

The Burglars

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MRS. RATHBURN was careful and scrupulous and generous to a fault, yet there were those who did not hold to her ways at all. There was Mrs. Hughes, for example, who was the wife of the bank president in the village and was never happy unless she was worrying about someone.

"But it's so dangerous, my dear. A lone woman living way out here. And with so much money in the house."

"So much money?" Mrs. Rathburn smiled. "Are you quite sure there is so much money, Mrs. Hughes?"

Mrs. Hughes flushed, but spoke her mind. "One doesn't have to be the bank president's wife to know that you put no store in banks. Everyone in the village is aware that you haven't been in the bank since—"

"Since the bank holiday, when all my savings went up in smoke."

Mrs. Hughes flushed again. She gnawed at her lower lip. Everyone knew it hadn't been her husband's fault.

"Forgive me, my dear." The momentary bitterness went out of Mrs. Rathburn's eyes. "That was unkind of me. Please don't worry. Thieves are cowards and stupid."

She spoke with confidence, yet there had been times when quills possessed her. After all, she was a lone woman living in isolation out on the trunk highway where she served meals to tourists. She would not always serve meals to tourists.



It was a choice of entrusting her money to a bank or to a loose brick in the fireplace.

One day the roll of bills and change that was hidden behind a loose stone in the fireplace would amount to the sum necessary to purchase the chicken farm on which she had her heart set.

The men came one night when the rain fell in sheets and the wind roared down the fireplace chimney. They entered noiselessly and stood just inside the door of the small living-room, water dripping from their coats and the brims of their hats.

"Lady, we don't aim to hurt you none. Just hand over the money an' you ain't got nothin' to worry about."

"If I turned over the money I'd have everything to worry about," she smiled. "But what makes you think there is any money?"

The tall man was impressed by Mrs. Rathburn's composure.

"Look, lady, like I said, I don't want to hurt you none, but I ain't gonna stand for no kiddin'. See? Everybody knows you don't have no truck with the bank an' that you keep the dough hid here."

Mrs. Rathburn looked at the tall man brightly. "As a man of intelligence you can understand how such stories would get around about an old woman who lives alone and doesn't gossip about her business. People do talk, and it's rather fun hearing of the stories they conjure."

"Aw, whang her over the melon 'n let's go through the joint," snarled the man at the door. "We didn't come here to argue."

"I'd appreciate it if you boys wouldn't ransack my home. It always makes such a mess." She rose. "I can perhaps set your minds at rest about the money." She crossed to a desk, rummaged through it and presently returned with a bank book. She held it open for the tall man to see. "You can see for yourself the entries as my milk man made them. Almost daily." She laughed. "I'm sure no bank would present me with such a book unless I deposited the money, would they, sirs?"

This last stroke of strategy was the tall man's undoing. He swelled a bit with importance. He glanced at the book, then snarled an order at his companion. The pair departed.

Mrs. Rathburn bolted the door, then called Constable Colt in the village. Then she backed out her old sedan and drove to town. She went at once to Banker Hughes' house.

Mrs. Rathburn opened her bag. "No, I have the money here. Will you kindly open an account with it for me tomorrow. The bandits, being men, were easy to handle. You might use this book for the new account. It's the one I had before the bank holiday. I kept it for sentimental reasons. I felt that it would never pay me a thing, but it did, didn't it?" Then Mrs. Rathburn, because she was a woman, smiled.

Hockey Features Winter Activities of Church Boys' League

Near the top of the list of activities for St. George's Church Boys' League this winter is hockey, and the boys have enjoyed several practices and games at the Arena this year. The League is appreciative of the facilities provided by the Board of Parks Management. The club has two complete sets of sweaters, as well as sticks and goal-keepers' equipment, all purchased from the funds and the property of the club.

Two practices and games have been held on Saturday mornings at the arena, and two weeks ago a match was played with the Norval Club on the open-air rink at Norval.

These boys really go for their hockey, starting each Saturday morning at 8.15 at the arena, which they have done every Saturday morning that there is ice for the past four years. As well as giving them great fun, Dr. Clifford Reid and Alf Sykes are coaching them in the finer points of the game.

Last Saturday morning was one of the best times yet, when hockey was in progress from 8.15 till almost noon. There were enough boys out to make two very even teams of bigger boys all about the same size, and four smaller lads for each team as substitutes, giving everyone an equal share of playing.

Bill Bullivant's team won out over Walter Sargent's by a 7-4 score. Both teams went great guns, encouraged by watching Georgetown's speedy intermediates on the previous night.

The line-ups were: Bullivant—Bill Hewitt, goal; Byron Bedell, Jim Hamilton, defence; Bill Bullivant, centre; Ross Sykes, Bill Muir, wings; Dan Hewitt, Jack Bettke, George McClure, Paul Barber, alternates.

Goals—1. Bullivant (Sykes & Muir) 2. Bullivant (Sykes) 3. Sykes (Muir) 4. Sykes (Muir) 5. Sykes (Bedell) 6. Sykes (Muir)

Sargent—Earl Walters, goal; Maurice Herbert, Walter Sargent, defence; Wes Oliver, centre; Red Taylor, Cy Wilson, wings; John Doherty, Brock Bradley, Joe Louth, Lawrence Bouskill, alternates.

Goals—1. Herbert 2. Louth (Bedell and Sargent) 3. Louth (Bedell and Sargent) 4. Sargent

CHORAL SOCIETY WILL NOT BE REORGANIZED THIS YEAR

There was not a large attendance at the meeting in the Municipal Building on Friday night to discuss the reorganization of the Georgetown Choral Society. Those present decided that it was somewhat late in the year to go ahead with any further plans, and will delay further discussions until the fall.

It is hoped, however, to arrange another cantata at Easter-time, with the four church choirs participating as they did so successfully in 1945.

NORVAL PRESBYTERIANS VOTE TO BUY ELECTRIC ORGAN

A unanimous decision of the congregation to buy an electric organ, highlighted the annual meeting of Norval Presbyterian Church which was held on Monday, January 7th. Cost of the organ will be about \$1200. Members of the church set down to a delicious dinner at the noon hour, which was followed by a business meeting.

Receipts of \$2799.27 in 1945 were the largest in many a year, and the church has a balance of \$450 on hand to start the new year. A large item in the year's expenditures was a payment of \$512 for a new roof, while \$211 was collected and sent away for missions.

Donald Ismond, reporting for the Sunday School, showed receipts of \$99.82, and John McClure, treasurer of the Young People's Society presented their statement which showed \$81.21 in receipts for the year. Donations of \$7.50 were made by the Y.P.S. to the China Inland Mission and the Sudan Interior Mission.

Mrs. Hyatt McClure, as treasurer of the Alexander Auxiliary, W.M.S., reported that organization's fund-raising as \$127.70 and Billie Dixon gave the Mission Band Report of \$19.53 collected during 1945.

Church officers for 1946 are: Board of Managers; N. A. Robinson, J. A. Eccles, R. W. Cunningham, Harold McClure, Hyatt McClure, W. A. Reid, M. McNabb, Frank Fendley, Craig McClure, Tiggas McGee, Elsworth Arnold and Oliver Hunter.

The session is composed of Rev. J. L. Sell, R. Reid, A. Giffen, E. Townsend, A. McClure, L. Brown and A. Hunter. Auditors for 1946 are Craig Reid and W. E. Townsend, with Wm. Finnermore Church officer.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR JOHN OSBORNE

Funeral services were held last Thursday from McClure's Funeral Home, Georgetown, for John David Osborne, who died suddenly on Tuesday, January 8th. Mr. Osborne was preparing his own breakfast at his home on the Town Line when he suffered a fatal stroke.

Born 68 years ago in Glen Williams, he was the son of the late John Osborne and Margaret Mullin. He was a member of one of the original families in Halton County, his family holding a crown deed to their farm, lot 20, concession 11, Esquing, M.K. Osborne had lived for some years in the States, but returned to Canada and was living with his sister, Miss Margaret Osborne. He was unmarried. He was a member of Union Presbyterian Church and of Orion Lodge, I.O.O.F., Georgetown. A bricklayer by trade, he was employed at the time of his death in construction work in town.

Rev. J. L. Sell was in charge of the funeral service on Thursday, and pallbearers were: G. C. Cook, W. J. Rutledge, George H. Leslie, Sam Mackenzie, Comfort Roszel and James Eccles. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

GARAGE OPERATORS MEET IN MILTON

The first general meeting of the Garage Operators Association, Halton Branch, was held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Milton, on January 7th. President Red Waumsley was in the chair. As the meeting was called for a thorough discussion on three subjects, the entertainment part of the evening was eliminated. The first matter discussed was the INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS ACT. After hearing everyone's opinion on this matter, it was unanimously decided that the one and only thing the Branch desired from the Act, was to regulate the hours of sale of gasoline. Not losing sight of the public's opinion and that of the Motor League and the Oil Companies, a motion was presented and adopted that the hours be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, and a day preceding a holiday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. These hours to be the maximum. It was felt that this would work no hardship on anyone. The Communities now alternating on Sundays could still do so, and the out-of-town operators could open or close as they saw fit. A motion was then brought forward that the Secretary contact Head Office and request that their Field Man cover the County with a petition to this effect. Upon completion of the circulation of his petition if favorable, we would contact the Industry Board for a hearing.

The second discussion re Cut-Prices on Gasoline was quickly dispensed with due to the fact that it was the attitude of everyone that there was not a thing that could be done about it.

The third discussion re the Tire Discount problem brought out some interesting points and it was felt that this situation could be directly attributed to some tire firms setting up their Dealers as Distributors and in turn giving them special discounts. The secretary was therefore authorized to a motion which was carried unanimously to write the major tire companies and complain about this condition and ask if they could not do something about it. Barring this, we would try as a group to get one company to set up as a Distributor and any extra discounts would be given out at the end of the year on a pro rata basis.

The auditor's report was then read and the books turned over to the new treasurer. The Branch is in sound financial position. With the serving of coffee and sandwiches, the meeting came to a close.

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ALEXANDER SINCLAIR DIES IN ALTON

Alton lost one of its oldest citizens in the person of Alexander Sinclair, who passed away on Monday, Dec. 17, in his 84th year, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Sinclair, last survivor of one of the oldest families in Erin Township, had been a resident of Alton for forty years. He was a stonemason by trade and was a first-class workman, priding himself on the quality of his workmanship. He was a quiet, honest and industrious man, and had a host of friends in Alton and district. He was a Presbyterian and a Liberal. Predeceased by his wife, the former Frances Reid, he is survived by a family of two sons and four daughters, Wilfrid, in London; Albert in Teeswater; Margaret, at home; Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, of Kitchener; Mrs. Lillian Mathews, of Toronto, and Mrs. Wm. Hall, of Toronto and Alton, and one grandchild, Heather Hall. The funeral service was held at the Sinclair residence on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, to the family plot in Alton Cemetery. Rev. Donald Sinclair, of Harrow, a former Pastor of Alton Baptist Church, conducted the services at the home and graveside. Beautiful floral tributes were tokens of the sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

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Cdn. Erwin Lewis would like to thank the Soldiers' Comforts, Georgetown Fire Brigade and St. George's Church for parcels and cigarettes received while he was serving overseas.

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Sgm. Stan Allen



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