

Venetian Holiday Theme For High School At Home

With the accent on Italy, high school revelers enjoyed an imaginary trip through Venice Friday evening during the annual At Home with the theme "Venetian Holiday" accentuated by flower-decked gondolas, candle lit tables and attractive posters decking the gymnasium walls.

Stressers flying overhead and a spotlight fountain in the centre of the gymnasium added to the decor of the theme along with a sidewalk bar nearby depicting traditional Venetian (tomato juice and colored water) served by bartender Carl Weir.

Receiving Line
As guests visited the Venetian setting they were greeted by principal E. A. Hansen and Mrs. Hansen, school board chairman D. Engel and Mrs. Engel, school council president John Wood and Susan Radford and vice-president Ruth-Anne Elliott and John McGeechie.

No visit to Venice is complete without testing the tasty morsels prepared by expert Maria Miss

Now Rector Native of Scotland Graduated from Trinity College

Rev. R. McMurray, his wife Ursula and four children Gillian six, Michael five, Gavin three and Murray 24 months, have settled in Acton in St. Alban's rectory and Mr. McMurray conducted his first service Sunday.

A native of Paisley, Scotland, the new rector came to Canada with his parents as a boy and settled in Toronto. In 1950 he graduated from Trinity College in Toronto and served as a Fellow of the College in 1951 when he received his Master's degree. In 1953 he served as a Fellow at University College in Toronto and from 1953 to 1955 was a tutor at Cornell University in New York.

He worked as a land surveyor at Elliot Mines for a year and a half and then returned to Trinity College to study Theology in the fall of 1957. The following year he was ordained as a Deacon and served at St. John's Anglican Church, Thorold.

In 1959 he was ordained as a Priest and served at St. Jude's church in Oakville. Later he went to St. Alban's church in Beamsville where he served until moving to Acton.

His interest in sports is keen and serving a double parish at Beamsville and St. Luke's church at Smithville he was instrumental in helping to start a community club and gave tennis lessons to beginners.

His other main sports interests are swimming, squash and handball and he also hopes to swing a few golf clubs this summer.

The McMurray family are living in the rectory at Jeffrey St. in the Lakeside subdivision.

Regional Government

(Continued from Page One) our insistence on many small local units. "Surely we could contemplate a group large enough to maintain a sufficient staff of competent administrative officials."

Viewing the county system, the speaker suggested it was a misconception to think all county government will disappear. This is not in accordance with the facts. "Ontario counties are just coming of age", he suggested.

Turning specifically to Halton, Dr. Cumming noted the county had grown 157 per cent in population between 1953 and 1963. In the same period assessment had grown 33 per cent. These he compared with the average rate of population growth in all counties of 21 per cent.

Concluding on the importance of county government, the speaker stated that if county government cannot be adapted to changing times, it will disappear. "We can't dilly dally along."

The speaker was introduced by Mayor Alan Maxson of Oakville and thanked by Reeve Gordon Galagher of Burlington.

Acton Mayor Les Duby termed the holding of the county dinner as a fine innovation, offering an excellent opportunity for municipal legislators from the towns and townships an opportunity to meet and discuss common problems.

Warden Herb Merry presided for the evening.

Auditor Raps Esqueuing For Poor Tax Record

Esqueuing Township Council ended 1964 with a healthy \$6,936.66 surplus, but its auditors scored the township's poor tax collection record, in an auditor's report published last Thursday at Georgetown.

"We might call attention to the amount of unpaid taxes which stands at \$151,833.50 or approximately 32 per cent of the current levy," auditors Lever, Hoskin, Chagnon and MacGillivray pointed out in the statement. "In our opinion this is a potentially dangerous situation and should be a matter of concern. Some methods should be found to reduce these unpaid taxes."

The township's 1964 surplus, added to the surplus on hand, shows the overall surplus to \$24,949.03, the report notes. The

Live In Guelph

Sharon Lucy Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bradley, and Howard James Dwyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dwyer, were married last Thursday evening, April 29, at St. Alban's Church, Acton, by Rev. J. H. McMullin of Georgetown. They will be living in Guelph.

SAFETY STEP

Watch your step—on the stairs, the floor and the gas.

Nassagaweya Rate

(Continued from Page One) The general rates will raise \$24,476, township roads \$34,000, county rate \$24,573, public schools \$62,928, separate school \$382, Milton high school \$41,304, Acton high school \$12,358, Campbellville village \$1,800, Eden Mills \$1,240, Milton fire area \$4,469, and Acton fire area \$1,000.

The township has a total taxable assessment of \$4,333,996, of which \$1,330,186 is commercial and industrial, the remaining \$3,003,810 residential and farm.

High School Cause
Reeve William Coulter pointed out the township was able to reduce its general rate this year by placing \$26,337 in last year's general rate towards the new municipal building. He said if it were not for the increased costs of

Sign Friday

Milton High School, ratepayers in the southern end of the township would not be receiving such an increase in their 1965 taxes.

Administration salaries went up nearly \$2,000 this year, with the hiring of a full time assessor and assistant. In 1964 a reserve for working funds was placed in the budget, but this has been dropped from the 1965 rates. Reeve Coulter said he was especially pleased with the close cooperation given by the members of the public school board, which was able to drop its rate by .12 mills.

ELECTRICAL LIVING
Residents of Ontario make good use of the province's abundant electric power resources. Average annual consumption among farm customers now exceeds 7,700 kilowatt-hours compared with 6,000 kilowatt-hours among urban residential customers.

Seven Leaving P.S. Staff Hope Just Three Vacancies

Public school trustees have their annual headache back again this time of year, looking for replacement teachers. Fortunately, only a possible three vacancies will yet have to be filled although seven teachers are leaving.

Tuesday evening, it was noted seven teachers had resigned and it is expected that several of these positions will be filled when new teachers pen their signatures to contracts this Friday.

Seven Leaving
Leaving the public school staff are Keith Black, Mrs. Ena Gibson, Miss Leslie Ann Doby, Mrs. Nancy Webb, Miss Pat Jones, Mrs. Beyerman and Keith Allen. Teacher management committee chairman Vic Bristow told the board three and possibly a fourth replacement were expected to sign contracts by the weekend.

It was also learned Kenny Marshall, Robert Little school

Bus Trips

Permission was also granted for the annual bus trips for grade 7 and 8 pupils to Toronto and Guelph. Board members were invited to attend a demonstration of the new physical training equipment installed in the gymnasium at the Robert Little school.

Letters of appreciation were received on behalf of the school safety patrol from Mark Hurst and Roy Wong for the recent trip to Maple Leaf Gardens which was sponsored by the board.

Accounts totalling \$8,970.89 were approved for payment.

Time of Church Changes Sun.

A reminder that Church Hill church time of Sunday morning service is changed on May 9 from 10:30 to the usual hour of 10 o'clock.

Quite a number from Church Hill attended Ballinacraig church anniversary on Sunday, May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. John Near, Glen and Earl, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bessey of Hillsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warne in Brampton.

Mrs. John Lightle visited on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy MacArthur and showed slides of their tour of the western provinces, which was enjoyed and much appreciated.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer accompanied Miss Elva Pearen and visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer in Hamilton, also Mr. and Mrs. John MacRae in Dundas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cullen and daughter Elma of Scarborough visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

It's time to put your right foot forward, but not too far on the gas pedal.

Books, Films Strips To Be Given Schools

The May meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O. D.E. was held on Tuesday evening, May 4 at the home of the regent Mrs. H. R. Force. The chapter decided that it would sponsor a student to the Waterloo seminar to be held June 20 to 25 in the University of Waterloo. Plans were made to present books and film strips to the two public schools on May 21. The motion to hold another Treasure Hunt was rescinded and members divided into groups of four to raise funds.

After the business Mrs. Spiel vogel from the Lakeside Chapter gave an interesting and informative account of the provincial annual meeting of the order held in Hamilton in April.



MISS JANNETTE VALLANCE, physical education inspector from the Department of Education, is at the Robert Little school this week instructing youngsters in how to use the new climber installed recently. The equipment was manufactured at Joyceville penitentiary and similar types are in use in several other schools. Kiddies took to the ladders, ropes and swings like veterans.

Car Expenses Dull Sunshine in South

What started out as an Easter motor trip to sunny Florida ended up in a gloomy bill of expense for high school teacher Sonia Moulton and five of her students. Paddling their resources, Miss Moulton, Jill Hurst, Sandra Simperland, Donna Pendleton, Martha Hoey and Bonnie McDougall set out with a small trailer hauled behind Miss Moulton's car, heading south.

Places of interest the group saw included Daytona Beach, Tampa, Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Arlington cemetery. On the return trip they stopped at Ottawa at the home of Miss Moulton's parents.

Everything went according to clockwork until the group left Miami Beach after about 20 minutes on the Sunshine Park Freeway, Miss Moulton heard a loud noise from under the hood and pulled to the side of the road. As smoke began to pour from under the hood, she ordered everyone out. By this time a State trooper arrived and opened the hood of the car to point out a large hole in the motor. "Lads, you'll need a new motor," was his sympathetic reply.

After the car was towed for about 13 miles to Fort Lauderdale, it was learned no motor was available there and one was ordered from another place. This happened a week ago last Friday and repairs were not made and the car available until the following Tuesday.

Meanwhile the girls packed the gear into a bus and set out on a drive to the Seminole Indian Reservation camp where they set up a tent to conserve funds to pay for the car.

Everyone enjoyed swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean and every beach they happened to be passing. On the return trip the group visited Arlington Cemetery to see the Late President John F. Kennedy's grave.

After crossing the border at Ogdensburg on the weekend they headed for Ottawa for a short visit with Miss Moulton's family before arriving here early Sunday morning.

MORE BEDS

In 1947, when the Federal and Provincial grants for hospital construction began, Ontario had 16,472 public hospital beds. By 1958, there were 29,780 beds in public hospitals and, today, there are 4,000 beds in private and Federal hospitals plus 23,000 beds in Provincial mental hospitals and 1,825 in sanatoria for tuberculosis.

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