

Westlake replaces Murray as Lorne Scots Sgt.-Major

The Lorne Scots have a new Regimental Sergeant Major. WO 1 D. G. Westlake, C.D., received the appointment January 1, following retirement of former RSM R. G. Murray, C.D.

WO 1 Murray has been transferred to Supplementary Reserve and may still be called upon for special occasions.

The transfer of command took place Monday, Jan. 2 at the Brampton Armoury during the New Year's levee when all units of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) got together and had a good-will tour of the messes.

The regiment is a militia battalion in the reserve army with headquarters and support companies in Brampton and companies in Oakville and Georgetown.

New RSM Westlake joined The Lorne Scots in November 1949 and progressed through the ranks. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in February, 1962.

Promoted to WO2 in June, 1964, he was Company Sergeant Major of Support Company in Brampton, until his transfer in September, 1965, as CSM, in Georgetown.

His appointment as Regimental Sergeant Major is the highest rank that can be attained by a non-commissioned officer.

In civilian life Mr. Westlake is deputy local registrar, Supreme Court of Ontario, County of Peel. He is also vice-president of Peel County Children's Aid Society and on the board of management of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Retired Regimental Sergeant Major Ken Murray joined The Lorne Scots in April, 1941. He transferred to the 48th Highlanders of Canada in 1943 and served in England, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was discharged in May, 1946, as a Company Sergeant Major.

Murray rejoined The Lorne Scots in February, 1947, and was appointed RSM in May of 1959.

In May of 1957 he had received the Canadian Forces Decoration.

During the First World War, Mr. Murray's father was a member of the 48th Highlanders and joined the Lorne Scots in 1920 to later become Regimental Sergeant Major.



THE ROOM WAS EMPTY but Hydro commission members looked the new board room over anyway during the inaugural meeting Thursday of last week. Furniture for the meeting room hasn't arrived but the meeting was held in another office in the new building. Left to right are Orval Brown, chairman; E. G. Tyler Sr., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Audrey Urquhart, Wilfred McEachern, vice-chairman; Doug Dawkins and Mayor Les Duby.

burning gun powder at Maple Rock

By Art Hawes

The Acton high school shooting club met last Saturday at Maple Rock Shooting Range. This is the last competition until spring. A name for the club will be chosen in the near future.

Steve Garrett took top honors with 61, followed by Dave Ford 58, Tom Engel and Gordon Reed 57, and Dave Broostad 45.

Ontario Department of Lands and Forests biologists have issued a statement regarding the decline of the black-duck population. The problem was first noticed in the early 1950's when the black-duck population was approximately double what it is now.

Since 1960 it has been noticed that the number of adult birds outnumbers the young, indicating incubation or brood rearing has been unsuccessful.

Pollution is felt to be one of the causes by removing plant and animal food and thereby lowering the quality of some breeding and wintering areas. Lead poisoning is also a factor.

The ducks swallow shot from the bottom of ponds and marshes along with grit which is essential to digestion. Three to five pellets retained in the gizzard for several days can prove fatal. It is estimated about one per cent of the duck population along the Atlantic Flyway die from lead poisoning each year.

Another cause of the decline is the filling-in of marshes and ponds or deepening shallow portions of lakes for faster boat travel.

Shorter seasons and decreased bag limits would do little to solve the problem. Nesting grounds will have to be improved and pollution controlled more effectively in order to increase the number of

young birds which survive to carry on the species.

A solution is important since 20 to 25 per cent of the hunter's kill along the Atlantic Flyway is made up of black ducks.

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Rabbit and fox hunting is in full swing in many parts of Halton County. With all other seasons closed many hunters have been using their spare time for hunting rabbits and foxes. Rabbits are plentiful and a few foxes are being shot. Jack Rabbits seem to be especially plentiful this year.

Ice fishing hasn't got going yet since the ice on many lakes is too thin to be safe. It is suggested that fishermen check with local residents before going out to fish.

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Growth of Canadian church study for centennial year

The Ladies' Aid of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church met on Thursday, January 4 at the home of Mrs. Cliff Nicholson. The president, Mrs. V. Morris, opened the meeting by reading from "Thoughts for Today". The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The minutes were read by Mrs. J. Roberts and approved.

A discussion took place about the good work and interest of the Boys' Club of the Church and \$25 was to be given to them to help with their projects. Presbyterial calendars were sold and orders taken to help the boys. The last quilt was sold and a date arranged for a future quilting on January 10 at Mrs. Mullen's home. The meeting closed with the hymn: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus".

The Women's Missionary Society held their meeting immediately following, with Mrs. Mullen presiding. Arrangements were made for the World Day of Prayer to be held February 10 at the church with the women of Ebenezer Church attending as guests. The Scripture, Apostles 1, 1-14 was read by Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Beck led in prayer. Mrs. Roberts gave a short and pertinent New Year's verse.

Mrs. Norris then took the first lesson from the new study book: "The Church Grows in Canada". Members were advised to be ready to accept the challenge to move forward.

in our church and community. This study book is especially planned for this centennial year.

A short history of Canada was given with mention of the French beginnings of our country and the fact that French Canada sent more than their share of missionaries to the world. In 1764 the first Presbyterian missionary was sent out to Londonderry, Nova Scotia. Then United Empire Loyalists came to Canada. Many immigrants regretted the "sabbath" where only laymen took charge but who could not conduct a session meeting. Then a presbytery, necessary for the ordination of ministers, was formed and so the church grew.

The hostess, Mrs. Nicholson, was thanked for her kindness in offering her home for meetings and the hymn: "Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year" was sung to complete the afternoon.

—One of the Fathers of Confederation, George Etienne Cartier, years ago emphasized the importance of Confederation to Canadians. His theme again and again was "We French Canadians are British subjects like the others, but British subjects speaking French."

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County appoints 1967 committees

Appointments to the standing committees and boards by Halton County Council for 1967 were made at council's inaugural meeting last week. The Warden is an ex-officio member of each committee and board.

The appointments are as follows: Agriculture, E.M.O. and Planning, George Leslie, Esq.; William Hoey, Nassagaweya; Dr. Frank Oakes, Acton; Alan Day, Oakville; Charles Menely, Milton; and Warden William Coulter.

Board of health, Provincial appointments: Stanley Portch, R. R. 2, Milton; Austan Ledwith, Milton; Frank Rogers, Burlington; Dr. Oakes, Arthur Speight, Georgetown.

Finance, Welfare and Assessment: Herbert Merry, Oakville; Reeve Leslie; Deputy Reeve Rogers; Deputy Reeve Menely; William Hunter, Georgetown.

Child Welfare Committee, Deputy-Reeve Day; Reeve Ledwith; Deputy-Reeve Speight; George Currie, Esq.; Deputy-Reeve Oakes.

Manor Committee of Management, H. H. Hinton, Acton; Reeve Merry; Gordon Gallagher, Burlington; Reeve Ledwith.

Museum Board, Deputy-Reeve Hoey; Reeve Merry. Personnel, Legislation and By-Law, Deputy-Reeve Rogers; Reeve Hinton; Deputy-Reeve Menely; Deputy-Reeve Currie; Reeve Hunter.

Property and Office Administration, Reeve Gallagher; Deputy-Reeve Currie; Deputy-Reeve Day; Deputy-Reeve Speight; Deputy-Reeve Hoey.

Roads, Reeve Leslie for 1967; Reeve Gallagher for 1967-68; Reeve Hunter for 1967, 1968, 1969; Reeve Merry for four years; Reeve Hinton for five years. Reeve Hunter is chairman.

Esquesing, Nassagaweya to discuss wells, dump

Problems concerning both Nassagaweya and Esquesing Townships will be the topics at a special meeting of the two Township Councils. Reeve William Coulter of Nassagaweya said on Monday evening, "I'm trying to arrange a joint meeting as soon as possible."

The pollution of private wells in Milton Heights and Peru areas will be one of the topics at the joint meeting. Many of the wells in the area were found to be contaminated.

ed last June following testing by the Halton County Health Unit. The most likely solution to the problem would be to arrange with Milton to hook up to that town's water line from Kelso. If this is done the cost would be borne by the municipalities and charged back to the ratepayers involved, under the local improvement-by-law.

The possible establishment of a garbage dump somewhere in southern Nassagaweya will also be discussed at the meeting, as well as the problem of dumping garbage along the Nassagaweya-Esquesing Town Line.

Development group regional manual lists all assets

The Board of Directors of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council has approved the immediate preparation of a Regional Development Manual to cover the 56 municipalities within the region.

The action was a result of a request by the Ontario Zone Committee. The purpose of the manual is to assemble, in one convenient document, all municipal facilities and information in a comparative form to interest business, development agents, industries and commercial enterprises wishing to commence or expand operations within this region.

CORDC's region includes the four counties of Halton, Peel, York and Ontario.

Douglas Gardhouse heads sheep club

By Lyle Stokes
The January meeting of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held under the direction of Geoff Taylor, in the board room, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office, Milton, on January 10.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows, president, Douglas Gardhouse; vice-president, David Edmon; secretary, Lois Hunter; press reporter, Lyle Stokes.

Eleven members were present. Geoff Taylor led a discussion on the care and management of the breeding flock.

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Sunday film

A film, The Detached American, was shown at the United Church Sunday evening. The film related the true story of a group of persons who watched, aware of a murder, but did nothing to assist. Discussion and refreshments followed. Attendance was termed disappointing.

—Special classes at the fall fair for centennial are being planned. Advance prize lists are being prepared now.

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