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The Editor's Column

FAMILY REUNIONS

A fine custom at this time of year is the habit of descendants of pioneer families to gather together for a picnic and family reunion. Recently we have reported such gatherings of the Lyons, Howden and Caldwell families and this week an account of the Leslie Clan reunion appears elsewhere in the paper. Families like the Lyons and Leslies have gone to the further trouble of compiling family histories, tracing their geneology back to the early 1800's. Such records are of historical value, not only to the families themselves, but to the country, and every family should be interested in their early origin, particularly if it has roots deep in Canadian history. We can't help being proud of the fact · that we are descended from John Biehn who emigrated from Switzerland to Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century and whose sons settled in Waterloo County about 1812, and that our maternal great-grandfather was Adam Scott Elliott, who was granted land from the crown, sub-divided and sold lots to establish what is now the town of Chesley in Bruce County.

It is interesting, too, to trace occupations in families. The Biehns, up to the preceding generations were Mennonite and Omish farm folk, but their interest shifted to professional lines and we now find a preponderence of dentists and doctors, with very few members remaining on the land.

All of which is intended to show that we appreciate how much a family reunion means to people like the Leslies and the Lyons, and that we would urge every family to adopt the reunion procedure and start compiling family histories.

TRANSATLANTIC VISITS

With the war over, many of our townsfolk are looking forward to visits with relatives in the old country. In the past, length of travelling time was sometimes a stumbling block, particularly, for the family breadwinner, who could not take such a long vacation. Now we find more and more making the fast trip by plane. Mrs. Andy Dewhurst, Mrs. M. Lawr, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stacey, Mrs. Daniel Banks and Miss Freda Herbert are among those who have already travelled this way, and others like James Murphy are planning similar trips. As the majority of Georgetown residents are of British origin, there are very few who have not immediate relatives in England and Scotland, and it is wonderful to think that meeting with these can now be thought of in hours, rather than in days.

A COUNTY SPIRIT

Speaking of family ties in the preceding editorials, reminds us of the difference between counties. Asa stranger in Halton, when we came here, we noticed immediately how little association there seemed to be Letween the component municipalities. People in Georgetown know and care little about what happens in Burlington and Oakville. Our County Town of Milton is rarely visited by any Georgetowners unless on official business, and Acton and Georgetown are closest together when they are farthest apart - in hockey sea-

In Bruce County, the picture changes. Here there seems to be not only a town unity, or local patriotism

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we might call it, but a county unity as well. We can still recall shortly after arriving in Georgetown, a Glen fesident introducing himself as being from Wiarton. "I'm from Bruce too" forms a quick bond of friendship for strangers. And yet we doubt if two people would ever rejoice to find that they were county neighbours back in Halton.

Of course there are reasons. Halton is much more of a suburban county than Bruce. Surrounded as it is by large cities-Hamilton, Toronto and Guelph, and with a population which shifts more rapidly, we tend to be more like city folk. There is less inter-marriage between residents of neighbouring towns, more changes in personnel of local factories and business establishments. Counties like Bruce are homogeneous more because of their geographical position than any other factor, though we must not discount the fact that a large percentage of the population is of Scotch descent, which also might account for this "clannishness."

We See This Week Has First

that Clifford Bradley has sold his meat market in Erin to Lloyd Da- Novel Accepted vidson of Inglewood and has purchased a similar business in Acton. Prior For * Publication to locating in Erin. Cliff was associa-

Magazine there is a picture of the : phia, Pa. Mrs. Watkins has received radio quintette, "Four Chicks and a an initial commission from the pub-Chuck." Frances Cramer, wife of a lishers, who intimate that the book former Georgetown boy. Norman will be put in print sometime this Barber, is a member of the group fall. The novel is titled "These Links which is often heard on national net- Don't Break" and is written under work programs.

THAT Mr. and Mrs. Ron Little Although this is Anne Watkin's first have moved into the Clark Apart- venture in the book-length novel ments on John Street. Mr. Little is field, she has written several short a member of the Smith and Stone stories, some of which have appeared

with Smith & Stone and Harley-Kay- and mother of a young son, David, Marsland shut down for vacation, and she combines housekeeping duties a many of their employees spending her home on Maple Avenue with a vacations out of town. W. H. Kent- schedule which calls for at least one ner and Son, B. F. Murfin and the hour's writing a day. Her friends join Georgetown Lamber Co. are others with the Herald in congratulations on who have closed for the week, and her good fortune and will be looking James Cummins' shoe repair shop is forward to publication of her novel. closed while he is on vacation, and Penson's Fish and Chip Store is also closed for the week.

THAT the Toronto weatherman who kept predicting fair and warm on Sunday had better keep away from those who took his advice and headed for the beach. It poured rain here all that day.

THAT the Herald slipped up rather badly last week in an ad for the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church garden party, by neglecting to mention the star attraction - the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.

THAT an attractive historical booklet was printed by the Herald for the reunion of the Leslie clan last Saturday and was on sale at the picnic which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie.

THAT the printing of the annual Fail Fair Booklet is in progress in the Herald shop just now. It's one job that never gets shoved aside with foreman Garfield McGilvray his own taskmaster as secretary of the Fair.

THAT the Department of Highway is making some much needed provements on No. 7 highway through town and warning signs have placed at the worst spots until the DR. J. BURNS MILNE job is completed.

THAT it looks as if this year's hockey team won't have so much appeal for the bobby-soxers composed as it will be mostly of married men Delly Beaumont became a benedict on Saturday and we hear that Jack Birtwistle and Art Hurst are next in line

THAT a hendsome display cabinet 4is being placed at the entrance lobby at the Smith and Stone office company products will be on view i

THAT Mrs. Bob Hoare has joined the staff of the Royal Bank here.

THAT some weekly papers are taking a holiday. There will be no issue of the Acton Free Press and Milton Champion this week, and the Erin Advocate will drop the August 7th is-

During six years of war Canada had 94,000 war casualties and 170,000 street or highway accidents.

ROSEDALE FLORAL

CUT FLOWERS

Wedding and Funeral Design Work PHONE 283J

ted with his brother tiere in town A Georgetown lady, Mrs. Harry and was a member of Georgetown Watkins, is well on the way to literary success and has had her first novel accepted for publication by the THAT in the July 21st issue of Life Teasdon Publishing House, Philadel-Mrs. Watkin's pseudonym, which she

is not revealing at present. in the Toronto Star Weekly and one THAT the town is quiet this week. in MacLean's Magazine. A housewife.

> Instructions to a Chicago baby sitter's group cautions against holding baby over gas to dry diapers.

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