

# News of the district

## Community fetes doctor...

MILTON—It was quite a while ago—45 years this past July—Dr. H. R. McDonald set up practice in the village of Kilbride; and not too long after that he supplemented his horse-drawn transportation with one of Henry Ford's cantankerous and rather novel Model T Fords.

They had a good four and one-half decades—the automobiles and the McDonalds—and Sunday about 2,200 of the vastly improved, horseless carriages brought their owners and owners' families to Kilbride public school to pay homage to the man who undisputedly maintains the largest rural medical practice in Ontario.

"Dr. McDonald," said nationally-famed broadcaster Gordon Sinclair in reviewing the event on radio, "is as much a part of Ontario as a maple tree."

The McDonalds declined gifts to them personally, but a Dr. McDonald Fund, which will go towards furnishing a room in the new wing of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington was set up and has so far collected around \$2,500—\$1,700 of it brought to the reception.



HARRIS FAMILY posed prettily in their rocking chairs one summer day for this photograph.

## New Georgetown bridge...

GEORGETOWN—Within six weeks a Bailey bridge will span the railway tracks, near where the Main Street bridge (white bridge) now stands.

As one of the first important steps in the construction of the new four lane bridge, a temporary Bailey bridge will be built on the east side of the present bridge.

The Bailey bridge will have a pedestrian sidewalk, with a guard rail separating it from the one lane of traffic. At each end of the bridge stop lights will control the traffic.

Four houses are already demolished, but before the whole construction job is finished, several more will be affected in some way, some demolished, some land partially taken. Almost all trees bordering that part of the street will be destroyed.

## Local politics on TV...

FERGUS—At least one organization in Fergus is trying to stir up some interest in the forthcoming municipal election and liquor vote to be held here on December 2. The Jaycees are getting into the swing of things.

They held a group discussion and decided that pamphlets would be distributed to every voter before the nomination meeting on November 18 and before election day. These will outline the liquor questions to be decided, introduce the candidates and show where the various polling places are located.

Sunday night's show was recorded on tape so that it may be played to cable TV customers in Fergus.

Later, the Jaycees hope to have the candidates who qualify together for a panel discussion. This will take the form of a question and answer session. They plan to have a group of citizens fire the questions and the candidates field them. This will also be videotaped for playing the local audiences before the election.

The main issue for most voters in December will be the two liquor questions. These ask if you are in favor of dining lounges and cocktail lounges for Fergus. No final decision has been made yet.

## Life's problems...

GUELPH—Don Langford, Student Union Council president of the University of Guelph, was entertaining Miss Linda Gorman, Home-Coming queen, in his apartment in residence, following Home-Coming Ball, when disaster struck.

Mr. Langford was struck in the eye with a champagne cork he was attempting to remove from a bottle.

The student president, reported in good condition, is recovering in General Hospital.

Meanwhile, the search went on for escapees from the Ontario Reformatory. Four inmates escaped last week—while on their way to Bible class.

## Train creams taxi...

ERIN—Former CPR Station Master, James Ivan McDonald, of the Credit Forks station watched a train plow into his car at his old station.

Mr. McDonald, who now operates a taxi service at the Forks of Credit, had gone to the station to meet the 8 p.m. north-bound train. While he was out of his taxi, it rolled onto the tracks.

He was unable to move his car, so he ran up the tracks to flag down the on-rushing dayliner. The Owen Sound bound train turns a bend before entering the station area and engineer Gordon Donaldson of Toronto was not able to see Mr. McDonald in time to stop.

The train pushed the taxi down the tracks up against a signal house, moving the shack several feet. The car was crumpled under the train and it took two hours for a tow truck to pull the car free and allow the train to continue.

Constable Jim Gilpin of Brampton OPP detachment estimated a total of \$2,000 damage to the train and the taxi. No one was injured in the collision.

## Artistic place...

GEORGETOWN—With the opening of the 'Tall House Art Gallery' on Charles Street, Georgetown became a rarity indeed, a town of under 15,000 with two art galleries. 'House Sol' down the street has been in operation for the past six years.

Both galleries had a show the same day, since by working together they feel they can attract a larger circle of art lovers. 'The Tall House' owned by Malcolm and Anne Douglas had another first at its opening—it launched a local man, Jim Forbes, into the world of art.

# Pictures from Rockwood's past...

from the Richard Harris collection of photographs



NEW YEAR'S DAY photograph was taken by the late Richard Harris on the first day of 1920 when the charming gazebo was deserted.

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. A. Marshall Esquising native**

Anna (Annie) F. Marshall passed away at her home, 503 Rosewell Court, Apt. 1, Toronto on Thursday, October 31.

Mrs. Marshall was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McDowell, Esquising township. She married Alfred Marshall of Limehouse and then moved to Detroit for a short time. From there they moved to Toronto.

She is survived by her husband; daughter Eileen; three sisters Mrs. Angus Lawson (Ella), Mrs. Roy Choate (Flossie) and Mrs. William Osburn (Charlotte), and brother William.

The funeral service was Monday, November 5, conducted by Rev. John Marshall of Melrose Park Presbyterian church. Interment was in Glendale Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Albert Bissell, Clare Pike, John Freeman, George Currie, James Ross and Ralph Marshall.

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