

## News of the district

### MILTON

Was it really an airplane in distress, or could it go down in the history books as another unsolved U.F.O.? That's what dozens of Milton and district residents are wondering today, after a strange lighted craft flitted through the skies over town on Sunday evening, January 21, shortly after 7 p.m. Since a story about the "U.F.O." appeared in last week's *Champion*, the paper has been flooded with calls. About half the callers chuckle and emphatically state the object was a plane in distress, with its white landing lights shining brightly and preparing for a landing at the nearby Toronto Airport. The other half of the calls come from sober residents who swear just as adamantly it wasn't a plane.

Local police forces joined a district manhunt Wednesday afternoon of last week, after two gunmen slugged a lone teller and escaped with nearly \$3,000 in cash from an Oakville plaza bank. Milton Police Department placed two cruisers at key points in town and several Milton O.P.P. Detachment cruisers set up checkpoints at other intersections in the district. The 20-year-old teller, lone employee in the bank at shortly after 1 p.m., was struck over the ear with what appeared to be a sawed-off shotgun as two men wearing hoods held him up. They disappeared in a stolen silver-gray Chevrolet car. A few hours later the wanted car was found abandoned in Oakville and another car stolen from a nearby industrial parking lot later turned up on a Toronto street.

### FERGUS

**WHY FERGUS DOESN'T GET WARDENS** — The News-Record has contained several suggestions why Fergus has had only one warden in 116 years since the county was formed. The first warden was a Fergus man. I would suggest that there might be another reason. Twenty-five years ago, the News-Record carried on a feud with the county council. I was the editor at the time and I went after the county council pretty hard, investigating its finances and other details. I claimed they spent more time playing euchre than they did in the public business. I even bought a tiny silver cup and had it inscribed "Euchre Championship, County Council." The late James Beattie, county clerk at that time, returned it with a sippy note. I even claimed that more of the county business was done in hotel rooms at night, often over a bottle, than in the open sessions. There wasn't really any connection but the members got so mad at Fergus that they wouldn't have thought of electing a Fergus man as warden. Unless conditions have changed, it takes three or four years to get elected warden. Nobody expects it on the first try. — From Hugh Templin's Mostly Gossip column in the Fergus News Record.

### ERIN

George Davis of Erin has in his possession the marriage certificate of his father and mother, dated February 28, 1868. The paper on which the certificate is printed shows little yellowing for its age of one hundred years. The printing and spelling of some words is in Old English style, and makes interesting reading. Details show that "George Davis of the Township of Erin, Canada West and Janet McMurphy were married by Rev. D. M. McKenzie, Minister of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion on February 28, 1868. Witnessed by Angus McMurphy Jr., and Peter McGill Jr."

### GEORGETOWN

Council issued an edict to Gray Coachlines to reroute their buses off the Main St. of Georgetown by March 4. Reeve Hunter was the only dissenting vote as council voted 8-1 to inform the company of the decision and at the same time demand a fee for a street area reserved as a bus stop. The suggested new route would mean buses would stop on James St., just off Main. A similar plan a few years ago was rescinded when bus riders besieged council with complaints.

One hundred workers at Standard Products Ltd. were laid off due mainly to the Chrysler of Canada strike and partly to the General Motors strike in the United States. Length of the lay-off will depend on the settling of the Chrysler Canadian strike.

Georgetown arena has acquired a new sportstimer and a super rink rat to embellish the interior. The sports timer replaces the old time clock which has been the bane of hockey players and fans alike. The rink rat is a Zamboni ice machine similar to Acton's which scrapes, shaves and floods in one operation.

### BURLINGTON

Mending toys for underprivileged children has been a happy hobby for George Johnson for the past 15 years. Now he has decided to take a rest from his "labor of love." If all the Christmas toys he has fixed were laid end to end, they might stretch to Bethlehem and back. Members of his family, Rover Scouts and others have been assisting him make the toys like new.

### OAKVILLE

Anthony Green, chairman of the Oakville Public Utilities Commission, is rather partial to the color green. As one means of improving the public image of the P.U.C., members last week agreed to the chairman's suggestion to change all P.U.C. vehicles from their present red color to—yes you guessed it—green. Tying in their hot water tank promotion, the Commission is calling it "cascade green".

Local citizens and service organizations are assisting the town welfare administrator in relocating two families who lost all their possessions when a double house on Randall St. was gutted by fire recently. Four adults and 11 children were driven out of their home one chilly morning. They have been placed in a motel until a new home can be found, and several groups are providing funds and clothing to help them get a fresh start.

The radio and telephone "brain centre" of the Oakville Police Department was featured in a recent issue of a Bell Telephone magazine, "Service". Police Chief Fred Oliver was quoted as explaining that since the police department moved from its downtown location to one away from the centre of population, most of their contact with the public is via telephone.



**PAIRS 'N SQUARES** beginners hold regular square dance sessions every Thursday night in the Robert Little auditorium with four to five sets do-si-doing. The beginners expect to graduate into intermediate some time in the early part of March. Caller at the sessions is O. E. Phelps of Guelph. The popularity of the dance sessions is evident by the concentration of the beginners. (Staff Photo)

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### EDEN MILLS

## Annual meeting of church, wedding, euchre in area news

by Mrs. R. Wright

Eden Mills Pres.Church annual meeting was held Monday evening at the church with a record attendance with the Rev. D. R. Sinclair in the chair. After scripture reading he gave a prayer, which included "As we go on together through 1968 may God continue to bless the congregation, both spiritually and materially, and grant the guidance we all need in order to carry on the work He has for us to do."

Report of Session was submitted by Mr. William McLean, clerk and the church treasurer's report was very gratifying.

The Missionary annual report was given by Mrs. W. Lasby and Ladies' Aid annual report read by Mrs. R. Wright.

The Young People's Groups have joined with Rockwood and will work together through out the year.

Sunday School have acquired more teachers and look forward to a profitable year.

After the old business was attended to the election of officers took place.

Session Members: William McLean, clerk, William Lowrie, Roy Gordon, Robert Wright, Gordon Blacklock, Clarence Ramsey and Wallace Lasby.

Board of Managers: chairman Garnet MacDougall, George McAlpine, William McDonald, Jack Chamberlain and Don Blacklock.

New members for three year term are Ralph MacDonald and Joe Lasby. Retiring members are Russell Blacklock and Bob Gilbertson.

Budget Treasurer is Mrs. H. Gilbertson; Presbyterian Record Mrs. W. MacDonald; secretary treasurer, Don Blacklock; manse treasurer, Russell Blacklock; organist, Mrs. Donald Blacklock, caretaker Mrs. H. Gilbertson, assistant Jack McDonald.

After prayer by the minister the meeting adjourned for a half hour of fellowship and refreshments served by the ladies. Mrs. E. Jennings spent three days in Port Perry this past week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spunk.

Mrs. R. Wright has returned home after a few days in Whitby guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenlaw.

Mrs. H. Gilbertson hosted the Silver Bell's Club last week prize winners were Mrs. Sada Gilbertson, Mrs. Nora McLean, Mrs. K. Gilbertson. This week Mrs. McLean was the hostess and prize winners were Mrs. R. Wright, Mrs. W. McLean Mrs. H. Gilbertson and Mrs. J. Gilbertson.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings were Mr. and Mrs. Roy McQuirter, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Abram were in Brockville over the weekend attending their sons wedding. He married Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shaffer of Brockville. The bride is a teacher

### EVERTON

## Youth service local speaker

by Mrs. D. G. Robertson

"Youth Service" was observed Sunday morning at the local Christian Church when members of the "Christian Youth Fellowship" were in charge.

Donna Fountain was leader assisted by Elaine White, Cheryl Street, Doris Fountain, and John McDougall.

Peter Fountain a 3rd year student at York University, Toronto and a local boy, was guest speaker: choosing as his theme, "World and the Church, as Youth sees them." This message was most interesting and left many thoughts to ponder over. In closing, the speaker stated, "Unless the Church takes an interest in the world, the Church faces a sure death."

Rev. B. Metz welcomed the Young People and gave the announcements, and also pronounced the benediction.

Miniskirts rank in advancement equal with the steamboat. As Robert Fulton put it, "We no longer have to wait for the wind to blow."

### OSPRINGE

## Water in church basement services cancelled Sunday

by Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. B. Newmark were in Toronto recently to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oakes, Tomline, motored to Victoria Harbour on Wednesday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Willey, Gordon Aitken, and D. G.

Robertson were ice fishing at Lake Simcoe, on Thursday and report a fair catch.

Due to water in the basement at the local Presbyterian Church, services were cancelled on Sunday, when the furnace was not functioning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, Mrs. C. Holtmier, Mrs. Douglas Robertson, Sharon and Darlene, Miss Margie McIvor, all of Guelph, visited recently with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

### Eramosa

## Favors county unit for high schools only

A joint meeting of the Eramosa School Board and the Eramosa Township Council was held in the board room, Rockwood Centennial School, Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The meeting was called to discuss the proposed information of county size units of school administration as announced by the government.

The following resolution was passed by the school board and received by the endorsement of the township council:

That this school board favors the formation of a larger unit of school administration but only of a high school area basis. That no legislation be passed until all school boards are acquainted with the facts. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Wm. Davis, Minister of Education, Mr. John Root, M.P.P. and Mr. Harry Worton, M.P.P.



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