

News of the district

Fergus students go marching

FERGUS — Protest marching — a national phenomena — came to Fergus Friday, May 31.

A teacher at the high school staged a one-man protest, marching up and down in front of the school, carrying a placard. He was protesting dismissal of two teachers from the school. A talk with the principal and a school board member who thought he would be better employed teaching classes, didn't solve anything.

Eventually he was dismissed.

Students at the school got into the act later the same day, deciding to stage a protest march of their own. Friday evening about 75 young people paraded down the main street carrying a few signs. By the time they'd gone two blocks, however, numbers had dwindled to about 15.

These stalwarts ended up on the library steps — and dispersed.

George Clephane, who died in Fergus May 2, 1851, at age 32, after being thrown from a horse, became famous in a left-handed sort of way.

In the early days of Fergus he came from Scotland because he had been a problem at home. His father, the sheriff of Fifeshire, Scotland, advised him to go to the new world to see if he could make something of himself.

New surroundings didn't make a new man of George. He piled up debts and had to trade personal effects to pay them.

Then one day young Clephane was thrown from his steed and died. Word was sent back to Scotland.

Here the matter, too, would probably have died. But George's sister, a hymn writer, sat down, heart-broken and wrote the hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," which became one of the well-known ones in the Presbyterian hymnal.

George was buried in Fergus in old St. Andrew's churchyard.

Many people have visited the grave.

The stone on his grave has become weathered, hard to read, so elders of the church recently decided to move it inside, substituting a bronze plaque outside. Another member of the congregation came to the rescue with a granite stone.

Now George Clephane's grave is marked with a beautiful red stone with an appropriate inscription.

Preserve McCrae birthplace

GUELPH — Col. John McCrae Birthplace Society — a group dedicated to preserving the birthplace of the Guelph poet who wrote "In Flanders Fields" — is disappointed with contributions from Guelph and area. Approximately 10 per cent of funds being used to restore the house on Water St. have come from Guelph.

Alan Westcott, president of the society, said about \$10,000 is urgently needed now so obligations can be met. The lattice-trimmed old verandah is now being rebuilt and attention will soon be given to restoration of the dilapidated coach house.

A number of groups from north and east sections of the province will visit the home, now a national historic shrine, during June.

Constable-doorman involved in chase

ERIN — Ova Peterson, local police constable, and a doorman at the Royal York Hotel Toronto, took part in a chase after a man suspected of trying to cash a bad cheque at the Bank of Montreal in the Hotel. Bank employees and Ova chased the suspect up University Avenue, where a newspaper truck helper jumped from the back of the truck and tackled the man.

Metro Police Commission Executive Secretary commended all the people involved for their splendid co-operation with the police. Police said the man had bolted when a cashier at the bank in the hotel questioned him about a cheque he attempted to cash.

Steam-Era in Milton Labor Day

MILTON — Steam-Era will be featured again this year on Labor Day weekend, and officials are busy making preparations for the eighth annual event in Milton. A letter to Milton Council inquired about parade routes, directional signs and a map of the town as chab director Glenn Ewing of Shelburne, in charge of the parade, sought assistance.

Pouring oil on troubled foundations

GEORGETOWN — Many people would welcome a free delivery of fuel oil. But if one has a gas furnace, there it's a different story.

A Georgetown housewife was nonplussed a few weeks ago to return from a shopping trip to find an oil truck busily engaged in pumping oil into a lead-in. But sad to say, this had been plugged off when a gas furnace was purchased, and the oil was filtering through the foundation.

Right address, wrong town, was the story.

So it was, that the family spent the next week as guest of the firm at a motel while a mop-up crew brought the basement back to normal, and generous applications of deodorizer were used to get the obnoxious smell out of the house.

Conservative candidate Peter K. McWilliams accused federal government officials of "sitting on" the development of the Avian, a revolutionary new aircraft being developed by a Georgetown company. The company has waited for nearly four years to get Department of Transport approval to produce the Avian 2-180.

The plane is Canada's only autogyro and according to Avion officials, is moderately priced, easy to fly, cheap to maintain.

Avian Aircraft was formed by six former A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. employees who found themselves unemployed in 1959 after the Arrow Aircraft was cancelled.



DR. M. M. MacKINNON, Dean of Wellington College, Miss Gloria Thomson, R.R. 5 Rockwood, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree and Prof. R. J. Halhorn, from the Department of Languages, are chatting after graduation, at the University of Guelph. (U. of G. Photo)

New fire truck for Rockwood

Rockwood — A colorful ceremony took place on the grounds of Eramosa Township municipal office when Reeve Cameron Lush presented the keys of a bright new fire truck to fire chief Fred Nightingale. Councillors, firemen and employees were present.

Lined up in full regalia and flanking fire chief Nightingale were volunteer firemen Lloyd Meadows, Charles Petty, James Milne, Carl Meadows and Bill Wingate.

As far as is known, this is the first new truck to go into township service. The department's three other smaller trucks had been in use before purchase.

Equipment includes rouscillator, smoke ejector, first aid kits, Scott air packs, pike poles, attic ladder, short step ladder and hose enough, with reducing couplings, to lengthen pumping distance to almost half a mile. It is hoped that new housing for the expanded fire-fighting equipment can be completed before winter. Plans are in tentative stage for erection of a utility building on Gowan St., in Rockwood to be occupied by both the fire department and the Rockwood Hydro.

Nurse, Swackhamer, Kirkwood chosen for Jr. Farmer trips

By Jim Jenkins
Agricultural Representative

Jeff Nurse of R.R. 2, Georgetown and Miss Carol Swackhamer of R.R. 2, Acton have been awarded the Rural Learning Association of Ontario trips to Alberta. They will leave for Alberta on June 28 and return July 12.

Mr. Nurse, a former 4-H member, is now a leader of the Halton 4-H Conservation Club, and is also an active member of the Norval Junior Farmer Club. Jeff is a highly regarded livestock judge, winning a trophy for the top judge at the 1967 Royal Winter Fair.

Miss Swackhamer is currently a member of the Halton 4-H Conservation Club, and the Halton Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club. She is Halton's 1967 Dairy Princess and was a finalist in the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition. Carol is also very active in Junior Farmers, having been chosen as the 1967 Halton County Junior Farmer Queen. She will also be going to the Thunder Bay District in August as her part in the Ontario Junior Farmer northern and southern exchange.

Shock treatment

If someone on your farm should come in contact with electrical wiring, and is shocked unconscious, first remove the wire with a dry stick, or other insulated material. Don't try to pull him from the electrical contact. You could be caught, too.

Then apply artificial respiration and don't give up, because electric shock victims have been resuscitated even three to four hours after the shock.

Bore: The fellow who knows the same stories as you do but always tells them first.

BALLINAFAD

4-H girls guest of W.I. U.C.W. takes church service

by Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow visited with Miss Diane Snow in Toronto on Sunday.

Miss Lillian Shortill and Miss Margaret Wegg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Shortill.

Mr. Henry Hill was able to return home on Saturday, from his lengthy sojourn in Guelph Hospital.

The Women's Institute met in the community centre on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Smith in the chair. Several items of business were discussed.

The report of the District Annual was given by Mrs. Jamieson. Plans for the bus trip June 27 were made.

As this was Home Economics meeting Mrs. Jamieson had charge of the program. Mrs. Smith gave the motto "Use the talents you possess for the world would be very quiet if only the best sang." Mrs. Ada Kirkwood gave current events.

The 4-H girls were present under the leadership of Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Jamieson. They showed the arts of arranging trays. Nancy Snow was the commentator. Miss Bonnie Kirkwood won the Quiz. Then the 4-H girls served lunch.

Mr. Norm Sinclair is in Georgetown Hospital receiving treatment.

Canadian Holsteins shipped to Portugal

A new market for Canadian Holstein cattle has been opened with the shipment from Montreal of 317 head to Portugal. This is the first shipment of Canadian Holsteins to Portugal. The cattle will go to a number of individual farmers mostly in the Lisbon area.

The cattle were shipped by Quebec International Livestock Sales, Ste. Julie de Verchères, Quebec who arranged for their purchase in Quebec and Ontario in co-operation with Rockwood International, Georgetown, the entire group consisted of bred heifers plus one young bull sent as a gift by Quebec International Livestock Sales.

The Portuguese farmers expect that the Canadian Holsteins will increase the production of their native cattle. A group of Portuguese livestock leaders who visited Canada recently under the auspices of the Canada Department of Trade and Commerce expressed themselves as well pleased with the quality of Canadian Holsteins.

The first shipment of Canadian Holsteins destined to replace animals lost in the foot-and-mouth outbreak in England have also just left Montreal. These totalled 638 head, all bought by farmers in Cheshire. Rockwood International Livestock Ltd., Georgetown, supplied 320 head bought by Handley Farmers, Handley, Cheshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny O'Connor visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Somerville visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shortill on Sunday.

Mrs. Donald McLean is still in Guelph Hospital recovering from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Greygoose have sold their home on the seventh line above Ballinadah. They have bought a store near Collingwood and will be moving there.

Mrs. McKim Sr. has been very poorly.

The U.C.W. had charge of the church service on Sunday. Mrs. Jamieson took the service. Mrs. Law read the lesson. The speaker was Mrs. Willis Shortill whose talk was on "Women of the Bible." History records that even in Bible times women had an organization. Miss Anne Shortill sang a solo.

Next week our minister will have returned from his holiday abroad and our service will begin at 9:45.

We were interested indeed in the comments on Churchill which were in last week's paper. What a tragedy indeed to allow this beautiful little pioneer church to be closed. We admire, certainly the sentiment displayed by these Churchill families, who have through the

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