

New Ospringle School Official Opening - 500 Hear Well-Known Guest Speaker

Over 500 guests signed the register at the official opening of Ospringle Public School on Friday evening.

The guest speaker Fred Hamilton, B.A., B.Ed., director of education for Guelph schools was no stranger, as his home was at Mississauga, a few miles north west of Ospringle, and he and his parents were well-known.

Mr. Hamilton, who had spent the day in Toronto, on education business, passed up a dinner engagement with the Minister of Education Wm. G. Davis to be present and brought greetings and congratulations from the minister.

Great Changes

The speaker stated great changes are taking place in the world today in all phases of education. Children are taught first to think then accumulate facts. There is a place for the thinker. The present generation is being taught to deal with because they think for themselves, and have courage to express themselves. In closing he said "This is the time to live, this is the country to live in. Aim high - hope and work."

Gifts Presented

Roy Wheeler extended the thanks of the school board and those present for such a challenging address. Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Chairman of the School Board, George C. Wallace, welcomed all and presided for the two hour program.

The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. D. Herbison, minister of Ospringle and Erin Presbyterian churches.

The architects, Krushen and Dales, and contractors Monteth and McGrath were introduced.

Best Wishes

John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, offered congratulations and best wishes to school board and community for providing such a fine building.

R. M. Barden, reeve of Erin township, extended congratulations to C. R. Whitfield, public school inspector, spoke briefly congratulating the board for keeping up with the times, and said there was a great task ahead for the pupils, to gain all the knowledge possible. Mr. Whitfield also introduced the guest speaker Mr. Hamilton.

Several gifts were received - Mr. Dunbar, president of Ontario School Trustee Ratepayers Association presented a Bible, a text by Mr. Gikhrast, supplier of school furniture, a painting of The Queen by Mr. Fitzgerald of the school supply division of C.

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Plaque Presented

Bruce Lesch and Frank Freeman, past trustees of Woodside school, a one room school, presented a plaque, a replica of Woodside school, to the Erin Township School Board to present for achievement.

Mrs. Harry Moore, from Mississauga Institute played a pleasing piano solo.

Carols by Choir

Carols by the school choir under the leadership of the music supervisor Mrs. Joyce Cavill, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Norman McKenzie, thrilled the audience. The clear sweet voices of the children were a highlight of the program. One of the carols, "The Little Drummer Boy", was accompanied by a drummer from Guelph and Bradley Wallace, a junior pupil. Mrs. Ward Bruce directed laughter and amusement in her rendition of the "Woman on the Bus" song.

A trio from Greenock W.I. Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Terry sang a parody on "School Days" accompanied by Mrs. N. Turner.

Staff

Bruce McPherson, principal introduced his staff, Mrs. Mary Nel-

Spirit of Christmas Pervades at Meet

The Spirit of Christmas pervaded the classroom of Knox Church, Thursday afternoon of last week when the members of the afternoon auxiliary, W.M.S., met for their December meeting with Mrs. Fred Anderson presiding.

An inspiring worship service, with the Christmas theme, was led by Mrs. Oliver Moran, and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, with Mrs. A. H. McKenzie rendering a solo - "Down From His Glory."

Presenting a Christmas program, Mrs. Isabel Anderson gave a reading and conducted a contest, dealing with events concerning the first Christmas.

On behalf of members and friends, Mrs. Daugald Kennedy presented a membership certificate to Miss Annie Stalker, a devoted and beloved member, an honorary membership certificate and pin.

Forty three shuttles from the congregation were remembered by the sending of Christmas greetings and white gifts were presented for distribution to the needy.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie installed the officers for the coming year. Lunch with a Christmas flavor was served by the committee.

Town Merchant Roe West Dies

The community was deeply shocked Tuesday to learn of the sudden death of Roe West, who was taken suddenly ill while at work at Acton Home Furnishings Store. Prompt medical aid failed to revive him and he passed away very soon after being taken ill.

There was a Legion service last night (Wednesday) and a Walker Lodge service is tonight (Thursday). On Monday Mr. West assumed the post of Junior Deacon following annual Lodge elections.

A member of Acton United Church, he was a long time member of the choir and a fine skater.

Active in Sports

Roe was very active in Acton sporting circles. He was a member of the executive of Acton Tanners hockey club serving as treasurer up until this season when the pressure of other activities forced him to relinquish the post. He still kept up many of the duties helping the new treasurer.

As manager and coach of the Legion entry in the town softball league, Roe's enthusiasm played a large part in winning two titles. He bowled regularly in the Acton Friends bowling league and was active in the social committee.

Roe also took an active part in the shows put on by Acton Lions playing the part of endman in the minstrel shows where his talent as a singer made him one of the premier attractions. He also sang with the Legion Chorales.

St. Alban's Christmas Pageant To be on January 2 in Church

On January 2 beginning at 7 p.m. with Evensong, St. Alban's Church School will for the third time put on its Christmas pageant under the supervision of Mrs. E. G. Franklin and Ernie Coker, the school's superintendent. There will be a party for the church school in the parish hall following the performance.

This year, for the first time, the pageant will take place in the church itself.

This will be a novelty for the parish but the parish church is the traditional place for the performance of the "mysteries" of the Christian Faith. The world famous annual "Passion Play" at Oberammergau reminds one of this fact. For centuries the church of choir space, and even the church's "stage" for the performance of religious drama.

"I. S. Eliot wrote such a drama called 'Mystery in the Cathedral' whenever his play is produced, if a church is not used, then stage setting is made to resemble the interior of a church. In Toronto at Holy Trinity Church, Toronto square, the Christmas Nativity Play has been produced in the church and sanctuary for over a quarter of a century. Recently, a famous Episcopalian (Anglican) Church in New York city, St. Clement's, located near the theatre section of the city, has entirely given over the chancel and sanctuary space permanently for the performance of religious drama. On Sundays in that parish the Holy Eucharist is celebrated "on stage" with short drama in place of the usual sermon. Some of the productions of St. Clement's have won praise from the artistic world in which the parish is situated.

St. Alban's is not doing anything very shocking then in placing the setting of its Nativity play in the local church. Religious drama is one of the very best ways of coming to grips with the message of the Gospel for one not only hears the words of Holy Scripture but one also sees them transformed before one's eyes into flesh and blood as it were into the forces and tensions which make up real life.

Parishioners of St. Alban's are especially encouraged to be present this year to witness the great work of the church school to see their own children in action. Play has been produced in the chancel and sanctuary for over a quarter of a century. Recently, a

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OSPRINGLE SCHOOL was officially opened Friday evening when over 300 crowded into the auditorium to hear guest speaker Fred Hamilton, Director of Education for Guelph. Some of the guests who took part in the ceremony are left to right principal Bruce Macpherson, Mr. Hamilton, inspector C. R. Whitfield, board chairman George Wallace and Rev. D. Herbison.

Greenock Ladies Meet Hold Christmas Program

"Put Christ Back in Christmas" was the title of the short poem recited by president Mrs. L. Trussenaar to open the December meeting of the Greenock W.I. Hostess Mrs. Chester Allan gave all a Christmas welcome with a beautiful tree and other gay decorations. Following the opening, Mrs. A. Gates read a Christmas Scripture lesson, followed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

A donation was sent to Welington County Tuberculosis Association and Miss E. Pearen presented her report from the District Executive meeting held in Fenwick.

Christmas cookies, accompanied by their recipes, were presented as answers for the roll call. It is planned to have these recipes made into a booklet to sell for a small fee. There were 19 ladies and four children present. The ladies were happy to welcome back a former member, Mrs. H. Turner of North Bay, who is visiting with her son and family, also several local guests.

Mrs. L. Trussenaar, Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. J. McCulloch favored with a song, "School Days".

Mrs. J. McCulloch showed beautiful slides of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Crater Lake and the cities of Washington, Lexington and Salt Lake City. Also shown were several pictures from the

Elects Officers

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's met at an enjoyable pot luck supper in the parish hall, December 8. Special guest was Rev. Ritchie McMurtagh.

At a meeting later in the evening, the roster charted the election of officers, who are as follows: president, Mrs. J. Rol; vice-president, Mrs. Jack Creasey; secretary and recording secretary, Mrs. G. Haggitt; Dorcas secretary and treasurer, Mrs. B. Bayless; United thanksgiving and extra-sunday secretary - treasurer, Mrs. W. Denny; department of family life secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. Nelles.

The evening concluded with a cup of tea and dessert.

St. John Cadets Turkey Dinner

On Monday the Scout and Guide Mothers catered to the St. John Cadets and Juniors for their annual turkey dinner at the scout hall. Special guests were Mrs. A. Roughley of Lunenburg, Miss Brenda Fryer, an ex-cadette from Guelph and George Hargrave.

Games were played before and after the meal to round out the end of the season event.

Icy Toll

Icy driving conditions plagued motorists in the North Halton area on the weekend. From mid-afternoon Saturday until Sunday evening, Milton O.P.P. investigated nine accidents involving \$22,850 in property damage. There were no persons injured in any of the crashes.

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