

**Andy Crichton New
Customs Collector**

Andrew Crichton has been appointed collector of customs and excise at Georgetown, succeeding William Matthew who has been transferred to Brampton.

Mr. Crichton has been employed as assistant at Georgetown since 1948 in the office which is located in the post office building. Mr. Matthew, who came here from Toronto in 1950 to succeed Everett Cole when that gentleman retired, succeeds Lt.-Col. R. V. Conover in Brampton. Charles Fowler is acting as assistant at present, pending appointment of a permanent assistant in the Georgetown office.



Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, April 19th at 8 p.m. in the Ladies parlour of the church.

Most scouts are progressing steadily towards their second class.

Try A Spring Nature Hike

Spring is here and now is the time to get your patrol out and do some real honest to goodness Scouting with Nature as your companion. Of course, you should have been doing this all along, but if you haven't, take a hint from the Hepatica and turn over a new leaf, and learn how to have a lot of fun in the bush.

To start with, get the Patrol Hike Master to dig out some topographical maps of your locality and find a place, not too far away, that looks as if it might be interesting territory to explore. One of the best places our Patrol knew of was at the back end of a golf course, at the city limits. Of course you will look for a wooded, secluded area; but our Patrol always insisted that a small pond or swamp was also necessary if we were to really learn a great deal about nature. We found that a pond was the Community Centre of the bush and all the woods creatures came there to chatter away.

Ask your patrol librarian to invest in three or four good books. You will need one on birds, one on trees, another on flowers and a book about insects. If your gang is interested in rocks and rock formation then you will need a reference book on that subject. Don't buy the real cheap books or the highly technical ones. Your local librarian can help you with your selection, or you can write to your provincial governments for their own publications which are usually inexpensive and very good.

Now get your patrol quartermaster to get your camp together, overhaul it or replace it if necessary, get your patrol cook to dream up some menus and buy the grub, and away we go for our first Nature Hike and Week End camp.

To enjoy a Nature Camp one thing is necessary, plenty of free time. To achieve this the patrol must be well organized, menus and cooking arrangements must be kept simple and gadgets kept to a minimum without the loss of comforts. Our Patrol decided to set up a semi-permanent type of camp near our pond so that we could carefully observe the cycles of nature in pond life. Actually we started out to make a month's observation to qualify for the Naturalist Badge, but it got so interesting we stayed on for summer week-ends, and then on to the fall, and finally we would go and have a day's outing during the winter just to see how our friends at the pond were making out. If you follow this plan you will find that before long you have a well developed camp site with all the comforts of home. As the weeks go by less and less work is necessary for camp maintenance, and more and more time can be devoted to observation of nature and other Scout activities.

If you start week-end camping right away can have all the fun of seeing nature awaken after its winter sleep. Watch for the first signs of life in your pond. Keep an eye to the ground and watch for spring flowers, they start growing and blooming even before the snow has gone. If you see some tulip-like leaves sprouting, usually in a hardwood bush, dig them, root and all. It looks like a spring onion, and smells like an onion, but tastes much better than an onion, it is a wild onion. You can add them to your stew or eat them raw. There are hundreds upon hundreds of interesting and useful facts to be observed with spring flowers alone, but this is only one phase and one season of activity for your patrol.

Start on your nature hikes and camps right now. Once your gang have had the experience they'll never stop.

**UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENT EASTER PLAY**

The members of the Young People's Society of St. John's United Church who dramatized the Christmas Story in December and who last Easter presented the sacred drama entitled "Joseph of Arimathea" have been preparing for their presentation of "Barabbas" on Sunday evening. Some of those who will be taking part are Beverly Hyde as Sarah the mother of Barabbas, Sue Crabtree as Judith a household servant, Gail King as Mary, Barabbas' sister and William Whitrow as Pilatus the Roman.

LIMEHOUSE

**Limehouse Institute
Elects New Officers**

Officers were elected when Limehouse Women's Institute held their annual meeting April 1st in the Memorial Hall.

With Mrs. Ed Sanford as president, officers for the year are: 1st vice president, Mrs. Newton Rudell; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Jack Roughley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jack Noble; district director, Mrs. William Mitchell; alternate director, Mrs. A. J. Smethurst; branch director, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. E. Kern, Mrs. Charles Jones; pianist, Mrs. Roughley; Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. J. Norton; press reporters, Mrs. A. J. Smethurst, Mrs. J. S. Noble; roll call Mrs. Jones. Convener of committees are: Agriculture and Canadian Industry, Mrs. Geary; Mrs. J. Noble; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. Cyril Clarke; Home economics and health, Mrs. Roughley; Mrs. R. Turner; Community activities and public relations, Mrs. J. E. Ellerby; Mrs. A. J. Smethurst; Historical research, current events and Tweedsmuir history, Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Mitchell; Flowers and fruit, Mrs. J. S. Noble.

President Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Ellerby entertained members at a noon luncheon preceding the business meeting when roll call was payment of fees.

A library report given by Mrs. Mitchell showed close to 900 books in the library, with still a need for children's books as they are the best customers. The report of Mrs. Paul Spitzer and Mrs. Charles Meredith, financial convener for March, showed \$20 from a euchre party held at Mrs. Spitzer's home.

A \$25 donation was sent to the provincial project: "Help Korean widows help themselves." The W.I. will buy sewing machines and hand looms with funds collected this way. Two dollars was also sent to CARE for blankets for Korea.

The president was delegated to attend the conference in Guelph and the annual Halton TB and Health Assoc. meeting in Trafalgar. Flower and fruit convener Mrs. J. S. Noble reported sending 17

boxes of fruit and chocolates to eighteen children during the year and eleven shut-ins were remembered at Christmas. A total of \$726 is on hand, according to the treasurer's report.

**GETS PUBLICITY IN
AMERICAN MAGAZINE**

Rev. Reuben Salmon, a Georgetown High School grad, has been publicized from time to time in Canadian newspapers and magazines for his church building activities. Now Coronet has run a feature story about him.

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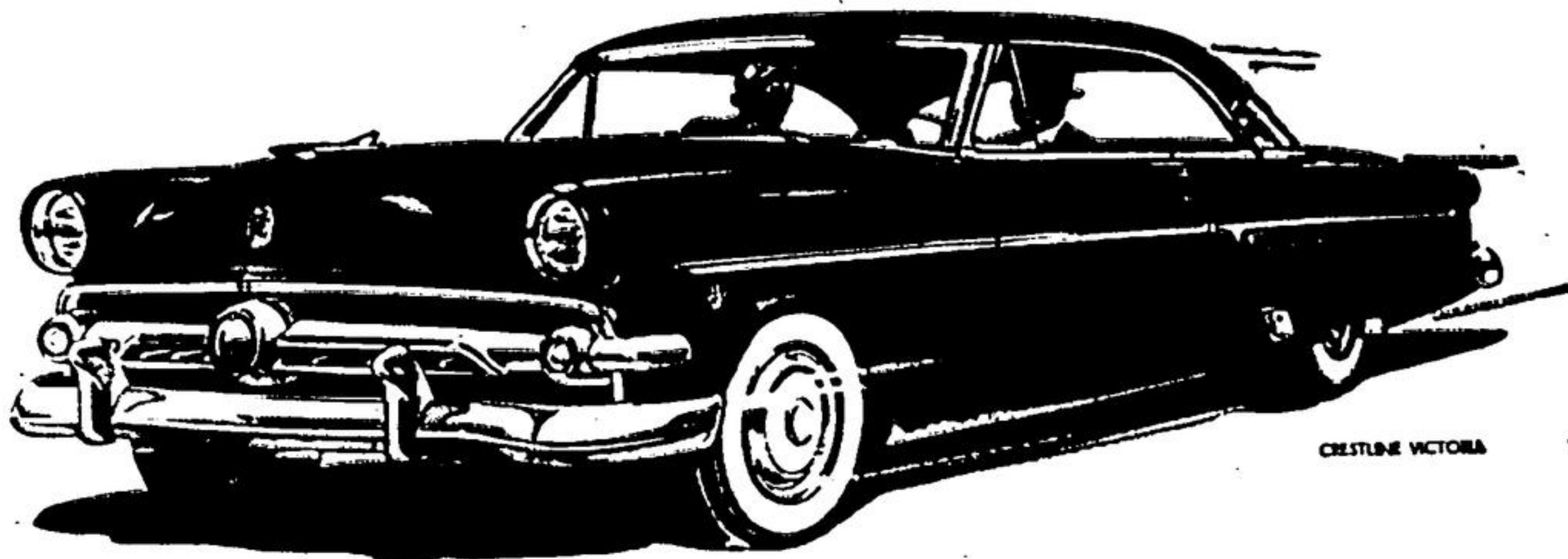


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