

News of the district

Mall graced with fountain

FERGUS — In an effort to produce more local participation in the Highland Games, here on August 17, the Chamber of Commerce is proposing a downtown Mall that day.

Council expressed only one objection. In a similar arrangement last year for centennial celebrations, piles of straw were used as part of the proposals and these broke open. Loose straw in the streets gave the town works crew a large headache.

As another project to help beautify the town, Fergus C. of C. is proposing to erect a fountain on the small safety island at the corner of Union and Tower Sts.

The Chamber plans to spend about \$3,000 on the project. The fountain will be concrete-dish-shaped. Special lighting will illuminate it with a main jet and three "bubblers" providing interest. It is hoped the fountain will be ready for the Highland Games.

Archaeology must be a fascinating subject, whether the study is King Tut's tomb or Kandocho in the Bush. Those of you who have studied early Canadian history know that the Jesuit missionaries wrote out yearly reports, known technically as the Jesuit Relations. In one of these reports Jesuit Fathers tell of a visit to a town of the Neutral Nation Indians called Kandocho. Judging by the time it took two of them to journey through the bush from Fort Ste. Marie, it must be in the Fergus neighborhood.

People have looked for it for years, I suspect and hope that Albert Petrie may have found the answer on his farm. He amassed a large collection of Indian artifacts on his farm in West Garafraxa.

Georgetown man commands Lorne Scots

GEORGETOWN — Five hundred people watched as a Georgetown militia officer, Col. Earl Lince assumed command of the 102 year old Lorne Scots regiment at Centennial Secondary School, Brampton. Over 400 men took part in the ceremony including a pipe band, a brass band, and armed militia.

Brigadier General G. R. A. Coffin CD inspected the troops. The general salute was taken by retiring Commanding Officer Lt. Col. R. G. Hardie CD. Col. Hardie invited the new commanding officer, Lt-Col. E. F. Lince CD, recently promoted from major, to inspect the regiment.

Lt-Col. P. A. G. Cameron, Commanding Officer in the 48th Highlanders of Canada, conducted the ceremony in which the retiring Commanding Officer presented his claymore as a symbol of command to the new Commanding Officer.

Col. Cameron explained that through long years of tradition a commanding officer from the 48th Highlanders would be present at the change of command in the Lorne Scots and vice-versa.

He said that the claymore was originally presented to the Lorne Scots by the Highlanders to be worn in perpetuity. The dirk which the CO of the 48th Highlanders keeps with him on all military occasions was given to them by the Lorne Scots.

Col. Hardie had 28 years military service previous to his 3 years as CO of the Lorne Scots.

Col. Lince said he hoped he could fill the large shoes of the man who preceded him in command of the regiment.

Col. Lince began his career in the armed forces as a stoker in the Royal Canadian Navy 24 years ago. Eighteen of his past years have been in the militia.

Ending the change of command ceremonies was a march past by the veterans and the regiment itself.

Attending the ceremonies was Marine General Pierce of the US Marine Corps.

Also attending by special invitation was Lt. Col. Victor Mavor of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in England.

TV tower erected in Hornby

HORNBY — Large sections of steel tubing are being hoisted skyward, and a crew of aerial constructors is scampering around high above the ground as a new cable TV tower is erected in a farm field east of Hornby this week.

Maclean-Hunter Cable TV is erecting a 508-foot master antenna tower at an estimated cost of \$35,000. Chief Engineer on the project, S. Switzer, said it would pick up TV stations from the local area plus Barrie, Buffalo and Peterboro areas and relay the signal to homes subscribing to cable TV in the west Toronto, Etobicoke and Mississauga areas.

The tower is located on the east side of the Tenth Line, Oakville, between Upper Base Line Rd. and Highway 401. The property is owned by Toronto radio station CFRB, which is awaiting approvals to erect a 740-foot television tower on the same farm.

Maclean-Hunter's tower is going up in 20-foot white and red sections, embedded in concrete at the base and anchored with several guy wires.

Honor Mrs. Olive Major on retirement

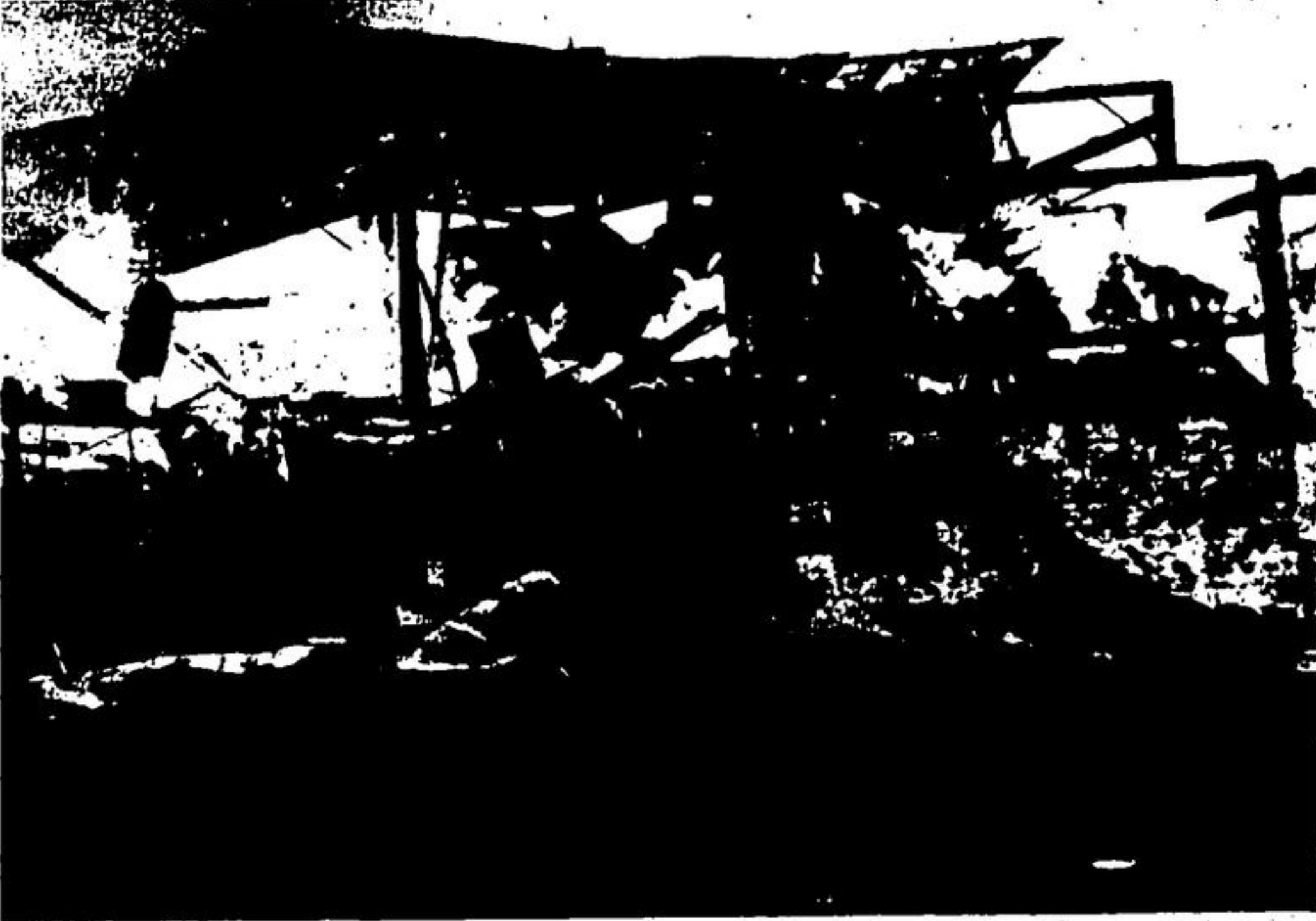
ERIN — Union Public School Board gave a dinner at Hilltop Lodge Wednesday evening, June 19, to honor Mrs. Olive Major, who, at the end of the present school term, is retiring after 35 years in the teaching profession, 21 of which she spent at the Erin School.

Among those present was her son Wilfred who flew from Labrador City to be with his mother on this special occasion. Also attending were members of the school staff and board, their wives and husbands; former staff member Mrs. Gordon Aitken and Mr. Aitken; Home and School president Mrs. McPherson and Rev. McPherson; two friends of the honored guest, Mrs. M. Sinclair and Mrs. B. Leitch; caretaker Mr. B. Somerville and Mrs. Somerville.

The calling of tenders is announced this week by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario for the construction of a Government store for the sale of liquor in Erin. Architects are Carrwell and Greenbach of Collingwood.

The site for the new store is adjacent to Kennedy's Specialty Manufacturers, the former Erin Creamery property.

122 pigs die in Rockwood barn



LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000 when lightning struck the barn of Cecil Nellis, R.R. 1, Rockwood, Friday, afternoon during a severe electrical storm. (Photo by Don Hills)

EBENEZER

Former missionary nurse describes woes of Formosa

By Mrs. R. McLean

Ebenezer congregation had the pleasure of hearing a former missionary nurse in Formosa, Miss Greta Gauld, on Sunday. Miss Gauld was born into a missionary family in Formosa, and after acquiring her schooling in Canada, including training at the "Sick Kids", she returned to the troubled island, and devoted her life to its teeming needy. After the war, the population of Formosa was 4,000,000. Now, refugees from the Chinese mainland have swelled its people to 12,000,000.

Miss Gauld began with a story for the children, as told by a Formosan elder. Children returning from Sunday School, were asked by their mother what they had learned. They said, "Well, mother, we don't understand about Adam and Eve. God gave them that beautiful place, and only asked one thing of them. Why couldn't they have left that one tree alone?" Their mother said, "That's a good question. Give me until to-morrow and I'll try to give you an answer."

The next morning, before the children left for school, their mother said, "When you come home for lunch, I may not be here. I have to go down town. But go ahead and eat your lunch. I'll leave everything ready for you on the table." (The Chinese eat at a low round table, sitting on stools.) The mother told them

"There will be one big round dish covered in the middle of the table. Please don't touch that."

At noon, the children found a delicious lunch, a big dish of rice, with various side dishes of vegetables and other things, which they enjoyed. What a wonderful mother! Then when they were full, they began to sit and look at that big dish in the middle. How silly mother was! It wouldn't hurt just to peak. The longer they sat, the more tempted they were. Finally, they tipped the lid a wee bit. Out jumped a mouse, and ran away! Then the clever mother returned, and looked in the dish. On seeing it empty, she told the children, "That should answer your question about Adam and Eve. It is human nature to be Missionary work in Formosa was begun by the English Presbyterians in 1865. In 1872, a Canadian, Dr. McKay, from Zorra, went out. It is now an indigenous church, celebrating its centennial three years ago. With our closely knit world, one can fly a great distance in such a short time, it may take weeks to "come down to earth" to feel oriented in the new environment.

In Canada, we have such a beautiful, large, free world. We mustn't just be grateful for our blessings; but we must think of people far away, who suffer so terribly because of ignorance of Christ.

Where will the people go, if ousted from Formosa? They suffer from two terrible diseases. There are seven leprosy clinics; it can be cured, but it is much dreaded. It is only the Christian doctors who will look after the lepers. Christ wasn't only Western. Formosa now sends missionaries to Malaya, Singapore and other places.

In one district in S.W. Formosa, a disease called blackfoot, is endemic. There are salt pans, great mounds of salt, from the sea. It is now surplus. The disease is called "blackfoot" because it usually affects the feet. Gangrene sets in. So far the only cure is amputation. Many research crews are working trying to find a cure. It is thought to be caused by too much arsenic in the water. The agony, the hopelessness of these people, Christ never lets us down. Are we going to lag behind the Communists in trying to help our less fortunate brothers?

Mrs. Don Jones, the U.C.W. president, had charge of the service, and Mrs. Earl Ward read the scripture. A ladies' choir sang a version of "Fight the Good Fight."

Birthday greetings to Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. Archie Stanley. Wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Moffat who were married in Campbellville on Saturday, also to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blom, (the former Donna Dolson) who were married in Elora.

Next Sunday, the men of the congregation will be in charge of the service, with a speaker from The Gleasons.

The last two Sundays in July, Church and Sunday School at Ebenezer will be cancelled.

Improve channel, new Drayton bridge

A \$266,000 project to improve the Conestogo River channel and build a new bridge at Drayton northwest of Kitchener will probably start this fall.

Agreement to the project has been reached by the Grand River Conservation Authority, Ontario Department of Highways and Wellington County, who will share the cost. Plans and specifications are being prepared by the county.

The channel improvements are being made so that the river, a major tributary of the Grand River, will flow in one channel instead of two as at present. This will reduce the size of bridge span required to cross the river.

Arrears figure out of date says twp. clerk

Figures printed in this newspaper last week showing tax arrears in Egington township of nearly 27 per cent were out of date, said clerk K. C. Lindsay this week.

The figures from the Auditor's Report were as of December 31, 1967, Mr. Lindsay said. Outstanding taxes as of June 30, 1968, amounted to 18.63 per cent.

"They are even lower than that now," Mr. Lindsay noted.

Only one newspaper in the township receives the Auditor's Report advertisement.

SILVERWOOD

Family reunion holiday visits in area news

by Mrs. H. Scott

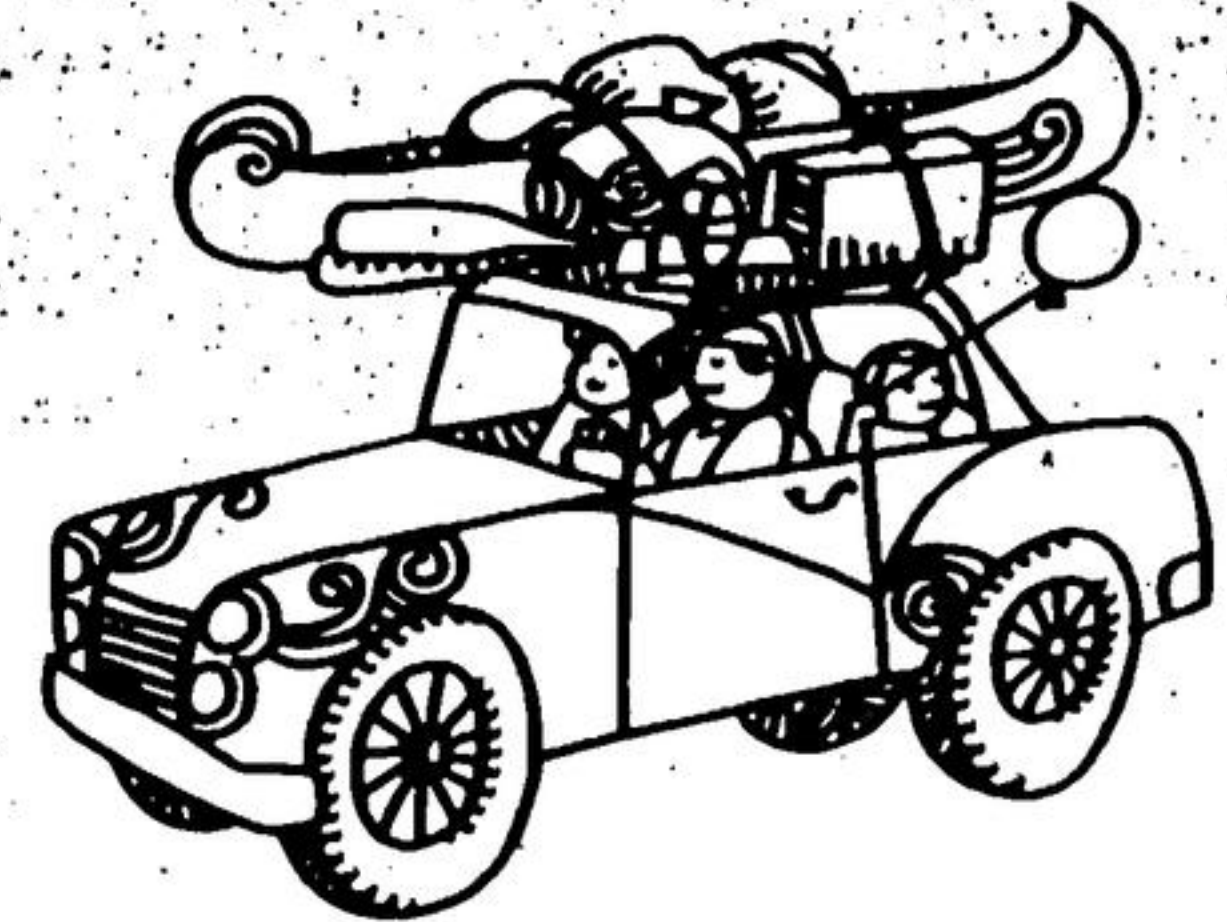
Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey and family enjoyed a short holiday at the family cottage at Parry Sound this past week.

Community good wishes to Earl Burt and Judy Britton who were married Saturday, June 29 in Nassagawaya Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Henry Whitfield, Miss Lena Whitfield of London, Ont., Mrs. W. M. Treanor of Streetsville were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott.

Mrs. Daisy Lucy and son Ed, Mrs. Charlie Flint of Toronto were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burt.

Mrs. W. R. Norton attended the family reunion on Monday July 1 at the Harrison Park in Owen Sound.



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