of \$700 damage. Milton O.P.P. report. The left front corner of each car was damaged.



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