

Preview of operetta

Since "Sold Right Out" crowds always attend the Robert Little school operettas, the R. L. and M. Z. Bennett school pupils will all see the performances ahead of time this year. Only adult tickets will be sold for the two evening operetta performances on Wednesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 13.

There will be two full dress rehearsals on the preceding Monday and Tuesday afternoons for audiences of students. Both the primary class numbers and the operetta "Behind Castle Walls" will be performed. There are two operetta casts. The Wednesday evening cast will do the dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon and the Thursday night cast will present the Tuesday show. The junior grades fill the first part of the evening with songs and dances, and these have been co-ordinated with the operetta's Mexican theme.



COUNTY CREST in frame on the wall recalls Jack Milne's years of service to Halton. He and Mrs. Milne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday amid about 150 friends and relatives at their Nassagaweya home. The county crests were presented to each member of county council when the new administration building was opened.—(Staff photo)

New chairman

Clerk J. C. McIntyre, Nassagaweya, was named chairman of the Halton County Industrial Development Committee at the group's first meeting Jan. 20. Deputy Reeve R. Harris, Milton, was elected vice chairman.

The committee is planning a display at the 1969 International Plowing Match at Brant County, and has included \$500 in this year's budget for photographing strategic industrial locations in Halton from the air. The group is also planning to purchase a 16 mm. movie projector.

"A vain man can never be utterly ruthless; he wants to win applause and therefore he accommodates himself to others."—Goethe

24 Hour Approvals
2nd & 3rd MORTGAGES
ONTARIO WIDE LOANS
Low cost, up to 20 yrs.
You can call to 10 p.m.
today for helpful, court-
eous service. Prompt In-
vestment Corp. Ltd., 62
Richmond St. W. Toronto
366-9586
EVOS. 239-4913

ARTHUR A. JOHNSON, O.D.
OPTOMETRIST
Open Every
WEDNESDAY
and
SATURDAY
34 Mill St. E. — Acton
853-2520

Nassagaweya couple mark golden wedding

Friends and family filled the farm home of long-time Nassagaweya residents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milne on Sunday, when the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Milne, a former Nassagaweya councillor and warden of Halton County, took over his family's farm on lot 29, on the first concession of the township.

Attractive yellow and gold anniversary flower arrangements, many cards and gifts surrounded them and all their callers during the day. A three-tiered wedding cake was specially decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Milne were married in Toronto on February 3, 1919, by the Rev. Logan Goggin, and lived there for a short while after. They moved back to the family farm after Mr. Milne's father became ill and retired to Rockwood.

The former Alva Hamilton, Mrs. Milne was born in Rockwood and spent her girlhood in the district. Mr. Milne was born in Saginaw, Michigan, moving with his parents to the farm in 1902.

In February of 1915 he joined the First Battalion, Canadian Infantry. Before many months he was overseas, and he was wounded in Belgium in October of the same year. A long period in hospital followed, and his parents went over to England at

one time to visit him. He was invalided home finally, and got off the ship in Canada on Christmas Day of 1916, arriving in Toronto on New Year's Day.

Wars were fought very differently then Mr. Milne recalls. In fact, when he was fighting in '15, the men generally wore their regular uniforms. Although there was mud "up to their necks" they had no rubber boots. And they were not even issued with helmets that early in the war. One of his brothers was killed overseas.

Mr. Milne has had a long record of service to the township. He was a member of Nassagaweya council for 11 years, from 1952 to the end of 1962. He was reeve for six years. In 1959 he was elected warden of Halton County.

The year he was warden, the Manor board was set up and he served on this board for five years, seeing the home at Milton become a reality.

He is still active, as Nassagaweya's representative on the Acton fire area board and on the county museum board.

They are members of Eden Mills Presbyterian church. The Milnes have one daughter, Mrs. Fried McNeven of Milton, a grandson and two granddaughters, and three great-grandsons.

Pioneer doctor left wierd cryptograms on wives tombstones

Ontario has a cryptogram to rival any in the tombs on the ancient Egyptian.

The weird memorial stands in a pioneer cemetery between Wellesley and Crosshill in Waterloo county, and although the cryptic message has been decoded, the true story behind its origin remains a mystery to this day.

The marble tombstone bears the names Henrietta and Susanna, presumed sisters, who were married successively to a Dr. Samuel E. Bean. Over the names is a hand pointing up, and below them, a succession of apparently unrelated letters and numbers.

One of the earliest decoders

was the late John Hammond, a caretaker in the cemetery, who copied down the message while waiting for a funeral cortege, and broke it after several months of concentrated study.

Obviously, from the very nature of the tombstone itself, Dr. Bean was not an ordinary type person. The story has it, that there was some question at the time, of the man's medical qualifications among other things.

Apparently he came to practice in Linwood from Philadelphia where he married his first wife Henrietta Furry. Upon her death seven months later, Dr. Bean had special black-bordered funeral cards printed that read as follows:

By reading counter-clockwise from the centre letter, and allowing for spelling mistakes, the inscription says:

"In memoriam Henrietta Furry Bean, born in Penn. Married in Philadelphia to Samuel Bean M.D. and went with him to Canada leaving all her friends behind. Died Linwood the 27th of September 1865 after an illness of 11 weeks, aged 23 years, 2 months and 17 days. She was a model wife of 1000. Much regretted by her sorrowing husband and all who knew her. Was married 7 months and 10 days. Lived a godly life for five years and died happy in the Lord. Peace be to her ashes. So mote it be."

Henrietta may have been (1 to 1000) but her husband recovered from his sorrow enough to create the ingenious cryptogram, and within a short time had taken a second wife, Susanna, believed to be her sister. Nineteen months to the day of his first wife's death, Susanna died. The doctor had a marble slab erected above the graves which bore another cryptic message:

EVWYEBEASISYMOREE
KINYBYVDHNSHME
MIADYVESHYNOARMY
NAYVDHDEHPSMYWHE
NWSOWMABEFDZBYE
NVAEIRKOMIFEGEBE
HRESDIIEYWKYADOM
DAUHYANMISAEBOY
HYEYSMREYELISE
VEAIPHNIYAVEIFPM
NWNESAGEDZAPBL
ERWNSHWYWDIDYD4
LCAFTSDIENDEYHGO
YERMOBYRHWHEVWA
PSODUAEOIHABAY

It proves slightly more difficult to decode. By starting with the seventh letter from the top and the seventh from the left-hand side, and proceeding counter-clockwise at first, then zig-zagging up and down until reaching the numeral five in the 11th line, then following straight across, before reverting to zig-

zagging again, one arrives at the following message:

"In memoriam Henrietta first wife of S. Bean M.D. who died 27th September 1865 aged 23 years, 2 months and 17 days and Susanna his second wife who died 27th April 1867 aged 26 years, 10 months and 15 days.

Two better wives one man never had they were gifts from God but are now in heaven may God help me so to meet them there."

Below the entire inscription are the words "Reader! Meet us in heaven."

Mrs. Lorne Rennie, secretary-treasurer of Rusies cemetery where the tombstone rests, was among several who managed to decode the message. She claims that the women were buried there almost a decade before the spot was officially established as a cemetery.

Today it is run by a perpetual fund established through donations, and plots are still being sold there. But none of the other tombstones can top Bean's cryptogram.



Halton and acquisition boosts Huron and Erie year

Record consolidated revenue, consolidated net earnings and assets under administration were reported by The Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31, 1968. The Corporation's consolidated annual report was released to shareholders this week.

The 1968 results reflect the continued growth of Canada Trust - Huron and Erie and the acquisition during 1968 of two Ontario based trust companies: The Waterloo Trust and Savings Company and the local Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company.

Consolidated revenue in 1968 was a record \$67,734,000 (\$51,826,000 in 1967).

Consolidated net earnings in 1968 were \$3,517,000 (\$2,965,000 in 1967), equal to 81 cents per share on a weighted average of shares outstanding during 1968, (74 cents on four million shares in 1967).

The two trust companies, acquired last year, added about \$400 million to the parent corporation's assets under

administration. At year end 1968, assets under administration totalled a record \$2,232 million against \$1,677 million in 1967 (before the acquisitions).

At the end of 1968 the Corporation and its subsidiaries had 78 branches across Canada.

During 1968, Canada Trust Huron and Erie "enhanced its position in the top rank of Canadian trust and mortgage companies," Mr. Taylor wrote. Part of the growth was self-generated but "much of it came about through the acquisition of two healthy and vigorous competitors."

Speaking further about the mergers with Canada Trust Huron and Erie of Waterloo Trust and Halton and Peel Trust, Mr. Taylor noted that: "There are, of course, costs attendant upon integration. These have had an effect upon consolidated earnings for 1968. It is likely that significant earnings advantage of the mergers may not be too apparent until 1970."



FIREFIGHTERS were called to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of J. Pithaichuck, R. R. 1, Acton, Monday afternoon. Fire was confined to the chimney of the home located on the First Line of Erin township, just above the Esquering-Erin town line. Firefighters had to buck strong winds and drifting roads where visibility was almost nil at times. They had the blaze under control in a few minutes.

North Halton clinic for fluoridating teeth

St. Paul's United Church Sunday school room in Milton becomes more than a place for religious education each Wednesday morning.

On that day throughout the year, and on additional days during the summer, it's the dental fluoride clinic for North Halton.

Last year, nearly 4,000 children between the ages of three and 12 had the decay-arrestive compound applied to their teeth, and with the addition of five more schools, the figure could exceed 5,000 during 1969.

There are 28 public and separate schools in the section of the County serviced by dental hygienist Mrs. M. Ludzik and her assistant, Mrs. H. Stroud.

This includes five in Burlington and three in Oakville, towns each having their own dental health services; but the eight

out-of-area schools are left to North Halton due to their proximity.

Appointments for the fluoride application and a form requiring parents' consent are made out either through the child's school or through the Halton County Health Unit, of which dental care is a division.

Actual contact with children inside the school, however, is mainly through films and addresses educating them to the preventative steps ensuring good oral hygiene... and this service is also available to outside organizations free of charge.

While any child in North Halton may have his teeth treated at the St. Paul's clinic, there will be a separate clinic set up in Acton beginning April 3.

The future of dental hygiene services in Halton is not clear-cut.

Programs are being initiated in some parts of the province for more all-encompassing tooth care... and it's hoped the age range of the children receiving personal fluoridation may be gradually broadened.

Mrs. Ludzik noted, however, the sponsors of these programs are dealing initially with areas having fluoridated water... a condition which has received a rather cool reception in much of Halton.

Since it has been proven fluoridated water reduces tooth decay appreciably, though, it is felt initiation of a more elaborate dental program in un-fluoridated areas is of less value than in areas where this first step has been taken.

Dental Directors across Canada and U.S.A. have declared Feb. 29 Dental Health Week.

Halton, Etobicoke and North York areas are under the supervision of Dental Director S. M. Green, DDS, DDPH.

THINK about FIRE
... wherever you are

WASH DAY BLUES SIMPLIFIED WITH **FRIGIDAIRE**

WAASN WASHER
● Four different wash and rinse combinations on dial control
● Soak Cycle
● 5-Year Warranty and Protection Plan on all Frigidaire Washers

DEASN DRYER
● Durable Press Care for No-Iron Fabrics
● Fine Mesh Dacron Lint Screen
● 5-Year Warranty and Protection Plan on all Frigidaire Dryers

\$269.95 WITH TRADE

\$169.95 WITH TRADE

MANNING ELECTRIC
77 MILL E. ACTON PHONE 853-2240
DAILY DELIVERY

Meats
THAT MAKE THE MEAL
FROM
Lovell Bros. Modern Meat Market

CHOICE - STANDING
Wing Roast 99¢ lb

CHOICE - BONELESS
Prime Rib Roast 99¢ lb

LEAN
Shoulder Roast 69¢ lb

LEAN
Ground Chuck 69¢ lb

FRESH
Pork Shoulders 59¢ lb

FOR YOUR FREEZER
Red Brand Beef
Sides 63¢ lb. - Fronts 53¢ lb. - Hinds 75¢ lb.

LOVELL BROS.
MODERN MEAT MARKET
77 Mill E. Acton Phone 853-2240
DAILY DELIVERY