

BALLINAFAD.

A number of the members of Ballinafad W.M.S. attended the Thank-offering meeting at Church Hill on Wednesday. Dr. W. E. Strangway, a missionary on furlough from Africa was guest speaker and told interesting stories of the medical work being carried on there. The devotional was taken by Mrs. R. McEnery and Miss B. Hilda. Miss G. Aitken of Osprings played a piano solo and two of the Acton ladies sang a duet. Ladies attended from Alton, Osprings, Melville, and Ballinafad.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of William Hall. He will be greatly missed around Miller's Corners where he had resided for the past thirty years.

A bee was held last Thursday to clean up the cemetery when a number of men and two teams levelled the ground, straightened out tomb stones and mowed weeds and grass.

The W.A. June meeting was held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. D. McLellan. June 25th was set as the date for a strawberry social, providing weather is favourable for ripening the berries which at the present time look like a bumper crop.

A friendly softball game was enjoyed by Hornby and Ballinafad teams here on Wednesday evening. The score: Hornby, 11, Ballinafad, 7.

Mr. J. P. Kirkwood attended the Masonic service in Melville Church on Sunday evening.

Services will be withdrawn here next Sunday as Melville Church is holding anniversary services.

EXPERT CYCLISTS OFFER RECIPE FOR FUN WITH SAFETY



A map not only prevents the crew from getting lost, it also adds greatly to the pleasure and adventure of a cycling tour in the country. An up-to-date detailed map shows the condition of roads and byways and locates points of scenic and historical interest.

Cycle and Enjoy Better Health, Fuller Life Say Wheelmen

People who ride bicycles for the love of it—in races and on tours—are still rare in Canada where custom so far seems to decree a family car as the only acceptable form of personal transport. But recent waves of immigrants from Britain and Europe have added reinforcements to the cycling fraternity.

Organized cyclists say that their sport has definite values that people often forget in the hurried existence of modern city life. Perhaps the man who thinks he must have a car to go some place or see something should take a second look at what his old "wheel" has to offer.

If you want to see 100 miles or so of country over a week-end you don't need a shiny new car, according to D. M. Swift, secretary of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association. "On a bike you need not be confined to heavily travelled highways; you can go anywhere and stop anywhere, either to look at something, or just for lunch. You can escape the din of city traffic and the noise, and plot your own course

through 'out-of-the-way, untravelled lanes. The cost is negligible and travelling with a group of companions at 15- to 20 miles per hour gives an opportunity to see the country you pass through—an opportunity lost to the speeding motorists."

"If more people used bicycles for their Sunday afternoon jaunts there would not be so many cars cluttering up the roads and causing traffic jams and accidents," comments Mr. Swift. "That is, if they cycled in a properly disciplined way when on the public highway. And if young people and school children organized cycling clubs they could train themselves in safe riding habits, and use their weekends for tours of educational and recreational value. Promoting such clubs would do a lot to discourage juvenile delinquency."

Mr. Swift points out that a man riding a bike takes up less road space than a man driving a car. "Even when a car is standing still it takes up quite a bit of space," says this veteran wheelman. "And, in addition, it needs lots of space for starting and stopping. From the cyclist's point of view, the driver is the big loser. He is cramped into a car, getting no exercise, no air, no sunshine—just plenty of worry and expense."



Bikes in single file don't take up much room on the road and don't impede traffic, say veteran wheelmen. Experienced cyclists do not ride abreast when there are cars on the road because this is a nuisance to motorists and dangerous for the riders. People who hang onto trucks and streetcars, they state firmly, are not real cyclists—they are just characters who are tired of living.

Common Sense and Sportsmanship Secret of Safe Mileage Record Says Canadian Distance Champion

One lean, weather-beaten Canadian, C. Basil Raynham, of Weston, Ont., has pedalled 225,000 miles, the equivalent of nine times around the world, without one accident during the past 18 years.

Many motorists who have had unhappy encounters with some of the less responsible members of the cycling fraternity will marvel that anybody could live so long.

"It's easy," smiles Mr. Raynham, "it's just a case of obeying all the traffic laws that apply to motorists besides a few others that are aimed especially at cyclists."

For example, the law requires that cyclists obey traffic signals whether they are riding or pushing their bikes. Mr. Raynham not only complies with this regulation to the letter but adds, "When turning left or crossing at a busy intersection, I always get off my bike and walk. This safety habit only takes a couple of moments but it may save a life-time."

Teen-age cyclists are targets for criticism by this veteran of the open road. The youths often endanger their own lives and menace others by stunting and racing on busy thoroughfares. And they ignore many important things like hand signals and keeping well over to the right side of the road. Courtesy and sportsmanship, Mr. Raynham emphasizes, are the chief characteristics of the safe, civilized cyclist. The highway code exhorts cyclists

to ride in single file. Mr. Raynham states that bicycle clubs when on tour adhere strictly to this rule and adds, "A fellow who doesn't understand that the safety of the other riders in the party depends on everyone's actions as individuals is simply too dangerous to have around. Road rules must be adhered to by everyone in a party for the safety and pleasure of everyone."

The only other Canadian to come near Mr. Raynham's cycling record is one-armed, 63-year-old Gus Hogben of Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Hogben's mileage totals 202,454 miles. They are the only Canadians to earn a cycling honor rating on the cycle mileage charts issued in England.

Among the tours made by Mr. Raynham are nine round trips to North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie, 3 to Montreal, 14 to Ottawa, four to Quebec City and numerous trips south of the border to the states of New York, Virginia, North and South Carolina—all starting from Weston.

This experienced touring cyclist, who is living proof that safety habits pay off, points out that even if all rules were obeyed at all times by all riders accidents would not be entirely eliminated. Motorists and pedestrians are not entirely blameless. The motorist who opens his off door when parked at the curb can throw the most careful cyclist. The motorist who changes direction

Be a Live Cyclist—Not a Dead Statistic!

Figures compiled by the accident recording division of the Ontario Department of Highways show that in the 16 year period 1931-1946, there were 15,335 collisions between motor vehicles and bicycles. These resulted in death to 595 and injuries to 14,722. Eight other cyclists were killed in this period in accidents that did not involve motor vehicles; 354 were injured in similar accidents.

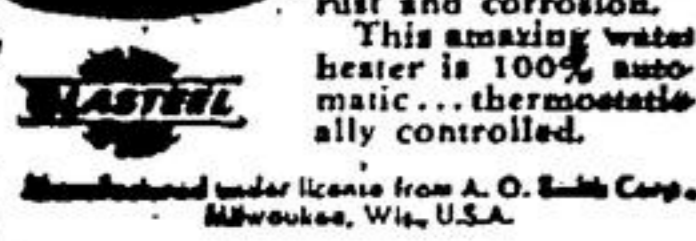
Last year, 669 car-bicycle collisions were responsible for the death of 31 and injuries to 634 persons.

suddenly without a signal can do the same. The pedestrian stepping heedlessly onto a road can create as serious a hazard as the heedless cyclist plunging from a driveway. "Safety," comments Mr. Raynham, "is a mutual proposition and motorist, pedestrian and cyclist must all co-operate to reduce to a minimum accidents that threaten all three."

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IN THE MAIL BAG

Georgetown, June 15th.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Just a line or two, for a change, from someone who likes the good town of Georgetown, and has no criticisms to offer.

It is distressing to hear, and read, so much destructive criticism about our councillors, who I believe, do their best.

I like Georgetown, I like the people. It is not my home town. I wasn't born here. I just moved in, and everyone held out the hand of friendship and made me welcome.

The building by-law seems to be the topic of the day. Naturally, anything new comes in for its share of discussion, but in all fairness in the people in the park section can anyone blame them for wanting nice houses there? The new houses out there are beautiful. Can anyone drive past Mr. Langdon's new home without a glance of admiration? or Sid Orr's? Art Booth's? and the stone bungalow at the entrance to Charles St. is beautiful. These are all homes of good taste. Naturally they cost more money than a working man's home, but you will find these people are not snobbish because their homes are more expensive. They are friendly, wholesome, everyday people.

Apart from the houses, and the people, I say Georgetown is a good place to work, and live, and play. The sewerage installation is mending up our roads for the present, but that we can expect. With a little patience, we can overlook this, thinking how much it means to future health and beauty.

Georgetown is a place of beauty. There are ideal places for picnics anywhere on the outskirts of town. The fishermen haven't far to go to catch a fish.

Everyone is busy and no one is bored. There is always something going on. We even have an artist in town, if that lion's head on Art Scott's express truck is a sample!!! Life is too short, too happy, to spoil it by destructive criticism. Our councillors have no easy task ahead of them, and our mayor spares no time for anything else when town affairs need attention. Good old Jo!

So, I say Mr. Editor, if I may repeat myself, I have no criticisms to offer. I think Georgetown is tops.

Anne Hart.

ASHGROVE

Georgetown, June 15th.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary held their meeting on Tuesday afternoon June 8th, at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dick. The lawn was a pretty picture with purple and different colours of iris and other spring flowers. Mrs. Frank Ruddle the president opened the meeting with the hymn "O God of Bethel" and the Lord's Prayer. Roll Call was answered by the Bible letter "U". Mrs. Fred Ainsworth read a letter from a young Japanese

lady thanking the Society for a parcel sent. As this was the Association Helpers meeting Mrs. Thos. Giffen took charge, opening this part with hymn 15. Scripture Reading by Mrs. R. Cunningham, a reading "The Gift of the Loving Heart" by Mrs. Wilfrid Bird, an instrumental number by Mrs. Vern Pickett and a paper "With Christ in Service" by Mrs. Fred Nurse closed a very profitable afternoon.

Wednesday evening, June 9th, sixty friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

ASHGROVE

Clayton Wilson to honor Miss Ruth Morrison who was married on Saturday to Mr. Leonard Cox of Milton. The young folks enjoyed games on the lawn and then everyone went inside where Mrs. Ward Brownridge read an address and a presentation of a beautiful desk was made to the young couple for which a suitable reply of thanks was made by both. We extend to Ruth and Leonard congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Walter Thompson of Toronto is spending this week with Mrs. Nurse and Harvey.

Those who attended the Sunday morning service listened with interest to the stirring Temperance message by Rev. Fred Ainsworth and the delightful number sung by Mrs. and Mrs. C. B. Dick and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hunter.

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Don't forget to have a gift or some little surprise ready for dear old dad. He will appreciate it.

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Like other things, building band-shells takes money and to raise some of this tickets are being sold on a big lucky draw — for a refrigerator, a stove and several other wonderful prizes.

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