



MRS. ROGNVALDSON'S CLASS was immersed in a play about the old shoemaker and his elves when the Free Press photographer arrived at Limehouse school Tuesday. The elves are on the floor working before the shoemaker and his wife wake up. Mrs. Rognvaldson, like all teachers was in old-fashioned costume. (Staff Photo)



MISS M. Z. BENNETT was honored at a surprise gathering at her home Friday afternoon as six former teachers of the then lone Acton public school met to honor their principal. The group, with over 120 years' teaching experience, had a real reunion. Present, left to right, were former Miss Muriel Od-

Honor Miss M. Z. Bennett

Principal's "kind, wise guidance" keeps whole staff united as friends

Tongues wagged in happy abandon, last Friday afternoon, at the home of Miss M. Z. Bennett, 79 Lake Ave., when a group of former teachers met to honor their principal of a happy period of long ago.

For several years this group of eight teachers had held "absolute sway" at the Robert Little School. With Miss Bennett as principal, the staff comprised Miss Daisy Folster in Grade Seven; Miss Martha Orr in Grade Six; Miss Isabel Anderson in Grade Five; Miss Wilma McMillan Grade Four; Miss Margaret Young in Grade Three; Miss Muriel Odbert in Grade Two and Miss Terry

Hunt in Grade One. Miss Hunt was also music supervisor.

All are now retired except Miss Young who teaches in Toronto and all were present except Miss MacMillan who lives in Brampton. Miss Folster and Miss Anderson live in Acton. Miss Orr came from Cooksville. Miss Odbert from Stratford and Miss Hunt from Aylmer.

Of the eight, only two could boast a husband. Mrs. Frank Humber (Miss Odbert) has been a widow for several years and Mrs. Harold Gregg (Miss Hunt) ingenious as always, brought hers along, as a living proof and indisputable fact that she had one. True to form, however, she forgot the pickles.

So harmonious had been the administration of this group, under the kind and wise guidance of Miss Bennett, that an affectionate friendship had remained through the following years. Although so many years and vicissitudes had elapsed since the circle was broken, the same spirit continued as though only the week before with the closing of school.

After the post-supper groaning, which testified to the quality and quantity, had subsided, the teachers had the pleasure of watching Miss Bennett open the presents which each one had brought her, as an expression of her love.

A combined note of sympathy was signed, to be sent to Mr. Skuce, former Inspector, because of his recent bereavement.

As the evening shadows closed in, Miss Young read a portion of the Holy Scriptures, upon which the standard of the school had always been based. Then, with a smile upon their lips, but nostalgic regret in their hearts, the group disbanded once more, to the echo of Miss Bennett's declaration, "I could not think of anything nicer."

—Miss Anderson.



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Free Press Personals

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. McKenzie and family with Terry Dowling, were in Montreal last week attending Expo.

Mrs. Fred White of East Weymouth, Mass., is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss Mary Beth Elliott is taking a course at Waterloo University this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Doll of Winnipeg visited with their relatives the Rognvaldson's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes have left this week on a motor trip to Western Canada and the United States.

Friends of Mr. Percy Woods, 92 Main St., will be sorry to hear he is in the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Frank, daughter Dianne and friend Beverly Norton have returned from a trip to Expo.

New owners of the Station Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Anderson have moved from Toronto to 245 Peel St. They have three children.

Newcomers to town are Acton high school teacher H. Swallow and Mrs. Swallow, who have moved from London to 186 Tyler Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott of Pottanna, Calif., granddaughter of a former resident, Mr. Robert Coleman, visited town on their way home from Expo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hanna and 3 children of Vancouver visited with their cousin Mrs. Alf Long, Mr. Long and family enroute to P.E.I. for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Maddeaux have moved from Toronto to 223 Elmora Drive with their young child. Mr. Maddeaux works in Woodbridge.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Bonar of Deloraine, Manitoba, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sproul of R.R. 4 Acton this past week. Mrs. Bonar is a cousin of Mr. Sproul.

Mrs. Michael Poirier, St. Johns, Newfoundland, and five children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bessem, No. 7 Highway. Mrs. Poirier lived in Acton for some time.

Scouters from Blue Springs reserve were in town attending church Sunday, and among them was former Acton O.P.P. Coas, Ron Rupert, who met former friends.

High school teachers aren't getting far away from their profession during the summer vacation. Three are marking grade 13 exam papers in Toronto. Mrs. Marion Reed, Bill Coates and Joe Bray. Miss Elizabeth Atkey is recreational summer program director in Acton. Paul Martindale is taking a special geography course at McGill University, and Pat Sullivan is taking a course at Waterloo University. Attending courses at Ontario College of Education in Toronto are Miss Carla Vandergriff, Mrs. D. Humken, Mrs. Hargit Laszlo, Bruce Andrews and C. L. Rognvaldson.

First Commission
Mrs. Ben Rachlin supplies details for gap in history

The Free Press research department tries hard but does not always come up with the complete story when it's dipping into local history.

In an unfortunate accident with a power lawn mower, the Rev. Stanley Gammon lost part of a toe on July 1. He is able to walk again now, and took church service last Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Hemsley and children left last week to John Lawrence at Creemore. They have sold their home north of Acton and have bought the Creemore I.G.A. Store and took possession on May 29.

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This was apparent in the special supplement of May 31 on the opening of the new hydro building. Although it is fairly recent history we could find no account in newspaper files of the first Hydro-Electric Commission around 1920.

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where each customer's record had to be kept painstakingly by hand, a far cry from today's automated machinery billing.

Her work was so good that when she left the employ of Mr. Farmer and resigned from the hydro position she received glowing recommendations. Mr. Farmer commended her speed and accuracy and said her command of the English language, particularly in respect to spelling and grammar, is far above average.

During Mr. Farmer's three month trip to Europe in 1922 the then Miss Starkman was entrusted with the municipal clerk's duties until he returned. She also filled in as library secretary simultaneously.

Mrs. Rachlin confesses she has a legal turn of mind and would have liked to have been a lawyer. Her ambition was fulfilled to some extent when her son Ted entered the legal profession.

Although she now lives in Toronto, coming to Acton for business reasons, Mrs. Rachlin takes a keen interest in the community and people. Her passion for legal documents was well illustrated by copies of all the documents to back the information she gave The Free Press as well as a printed letterhead of the commissions of that time.

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