



HERB RITCHIE retired Friday afternoon after 10 years' service with Micro Plastics plant which he served as receiver. Plant manager John D. Hagerman presented him with the customary wallet containing money, "the president's purse", a set of silver cuff links and the bar as well as a sum of money from employees. Compulsory retirement age is 65 according to plant rules.

Herb Ritchie Retired Friday Given Gifts at Micro Plant

Although still active and eager to work, compulsory retirement caught up with a lifelong resident of Acton Friday when Herb Ritchie punched the clock at Micro Plastics plant for the last time Friday afternoon.

Mr. Ritchie was feted by the company president when he received a purse from the president which was presented by plant manager John D. Hagerman as fellow employees and office personnel lined the office walls.

He also received a set of sterling silver cuff links and the bar as well as a purse of money from fellow employees and office workers. Mr. Ritchie worked the past 10 years as receiver in the shipping room under present management and three years prior to that he worked for the previous plant owners.

Losing no time with warm summer weather arrived, Mr. Ritchie was busy in his garden this week devoting full time to plants and shrubs and getting ready for spring planting.

Born Here

He was born in Acton on Agnes street. He is a former member of the Acton Fire Brigade beginning in the days of the old steam pumper. His memories are vivid of many fires and experiences he has encountered in the brigade.

He first started working for Storey Glove, went to Beardmore's where he worked for 20 years, returned to Storey and then to Micro Plastics. He is a member of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. and has been secretary for the past 12 years. A former Worshipful Master he is also a past principal of Royal Arch Masons and a member of the Scottish Rite.

He is married with three daughters, Isabel, Laurie and Beth. He lives with his wife and pet pooch on Crescent Street and intends to keep busy doing chores he has been unable to donate enough time to previously.

Issue Second Anniversary Issue Of School For Deaf Yearbook

The second anniversary edition of the "O.S.D. Beaver", the official yearbook of Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, was mailed out last week, and the 30-page booklet is full of interesting news and photos of school activities.

The cover of the edition features a picture of a beaver hard at work on a tree — a significant of the industrious activity around the school where 210 deaf and hard of hearing children live, learn and play. Photos throughout the issue show the staff, student groups and after school activities of the school.

Write Stories

Mrs. W. C. Driscoll, supervising teacher, has written a story about the residence groups, residence counsellors Miss Evelyn Gillan, Mrs. Laura Inman, Mrs. M. Elford, Donald J. Brunette and Mrs. A. Blokland have written articles about residence activities. Pre-

school clinic work is featured in an article by clinic teacher Miss Juanita Fay and editor D. E. Kennedy, superintendent of the school, has written an editorial on the past, present and future of O.S.D.

Business administrator A. H. Britton has done an article on the Stage Two of construction at the school, which will provide senior school accommodation for fall term beginning in September, 1966, plus an article about the business office. An article on the care of individual hearing aids was contributed by R. F. Argall, audiological services advisor.

The "Beaver" is being mailed to parents of students and others interested in education of the deaf, both in Canada and several other countries.

MIDDAY MEAL
Midday is the usual time for eating and since this is too important a meal for snacks, it should be based in one third of the day's nutrition. It should include proteins for body growth and repairs, supplied by such foods as meat, fish, egg, cheese, peanut butter, dried beans and peas. Milk is the ideal drink.

HETTER HOSPITALS
In 1963, the active-treatment, convalescent and chronic hospitals of Ontario treated 1,024,404 patients who received 13,039,584 days of care. These were about 13% more patients and 16% more days of care than in 1959, the first year of the Provincial hospital insurance plan.

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PROCLAMATION
Flowers of Hope Week
WHEREAS MENTAL RETARDATION is among the greatest chronic afflictors of children and adults.
WHEREAS this community, as all others, has its share of mental retardates.
WHEREAS it is now known that the mentally retarded can be helped through programming and research to become useful citizens.
WHEREAS this community can benefit from the training and education of the mentally retarded.
WHEREAS the NORTH HALTON ASSOCIATION for MENTALLY RETARDED is a voluntary association of citizens enabling us all to work together to achieve the goals of training and educating the retarded.
I, by virtue of the powers vested in me, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM civic support for FLOWERS OF HOPE WEEK in the interests of RETARDED CHILDREN to be observed from May 9th to May 16th, and call on all citizens to lend their interest, support and co-operation in making this observance successful in every way.
LESLIE A. DUBY, Mayor

Anniversary Services Held At Ballinafad United Church

Mr. Bill McEnery underwent surgery on his nose in Hamilton hospital last week but was able to return home on Saturday and is convalescing at his home.

Mrs. John Black underwent surgery in Georgetown hospital and was able to return home in a few days and is convalescing at her home.

Sixteen tables of euchre were played in Ballinafad hall on Tuesday night; high ladies score, Mrs. Bapiste of Guelph and Mrs. Prouse of Georgetown; men's high, Charlie Thompson and Bill Thompson of Acton.

Anniversary Services Held In Ballinafad United Church on Sunday, May 2, with a fine attendance at both services.

Rev. K. C. Johnson of Georgetown was guest speaker for the morning service with music by the choir. For the evening service, Rev. Ted Highfield, Five Oaks, was guest speaker. Music was by the junior choir with a solo by Mr. Campbell McArthur, Guelph.

A fireside service was held after the evening service. Mr. Bates assisted in the evening.

Mr. Percy Harding, son of the late William Harding, passed away on Friday. Funeral service was held on Monday afternoon from the McClure Funeral Home to Coningsby Cemetery.

Local Home

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Holly Speers and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Sodon of Caledon visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery on Saturday.

Mrs. George Edmonds of Georgetown, a former resident of Ballinafad, passed away at Saturday. Funeral service was held on Tuesday from McClure's Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Early attended church services at Ballinafad on Sunday and visited at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery, also Mrs. David Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery, Mr. and Mrs.

Services Earlier, Visitors in News

Mr. Bob Warren spent Easter holidays at Charlton.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Norton who celebrated their 50th on Sunday.

A week from next Sunday, May 16, services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church will commence at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School following at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills and Billie of Toronto visited his parents here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Greenlee of Campbellville visited the A. W. Benton's on Sunday.

Murd McCutcheons Moved into Acton

Mr. and Mrs. Murd McCutcheon who recently sold their farm, have purchased a home in Acton and moved on Saturday.

The new owners of the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Oakville are moving in immediately.

Mr. George Cooke, who recently suffered an illness while at work in Guelph, has been recuperating at his home, and is now much improved, and able to be out again.

Congregation Greeted Rev. Byron Howlett

A large congregation greeted a former minister, Rev. Byron Howlett of Wyndholme Christian Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on Sunday morning. Rev. Howlett had been attending meetings in Toronto of the All Canada Committee and leaves on Thursday for the west, where he will be conducting special evangelistic services in two of the western churches.

The speaker chose as his theme, "Love one another" from John 13: verse 34, stating the greatest single need in the world today is "Love", not a worldly, passionate type, but a deep spiritual gift of love; a love that Christ speaks of so often in the Bible. It is not enough to read the gospel, but the need is to put it in practice. There is a great sense of fear in the world today but perfect love can cast out that fear.

In closing he stated "Love is positive, never negative, love is redemptive never destructive, love holds people together, urging all to let the holy spirit direct our cause."

A full junior choir sang "The Twenty Third Psalm", with organ accompaniment by Miss Marilyn Kingsbury.

Open Meeting Abolition of Death Penalty Urged by Guest Speaker

"Our law is an indication of the stage of development of the society in which the law is made," declared Miss Phyllis Haslam, addressing about 40 United Church Women and their guests in the church Wednesday evening of last week. She is executive director of the Elizabeth Fry Society and an active member of the Association for the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

The federal government will soon have a "free" vote on the abolition of the death penalty, the speaker said, urging those interested to let their members of parliament know how they feel on the subject.

Personal Experience

She drew from her personal experiences with prisoners, murderers, guards and witnesses of hangings as she spoke strongly in favor of abolishing the death sentence in Canada. Many other countries are ahead of us in this, and hanging is at variance with the latest trends in penal reform.

The United States, which has studied results in different states with and without the deterrent of the death penalty, has proven there is no difference in the number of murders or danger to police and guards.

The greatest deterrent, she claimed, is a record of quick detection and arrest.

Mentally Ill

In many cases the killers are mentally ill — such as those who kill children. "Do we want to murder our mentally ill?" Life is precious to us, and we could learn from these men how to treat others, she said.

Many are released nowadays before their sentences expire; in the case of murderer Miss Haslam said the Association for the Abolition of the Death Penalty recommends they only be released on the advice of Cabinet, acting on the recommendation of trained personnel. She cited the case of a woman, very cruelly treated for years by her husband, who one day killed him. Such a woman would be highly unlikely to kill again.

Cost of life imprisonment is used as an argument. "What cost have we NOT paid in helping these criminals?" And statistics show the cost of maximum security and appeals is generally higher than life imprisonment.

She referred to inequality of trials and sentences, changes in laws on death sentence, how few murders are actually solved; ac-

Combined Force

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Lucky 14

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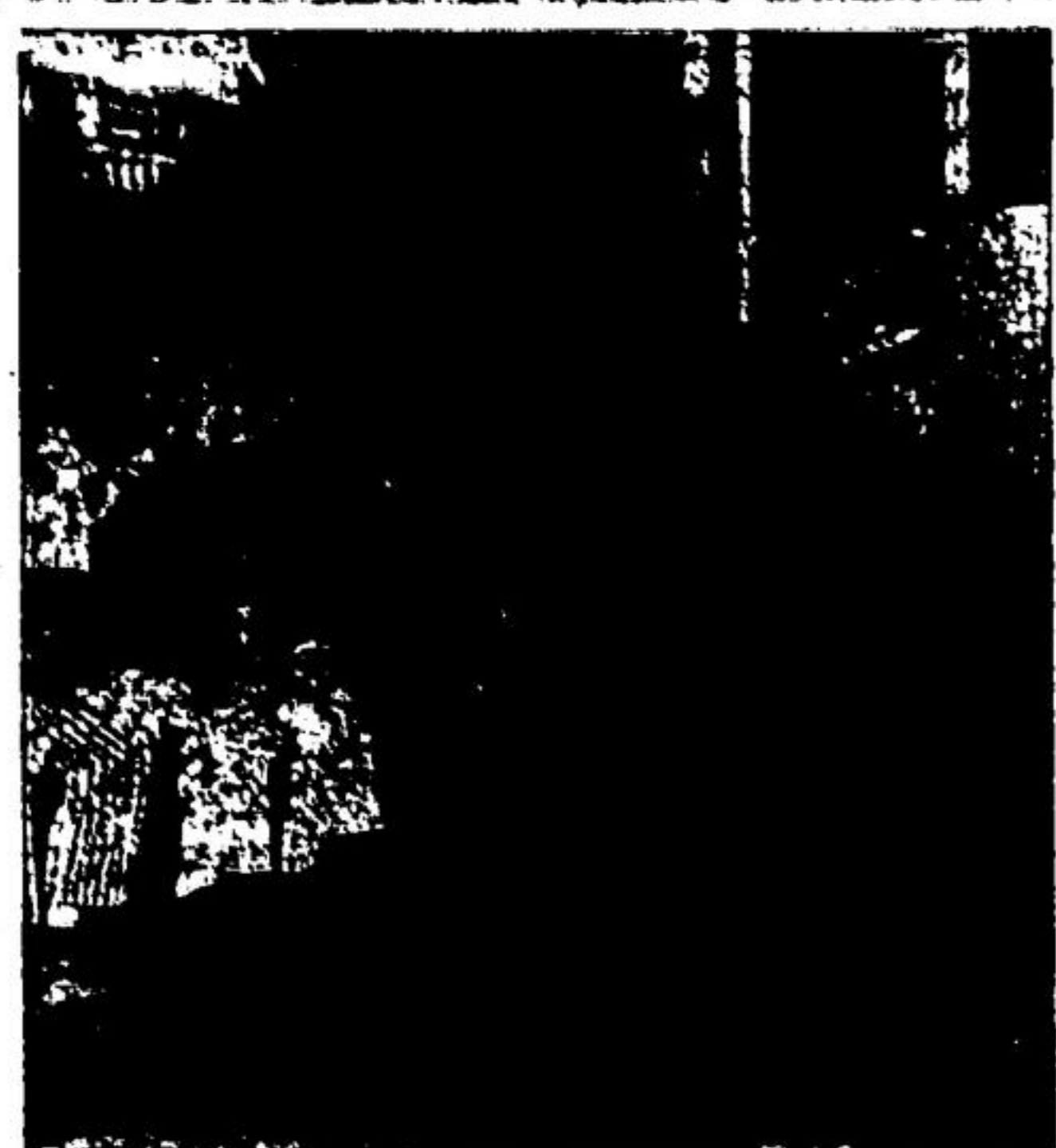
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ROCKWOOD CUBS and Scouts "Minstrels 65" will long be remembered. Here, two members, David Cox and Steve Leslie, sing "Five Foot Two". One evening a large group of Cubs and Scouts from Acton formed part of the enthusiastic audience.

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