

News of the district

"Egg lady" 38 years, retires

GEORGETOWN—"The egg lady", a familiar figure for thirty eight years, has disappeared from the local scene. Mrs. Neilson Stark started delivering eggs around Georgetown 38 years ago, and was still delivering to one of her first customers when she gave up the business a few weeks ago. Eight hundred dozen eggs a week were taken from house to house, just before she quit. The business grew with little effort from "the egg lady", who never canvassed for new customers but was always recommended by a neighbour or friend. As new subdivisions were built, someone always knew someone who knew Mrs. Stark. Frequently she had been delivering for months before she became anything more than "the egg lady." "It was very interesting, going around meeting people," says Mrs. Stark, "and many became friends."

Picket office at Milton Brick Co.

MILTON—Teamsters Local 879 workers of Regal Transport Ltd. picketed their office at Milton Brick Co. Ltd. on the Base Line Rd., a week after going out on strike for a new three-year contract. There are just four members in Local 879 but they have been keeping a picket line operating 24 hours a day since the strike started Wednesday, October 2. Union steward Jack Cockerill, spokesman for the striking truck drivers, explained the union had a three-year contract which expired in the spring and they sought several improvements in their new contract—all of which were refused by the company. Monetary demands are the largest item in the negotiations, but the union is also seeking an improved medical plan. Drivers claim they can make more money on a load of bricks bound for Milton or Bronte than they can with a trip to Toronto, and they are asking a \$2 per load increase on Toronto trips. They say they have to work Saturdays to make enough money to live. They are presently paid \$1.90 an hour for breakdowns and waiting time and the union is asking \$2.70 per hour with a 15 cent increase in six months and a second 15 cent increase after another six months.

Church most important, necessary

FERGUS—"Don't be ashamed of your church connections," a former army chaplain told about 40 youths attending a young men's convention at Melville United Church. "The church is the most important and necessary organization in the world today." Rev. W. A. Young told the assembly the church can provide the stability required to cope with the stress and strain of today's style of life. Never before, he said, have men of good character been needed as they are today.


Visitors increase at Elora museum

ELORA—The Wellington County Museum closed for the 1968 season having welcomed an increased number of visitors from the county, from other parts of Ontario and such far-away points as Baie Comeau, P.Q., Jamaica, California, England, Holland and Japan. Mrs. Lloyd Dobbertin, the director, finds the visitors from Europe invariably keenly interested in the displays of pioneer household articles and the tools of various trades. During the mid-nineteenth century the Fenian raids by Irish sympathizers from the United States had all southwestern Ontario on the alert and many communities organized volunteer military units for defence. The centrepiece of the museum's handsomely mounted board is a huge inscribed "to the Fergus Voluntary Rifle Company". It was presented to Capt. John Beattie by the "the Fergus Ladies". The most frequent callers are two 10-year-old Elora girls and what they like best is the stereopticon and the pile of "views" to be seen in it. Display space is a problem. The museum, one of the oldest and finest of Ontario's county museums, is bursting at the seams.

Burgers take Tri-County crown

HILLSBURG—After 20 league games, a couple of tournaments and 11 play-off games, Tri-county fast-ball action came to an end last Monday night in Hillsburg with the "Burg men on top again for the third time in the last four years. Under the guidance of coach Don (Tums) MacKenzie, Hillsburg left Glen Williams out on the short end of the stick for the second year in a row, with a 4-2 victory in the sixth game of finals. All in all it has been quite a year for Hillsburg. The team finished fourth in league play, lost the first game of the semi-finals to Rockwood and the first two games to the Glen in this series, and yet in the finals when they really needed it, the Burg were always able to come up with that big team effort which has been the trademark of many Burg teams in years past. Hillsburg went ahead in the series three games to two when they registered a 4-2 victory in the Glen. The teams met the following night in Hillsburg in a game that was called after the 5th inning because of fog, with Hillsburg holding a 6-0 lead. The date for the sixth game was finally set for last Monday night after a long discussion and many changes.

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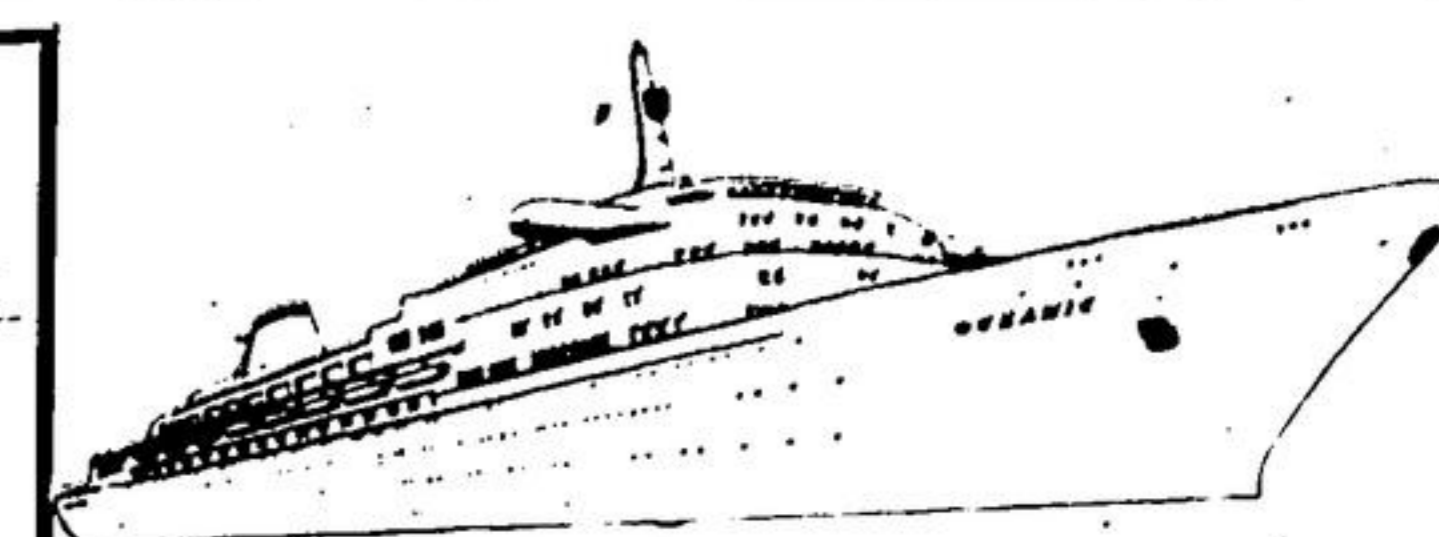
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