

News of the district

Woman minister 25 years

SCOTLAND, Ont.—A lovely event of great interest took place on Sunday evening, November 24, in the United Church, Scotland, Ont., when a celebration was observed honoring the Rev. Erla Currey on her 25th anniversary as an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.

Miss Currey was a former minister of the Orton, Mimosa and Marville pastoral charge. Her brother was Acton's United minister about a dozen years ago.

Ring-A-Ding mayor

MILTON—Mayor Brian Best has promised to ring in 1969 on the town bell at the stroke of midnight December 31, signifying the expansion of Milton by 1,651 acres through annexation.

The action was announced after Councillor G. Krantz assured the mayor the rope was long enough.

Before coming to Canada, the mayor had experience as a bell ringer in a church in England where particular skill was developed in the proper ringing technique.

Last year Reeve A. Ledwith rang out Canada's Centennial year and the year prior Jim Dills rang in Centennial Year. The ringing of the town bell on New Year's eve last year attracted a crowd of people who accompanied its ringing at the street level with a chorus of Auld Lang Syne. It is expected more will be on hand this year to officially greet the enlarged town.

16 storey apartment

MILTON—Three proposals for new housing and apartment complexes for Milton, as presented for consideration to The planning board last week, would provide accommodation for 4,000 more citizens.

One of the proposals is a 16-storey apartment tower and another a 12-store shopping complex. The apartment would be linked to the stores with an underground garage.

Comments from the planners included the problem of firefighting in 15 and 15 storey buildings. In Acton, developers have been told buildings may not be over 3 storeys high.

One plan was for housing for 3,000 at the corner of 25 and 401. No doubt there are similar problems and decisions ahead for Acton.

Election on Cable TV

FERGUS—Fergus had a first at their election when live television coverage was given on a closed circuit channel of the local cable TV. The show gave the figures as they were released from the polls. The election issues had also been debated by candidates on the closed circuit TV.

Nearly 60 percent voted and two of the vital issues of the night weren't decided until late.

William Homan's election as mayor was very close. The two liquor questions were turned down, and can't be voted on again for three years. The liquor vote was a cliff-hanger. Well over 50 per cent voted against cocktail lounges but dining room licenses received 58.3 per cent approval—and 60 is required.

From some comments, says the Fergus News-Record, it may be expected that there could be another liquor vote here as soon as the three-year waiting period is up.

Georgetown bridge problems

GEORGETOWN—Conditions for both pedestrians and motorists using Georgetown's Main Street bridge, should improve within the next couple of weeks, according to town engineer Gordon Fancy.

The Bailey bridge, with a stop light at either end and a separate sidewalk with guard rail will be started almost immediately. Before winter sets in, the Bailey bridge will be finished and the present bridge demolished.

The decision to work right through the winter will be left to the contractor.

All the underground services such as watermains, sewers, gas and hydro have been relocated, and the way is now clear for the big job at hand.

Esqueuing council briefs

The problems of snow removal for the coming winter took up much of the regular meeting of Esqueuing council Dec. 3.

Moved by Hill and seconded by Leslie, council accepted the tenders of Barclay's Haulage and Nellis Construction for snow plowing from December 15 to March 15. Moved by Patterson and seconded by Leslie, Jennings Excavating and W. G. M. Brown will each supply a truck for sanding during the same period of time.

The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Road Superintendent are to act as a committee to interview applicants for the position of additional truck driver with the township.

A new bylaw to appoint an additional clerk assistant in the township office was read a third time and carried.

Dog control continues to be a problem in the township. Council passed a motion for the payment of \$178 to George Herrington for 12 calls in October and 13 in November. Spencer Wilson received \$250 for a heifer killed by the dogs.

Robert Lindsay, Ian Carmichael, Arnold Banks and Dave Pinkney are to be paid \$7 each for foxes destroyed in the township.

The next regular meeting of council is set for Dec. 16.



HALTON FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU held its annual fire poster awards night in Milton Fire Hall last week, to honor Daniel Warren and Lia Boom of Georgetown, this year's first prize winners. Jim Coulson of Milton, chairman of the Bureau, is shown congratulating the winners on the armful of awards they received. (Staff Photo)

EDEN MILLS

Wedding, birthdays, visits awards night in week's news

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Eden Mills Women's Institute held their December meeting in the form of a Christmas party Wednesday evening in the tastefully decorated home of Mrs. Herb Gilbertson. Mrs. R. Roy opened the meeting with a Christmas reading, followed with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

The business was brief and the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Gladys Marshall in charge of the program, who called on three guests individually, Mrs. Anna Maria Bell, who is Spanish, Mrs. Ann Vos from Holland and Mrs. Helga Shelke, German, who gave us an insight on how Christmas was celebrated in their countries.

Mrs. Anna Maria Bell played records in Spanish of Christmas carols and Mrs. Vos and Mrs. Shelke sang carols in their native tongue after describing the customs, which was very educational.

Mrs. Irene Turner read a letter from a former member who is touring the world with her husband, which described conditions in other countries.

Several carols were sung by all. Mrs. Roy called on Mrs. R. Wright and Mrs. J. Gilbertson presented her with a gift on behalf of the members. The occasion was her recent 45th

wedding anniversary. Taken by surprise, Mrs. Wright thanked the ladies for their remembrance. The party then sat down to a salad plate, Christmas cake and cookies before Santa arrived to distribute the exchange gifts under the tree. Mrs. Drysdale thanked the hostess and committee for a very enjoyable evening.

A wedding of interest took place in Eden Mills Presbyterian church Friday evening when Janet Webb was united in marriage to Ralph McDonald. Rev. D. R. Sinclair officiated.

The church was beautifully decorated with red and white mums and candlelight.

The bride's six attendants were dressed alike in red velvet which blended with the bouquets of red and white mums, making a beautiful Christmas theme.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Sr. of Milton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner and family in Eden Mills.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Linda Miller of Toronto at the Turner home Saturday evening, a bride of the near future. Co-hostess was Mrs. Bob Mockrie. About 25 guests were present.

Two hours of discussion on drainage end in stalemate

Efforts of Eramosa council to resolve differences between drainage engineer D. Gamsby and second line farmer V. Jessop resulted in stalemate after two hours of discussion at the last council meeting. A special meeting had been called to bring together the chief participants in the projected hill drainage works for possible alignment of views. Others attending and taking part in the discussion were J. Hill, I. Flewelling, Charles Gordon, H. Bayne, T. McGladrey and J. Vanderoort.

Reeve Cameron Lush said that council had three courses of action, adopt the first report, send the second report back for revision, or drop the drainage project completely.

Mr. Jessop complained that he had been grossly over-assessed and expressed his view that the Drainage Act gave too much power of assessment to engineers. He said he already had

sufficient drainage in the existing shallow ditch. Deepening it to five feet would lower the water table on his land and could result in suit against council, and the engineering firm. He said that the project should be tiled throughout, with costs equalized fairly. If council adopted the first report, deepening the existing ditch on his land, he would move to the Court of Revision for relief.

Mr. Gamsby said that he had followed generally accepted practice in making the assessments. He said there were many factors involved, such as severances, damage allowance, and grants which might not be clearly understood, but which corrected any possible unfairness.

Discussion on the estimate of tiling the complete drainage system met with general disapproval.

Following almost two hours of

fruitless discussion, council voted unanimously to give first and second reading to a bylaw adopting the first report. This was done later in the meeting.

In other business, road superintendent Bob Hamilton reported demolition of beaver dams at bridges on a branch of the Luttrell creek on the 7th line, to prevent flooding or road washout. These animals are optimistic and they rebuild in spite of repeated destruction of their homes.

Council authorized a grant of \$25 to the Guelph branch of the Salvation Army.

Council gave third reading to a bylaw authorizing issuance of debentures in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of extending electric services in Rockwood. These debentures will pay interest of 7 1/2 per cent annually. Redemption will be over a ten year period.

A letter was read from the

Ontario Water Resources Board stating that the Rockwood water and sewage project had encountered a disposal problem, which had been overcome. Councillor Milne referred to a Guelph Mercury story about a similar project at Drayton where installation costs in excess of \$200 per dwelling over 40 years, were predicted.

Payment of accounts was authorized, roads \$4,380.58; general, \$38,215.20

OBITUARY

Alex McQueen dies in Regina

A resident of Rockwood and Acton in his youth, Alexander McQueen of Regina, Saskatchewan, died November 26.

Mr. McQueen was born at Rockwood in 1889, son of John and Martha McQueen. He moved to Acton with his parents at an early age and attended Acton public school. He lived in Guelph before going to the Canadian west at the age of 18. He enlisted in the First Canadian Mounted Rifles in November 1914, going overseas in April 1915, was wounded in action shortly before the armistice and returned home early in 1919.

He lived in Saskatchewan, teaching school until 1935, going into the civil service in 1941.

He is survived by his wife Martha, a son James of Winnipeg, a daughter Alice of Calgary, a brother James of Edmonton, sister Mrs. Jean McRae, and Miss Christina McQueen of Lacombe, Alberta, and Mrs. W. E. Panore (Margaret) of Rockwood. He was predeceased by a sister Mrs. J. B. MacKenzie (Eliza), of Georgetown.

Remember to replenish your Christmas tree water regularly throughout the Christmas season. You may need to add more than a pint a day.



NOSTALGIC MEMORIES of the Grand Trunk Railway, later absorbed by the Canadian National Railway system, are awakened by this photo taken at the Rockwood station around the turn of the century. Application has been made to close the Rockwood station and tear it down and if the C.N.R. proposal succeeds it will be a colorful era in Rockwood's history. The first station master in Rockwood, J. U. McKenzie, taught Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, the art of telegraphy when he was stationed on the G.T.R. near Port Huron.

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or

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WIENERS 1-lb. Pkg. 49¢

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California - Sweet & Juicy - Size 138's

Navel Oranges 49¢

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I.G.A. - Parchment

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