

# NEWS of the district

## Too good

**NORVAL**—Remark Mould & Tool Co. has turned out such high quality plastic products in its two years at Norval that it has made a big reputation in the industry. Big enough so that more orders are coming in than the small company can handle.

"So we're going to have to leave here and expand to a larger building to hold more machinery," said Tony Paget, owner of Remark. "We'll begin moving in about two weeks to a 3,500 square foot building, twice the size of this one."

Another reason for the move closer to Toronto is to be nearer the labor market and needed supplies.

Remark now has five employees and \$60,000 worth of machinery, and a new \$30,000 piece of equipment will soon be purchased, he said.

## Cut elms

**GEORGETOWN**—Dead elm trees on town-owned property all over Georgetown are gradually being cut down. The present contract is only one of many such projects which will continue for a few years.

The contract for \$2,697 was awarded to South Western Tree Service of Preston, who are currently working all over the older section of town, where the elms grew in abundance.

Unfortunately, these trees are only a fraction of the number that will have to come down before all the dead trees on town land have disappeared.

## Drying up

**FERGUS**—Belwood Lake is slowly drying up. Islands are appearing where there were no islands before and docks and cottages are now 100 yards or more from the water. Exceptionally dry weather in August and September has forced the Grand River Conservation Authority to release water from the lake to keep the level of the Grand River high enough to sufficiently dilute all the sewage which is dumped into it by various towns and cities.

## Population boom

**GUELPH**—A population of 884,000 for the Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo and Galt area is forecast for the year 2001, nearly three times the 1966 population of 283,574.

The forecast is contained in an economic base study carried out as part of the regional planning study of Waterloo County and the southern part of Wellington County, including Guelph, Fergus and Elora.

The entire area was broken into eight sectors for study purposes with population projections made for each one. The study shows the population rising to 349,000 in 1971; to 487,000 in 1981; to 663,000 in 1991 and to 884,000 by the end of this century.

## Plowing challenge

**THIS YEAR'S** International Plowing Match to be held at Paris in October, will take on a new international aspect with the arrival of a contingent of U.S. agricultural editors and farm broadcasters who will take part in the first International Press Plowing Match.

A team of six agricultural editors and farm broadcasters from across the U.S.A. have accepted a challenge from their Canadian counterparts to match their skills. Co-challengers of the championship match sponsored by Massey-Ferguson are George Atkins, CBC farm department and Frank Jacobs of Calgary, president of the Canadian Farm Writers Association.

The U.S. team composed of representatives from the National Association of Farm Broadcasters and the American Agricultural Editors Association will come from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma and Illinois, and will spend four days at the Match site to see just how Canadian agriculture displays itself at this annual event. The Canadian team will be named later.

## Bid McAlpines farewell church has anniversary

By Mrs. R. Wright

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George McAlpine gathered in the community hall to bid them farewell and wish them well in their new residence.

Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine have been life-long residents of Eden Mills district and owing to ill health gave up farming. The address was read by Mrs. W. Lasby and two swivel rockers were presented to them by Don Blacklock and John James on behalf of the community.

Dancing was the order of the evening followed by a delicious lunch.

Eden Mills United Church celebrated their anniversary Sunday with two services conducted by the Rev. Tucker of Rockwood and Stone Church. The music in the morning was supplied by the Junior Choir and in the evening by the regular choir. Lunch was served at the close of the evening service.

Confined to hospital are Mrs. C. Lasby and Mrs. William Mino.

## Small communities object of projects for students

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Miss Dianne Snow and friend spent the weekend at home.

Mr. Bill McClusky, Guelph, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Reg. French over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. John Wood is bulldozing a pond on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozal are now living in their new home in Ballinafad.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Snider on Sunday.

A number from here attended Limehouse Church anniversary on Sunday.

Rev. Johnston returned to his pastoral duties on Sunday.

U.C.W. members with their husbands enjoyed a barbecue party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Sales, 9th Line, on Sunday evening.

Mr. F. W. Shortill has returned by air from a visit to Fort William, the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ridler.

Bulldozers have been working on the Scull property, 7th Line, above Ballinafad.

Mr. P. Rau was able to return home from Georgetown Hospital where he was getting treatment.

Mrs. Roden who has been ill in Georgetown Hospital was able to return home for a few days.

Mr. Lorne Flotto visited with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Patterson on the weekend.

High school and collegiate students are busy doing historical projects on small settlements. Awareness of interesting back grounds of small communities is being brought to their notice.

Some of these young people enter into said projects with enthusiasm, while to others it is "a bit of a bore". Happy though are the ones who find an "oldster" willing to relate details to them.

## Former Warden Joe Wickson, wife feted on anniversary

Well known and highly respected residents of Halton County all their lives, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Wickson of R.R. 2 Georgetown marked their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner and two open houses.

The celebration began with a family dinner at Terra Cotta Inn on Wed., Sept. 17, the 50th anniversary of their wedding at the bride's Sixth Line, Trafalgar home on September 17, 1919.

Their son, four daughters, their wives and husbands were all present and presented the happy couple with a beautiful oil painting of the old Wickson homestead near Bronte. The painting was done by Mrs. Wickson's sister, Mrs. D. A. Wendover of Palermo.

Saturday evening, Sept. 20 and Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21 the family hosted open house at the Wickson home on the Seventh Line, Esqueung, just north of Ashgrove. In the two days between 275 and 300 guests were welcomed.

Mrs. Wickson was the former Tillie Featherstone from Trafalgar Township. She taught five years at Coyne School before her marriage. She was active in Appleby United Church while they lived near Bronte and more recently has been active at Hillcrest Church and in Ashgrove W.I.

Mr. Wickson was born and brought up on the Wickson farm on the Burlington-Oakville Town Line, where the Shell Refinery is now located. His parents had come to that farm on their wedding day and he continued to farm it until it was sold in 1956. Then they moved to the Seventh Line Esqueung property where their son Ford established a farm and the Wicksons built a new home on the corner of the farm. For several years Mr. Wickson Sr. continued to help Ford with the farming but he has been retired for the past few years.

While a Trafalgar resident Mr. Wickson was active in township politics, having served seven years on the township council—three as councillor, two as deputy-reeve, two as reeve. He was Warden of Halton County in 1952. For many years he was active in a local game and fish association and enjoyed his annual deer hunting trips to the north.

They have five children—Norma (Mrs. Harold Hodgson) of Brampton, Lois (Mrs. Bert Rusk) of Burlington, Shirley (Mrs. Ross Harris) of



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH M. WICKSON, R. R. 2, Georgetown, were at home to a host of friends and neighbors when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.—(Staff Photo)

## Presentations made at church service

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served at Churchill Church at the Sunday morning service October 5.

At the church service last Sunday morning 10 children received their first year pins and certificates for attendance David Anderson, Jackie Denny, Helena Kocks, Jim Anderson, David Turner, Donald Anderson, John Thompson, Earl Anderson, Janice Swackhamer and Elizabeth Thompson.

Second year gold wreaths, Vera Strokov and Debbie Swackhamer.

Third year gold bar Elizabeth Strokov, Erica Strokov, and Joyce Denny received her 4th year bar. Superintendent Mrs. Shirley Anderson and Miss Carol Swackhamer made the presentations.

Quite a number from here attended the Limehouse Presbyterian Anniversary service last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Alex Near and Mrs. Jack Denny of Acton returned home on Friday evening after a bus trip to San Francisco which they enjoyed very much.

Congratulations to Norma and

Chris Denny on the birth of a baby girl Sandy Annette on September 4 a granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denny.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Down and family of Sunderland and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jim James and family of Acton were guests.

Quite a number from here attended the Open House of the new Credit Lodge Masonic Temple at Georgetown on Sunday afternoon.

At a special meeting of Nassagweya Council, held Monday, Sept. 29, council gave third and final reading to the by-law which gives the go-ahead to Ontario Plastics application to have 10 acres of land it owns rezoned for industrial use. Letters will be sent to property owners adjoining the 10 acres of land, notifying them of the by-law and giving them time to appeal the decision with the Ontario Municipal Board.

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