

## Micro Plastics personnel hold presentation dinner



**Celebration dinner** at the China Inn, Guelph, concluded a course taken at Acton high school by employees of Micro Plastics plant. Certificates were awarded.

To mark the completion of a six month long training course, 32 supervisors, foremen and salaried personnel held a presentation dinner at the China Inn, Guelph. Presentation of certificates and diplomas was made by L. J. Newton, division general manager, and K. V. Pepper, plant manager of the Pipe & Micro Plastics Division.

The course consisted of sessions dealing with plastics technology and modern supervision. The course was prepared by International Correspondence Schools Canadian Ltd. and the modern supervision section had a five part seminar.

The guest for the evening was Harold Schnell. Mr. Schnell was the group leader of the modern supervision course seminar.

Those receiving I.C.S. diploma

mas in modern supervision were Fritz Boettcher, Lloyd Broostad, Kevin Conroy, Eric Felker, Cam Fraser, George Gidman, Raymond Ho, Glen Jackson, Peter Jenkins, Ned Hurley (now in Montreal), Mike McMillan, Jim Murdoch, Jack Rolfe, Dave Sellers, Bill Speirs, Gary Whitmore, Harold Priest, David Garner and Paul Palmer.

The plastics part of the course was a selective plan for which no diploma is issued by I.C.S. For this, B.P. produced its own certificate which will be used for future courses.

The recipients of B.P. certificates were, in addition to the above list, Fred Allen, Roy Barseley, Bill Blanch, Ben Cline, Baldo Esch, Bernie Freuler, Norm Maher, Alan Randall, Bonar Scoles, Len Shakesby and Gerry Wieck.

## History of Ballinafad

### Three hotels once in or near 'Fad

Miss Beatrice Hillis again dips into her reminiscences of Ballinafad and came up with this interesting story about early hotels and the mill. Miss Hillis also told the Free Press another article will follow.

By Miss Beatrice Hillis

In the year 1819 and early 1820s, settlers first came to this district. Each built a log cabin and lived in them with bush all around. Some wolves and black bears roamed among the trees.

Little by little, the land was cleared and some kind of crop grown.

A small hamlet sprang up on the town line between Esqueving and Erin Townships on the Seventh Line. Thomas Merry, a native of Ireland, gave Ballinafad its name.

In earlier writings, I have described some properties on the north side of the town line and west of the Seventh Line also the store on the north corner.

This time, I will write about hotels. In early years there were three hotels in or near Ballinafad.

One was on the Erin side, on a lot between the store and the brick cottage. It was a medium-sized two-storey frame building when I saw it in the 1880s. Mr. and Mrs. Gartley used it for a home.

After a few years, they moved to Georgetown. Later on, the building was taken down.

Another one, supposed to be the first one, and operated by Mr. John Frank, was on the east corner of the 'Fad. No doubt this was a log building. I will describe the hotel as I remember it in the 1880s.

It was on the east corner of Ballinafad, at the top of Esqueving Township, County of Halton. It was a two-storey frame building.

One door facing the Seventh Line led into a hall with a dining room and a kitchen on the left. A door on the right side led into a sitting room. Another outside door led to a sitting room with a bar back of it.

A verandah with a cement floor ran all along the front with a well and pump in front of that. Three or four steps at the lower end led down to an open shed.

Here, five teams of horses with a wagon or sleigh could be accommodated at one time. Above this shed and joined to the house was a large hall which was never used as far back as I can remember. No doubt the reason was the Temperance Hall had been in use for some years.

Just south of the shed and hall was a barn with a hay loft.

Mr. Archie Thompson was the owner. Mrs. Thompson gave good meals to travellers and also provided a bed when required.

They had one daughter, Maggie, who was a few grades ahead of me at Blue Mountain school.

She became a music teacher, gave lessons at her home, also had a class in Acton one day a week. She drove a horse and buggy in summer and a cutter in winter. She was organist in the Presbyterian church for some years.

A short distance below the barn, but on the roadside, was a weigh scale. I believe a group of farmers helped to get it put there, so when a load of hay or anything else was taken there and the wagon and load weighed. Then, later, the empty wagon was weighed. Each one paid a small sum and Mr. Thompson received a small fee for his work.

This was continued for some years. When it was no longer needed, the platform was removed and the opening filled in.

Around 1904, Mr. Thompson sold to Mr. and Mrs. Winship. They remained a couple of years, then sold to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, who had two children. They were there two or three years, when they sold to Mr. McCarthy.

One evening in August, 1912, a fire got started and as water was very scarce, all these buildings went up in flames. Fortunately, it had rained all day and continued to rain, so everything was soaked. There was an east wind, which blew the flames in the direction of the cemetery.

Mr. Peter Ferguson's house, blacksmith shop and barn, had to be watched, lest a spark catch somewhere.

The land remained unused until Mr. James Kirkwood got the idea he would like to build a chopping mill on this property. In August, 1931, he bought the land from Mr. McCarthy and began building in September of that year.

He and his wife were keeping store in the 'Fad at this time. His brother Donald helped put up the mill and had it operating in December that same year.

What a wonderful convenience this was for the farmers of this district! No more long drives with a team, a wagon or sleigh to Acton, Stewartstown, Terra Cotta or Erin, to get their grain chopped for their stock.

In winter, it was cold; in spring, not good sleighing, nor good for the wagon either on some country roads where snow still remained. Snow plows are a more modern invention.

In 1936, Mr. Kirkwood sold the store to Mr. A. R. Merriman, who with his wife and sons, Grant and Grey, moved in in October that year. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood and young James moved into part of the stone house just east of the store with Miss Annie Shortill living in the other half.

In 1941, an extension was built on the south end of the mill. This was for cleaning and treating seed grain. Farmers who had a fanning mill usually cleaned their own grain and treated it, too, to kill the smut germ.

In the spring of 1939, Jim began building a two-storey house with all conveniences, on the lower part of the property and moved into it from Miss Shortill's house in November of that year.

In June, 1955, he sold the mill to Mr. John Black, but continued to live in the house till January, 1956, when they moved to Georgetown. They had a girl, Shirley, younger than her brother.

Then Mr. and Mrs. John Black, with Bobbie and Billie, moved in. The mill is a busy place and usually requires two men as considerable trucking is done.

For some years, tractors have been used on farms and since roads have been kept open by snow plows, tractors are used to haul wagons of grain to the mill to be chopped or cleaned. Sleighs are not used and very few have a team. Horses are an intelligent animal, so farmers became very fond of them.

Some weeks ago, a sign "For Sale" was placed on the mill. Recently, it was replaced by another, "Sold".

On the first of May, 1967, Mr. Ford of the Eighth Line, Erin Township, will take over the mill in Ballinafad.

## O.P.P. report

### Armed robbers steal taxi

During the period April 16 to 22, personnel of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 933 hours and patrolled a total of 8,607 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol 63 traffic charges were preferred, 74 traffic violation warnings were issued, 118 vehicles were safety checked, and 60 convictions were registered.

There were three property damage accidents and two personal injury accidents investigated, resulting in five persons being injured and approximately \$3,200 in property damage. Causes of accidents were speed too fast, right of way, impaired driving and careless driving.

There were 44 general occurrences investigated, including:

- 1 armed robbery where

two persons hired a taxi in Hamilton and drove into Nassagaweya Twp. where the driver was robbed and the taxi stolen; the taxi was recovered the following day in Chingacousy Twp. area; this investigation is continuing.

- 1 robbery with violence in Nassagaweya Twp. involving three persons from Guelph, who have been arrested and charged.
- 1 fraud, involving the passing of a bad cheque at Norval.
- 1 investigation into the passing of counterfeit money at Mohawk Raceway.
- 1 malicious damage investigation where an outdoor sign at Cedar Springs Motel on Highway 7 was broken by stones thrown by juveniles.
- 2 persons arrested for Burlington Police Dept.
- 1 erratic driver removed from the highway and charged.
- 2 juveniles missing, and both later located.
- 5 premises found insecure at night.
- 2 liquor seizures, resulting in three persons being charged under the Liquor Control Act.
- Other occurrences were of a minor nature.

During this period two escorts were supplied for Centennial Caravans travelling in Milton Detachment area, according to C. J. Parkinson, Sergeant in charge of the detachment.

### Ask county grant hospital \$1,830,000

Halton County Council has been asked to provide a grant of \$1,830,000 (at \$6,000 per bed) to assist in a \$9,300,000, 305-bed extension to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

The cost would be borne by the County's grant plus \$1,070,000 from the Town of Burlington, \$6,100,000 from the Provincial and Federal governments, and \$300,000 from the Board of Governors. Final approval has yet to be received from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

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## News of the district

### MILTON

Annual reports of Milton Curling Club showed an operating loss for the year ended June 30 of \$2,238 and forecast a loss of \$1,703 for the current year. Treasurer Cec Dobie suggested the club's financial position could be improved either by increasing the number of members or a fee increase of \$10 per year. He summed up that the club had met its expenditures but failed to reduce its outstanding debt.

Secretary E. Millson reported 164 active members with 58 high school members, six social members, one junior member and 281 debenture holders. Reporting the club had obtained its liquor license, he also noted about \$2,500 in building changes would have to be carried out in the next two years to meet the requirements.

Chairman Bob Reed summed the year up as one of frustrations and joys. He cited problems with the machinery as among the frustrations and the welcoming of 22 new members among the joys.

### GEORGETOWN

A \$253,567 contract has been awarded to Whitney Construction, Brampton, for the building of Georgetown's second separate school. This site is on Pennington Cres. in the town's east end, and the school will be named St. Francis of Assisi separate school. There are eight classrooms and a large general purpose room with auditorium.

### ERIN

An increase of \$1,361,580 in equalized assessment is listed in the first report of assessment commissioner Ian W. McClung, which was adopted by neighboring Wellington County council. The total figure was \$53,094,805, which includes Crown property valuation of \$366,400 added to the general figure of \$52,728,405. Because of annexation of areas to the Village of Erin, adjustment was made of \$35,700 from Erin Township.

Fergus still has the greatest amount of assessment, being listed at \$6,330,870, followed by Peel Township with \$4,270,988. Nearly equal are Erin Township \$3,735,988 and Puslinch Township \$3,735,808. Eramosa has \$3,313,906; Minto has \$3,149,450, and Mount Forest has \$3,096,175. The remainder are listed at lower than three million.

The four towns in the county have a total of \$13,328,870 in equalized assessment — namely Fergus \$6,330,870, Harrison \$1,931,775, Mount Forest \$3,096,175 and Palmerston \$1,970,050.

There are five villages totalling \$5,604,800 in assessment — namely Arthur \$1,265,930, Clifford \$589,670, Drayton \$605,720, Elora \$1,541,780 and Erin \$1,058,700.

The 12 townships total \$34,704,135 in equalized assess-

ment as follows — Arthur \$2,527,850, Eramosa \$3,313,906, Erin \$2,409,825, Guelph \$2,768,065, in \$3,735,988, West Garafraxa West Luther \$1,611,135, Maryborough \$3,207,710, Minto \$3,149,450, Nichol \$2,179,970, Peel \$4,270,988, Pilkington \$1,793,440 and Puslinch \$3,735,808.

### GLEN WILLIAMS

A centennial cairn with the old Glen Williams school bell will be erected in front of the Glen school as part of the village's active centennial celebrations.

To the accompaniment of bands and parades, the cairn will be unveiled June 24. A member of the Eaton family has been asked to unveil the cairn, but as yet they have received no confirmation. The centennial committee, however, did receive a donation from the family to cover some of the centennial celebrations.

Timothy Eaton began his retail business career in Glen Williams.

Another successful centennial project is well underway, this one an essay contest open to all school children in the Glen-Williams area. The subject must be "Glen Williams 1867 - 1967".

**BURLINGTON**

Provincial Police here breathed a sigh of relief as an expected traffic tie-up failed to materialize. One lane of traffic over the busy Burlington Skyway was closed for repairs last week and police were prepared for the worst, but a 15-mile traffic back-up never came about. Small tie-ups were reported, but nothing was serious and police praised motorists for their co-operation.

The Skyway resurfacing program will continue to the end of June. Just one head-on crash was reported during the first week of the repair program, when traffic going both ways over the bridge was channelled into two lanes.

### OAKVILLE

While other municipalities in Halton and Peel Counties drafted their replies long ago to the Plunkett Commission's needs study of the two counties, Oakville received permission for a late reply. Mayor McLean Anderson and two town officials were expected to deliver the report to Toronto some time this week.

Their answer suggests any regional government should be based on creek watersheds, and favors the singletier form of regional government. Oakville is a member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, whose jurisdiction covers the 12 and 16 Mile Creek watersheds in nine municipalities.

The only wife of a U.S. President to have her portrait on currency was Martha Washington. Her picture appeared on \$1 silver certificates, series 1886, 1891 and 1896.

## If you're 67 this year apply for old age security

An extra 40,000 persons in Ontario will become eligible for Old Age Security pension in January, 1968, and so should be making application at this time. These are the people who will reach 67 by the end of this calendar year. Canadian citizenship is not required for eligibility.

Mr. J. G. Parsons, Regional Director of Old Age Security for Ontario, stated that applications from persons born in the year 1900 have been very slow coming in to the Ontario Regional Office. Less than 3,000 or 7.7 percent were received by the end of March.

Old Age Security applications, along with an explanatory booklet, may be obtained from any Post Office, and should be sent to the Regional Director of Old Age Security, 25 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto 7, Ontario. Since an applicant must prove age, birth or baptismal certificates should be sent in with the application. If such documents cannot be submitted, the application should be completed and sent to the Regional Office with a note explaining why the required certificates cannot be obtained. The Regional Office will then assist the applicant to find other evidence of age.

The age at which Old Age Security pension becomes payable is being reduced each year until January, 1970, payment may be made to persons who are as young as 65 as long as they fulfil the residence requirements.

### LIMEHOUSE

#### Recent visitors in week's news

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. John Hackett and Mr. and Mrs. Armand Bujold from Atholville, N.B., with the Hachey's a few days ago.

Mrs. Gisby was hostess for a Upperware demonstration on Thursday evening.

The Ted Brown's visited Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Magewood in Guelph on Sunday.

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