



OWNER OF famed Rockwood Academy, historian and artist Yousaf Dreeters is sharing some of his antiques by photograph in a new series in the Free Press.—(Staff Photo)

Start new series for antique buffs

Well-known artist and owner of Rockwood's famous Academy, Yousaf Dreeters has an intriguing collection of antiques. He'll be sharing some of these week by week with Free Press readers in a new, first-time series which will be of particular interest to the many antique collectors in the area. Watch for more articles and pictures to come.



The English and Scots, being fond of game dishes, used this type of container in which to serve rabbit pie. Such dishes were manufactured in England as early as the 18th century and the manufacturing of them continued well on until the end of the 1800's.

In the 1860's Minton China received an order to manufacture several hundreds of these for the University of Cambridge or Oxford and they were used to serve various types of game.

Some of the upper lids have pheasants, chickens, and cattle depicted and are used according to what was being served in sophisticated circles. Usually this type of compote had a pleasant design on the leaves on the side of the dish in the form of a hunting scene, or sometimes the design was on the side of the pot.

A highly desired collector's item, they are of Minton chinaware; later manufactured with the stamp of Wedgwood and other private china manufacturing houses.

There are four different types of this particular dish on display in the Gentleman's House at the Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto.

Lack of liaison...

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Mrs. Hazel Orr's home is now. This private road leads into two L-shaped three storey apartment units containing 68 suites altogether. In the centre of the courtyard formed by the two units a swimming pool was drawn but this is optional, the builder had stated.

There were parking spaces all around the back three sides of the apartments with buffer zones of planting all around the outside of the property.

"This could be an asset," said Paul Martindale, "but we must insist on the buffer zone."

"The demand for apartments is here," Mr. Drinkwater agreed. The land needs rezoning but the apartment project conforms in all other ways. A hearing would be required before the zoning change could be granted.

Planning board members who had attended a meeting in Milton to hear Municipal Affairs minister Darcy McKeough reported they had the impression annexation would be frozen until regional government had evolved further and that Mr. McKeough still favors a Halton- Peel merger. Questioned about annexation

he had said unless there were joint agreement the matter would be "frozen."

The local men were again putting feelers out for Acton's possible future annexation of Esquising land.

The last reply from Esquising planning board said they were "unable to comment at this time."

A letter received from the Community Planning branch also informed the planning board that consideration of annexation must be withheld at the present time, with the Peel-Halton review underway.

Commented chairman Drinkwater: "It seems all in the negative but I still think we are right in thinking in the future. The overall plan must be considered for our boundaries."

Another letter will be written to Esquising asking them to keep Acton's future planning needs in mind.

Board members approved their annual payment - \$10 each a meeting, a total of \$470 altogether.

Present at the meeting were chairman Bob Drinkwater, members Meb Blow, Sid Saitz, Paul Martindale and Vic Bristow with G. W. McKenzie arriving late. Mr. Williams acted as secretary-treasurer.

LIMEHOUSE

Christmas meetings held 25-year awards given

By Mrs. A. Benton
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson visited relatives at Brantford on Sunday last week.

The W. I. Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ted Brown Tuesday evening last week, with president Mrs. Frank Brown in charge, and district president Mrs. John Bird as a visitor.

The meeting was opened with

singing We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a special prayer. Roll call was answered by naming an outstanding W. I. event in 1969. A donation was voted to Sick Children's Hospital. Mrs. Gaby introduced Mrs. Bird, who spoke on Public Relations. During her comments she suggested a W. I. hall of fame.

Mrs. Gaby and Mrs. Noble related some highlights of Mrs.

E. Sanford's and Mrs. Frank Brown's W. I. activities and Mrs. Bird presented them with 25 year certificates and pins.

Current events were read by Mrs. A. W. Benton. Mrs. Frank Brown read a well-prepared motto "Let the W. I. enrich our lives, not wear us out." Mrs. Stringer read a Christmas item. Mrs. Bird read a letter of appreciation from Dr. Ethel Chapman following her day at Campbellville.

During the Christmas treat luncheon Mrs. Roughley played a piano solo, Chapel Chimes. Mrs. Noble extended courtesies.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A. W. Benton on Thursday evening with 10 attending. President Mrs. Mitchell presided and read Scripture and Mrs. Sanford led in prayer. Each lady read a poem or story appropriate to Christmas.

Roll call and text word exalt were answered by a verse of Scripture. Mrs. Bert Benton accompanied herself when she sang a Christmas carol.

The treasurer reported a good year financially. Mrs. Mitchell thanked all, especially Mrs. Roughley, her vice-president for their co-operation during the year. Officers for 1969 were re-instated for the coming year.

Mrs. Roughley obliged with her piano solo, Chapel Chimes, and the Lord's Prayer closed the meeting. The hostess served lunch afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chalkin of Richmond Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. David Batten during the weekend.

The Sunday school children were entertained by their teachers at a Christmas party at the Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mentally retarded get \$1,400 donation

The annual meeting of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded was held at the Sunshine School, Hornby, on Dec. 8.

At the conclusion of reports of the committee chairmen, each of the three ladies' auxiliaries presented the Association with cheques totaling \$1,400, made up of \$400 from Acton, \$500 from Georgetown and \$500 from Milton. Also each auxiliary has donated Christmas gifts to the pupils of the Sunshine School and the trainees of A.R.C. Industries.

The nominating committee chairman announced the election of officers would be held at the next meeting, Jan. 13.

Dredging figures studied by CVCA

The Fairy Lake dredging project at Acton has been completed and final figures have been received by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

This project was a pilot for the province and if the feasibility study proves it economical, more dredging may be done across the province to re-activate many old mill ponds which could be used for flood control.

Cummins marine dredging removed the dredge, pipes and other paraphernalia used in the dredging, from Prospect park last week.

Accidental poisoning took the lives of 32 children under fifteen years of age; 25 of these happened to children under five; 8 were due to misuse of aspirin and salicylates.

County okays ...

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statement. If they can prove there are advantages I'll go along."

Oakville's Deputy-Reeve W. Gilles noted the province has the right to determine how the municipalities will be set up. "Darcy McKeough is putting his political life on the line." He suggested if Halton objects it will be dragged into a Peel-Halton unit. He maintained the county should be devoting its energies to getting the best possible arrangement. Concern was expressed by development policies and representation. "There are already forces at work developing the Kingdom of Mississauga," he noted.

Reeve W. Hunter of Georgetown asked an addition to the Ledwith-Speight resolution that would also recommend to the Minister adoption of the boundaries proposed by the Halton reeves' committee.

But Deputy-Reeve W. Gilles objected to this, suggesting the matter of internal boundaries would only complicate an otherwise simple resolution. Reeve A. Ledwith supported this view maintaining the matter of boundaries was one of mechanics and could be worked out next year.

A dejected Reeve F. Oakes called for the vote, observing that the debate was settling nothing.

An 11th hour move by Deputy-Reeve Agnew to have the motion tabled was rejected by the Warden since the question had been called.

Agreeing the matter of boundaries should not be included in the current

resolution, the Warden said he was convinced that "if we want to keep Burlington we're going to join Halton and Peel. I don't think Darcy ever intended anything else", he maintained as he called the recorded vote.

Okay lease Scout Hall

The lease for property to the Acton Boy Scouts Association was renewed by the Halton Board of Education Thursday, until October 1987.

The lease will cover the property in the Robert Little School grounds on which the Scout Hall is located.

The original 20 year lease expired Oct. 4, 1968. It is made at \$1 a year and has been renewed on the same terms for a further 20 years.

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Live on \$30 week? Commission doubts

Acton Hydro Commission members got a look at Headway Corporation's plans for the Ontario Housing senior citizen and geared-to-income rental units on Cobblehill Rd., Thursday at the regular meeting.

There is a change in plans for the electrical distribution system for the units which the mayor urges the Commission to get at right away since there had been enough holdups on the housing because of the zoning by-law.

Talk switched over to rental on the units and a remark attributed to federal finance minister Benson that one could live on \$30 a week.

Vice-chairman Ted Tyler Sr. said he would like to see the finance minister live on \$30 a week for a year. "He'd be a lot gaudier," was his comment.

"It would not be living just existing," the vice chairman stated, "and there is no reason to just exist in this country. We have to live!"

Chairman Will McEachern reminded the Commission there were quite a few people in the country who were living on the \$75 a month old age pension, noting that everyone agreed there was a real need for senior citizen housing in Acton.



During the week ending December 13, officers of the Milton detachment, Ontario Provincial Police worked a total of 1014 1/2 hours and patrolled 8877 miles on area roads under their jurisdiction. A total of 45 charges were laid against motorists for infractions of the Highway Traffic Act. An additional 24 received warnings. Proceedings in Provincial Judges Court resulted in 41 convictions being registered.

Officers investigated 21 general occurrences during this time period. Included in this number were two theft investigations, one occurrence involving break and enter, one complaint of willful damage, two impaired drivers were apprehended, and one premise was found insecure by an officer

on night patrol. Many other occurrences were of a minor nature and required little investigative time to clear.

The number of traffic accidents climbed to 24 this week. Only five were personal injury mishaps, and as a result of these, nine persons sustained injuries. The remaining 19 resulted in property damage only. The total of which, in all collisions, was estimated to be approximately \$10,595.00. Adverse driving conditions was the major contributor in many of the accidents investigated. Others were caused by: careless driving, failing to yield right of way, unsafe load, and improper parking. When investigations were completed, nine of the drivers involved were summoned to appear in Provincial Judges Court.

A Christmas meeting

Honorary membership in W.M.S. presented

The joyous spirit of Christmas pervaded the home of Mrs. Robert Algie, Thursday afternoon, December 11, when members of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S. of Knox Church held their annual Christmas meeting.

With Miss Isabel Anderson presiding, the committee of Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, Mrs. Algie, Miss Robena Clark and Miss Anderson presented a delightful program comprised of readings from the gospels, telling again the story of the first Christmas, meditations, poems, carol singing and a beautiful Christmas story. White gifts were presented for distribution.

Miss B. Rozzell was soloist and music was provided by Mrs. Clarence Coles and Mrs. Algie. Miss Anderson was honored by the presentation of an

Honorary Membership Certificate and pin. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, on behalf of the members, made the presentation of the certificate and Mrs. C. Hansen presented the pin which had been worn by her sister, the late Mary Ellen Anderson, who had so faithfully served as a missionary on overseas fields of the Church.

A period of social fellowship, with a Christmas flavor, closed the meeting.

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