

Free Press District Page

OSPRINGE

Valentine euchre, capping W.I. meeting in news of area

by Mrs. D.G. Robertson

Saturday evening guests of Stuart and Barbara McKinnon were - Bert and Ann Mills, Dan and Elinor Barbour, RHillsburgh, Morris and Bertha Wallis, Caledon East, Warren and Helen Smith, Russ and Barbara Teeter, Orangeville, Ted and Agnes Teeter, Moon Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fuller were in Oakville on Tuesday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Mac Pherson, Sr.

Captain John Aitken, C.A.F. and Mrs. Aitken of Bagotville Quebec are spending a few days with the formers' parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce left last week, by motor for a holiday in Florida.

Mrs. R. Ellis and Mrs. Don Milton attended the 4-H Training school for leaders for the spring project - "The Club Girl entertains" at Hillsburgh.

The Valentine euchre on Friday evening at the school, sponsored by the Womens Institute, attracted a fair crowd, in spite

of the cold weather. Lucky prizes were: ladies' high Mrs. M. Jackson; long hands, Miss Margaret Blinnie; mah's high, Roy Young; time's lone hands, Lionel Watson; lucky Valentine, Miss Nancy Grundy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross M. Ferguson were in Kitchener on Friday evening, to attend the "Capping Ceremony" at the K. and W. hospital, when their daughter Linda received her cap.

Eleven members, and two visitors attended the Women's Institute meeting held at the home of Mrs. Clifford Storey, Crowsons Corners.

Miss Doris Finns presided and read a poem, "Sobering thought". The scripture, Psalm 100 was read by Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Roll call - "My opinion of the advertising of liquor on TV and radio" showed the ladies were not pleased with the increase of time spent on the advertising nor the emphasis placed on social drinking by young people.

Mrs. Stan Fuller read the minutes, financial statement and thank - you notes. An interesting

letter from Cheng-Ping-Shu, the Korean boy partially sponsored by the local branch, was read.

Mrs. Everett Small, president of F.W.L.O., sent new year's greetings and outlined further projects to be undertaken shortly.

A program idea from the department of Tourism and Information was to be discussed by the program committee for the new year.

Arrangements are to be made for an early spring bus trip to St. Lawrence, Starch Company and other points of interest in the Toronto area.

Mrs. G. Aitken, Mrs. G. Grundy, Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. S. Fuller were named as a committee for the March 8 euchre.

Two papers, sent by Mrs. H. Thoskor, convener for Temperance, "A physician's viewpoint of alcohol" and "Drinking and Driving" were read by Mrs. D. Winter.

A social time was enjoyed during the serving of refreshments and Mrs. D. Winter extended thanks to the hostess.



Sun floods tangled bush with light
Early afternoon shadows create patterns in black and white.

Valentine "thank you" for Mrs. R. McEnery

After writing Ballinfad news for the Acton Free Press for over 25 years, Mrs. Robert McEnery has retired.

She is being followed by Ballinfad resident Mrs. R. Shortill Sr., a former teacher at Peacock school, whose first column appears this week.

To Mrs. McEnery go sincere thanks for her years of devotion and faithfulness in sending along interesting items that reflected life in the pleasant community of Ballinfad. She knew the people well and her husband Robert began farming at their present home 45 years ago. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1962.

She is a member of Ballinfad United Church, is charter member and past president of the Women's Institute and treasurer of the Ballinfad Community Control Board.

The many readers of her column over the years will join the Free Press in expressing appreciation for her quarter century of regular reporting.

Our "country correspondence" is a very important part of our paper and adds much depth as well as interest to a weekly paper.

So here's a Valentine message of thanks to Mrs. McEnery especially, and all the others as well.

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W.I. learns about Latvia public speaking of interest

by Mrs. R. Shortill, Sr.

Plans are being made for World Day of Prayer which, this year combines Churchill and

Ballinfad area at Ballinfad Church.

Robert Kirkwood, who has been in hospital since last November,

with an injury, sustained in a car accident, was able to return home last week. We wish him a complete recovery.

Wayne French who has been ill, for the past month with a severe bout of flu, was able to return to school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery visited with the Robsons at Hornby on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Shortill and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shortill had dinner with Miss Ione Oakes at Mimico on Sunday last.

We are very relieved, to know that Mr. Fred Spear, who has been in Guelph Hospital for some time, is making improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shortill attended the Boat Show on Thursday.

The Women's Institute held their February Meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Frank Smith. The theme was "International" and a splendid program was enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Knox had prepared the motto, given by Mrs. Jamieson. Current events were given by Mrs. Smith.

News of the district

FERGUS.....

What Fergus Fire Chief Wally Ward called low morale because of a "lack of interest, co-operation and recognition" between the 16 men in his department and the Fergus council and its fire committee lead to some warm words and eventually a compromise at the regular council meeting. The main trouble seemed to be the fact council and the Public Utilities Commission insist that no member of their works crews can also be a member of the local volunteer fire brigade. The chief had written a letter to council asking for decisions on several points. At one stage of the proceedings, Mr. Holmes called the town's policy about firemen "stupid." Council agreed to reconsider their policy.

ERIN.....

The Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association is recognizing publishers and editors throughout the Dominion who have given 25 and 50 years service to the weekly newspaper profession in that capacity with Silver and Gold Quill awards. Among those who will receive the Silver Quill Award is R. W. Hull, who was Editor of the Erin Advocate from 1920 until 1957. Roy Hull began his printing career in April 1907 when his father, the late Wellington Hull, was owner of The Advocate. He became the Editor in 1920, a position he held until 1957, when his son Charles took over the business from him. Although in the printing trade for fifty years, Roy will receive the Silver Quill Award in recognition of 25 of the 37 years he served as an Editor. A framed certificate will be a lasting memento of his many years in the printing trade. Now retired and living in Toronto, Mr. Hull recalls many events of Erin's past history, where he lived for over seventy years.

MILTON.....

The rains came. The temperature soared into the 40's. The record snowfall began to melt. And the combination of fresh rain and melting snow brought Milton one of its worst mid-winter floods in history -- a costly chore for the town and a nuisance to the majority of residents who suffered flooded basements before it ended up with a cold snap Friday evening. It was a busy couple of days for the town works crews, and an expensive drain on the town's finances. Between overtime pay for the men, extra equipment that had to be hired, and even increased gas bills for the pumps, the tab will reach the four-figure mark according to the predictions of our councillor. And that does not take into account the dozens of possible damage claims pending against the town, from flooded home owners. Hundreds of residents saw their basements flooded for the first time in years. In some cases sawage backed up and in others, the excess runoff water simply seeped through the walls or ran in the windows.

A Centennial medal has been awarded to former Milton Mayor Sydney G. Childs, in recognition for his extensive services to the town. A councillor for six years, and then Mayor from 1958 to 1967, Mr. Childs has also served on a number of municipal boards and commissions. He was nominated for the federal award by the 1968 council.

MISSISSAUGA.....

To back with Tom Plunkett, we've got our own plan for regional government. That's what Bob Spack, mayor of Canada's largest town says anyway. Peel County has completed a study to draft its own form of regional government, says the mayor. "We think we have come up with a form of regional government covering Peel County which will be acceptable to the provincial government." His study does not include Halton.

The Christmas card from our Korean girl was passed around. Several donations were voted on, a donation to Halton Musical Festival, also to the building fund for McDonald Hall, University of Guelph, this being the 75th anniversary and more accommodation for students being necessary. Besides this there are funds needed for new W.I. branches to be opened in Northern Ontario, so a donation was made to this N.C.W.I. fund.

Several visitors were present among whom was Mrs. Rokols, a "nationalized" Canadian but one who had interesting details of her European birth place Latvia, to relate. Illustrations and a doll dressed in Latvian costume gave added interest appeal. Mrs. Rokols lives on Mrs. Effie Thompson's former place.

Mrs. William McLean gave the minutes and a discussion concerning a future euchre party took place.

A pleasant social time ended the meeting.

Miss Beatrice Hiltz has been very poorly but is better, we are pleased to know.

Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Jamieson are leaders for the next 4-H topic on Fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery visited with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fuller at Glen William on Saturday evening.

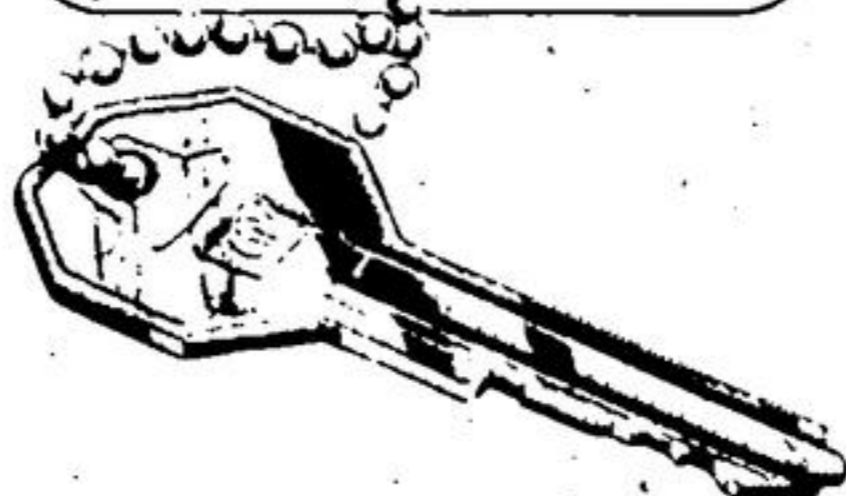
A public speaking contest took place in Ospringe School this week. Gordon Smith was one of the speakers.

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