

News of the district

Library bars Esquering pupils

GEORGETOWN - Council backed the stand of the Georgetown Library Board cutting off Esquering students from using library facilities. The action was taken when Esquering council took no action at the last meeting, of a library board request for \$5,000 to help pay the library's way. Mayor Joe Gibbons contended the town has been entitled to payment for a long time. "Perhaps parents will put pressure on Esquering council to provide for library services in the taxes," he said. And more requests may be brewing. Councillor W. Smith announced he intended to bring up the subject of cost sharing at both area and swimming pool meetings. Other municipalities were happy to share the cost of facilities, but Esquering, he charged, "was a group who only want to take."

Perks of Don-Mar-Lynne, a German Shepherd in the Tahhard Kennel of Miss Laura Treble, R.R. 1, Georgetown, went Best of Breed at the Sportsmen's Dog Show in Toronto on the weekend.

To gain the honour Perks had to beat out an American champion and a Canadian champion. The win was worth five points toward his championship.

Miss Treble also handled Kobi-Grand Wachter in the show ring and the St. Bernard puppy went First Senior Puppy Dog. Kobi, belongs to John Vandermeer's Mont Blanc Kennels at R.R. 1, Limehouse.

Award teacher centennial medal

HILLSBURGH - A Hillsburgh teacher, Miss Helen Skitt was awarded a centennial medal recently, one of 25 received by teachers in Canada selected for the honor. Born in Erin township, Miss Skitt has devoted her life to the teaching profession. She has taught in only two schools. Graduating from Toronto Normal, she first taught in the stone Silverwood school near Georgetown, a rural school with eight grades. During the last 38 years Miss Skitt has been on the Hillsburgh school staff, now known as the Ross R. MacKay public school.

Legion dart team champs

ERIN - The Erin Legion dart team won the zone championship in a Dart Tournament Saturday in Georgetown. In stiff competition with other players in the zone, Jim Colquhoun, Jack Catcher, Alex Williams and Bob Evans captured the Legion trophy. As a result of this win, the Erin Legion will host the Zone Dart Championship next year.

Going to get broadened out

FERGUS - Fergus High School and an experiment in friendship got excellent publicity when The Globe and Mail sent William Johnston to Fergus to write about an experiment when 12 students from Rimouski, Quebec, exchanged for two weeks with students of the Centre Wellington District High School at Fergus. Rimouski is on the St. Lawrence where that big river widens.

I'm all in favor of such experiments. Among the things the students learned is that most of the French youngsters smoke and drink more than the Fergus ones do. When they suggested a game for a party, the French boys and girls suggested kissing games, which rather shocked the Fergus people. They're going to get broadened out a bit. And apparently, the pupils of both schools are really picking up a good deal of the other language. - From Mostly Gossip by Hugh Templin.

Peace seems to have settled over Elora high school once more. The Centre Wellington Area School Board, bowing to public pressure and placard parades, decided grade 13 will be continued in the Elora school, a move expected when the new vocational wing at the school was finished. After government grants, Fergus pays nearly 50 per cent of money raised in the school area, Elora 10 per cent. The board stated the transfer of business and grade 13 students to Fergus would save \$30,000.

Home and school shows muscles

MILTON - Parents of children attending the ancient Bruce St. school have made it plain to the public school board they want the 111-year-old structure preserved. Although the board has given written assurance they'll keep the school in operation, parents fear the new County Board of Education will scrap it when they take over all Halton education in 1969. The Home and School Association plans to notify the County Board there is a strong town wide feeling to preserve the stone building.

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SILVERWOOD

Paul Armstrong guest speaker Industries described to W.I.

By Mrs. H. Scott

Silverwood W. I. held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. K. C. Lindsay with a good turnout of members and two visitors.

Roll call was answered by bringing "a Canadian make article."

Mrs. Donald Lindsay was convener for "Canadian Industry" and introduced Mr. Paul Armstrong of Georgetown as guest speaker. Paul proved himself able and interesting as he expounded the value of the many different industries and their importance to the corporation of Georgetown and to the country. Georgetown has around 32 industries.

Silverwood W. I. are celebrating their 17th anniversary with a card party at Stewart-town March 25. Everybody welcome.

Farewell gifts

In addition to a wallet containing money, the Rev. and Mrs. McMurray were presented with an attractive painting of the church, painted by Mrs. Laura Diltrich, the gift of the Altar Guild, a cup and saucer from the A. C. W. and a cross and chain from the choir for Gillian. They live now in Guelph, and his successor has not been named.

The members decided to have a booth at Mr. H. Bell's auction sale in April.

Mr. Earl Burt, Miss Judy Britton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Korr attended the Durham County Junior Farmers banquet Sat. evening March 9. Earl was popular entertainer for the evening.

John Root is named to committees

John Root, M.P.P. is fully occupied during the current session of the Legislature.

In addition to dealing with Riding problems and taking part in Debates in the House, he is a member of a number of Standing Committees, namely, Agriculture and Food, Highways and Transport, Labour, Privileges and Elections and Private Bills.

In addition to his legislative duties, his responsibility as Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission requires a great deal of attention. At the present time the Water Resources Commission is processing and developing over 200 projects. Mr. Root conducts most of the Public Hearings, when required, throughout the Province.

BALLINAFAD

Weather spells syrup time

By Mrs. R. Shortill

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Jesso McEnery's painful accident, while assisting Mr. Wilford Sanderson to put an animal into his truck. We hope he will soon be better.

Mrs. R. Shortill visited in Toronto the past week with her sister, Iona Oakes and with her daughter Lillian.

Wayne, Kathy and Debbie French went to London Friday to visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell. A pleasant time was enjoyed at the church supper on Saturday night dining at the dainty shamrock tables.

Mrs. Tarswell spent part of last week in Toronto helping at the clinic.

Miss Dianne Snow and girl friend from Toronto, also Mrs. Phidela Snow visited Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow on the weekend.

Dainty beads of sweet sap from the maples make a happy tune as they drop "plink, plink" into the buckets. Frosty nights and sunny melting mornings spell syrup time, and syrup time means spring time.

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ROCKWOOD

Buddhist faith subject for W.M.S.

Rockwood - The March meeting of the Rockwood W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. D. Gray with a good attendance and Miss E. Pearen presiding. A poem, "Let There be Light" was read by the president. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. G. Denham and Mrs. R. Young.

Mrs. W. Fisher gave an informative talk on the Buddhist religion.

The roll call was answered by naming a missionary working in Japan. The president closed the meeting with prayer. The Ladies Aid meeting followed with the president, Mrs. Buteham, reading a poem "That's Living."

The ladies were reminded of the "Come as You Are" dinner to be held in Eden Mills, Presbyterian Church. Business included arranging for the firemen's banquet.

Mrs. F. Hosking hostess to U.C.W.

Rockwood - The March meeting of Unit 1 of Rockwood U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. F.J. Hosking with a good attendance. A luncheon study on The Garden of Gethsemane was given by Mrs. A. Gardner. She spoke of the flowers that we plant in a garden and suggested that we plant the same plants as our Master did - prayer, faith, love, fellowship, and strength of soul.

She was assisted by Mrs. A. Root and Mrs. W. Guild. Mrs. Hosking gave a devotional talk on The Lord's Prayer, dealing with each clause in turn. Mrs. S. Truesdale gave a very fine report of the Guelph Presbyterian held in Fergus in February.

Plans were made to obtain a mailing list of names of former members to whom invitations would be sent for the 100th anniversary of the church in June. The hostess served afternoon tea.

Mrs. Eileen McEnery wins centennial quilt

On Saturday evening March 15, successful social evening was held by Greenock W.I. in the auditorium at Ospringe School. Ed Hazel of Brampton was M.C. for an evening of dancing. Others enjoyed cards and games. Mrs. Eileen McEnery of Ballinafad was the lucky winner of the attractive Centennial Quilt.

EBENEZER

U.C.W. meeting, service in district news account

by Mrs. P. McLean

Rev. Russel Finley's message dealt with Jesus' visit to the synagogue at Capernaum.

Recently a questionnaire was sent out to a number of people, regarding the topics of most interest to them. 53 percent answered that they were most interested in children, 49 percent were most interested in family life, and the third choice was religion, which is very newsworthy.

Jesus read the lesson from Isaiah, and went on to say that was why he was sent. His neighbours asked each other, "Who does he think he is?"

Jesus began his unpopular walk to the cross, from that day. God's Mission, is Mercy. A single drop of ambergris, from the killer whale, makes perfume sweeter. Jesus's mercy caused him to heal on His way to the cross. God's mission is mercy.

The choir sang, "Come Unto Me."

Seventeen ladies attended the March meeting of Ebenezer U.C.W. The president, Mrs. Don Jesso presided. Mrs. Moffat described some things which can be made for the leprosy mission.

Mrs. Troisdale and Mrs. Darley were the conveners. "God speaks in Creation" was taken by Mrs. Keith Moore; "God speaks in history," by Mrs. Darley; "God speaks through the Bible," by Mrs. John Kitching and "God speaks through Jesus Christ," by Mrs. Earl Ward. Mrs. Early, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Nicolson served a delightful lunch.

Rev. R. McMurray special speaker

Rev. Ritchie McMurray, chaplain at the University of Guelph, will be the guest preacher for the Guelph Good Friday service to be held this year at Chalmers United Church at 10:30 a.m. He has just left Acton.

Holy Week services, held by the Guelph Ministerial Association, will be held at Dublin St. United Church, starting April 8, and running for four days.

The minister and choir of St. James Anglican Church, will take part the first night followed by Harcourt United Church, Guelph Reformed Church and Dublin St. United Church.

All Holy Week services will get under way at 8 p.m.

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