

BALLET CLASS HAS GARDEN PARTY

On Saturday, Mrs. R. B. Canham, who instructs the GFC ballet classes, entertained the members of the junior group at a party at her home near Stewarttown. The children spent a happy time with games and races, followed by a picnic supper. Mrs. R. S. Miner of Glen Williams assisted Mrs. Canham with arrangements for the party.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Richard Grace, Jr. of North Bay spent his vacation in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grace. A-B SMS Byron Bedell, who is stationed at Halifax with HMCS Miacmac, has returned to duty after spending 21 days leave in town with his mother, Mrs. Mary Bedell. Miss Doris Lewis of Dartmouth, N.S. was a guest last week at the home of Mrs. Mary Bedell.

Chatting . . .

With M.H.B.

RACCOONS ARE COMMON, so they say, but it was a new experience to see one at close range. For some time we have been blaming dogs for upsetting the two garbage pails at the back of the cottage, and each morning as we cleaned up the mess we had murderous thoughts about dogs in general and a neighbouring Great Dane in particular. Saturday night, just as bedtime came, the clatter of lids told us that our visitors was back, and the man of the house hurried to the window and began a flashlight search for the marauder. In the act, he caught him; all right, a sleek, fat raccoon, who scarcely looked up from his meal and continued eating. He took a particularly choice morsel back to the bush, but soon returned for more. Raccoons are much bigger than we had imagined, about half as big again as a groundhog. A beautiful little face, eyes black rimmed, and pointed nose which resembles a fox. They say they are harmless, but all the same we prefer to watch our visitor from the safety of the cottage and don't intend to let the friendship stretch any further.

ANIMALS, IN FACT seem to be with us all the time this year at Inverhuron. Some petunias which we planted, are gradually disappearing as snacks for the rabbits. They are thoughtful and only eat one or two a night, instead of cleaning out the whole patch. Perhaps they use them as we humans do after-dinner mints. Also with us, in abundance are mice. Small ones, large ones, fat ones, thin ones and even a pink one which the small daughter insists she saw in the broom closet. They have voracious appetites and seem to have no preference in food at all. They'll try anything once. They have no preference, either, in where they leave their tell-tale traces and it is a source of continual wonderment how they can get in and out of water glasses, tea cups and cupboards which one could swear were airtight. Our closest acquaintanceship was made on a recent evening when the broom closet was opened and a little creature jumped off the top shelf almost into our face. The broom closet stayed shut for several days after.

Now as friend husband says, mice are all right if they keep their place, but these little creatures are going too far. They have consumed plates of "Mouse Seed" with no apparent ill effects. They have robbed traps, used the living room floor for nocturnal square dances, the cupboards for beds and the dishes for things that dishes were never designed for. Walt Disney or not, it's war from now on.

A CHANGE OF LOCATION has been made by Neil McLennan, who left his position as manager of Robb's Drugs here a few years ago to go into business for himself at Islington. Neil bought the large drug store at the Islington corner well-known to travellers as the "Five Points". Now the Department of Highways is planning to eliminate some of the bottleneck at the corner and has purchased the corner and the building will be wrecked when a planned traffic circle is constructed. Neil has a new store located in a business block about three hundred yards west of the old site on Bloor Street and is well pleased with it. Mrs. J. N. O'Neill is living in her new apartment on Wesleyan Street. It is in the house just off Main Street where Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill lived for so many years. Dr. A. McAllister, who owns it, has converted the house into a duplex and after their marriage in August, Arthur McAllister and his bride, Phyllis Harris will occupy the other apartment. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lawr are building a new house on Victoria Street across the corner from Mrs. George Walters' home. Mrs. Walters' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shortill with their two children are now in their new home on Maple Avenue.

IT'S WELCOME HOME to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, who arrived back in town on Saturday from England. The Chapman's decided to return to the old country last spring and sold their house and furnishings. They found the climate did not agree with them, so are back in Georgetown for good. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman came home on the Samaria, the same boat they booked passage for England. They will occupy Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid's apartment on Main Street while the doctor and his wife spend the summer at their farm near Terra Cotta. Mr. and Mrs. Wheldon Emerson and her father, Tom Howson, have been spending as much time as possible at Wasaga Beach where Mr. Howson is renovating a summer cottage which he recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Marilyn and Jocelyn and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNally, David and Jané have

been spending their week-ends at Acton Island near Bala. Marg Hoare, of the Bank of Commerce staff, is another Acton Islander, making her headquarters at the Leblie cottage. As we finish the column for another week, a bouquet of Mr. Reg Williams' beautiful sweet peas is before us. No one has quite his knack for growing these lovely flowers and they are a treat for the eyes.

ASHGROVE

Church Makes Donation To Manitoba Relief

Ashgrove United Church donated the sum of \$45.75 toward the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. Haying operations are getting over in this district and the wheat is turning a lovely golden color. Ruth and Ann Miller of Nashville enjoyed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and Marilyn. Gordon Wrigglesworth of Milton Heights is visiting his cousins Agn and Freddie Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Day of Creemore and Patsy Granger of Guelph are visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson and Bernice.

Mrs. George Nurse was visiting her cousin in Galt last week. Master Alex McDowell of Toronto is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nurse and baby John.

Allan Brownridge is visiting his grandmother Mrs. Miller this week at Silver Creek.

Arthur and Burton Sweezy spent the week-end at Bala, Muskoka. Frank and Bernice Wilson are spending this week at Creemore.

STEWARTTOWN

Three Anglican Churches Hold Joint Picnic

About 80 people went to Lowville Park last Friday afternoon by car or bus and had a very enjoyable picnic. They were members of Anglican churches, St. Stephen's, Hornby, St. Paul's, Norval, and St. John's, Stewarttown. Baseball was played in the afternoon, for smaller ones the slide and swings. A picnic supper, then more baseball races and games. A resolution was passed that the picnic together be repeated next year. A committee was formed to plan for it. Hornby was represented by Mr. Foster Brain and Mr. F. Bradley. Norval by Mrs. Barnett and Mr. Rawlinson, Stewarttown by Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Grant. They planned that it be held the 3rd Saturday in June, 1951, in Miles' Park. There will be no service in St. John's Church this coming Sunday, July 23rd. Sunday School will be as usual at 2 p.m. Michael Huffman had a birthday party last Thursday afternoon at Mrs. C. Smith's home. Happy birthday to Betty Humphreys for this Friday the 21st July. Correction: Donald Lawson passed from Grade 12 to Grade 13 in his high school course this year, receiving 70 per cent.

Gets Cup From England For Work With Lillies

Miss Isabelle Preston has received a high honour from the Royal Horticultural Society in England. She received word Monday that she had been awarded the Lyttel Cup for 1950 for her outstanding work in producing varieties of lillies.

The handsome silver cup which stands 22 1/2 inches high was donated for annual competition by Edward S. Lyttel in 1939 and is awarded for outstanding work with the genera Allium, nomocharis or fritillaris.

Miss Preston moved to Georgetown a few years ago after retiring from her position on the staff of the Central Experimental Farm, at Ottawa where she did notable work with lillies. Among the hybrids she has produced are varieties known as "Stenographic Lillies" so called because each was named after a stenographer on the experimental farm staff. She chose Georgetown as her home, because of her friendship with Mrs. H. L. Hutt and the late Professor Hutt, whom she had known at Guelph when they were both staff members of the Ontario Agricultural College. She lives in the old Fraser residence on Market Street where she maintains her interest in flowers with a beautiful garden.

NATURE UNSPOILED



YOURS TO PROTECT
The ROSE-BREADED GROSBEEK is a very beautiful bird, black and white, with a soft rosy triangle high on his breast. He lives in leafy groves, nearly always near the water. He should be protected, as he eats great numbers of potato beetles.

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