

# Tea and bake sale, nursery treat formation of Venturers in report

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Scout and Cub Mothers' Auxiliary of Eden Mills held a successful tea and bake sale on Wednesday afternoon.

The executive which includes Pat Wardle, Marion Bould, Ruth Milson, Evelyn Barden, and

Fran Gilbertson were in charge of arrangements for the tea and bake sale, also receipts.

The officers waited on tables and Mrs. Dales, president of the Rockwood Auxiliary, kindly consented to pour tea for the afternoon.

Recent visitors of Mrs. J.

Gilbertson and her sister were Mr. and Mrs. H. Bourne and family from Burlington who will leave Thursday to take up residence in Winnipeg.

Thursday morning instead of the regular routine of the nursery school which is conducted every Tuesday and Thursday in Community Hall, the children numbering 20 were taken to the park to enjoy sleigh riding etc. on the depot, then enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies at the booth.

Those in charge were Anna Marie Bell, Mrs. Blowes, Mrs. McGilguy, Mrs. Kerkhove and Mrs. Cann and a few of the mothers joined in the fun.

A newly-formed club called

the Venturers met Thursday night in the Community Hall and the outlook is bright. The boys ranging in age from 14 to 18 are quite eager and expect great things in the near future.

Included will be a St. John Ambulance course.

The Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs and Scouts and the newly formed Venturers held their annual church service Sunday morning at Eden Mills Presbyterian church.

Special feature of the service was the dedication of the Venturers' flag by the Rev. D. R. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair welcomed the gathering and leaders to the service and delivered an appropriate address.

## Radio communication for Grand network

A \$30,000 radio communication system across the Grand River watershed has been approved by the Grand River Conservation Authority. Work on the project is already under way. It should be in service by spring.

The actual network will only cover the northern half of the watershed. However, by using it in conjunction with its mobile radio unit in the southern half of the watershed, the authority will have a radio network covering the entire watershed.

Ilmar Kao, director of operations for the authority, said the network will provide a much better and more reliable flood warning system.

The present telephone flood warning system is susceptible to

breakdowns at a time when the warnings are needed most during floods, ice storms and heavy rains.

Mr. Kao recalled that the worst occasion was in 1959 when an ice storm knocked out communications with the Conestogo and Luther dams. It was three months before communications could be repaired at Conestogo and 10 months at Luther.

The authority will use the Wellington County radio tower at Arthur for its repeater station and will have its own fixed stations at the Conestogo Dam, the Shand Dam and at the authority headquarters in Galt.

In addition, there will be 15 mobile and four portable radio units.

## LIMEHOUSE

### Residents visit relatives in Vancouver and N.S.

By Mrs. A. Benton

Mr. Joe Ross returned home from hospital where he was recovering from a bout of the flu.

Mr. Gordon Booth has been visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Vancouver.

Miss Beverley Langille has

been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Carmelton in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia.

Miss Blanche Brigham R. N. of Nancy B.C. is visiting her sister Mrs. J. Roughley and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bloor of Brampton visited her sister Mrs. Ted Brown and family on Sunday.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Patterson on Thursday evening. President Mrs. Mitchell was in charge with eight members attending. Mrs. Patterson read the scripture and Mrs. Benton led in prayer.

Mr. Booth, in charge of study and comments on writing in St. Mark. Points brought up showed that only by putting something of ourselves into religion can we gain something in return.

Next word upright was answered in a verse of scripture as was roll call. The hostess served lunch after the meeting. Maybe this is a sign of spring! Mrs. Bert Benton has a healthy hatching of grasshoppers in terrarium.



FIREFIGHTERS from Acton and Milton strove valiantly to save the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bonus, on the sixth line Nassagaweya, Friday afternoon. The family lost almost all their possessions in the fire. (Staff Photo)

## Nassagaweya family homeless after Friday afternoon fire guts house

A Nassagaweya family was left homeless Friday afternoon as fire almost completely destroyed their two storey frame home at R. R. 1, Acton, on the sixth line, a mile south of 20 sideroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bonus and children Joyce 19, and two school age daughters, Barbara and Matilda and Mr. Bonus's brother, Clarence, lost almost all their possessions in the blaze.

Firefighters saved a record player, some articles of clothing, several guns, some fishing equipment and three dogs from the flames.

The family has no insurance. Firefighters from both Acton and Milton were called to fight the blaze in zero temperatures after a passing motorist noticed flames on the roof of the house.

Only the eldest daughter, Joyce, was home at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Bonus were in Acton shopping.

It is believed the blaze was ignited by a spark from the chimney. The house was heated

by coal and wood.

Acton Firefighters were first on the scene but the fire was too far advanced to do much but check flames. The Milton brigade arrived soon after and the two brigades co-ordinated efforts. Water was obtained from the well and the Acton truck refilled its tank at a nearby creek.

Neighbors of the Bonus family arranged to house the family until some accommodation was found for them. Friends and neighbors were also planning to aid the stricken family while the fire burned.

Mr. Bonus works at Beardmore and Co. in Acton and farms his fifty acre property only in his spare time. The family has lived in the intul-brick house for the past 20 years.

It was thought a dog was burned in the flames but firefighters found the shivering animal unhurt in a downstairs room after they had checked the

fire enough to enter the house. The dog had resisted earlier efforts to rescue it.

Mr. Bonus's brother Clarence who arrived home shortly after the fire started managed to save his wood cutting equipment.

Firefighters were hampered in their efforts by the intense cold.

## Norine Noble president of Cotton Belles

The first meeting of the Limehouse 4-H Club was held Feb. 8 at the home of leader Mrs. Anderson.

The officers were elected as follows: president, Norine Noble; vice-president, Ruth Kirkwood; secretary-treasurer, Theima Kirkwood; press reporter, Mary Fuchs.

The second meeting was held on Feb. 15 at the home of assistant leader, Mrs. Kain. The name of the club will be the Limehouse Cotton Belles.

A discussion was held on choosing the right pattern size and on preparing material before sewing.



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FIRE CHIEF Mick Holmes issues instructions to firefighters during the height of Friday's blaze. Harold Townsley and Wilf McEachern are the firefighters. (Staff Photo)

## Enjoy excursion to Miami

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Mrs. Verna Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson accompanied by three ladies from Acton of their Golden Age group, returned home on Friday after enjoying a 14 day excursion bus trip to Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were honored, and presented with a trophy for dancing a waltz at an award night concert on behalf of a Canadian group.

Miss Nancy Knox, Mr. Bryn Knox of Hampton, and Miss Faye Wyles of Bowmanville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton, Debbie, Betty and Andy spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harper McNichol, at their cottage at Crystal Lake, Haliburton.

Mrs. Alfred Saunders is spending a week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall and family, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tribble of Orangeville called on Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Near visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Hesse at Guelph.

Miss Diane Christensen of Ottawa presently taking a post graduate course at the University of Toronto, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and family.

## Lions induct two members

District Governor Al Smith of Ancaster made his official visit to Acton Lions Club at the regular dinner meeting Monday, February 10, and acted on the induction team as Art Jones and Ivan Kilby joined the club.

Lions John Trotter and Art Gordon sponsored the new members, Lions Vic Bristow, John Griefeneder, Bob Hall and Lion Chief Ray Evelyn also acted on the team.

The district governor spoke on the theme: enthusiastic membership in your Lions Club.

Lion Vic Bristow was awarded a Builders' Pin for the new member, he brought into the club in October.

Plans for a dance on March 1, were finalized.

## Cathy Lindsay elected Cotton Queens president

By Mrs. J. Scott

Silverwood Cotton Queens elected their officers for their new project at the home of Mrs. Bombholt on Monday, Feb. 10.

President, Cathy Lindsay; vice-president, Connie Bombholt; secretary, Linda Peck; treasurer, Anna Nelissen; telephone convener, Nancy Tomkinson; courtesy convener, Suzanne Ruddle.

The group extend a welcome to any girl interested to join.

Mrs. Van Lere is home again recuperating after surgery in Toronto hospital. The good wishes of the community go to Mrs. Van Lere.

Mrs. Marchington opened her home to the Silverwood Women's Institute on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13 for their monthly meeting. It was current events and Mrs. George Burt was convener.

Mrs. John Bird, District President, was guest speaker, and headed discussion groups on many of today's problems, high taxes, student riots, etc.

Roll call answered by a newspaper clipping of current interests. Mrs. Cowart agreed to be a delegate to the area convention in Guelph on April 30 and May 1.

The usual social half hour closed the meeting.

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