

STARTING THURSDAY MORNING with a call to the Crescent, above, Acton Firefighters were deluged by grass fires over the holiday weekend, answering summons in Esqueving, Erin and Nassagaweya townships before Sunday's relative quiet. Worst blaze was at the Esqueving dump where flames threatened to engulf houses along the fourth line. Their promptness in answering the calls which came in clusters saved thousands of dollars in damages but took its toll on the brigade. Most of the firefighters were bone weary after spending most of Friday and Saturday fighting fires like the one above. (Staff Photo)

BALLINAFAD

Grass fires, sunrise service, newcomers, illness of interest

by Mrs. R. Shortill

Mr. and Mrs. Wittkook moved to their new location at Norval where they have bought the corner grocery. New owners moved on Saturday into the house they vacated, which is on the corner of the Woods farm.

Grass fires made necessary the emergency call to the fire department on Friday - in the region of the former Dr. Reid farm on the Seventh Line above Ballinafad.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clements of Alton visited the Pattersons one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean visited the Beavicks at Hamilton recently.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Longstreet on the safe arrival of their new baby son, Gary Lou.

Mrs. Cameron McEnery has not been well lately. We hope she soon will be in better health.

A number of young people attended the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday at 10:30 at the Kidney farm.

Mrs. Phidela Snow accompanied, by her daughter, Mrs. Gates is leaving for a visit to Saskatchewan this week to visit her uncle.

Dr. and Mrs. Reid have returned from their holiday in Florida.

Ten tables of euchre were played at the Community Centre on Tuesday night April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierson, David and Robert attended the church service Sunday. During the service the sacrament of baptism was administered by Rev. Johann to wee Robert. They visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery, the end of the day.

The church was well filled on Sunday for the Easter service. Mr. and Mrs. Cornish and family also Mrs. Coroliah Sr., had their membership transferred to Ballinafad church. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. The choir sang an anthem, Miss Anne Shortill taking the solo part. Miss Kathryn Sinclair was organist. Rev. Johnson spoke on the resurrection.

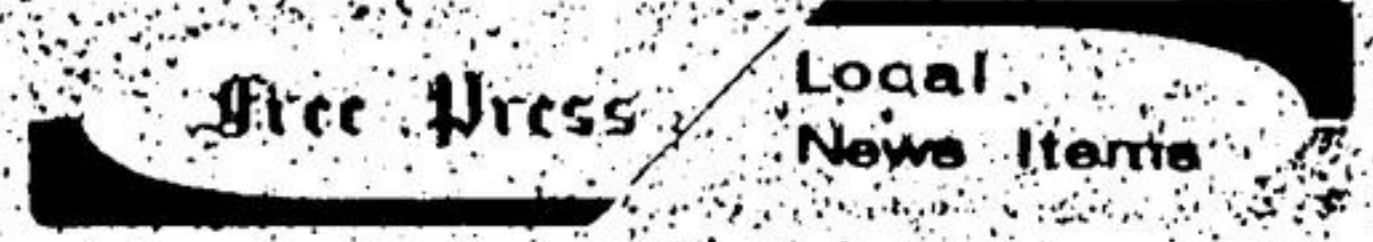
Miss Dianne Snow spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Ula Allan whose marriage to Mr. Otto Wiggins took place on Saturday.

Mr. Cayl Volmer is kept busy delivering nursery stock from his garden centre.

Miss Jean Law, spent the weekend at home.

We are glad to report that Mr. Henry Hiltz, although still in hospital, is much better.



- Remember! It's illegal to light bonfires in Acton without a permit.
- The police weren't especially busy over the weekend, but the firefighters made up for it.
- The churches had large congregations for Easter Sunday.
- Hypochondriacs: One who simply cannot let well enough alone.
- The strike at the University of Guelph has been settled. Various district and town people are employed there in the trades and were involved.
- Warm weather brought out many shoppers last week, especially on Thursday evening before the holiday.
- Rev. Ritchie McMurray, formerly of Acton, was Holy Week speaker in Guelph at the series of services sponsored by the Guelph Ministerial Association.
- Lads were enthusiastically padding lawn fertilizer door-to-door on Saturday. Proceeds were for the Tri-County minor hockey association.
- There was a new kind of "late, late show" Friday night. Many were outside with telescopes or peering from windows to see the total eclipse of the moon. Those who wouldn't get up to see the phenomenon don't have another chance until 1971.
- Reaction to the naming of the St. John Ambulance brigade as Acton's Citizens of the Year is very favorable. Everyone has seen them, over the years, faithfully on duty at all major community events. Brigade members were pleased to learn the news last Tuesday from Chamber president Paul Nielsen. It was published the next day in the Free Press for the first time.

Film on cancer on TV tonight

"A Matter of Time", a special documentary film made at the Princess Margaret Hospital, will be shown on the full CBC TV network at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. The one-hour drama shows the work done at the hospital and by the Ontario Cancer Institute.

The film is being shown during cancer month, when cancer drives are underway all over the province.

Acton canvassers began the first of the month but haven't completed their calls yet.

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L.O.L. euchre

Winners at the last L.O.L. euchre at Crewson's Corners were: ladies' high, Alice Wilkinson; ladies' low, Monica Howell; men's high, David Dewar; men's low, John Dowar; lone hands prize, Alice Wilkinson; door prize, Monica Howell.

25 miler for experts only

Two Bruce Trail hikes here

Bruce Trail clubs are scheduling two interesting hikes in this district in the coming weeks.

This Sunday, April 21 the Calodon Hills Bruce Trail Club's spring hike is to cover 10 or 11 miles of the trail, walking northward from the central Burlington area. Club members are meeting on Cedar Springs Road just north of Highway 5 at 11 a.m. Sunday, and would welcome novice hikers wishing to participate.

Those who are REALLY hepped up on hiking, the Toronto B.T.

Club is planning a 25-mile "end-to-end" hike of the section of trail for which they are responsible, on Sunday May 12. Last year 78 of 80 starters were able to finish the lengthy stretch and qualified to receive a club badge.

Two groups will start at opposite ends of the Toronto section for the May hike--one group walking south from Terra Cotta and one heading north from Kelsco. When they meet in the centre they'll switch car keys and after completing the 25 miles, drive each other's cars back to a central meeting place at Limehouse.

This hike is reserved for experienced hikers with plenty of stamina. It's an all-day hike, starting at 7 a.m. sharp.

Weed inspector

A new Halton County weed inspector was appointed on Tuesday by Halton County Council.

He is D. Currie of Milton, a retired farmer. Mr. Currie will take over his new job on May 1.

Evening tea held by Greenock Belles

The Greenock Belles, leaders Miss Elva Pearen and Mrs. Ralph Sinclair held a tea on Friday evening at the home of Miss Elva Pearen. The guests were their mothers, institute members and friends.

Barbara and Marion Gates set up the dining room table for a buffet supper complete with floral centrepiece, candles, dishes and cutlery.

Thon Leah and Sharon Leslie explained two floral arrangements, the first an attractive original design of pussy willows and daffodils to decorate a mantelpiece or TV top, the second a centrepiece of spring flowers for a dining room table.

An attractive plate of fancy sandwiches for an afternoon tea was the basis for a demonstration to be given on achievement day and explained by Norma Leslie.

The correct way to pack a travelling suitcase was shown by Marjorie Johnston with the bulky and personal items placed on the bottom while dresses, suits and other clothing are folded on top.

During the evening punch was served. Games and contests were arranged for everyone and prizes awarded to the winners.

In appreciation for the patience and understanding, Marion Gates presented the leaders of their 4-H project "The Club Girl Entertains" with a small gift as a remembrance on behalf of the members.

The girls served fancy sandwiches with relishes and fancy cookies made by themselves. Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. G. Leslie poured tea and coffee.

Mrs. Thos. Homesley thanked the girls and their leaders for a most enjoyable evening.

Separate notice for school tax under new county boards

Many aspects of the new County Boards of Education are still a mystery to municipal officials charged with the responsibility of effecting the changeover. Gradually, however, the complexities of the new system are being explained by the appropriate government department.

The financial aspects of the new system came under the scrutiny of the Association of Ontario Counties at their recent convention in Toronto. Rev. Bert Hinton was able to gather some information on financing the operation, nine of the points following.

1. The local share of the cost of operating the public and secondary schools in a county will be divided among the municipalities comprising the school division in proportion to the provincial equalized assessments of the municipalities concerned.
2. The council of each municipality shall levy and collect its share of school costs and transfer it to the board from time to time as required but not later than December 15.
3. The notice of taxes shall be given separately for school purposes or in a manner that will clearly indicate the taxes imposed for school purposes.
4. There will be no change in the manner in which taxes are collected at present or in the method of taking action for uncollected taxes.
5. The county board will issue its own debentures.
6. The clerk - treasurer of the county and of each municipality will notify the treasurer of the divisional board before February 1, 1969, and before January 1, in succeeding years, of the amount of principal and interest due and payable in that year in respect of debentures issued for school purposes.
7. The treasurer of the divisional board will pay to the county or municipal treasurer the amount required for school debt charges before the due date of payment by the county or municipality.
8. The arbitration of the assets and liabilities of the former boards will take place in 1969, and the determinations of the arbitrators will be effective in the year 1970.
9. Each divisional board will appoint its own auditor, and the treasurer of the board is required to publish or distribute the auditor's report.

Easter Thankoffering meeting held by W.M.S.

The Easter Thankoffering meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church was held on April 11 in the church, with Mrs. Fred Anderson presiding and guests present from neighboring congregations.

Mrs. Robert Kerr of Churchill was introduced by the president and gave an inspiring message on Brotherly Love. In closing she issued the challenge to all to open up our hearts in love and compassion for our fellowmen.

The worship service followed the Easter theme and was led by Mrs. William McIntyre, Miss Isabel Anderson and Mrs. H. Mainprize, with Miss Dorothy Simmons, accompanied by Miss Joan McLean, contributing two solos - "He Died of a Broken Heart" and "Teach me to Pray."

Later all enjoyed a period of fellowship in the church hall, where the Committee in Charge served refreshments.

LIMEHOUSE

Young People enjoy breakfast at church

By Mrs. A. Benton

Miss Wilhamona Pool is recuperating at home following a knee operation. She was injured in a gym accident at high school. We hope she makes a complete recovery.

Communion services were observed on April 7. Easter services were well attended at Limehouse Presbyterian church on April 14.

Birthday greetings are extended to Mrs. Angus Lawson who was eighty-seven on April 16. Limehouse young people enjoyed breakfast at the church on Good Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lister have two nephews from Newark, New Jersey, visiting for Easter holidays.

The W. M. S. Thankoffering meeting will be held in the church on Sunday evening when everyone will be welcomed.

Peel, Halton meet

Health merger possible?

The spark of possibility has been rekindled in an earlier proposal to merge Halton and Peel County Health Units.

Both county councils opposed the move, despite the "dangling carrot" of an extra 25 per cent grant from the provincial government, when the subject came up late last year. Now Peel County Council has had a change of attitude and has called for a committee of Halton councillors to meet with them and re-open discussions.

Halton County Council has named Warden W. F. Hunter of

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