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### Churchill Community Church granted official charter

By Mrs. McArthur

We are pleased to report that our local Church has now been granted an official Charter and is registered as Churchill Community Church. A congregational meeting will be held at the Church on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Everyone welcome.

Relatives and friends in the community wish to extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Leonard Leslie of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Martin of Vineland visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and other friends on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Graff, Dale and Lee of Sudbury and Mrs. Frank Graff of Sturgeon Falls visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie for a few days.

A number from the community attended the presentation for newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houffe in Ballinafad Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson who were recently married in Oil

### Trail Riders at Flesherton

Several Rockwood Trail Riders competed in the second of the big three of competitive trail rides for Ontario in Flesherton. The first was held by the RTRs in Rockwood in July, and third will be a 50 mile effort near King City, on Thanksgiving weekend in October.

The Trail Riders gave a good account of themselves when the awards were handed out. In the heavyweight division, Stan Jacobs, Downsview, placed first; Morris McGinnis, Rockwood, was third and Dave Taylor, of Guelph was fourth.

In the middleweight division, Mrs. Ken Tuck, Campbellville, was second and Mrs. Ron Duncan, Rockwood, was fifth. Mrs. Duncan and Mawerick also won the Trail Horse Trophy for the second year running. In the junior division, Lynn Duncan, Rockwood, placed third.

The Trail Riders' next event is their open fall show to be held on September 15, at the club show grounds, just north of town. Further information and the list of events may be obtained from Mrs. Duncan at 856-4435.

### Root reunion at Beamsville

Some 50 descendants of John and Nancy Root who pioneered in Erin Township in the County of Wellington before the City of Guelph was founded travelled to Beamsville Baptist Church to hold their Reunion on Sunday afternoon, August 18. Members of the family gathered from Bothwell, Brampton, Erin, Fergus, Galt, Guelph, Hillsburgh, Stratford and Toronto. Beamsville or Clinton Township is historic ground as far as the Root Family is concerned.

Henry Root (Rott) the oldest son of a Mennonite preacher in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, crossed the border in 1799 and established his home in Clinton Township. He married Mary Overholt, a daughter of Staats Overholt. Staats Overholt was one of the loyalists who crossed the line in the late 1770's or early 1780's.

The descendants of Staats Overholt and Henry Root who were present at the reunion spent some time looking over the cemetery, where Henry Root and Jacob Root stones still stand. There are 13 Roots buried in that cemetery although most of the stones have been removed. Following the supper hour Bert Awrey, the president, presided for a program. Alvin Root of Rockwood is treasurer.

John Root, M.P.P. spoke briefly about the history of the Root family. He said that Beamsville is in the centre of an historic area. It was the starting point for the Root Family in Canada, was the cradle of Baptist witness in Ontario. Mr. Root mentioned that history indicates that there are records that the Root Family at one time lived in Normandy and Germany.

Spring visited last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur, also Mr. and Mrs. Leroy MacArthur and family. They are now on their way home after honeymooning in Montreal and Quebec. They will be living in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Down and family of Sunderland visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr.

Congratulations to Alfred Winter who was so successful with his horses at Toronto Exhibition winning:

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### McDonald family gathers with relatives from Alberta

by Mrs. F. McArthur (Intended for last week)  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch and Beverly, also Norman Saunders, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Janet Cree at Ailsa Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Damm and Linda holidayed at Wasaga Beach last week.

Miss Valarie Wilms of Hepburn, Saskatchewan, is visiting with her aunt and uncle and cousins Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer.

Dr. F. W. Macdonald and Dr. Doreen Macdonald and family Clare, Lorne and Sylvia of Missauga who recently returned from Africa where they spent six years in Uganda, Africa, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, Juliann and David have been spending a few holidays at their lot near Sauble Beach on Lake Huron.

Mighty Harvester (Happy) two year Stallion, 1st prize; Mighty Harvester also first prize in Futurity; Mighty Harvester also Junior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, (this colt and his sister came second in the Progeny of

Don Swackhamer and Bob Marshall Jr. attended Hanover Fair on Saturday August 31, and Elmira Fair on Monday, September 2, with their horses. Each was quite pleased, bringing home a number of prizes.



**BILL COATS** (left) of Acton District High School, was among more than 100 teachers who attended a workshop on professionalism and leadership for Ontario secondary school teachers on the weekend of August 19, at Lakefield Preparatory School near Peterborough. It was the eighth in an annual series of workshops sponsored by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. With him in the picture are Mrs. Verna Darcie, Georgetown; J. McGuigan, Bramalea, and J. R. Marshall, Port Credit.

### Erin Board sets rate for caretakers

A special meeting of the Erin Township School Area Board decided that the caretakers in the Area's three schools will be paid 45 cents per square foot. Oprange is the largest school with 11,036 square feet, followed by Brisbane with 10,480 and Hillsburg with 9,898.

All members of the Board were present as well as Area Superintendent C. R. Whitfield, A. B. King, Paul Donaldson, Mrs. and Mrs. William Sanders, and Mrs. William Delaney, and

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall janitors.

The Board accepted the application of Mrs. Barbara McKennon as a teacher for the Township Board.

Chairman Roy Wheeler presided.

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## Writer of "Flanders Fields" commemorated in new stamp

Two commemorative stamps, with related themes but of different denominative values, will be released by the Canada Post Office on October 15. The new stamps, issued in advance of November 11 to allow a period for public awareness, respectively commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice and the 50th Anniversary of the year in which Lieut. Col. John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields", died.



Canada; it was penned May 3, 1915, in an artillery dug-out during the Second Battle of Ypres. In a subsequent manuscript presented by McCrae to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, the word "blow" has been changed to "grow"; there remains a question whether the change had been intentional.

Born at Guelph in 1872, Lieut. Col. John McCrae had a distinguished career as a doctor, poet and soldier. His poignant "In Flanders Fields" is probably the most frequently quoted poem written by a Canadian. His father David served in the Boer and First World War and lived at Mountsberg, the site of what is now Mountsberg Conservation Area.

The Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa, will print 17 1/2 million of the 15-cent Armistice issue and 24 million of the 5-cent McCrae stamp. Customary First Day Cover Service for both issues will be provided by the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario.

### Last Service

Before leaving for Portage la Prairie to do mission work, Allan Lauder will preach this Sunday morning at Acton United church. Mr. and Mrs. Lauder expect to leave Acton the end of next week.

### Steam Era

Many from Acton joined the thousands at the Steam-Era show in Milton over the holiday weekend. The local stores were featured sidewalk sales with old-fashioned costumes.

Designed and engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa, the slate blue Armistice stamp is produced in the 15-cent denomination, suitable for overseas air transmission, as an acknowledgement of the international significance of the 1918 cessation of hostilities. It is vertical in format and has dimensions of 24 x 40mm. The principal design element is "The Defenders and the Breaking of

**TAX NOTICE — 1968**  
MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON  
**FIRST INSTALMENT NOW DUE**  
Attention is drawn to the payment of 1968 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the  
**Town of Acton Municipal Office**  
(Y.M.C.A. Building)  
INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS  
FIRST INSTALMENT - MAY 15  
SECOND INSTALMENT - JULY 15  
THIRD INSTALMENT - SEPTEMBER 16  
FOURTH INSTALMENT - NOVEMBER 15  
According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 1 per cent. per month or fraction of a month, will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May. This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner.  
The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.  
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