

News of the district

GUELPH.....

With actual work begun restoring the Guelph birthplace of Lt.-Col. John McCrae, noted Canadian-born soldier, physician, poet, the author of *In Flanders Fields*, thoughts are now turning to the collection of artifacts. These will be needed to place in the renovated premises when it is opened for inspection by the general public about mid-May. The McCrae Birthplace Society has already collected some items of interest that have connection with the life of the man being honored, but more is needed. It is proposed to furnish the house in the period of McCrae's childhood that he spent in the Water St. birthplace or at his other home on College Ave. W. It is suggested there are numerous things throughout the area that have been retained by persons purchasing them at an auction sale of treasures from Jansfield. It is these authentic articles that the birthplace society is anxious to obtain, either as outright gifts or on loan for stated periods, that can be used in the restored home.

ERIN.....

While driving to work one morning last week Chester Kirk of Erin spotted a wolf crossing the road on the seventh line of Erin Township, near 24 highway. It is most uncommon for wolves to be inhabiting this area and not a welcome thought. The incident has been reported to the authorities.

While returning home from a call early in the morning recently, Dr. W. T. D. Maxwell, local veterinarian saw a most unusual phenomenon. Upon entering the village on highway 24 north, every street light was sending a light beam skyward, each like a searchlight and all in various colors. Dr. Maxwell returned to the sight with his camera and took several color pictures on time exposure showing the beams of light in full color.

FERGUS.....

A local lawyer has a new desk pen in front of him. It has a set of the 1937 Canadian coins embedded in clear plastic. An engraved plaque on the bottom says: "Presented to Douglas Wilson, QC, by himself as a token of esteem and in lieu of the Centennial Medal, 1967." Mr. Wilson said that he felt he deserved something so he went out and bought this gift for himself. He stuck a paper on the bottom with the above words but the girls on the staff completed the job by having a local jeweller engrave a small brass plaque and now the pen holder has an honored place on his desk.

GEORGETOWN.....

B. Hansler and T. Armstrong of the Ontario Water Resources Commission made it plain to council recently that any trouble at the sewage disposal plant was no fault of the two paper mills. In answer to a direct question from Cr. Bob Francis, "Are you telling us the mills are not responsible for any trouble at the sewage plant?" Mr. Hansler replied, "That's exactly what I'm saying." The meeting was called as a result of a motion asking the mills to discontinue dumping their effluent into the sewage system until an investigation is made. The delegates from the two mills and the OWRC outnumbered council two to one, since council had only mustered a bare quorum -- 4 councillors and the mayor. Cr. Jim Young claimed a report from the OWRC indicated the clay content entering the system was too high, and had caused one clarifier to break down, and the digester to be replaced. "Are we taking too much clay content into our system?" he demanded. "Yes, we were, back in September," replied Mr. Hansler, "but since October it has been quite satisfactory." Deputy reeve Arthur Spoligt contended the digester was being overloaded with effluent from the mills, causing the town to pay for cleaning.

MILTON.....

A request for two full-time firefighters for Milton Area Fire Department was turned down. Milton Fire Area Committee, the brigade's governing body, cited increasing staff salaries and a portion of the costs for a new pumper -- both included in the 1968 budget -- in turning down the Fire Chief A. E. Clement's fourth annual request for two full-time men to assist him. The chief is the only full-time man in the brigade. The deputy-chief, three captains, three lieutenants and 23 firefighters are all part-time men.

"We need a school here, to serve this area of the community," a group of Bruce St. school students' parents announced Monday as the Bruce St. Home and School members gathered to discuss the possible loss of the town's 111-year-old school. Residents throughout the eastern section of the town were shocked when they read comments by Milton Public School Board chairman Donald Stinson in last week's *Champion*, implying the school had served its usefulness. Mr. Stinson had wondered if the town might want the property because the old school was not going to be an asset to the new County Board of Education system.

Snow, Kerr get posts

The Ontario Legislature has assigned the various M.P.P.'s to their respective committees for the year. Jim Snow, rookie M.P.P. for Halton East has been named to six committees and veteran M.P.P. for Halton West George Kerr will sit on four this year.

Mr. Snow will be working on committees dealing with Agriculture and Food, Education and University Affairs, Government Commissions, Highways and Transport, Natural Resources and Tourism, and Standing Orders and Printing.

Mr. Kerr will work along with Mr. Snow on the Highways and Transport. Other committees Mr. Kerr will deal with include Legal Bills and Municipal Affairs, Privileges and Elections, and Public Accounts.

Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.



SOME OF THE DETAILS of the trip won to Chicago by Carol Patterson at the public speaking contest sponsored by Acton Lions is explained by Lion Chief Vic Bristow, right, to Carol and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patterson. Carol gave her winning speech at Monday's meeting of the club. (Staff Photo)

New store

Mr. and Mrs. Glenister, who moved recently to Lakewood from Toronto, are opening a flower shop in the small store beside the Y.M.C.A. this Friday. Mr. Glenister brings the flowers from Toronto daily.

Public speaking winner talks to Lions club

Carol Patterson, winner of the Lions Club public speaking con-

test at Acton high school gave her prize winning talk on money at the regular dinner meeting of the club Monday evening. She spoke on money, exploding the myth it is the root of all evil. The Lions were impressed with her talk and the clear manner of delivery. She was thanked by Lion Murray Harrison and introduced by Lion Chief Vic Bristow. Carol was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patterson.

Supervisor Ken Thompson and Acton Divisional Officer Wally Gordon of the St. John Ambulance were also present to accept a resuscitator as a gift from the Lions. They expressed their appreciation and promptly tried it out on Tall Twister Peter Pappillon who was busy extracting money to enlarge the convention fund, contemplating a trip to Tokyo.

A lively sing song led by Lion

BALLINAFAD

Red Cross course, birthday, 4-H, U.C.W. meetings in news

By Mrs. R. Shortill

The U.C.W. held both of their meetings at the home of Mrs. Lazor on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The afternoon unit was led by Mrs. Healey who gave the devotion and led in the discussion concerning the purchase of a projector and also the improvement of the wiring in the church basement.

At both meetings a film on Japan was shown. Social hour followed; Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. H. Shortill and Mrs. E. McEnery assisting the hostess.

Miss Margaret Wegg visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Shortill on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg French and Debbie visited relatives in Toronto on Saturday.

Several of our ladies are taking the Red Cross course in George-

town taught by Mrs. Elaine Sales R.N.

A pleasant family party gathered to honor Mrs. James Campbell on the occasion of her birthday Thursday evening.

The second meeting of Ballinafad 4-H club was held on Saturday, February 24 at the Community Centre. The meeting

opened by repeating the pledge followed by the Minutes. The next meeting of the "Fruit Munchers" will be March 2.

Heather Kirkwood demonstrated making shortbread and Frances McLean made a fruit salad. The hockey teams played again at Hillsburg arena Sunday night.

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Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

When you direct a bridge tournament as I did recently, you will notice on a few hands a result completely out of line with all other results. It is very enlightening to look at such hands and I wish to present one here.

On this hand, East is dealer and North and South are vulnerable. All I know is that the final contract was six no trump so I have had to construct a reasonable bidding sequence.

NORTH
S - J 2
H - K 9 5 4 2
D - A K 5 2
C - 7 6

WEST EAST
S - K 10 H - 7 6 4 3
H - J 10 3 H - Q 8 6
D - Q J 10 8 7 6 3 D - VOID
C - 9 C - C 10 8 5 5 2

SOUTH WEST SOUTH
S - A Q 8 5 S - 5
H - A 7 H - J 10 3
D - 9 4 D - J 8
C - A K J 3 C - A 3

Probable bidding.
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
Pass 1 S 3 D 3 H
Pass 4 C Pass 4 D
Pass 4 S Pass 4 N.T.
Pass 5 S Pass 6 N.T.
All Pass

Opening lead - Queen of diamonds.

As stated earlier, I can only guess at the bidding. The final contract was 6 no trump and declarer made that contract. The result is unusual in that although no one else bid a slam, no one else made 12 tricks either. Supreme efforts often result from overbidding.

How can South make six no

trump. There are four spade tricks plus two in hearts, two in diamonds and three in clubs. That's only 11. Where there are 11 tricks there is often a squeeze for 12. West must guard diamonds, East must guard clubs so who takes care of the hearts. Declarer must assume that clubs and spades are well placed. He should win the diamond and take a club finesse. When this wins, he should lead a low spade conceding a trick to king.

West will return a diamond which is won in dummy. The spade jack is taken and a club led to South's hand. After running spades the following position is reached.

NORTH
S -
H - K 9 5
D - 5 2
C -

WEST SOUTH
S - 5
H - A 7
D -
C - A 3

EAST
S -
H - Q 8 6
D -
C - Q 10

West can let go of a diamond but East must let go of a heart. Dummy discards a diamond. Now the club ace squeezes West. When West discards a heart, dummy's heart suit is set up.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club - Masterpoint night: tied for first, Betty Ashley and Jackie Nolan with Bill and Gloria Coats; third, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coats; fourth Cam Sinclair and Kay Campbell.



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