



**ROD AND GUN** will soon be the order of the day for Laura and Fred Meadows of Rockwood. Fred has been in the garage business for over 36 years and the couple have their place up for

sale. They hope to retire to the country. As soon as the business is sold, the couple, along with dog "Ben" will leave the gas pumps and head for the country.

## In Rockwood garage business 36 years Fred, Laura Meadows hope to retire

**By Don Ryder**  
After 36 years of pumping gas, selling cigarettes, pop, candy and hamburgers, Fred Meadows is ready to retire. He's willing to give up all the headaches and frustrations of dealing with the public for a comfortable home in the country, with his wife to hand him his slippers and his dog to tag along on those hunting trips through the bush.

Who's this guy Fred Meadows? He's an ambassador of good will; he's a fountain of information; he might be known as something of a character to his many friends who have grown accustomed to his witiness, seemingly gruff manner and his knack of making a mountain out of a mole hill.

Fred is a Rockwood garage operator. He started in business in the lean years with 25 bucks in his pocket. He was single and had a slight grudge against the world — at least, against the Canadian National Railway. He says he had been bumped off the railway as a telegrapher with over six years seniority.

In 1929, Arthur Bolton built a small booth, installed gas pumps

and started out in business. After one year, Fred Meadows, the young lad with ambition, bought him out.

For seven years, he ran the business single-handed. Then he married and took as his partner the former Laura Moyer, from Waterloo Township.

By 1944, the couple decided to build living quarters onto the original booth and soon a complete renovation program was underway. They moved into their new quarters in 1945. Both Fred and Laura toiled from 7:30 in the morning until midnight for many years before the cash register began showing signs of getting the couple out of the red.

At this time, there were five other garages in the village. Now there is only one other. In the early days, Fred and Laura pumped gas by hand. Today everything is electric.

Peculiarly enough, in the early days, regular gas sold at 25 cents a gallon. Out of this amount, the garage operator received 3 1/2 cents per gallon and the provincial government picked up 3 cents. The rest went to the

company supplying the gasoline.

Today the same grade of gas sells for 45.9 cents per gallon, the dealer makes about 8 cents, the provincial government picks up 16 cents and the federal government receives a portion which is paid before delivery to garages. The gas company gets the remainder.

When Fred first started in the business, he sold Trail gas for three years. Following this company going out of business, he began selling Cities Service products and continued until the company sold to British Petroleum three years ago.

The businessman notes a vast change in today's customers as compared with 37 years ago. Competition is quite keen now and Fred is of the opinion everyone is more money-hungry today, even though times are reasonably good.

Both Fred and Laura take Wednesday off each week. The door is closed and the couple follow their favorite summer pastime — fishing. If the fish are not biting, they may just take a sightseeing trip round the country.

Even though they have a large backyard, they find it impossible to close the doors on the business and sit around outside on their day off. Customers always happen along for a package of cigarettes or some other small item.

Whenever he gets a chance in the winter, Fred goes hunting or ice fishing. He is fond of the outdoors and is keenly interested in conservation. He is a member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, is a member of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, and the Rockwood and District Fish and Game Association. He is also a deputy game warden.

In his younger years, he played hockey and baseball and still enjoys watching the local team playing under lights in Rockwood park.

The business has not been a one-man operation! It's been a teamwork proposition ever since Laura and Fred married. In every type of weather, Laura handles the pumps when Fred is busy. She can also cook up a hamburger or hot dog for a hungry customer in record time.

Many oldtimers gather at the Meadows' place and some evenings, the yarns get broader and

### CAMPBELLVILLE

## Wedding bells ring for Saturday nuptials

Wedding bells were ringing on Saturday for Terry Moore and Sandra Black, when they were married in St David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville. We wish them every success and happiness.

Several from this district attended the strawberry social at

Ebenezer United Church on Monday evening.

Miss Margaret McPhail is taking a summer course at the Carleton University at Ottawa, starting on Wednesday of this week and she will be teaching for the Ottawa Board of Education, grade 2 in September.

Birthday greetings to Wallace King, Mrs. Thomas Whaley, Mrs. Cliffe Bill, Mrs. Frank Wheelan celebrating her 94th birthday on July 5, Lloyd Early, Harold Hurren, and Joan Halstead.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Mitchell.

The heat wave which hit this area was trying at times for all residents but most welcome. Now we need some moisture to keep the lawns green.

Miss Kelly Cairns of Burlington spent last weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cairns.

Mrs. David Mahon and family of Windsor and Mrs. Roy Turner and family of Timmins are all holidaying at Crawford Lake.

### P.T.O. SHIELDS

Having is a busy time and you can't waste time. The hay must be stored before the weather breaks. Since you can't afford to waste time, you should always take time to install the P.T.O. shield on the mower, conditioner or other power-driven equipment. Operating with an unprotected shaft is looking for trouble, and you can't waste time for a "hospital holiday".

More time on farm repair—less time in a wheelchair.

Several homes recently completed in the new section of Lakeview subdivision are already occupied and several other lots have been sold and are now awaiting construction of homes.

It's mosquito time and many homeowners report using lotions to ward them off for the first time in their life. One man reported they are as big as animals.



**ASIN-ARI**, an Indian maiden, was portrayed by Elda Fryer during the Ladies' Fair Board fashion show at the high school recently. A large ramp was erected from the stage out into the auditorium.

### OBITUARY

## William Stubbington buried at Fairview

A former Erin Township resident, William Stubbington, died at Kingston General Hospital, June 21, after an illness of three weeks. Funeral service was held Thursday, June 23 with interment at Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Mr. Stubbington, who was well known throughout the farming area was born in England in 1881 and came to Canada in 1912. He was predeceased by his first wife Rose Smith whom he married in England in 1909 also his second wife Florence Priteman whom he married in Toronto in 1924. He leaves to mourn his loss one son Kenneth of R.R. 3, Acton and a daughter Gladys (Mrs. Walter Storey), Napanee, Ontario, and six grandchildren. He is also mourned by brothers Frank of Toronto and Herbert of Cooksville and sisters Annie (Mrs. Butterfield), and Nellie (Mrs. N. McRoberts) both of Toronto. He was predeceased by brothers John, Fred and George and sister Mrs. G. Justice.

Mr. Stubbington was active as a teamster furniture mover and a farmer when he lived in this area and was a member of the Anglican church. He also served in the Home Militia at Toronto barracks during the war.

Funeral service was conducted from the Ramsey-Shenaker Funeral Home by Rev. A. E. Gardner, Rockwood United church. Pallbearers were friends and neighbors Arnold Sinclair, Ralph Sinclair, Ted Archibald, James Delaney, Vernon Stewart and Bert Berry.

## Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Coles celebrate 50th anniversary

"Brookdale Farm" was the perfect setting for a family gathering Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Coles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

During the "At Home" members of their family and friends gathered to extend greetings to the couple who live at R.R. 2, Acton. Their son Clarence and his wife Wilma were co-hosts to the large gathering.

Murray M. Coles and the former Jennie E. Bowyer, first became acquainted when their families were settlers on the shores of Doe Lake in the Parry Sound district. Romance which blossomed by way of boating in the summer and skiing in the winter blossomed out later into a marriage which took place in Toronto on June 7, 1916. The ceremony was performed by the late Rev. Walter Atoms.

The couple lived on a farm near Woodbridge from 1916 until 1939 when they moved to Brookdale farm, east of Acton, where they still reside. Mr. Coles enjoys being actively engaged in farming in association with son Clarence and grandsons Bruce and Jimmie. He was always fond of horses and still enjoys riding and driving.

Always a great home lover, Mrs. Coles enjoys keeping house and looking after her flower gardens which decorate the huge lawn at the home. Both

At the girls' softball game Monday night, the mosquitoes were as dangerous as the Acton Wildcats at bat. The girls drove in 28 runs to Fergus' three and the mosquitoes drove as many spectators from the park.

### EBENEZER

## Five young people received as members

Your correspondent was sorry to miss the Communion Service and reception of new members, a week ago. The young people entering into full communion with the church were Linda and Paul Nsby, David and Donald Dunbar and Rae Blyth.

Mrs. John O'Gorman, George, Bob and Brenda are spending a holiday with her sister and family near Petawawa.

Sunday's anthem was "Be Still, My Soul." Mr. Leeman re-

commended the reading of the Acts, dealing with Peter and James, in preparation for the Fall series of sermons. On Sunday, thoughts were drawn particularly to the 80 or 90 men and women entering the ministry officially. One of the first and foremost functions of the church is to preach the cause of Christ. When the Spirit of God entered into the disciples at Pentecost, the first thing they did was open their mouths. Healing and social work came later.

In the early church, preaching was of a soothing nature because the people were real Christians, healing each other's wounds. Today, ministry preaching is arousing, alerting, because of the nature of the congregations. The fact that Christ conquered death cannot be learned on the pulp course.

Miss Sue Ward presided at the organ.

Next Sunday, the U.C.W. will have charge of the service, with Mrs. Lawrence Eaton as speaker.

On July 17, the Young People will be in charge.

There will be no services on the last two Sundays of the month.



**BARBARA GARNER, JEAN NELLIS** and Marion Bayne model their outfits with accessories and display their award certificates. These certificates with pins were received at the 4-H Achievement Day held at the University of Guelph. Jean Nellis (centre) received provincial honors for 12 completed projects, while Barbara and Marion took County honors with six each. The girls were with the Rockalong 4H group.

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## Limehouse grade eight pupils hold banquet at Ballinafad

**By Lynn Stewart and Lynda Mahony — Grade 8 Students**  
Seventeen grade eight graduates of Limehouse Public School held their banquet last Thursday evening, June 23, at Ballinafad Community Hall. A delicious meal was served by some helpful mothers to whom they express their most sincere thanks.

Among the guests present

### Council steak fry

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F. Leatherland, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Oakes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drinkwater, Councillor Mrs. Doris Fryer was unable to attend.

Also joining the group were town office manager and Mrs. Joe Hurst, clerk-administrator and Mrs. J. McGeachie, town assessor and Mrs. William E. King, town superintendent and Mrs. Al Duvo, and Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Nellis.

broader, but most of the time Fred wins out. He has a fur covered fish and an antlered rabbit mounted on the wall in the store.

Newcomers stare at these oddities and after Fred has told the story of how he bagged them, the patrons walk away shaking their heads in amazement.

Fred was one of 10 children. One sister and three brothers are still alive. Two of the brothers live in Rockwood. Cliff Meadows has been a rural mail carrier in Rockwood for over 40 years and his brother Oswald has been doing the same for over 37 years.

The couple will miss seeing their patrons once the business is sold. On the other hand, Rockwood will not be the same with Laura and Fred gone.

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