



EMERGENCY UNIT—Midway between Hurricane Hazel and their June 1st deadline to evacuate, wives in the Woodbridge Emergency Housing Unit discuss future plans while they do their family wash. Machines and irons are busy from early morning to late night. Canadian Westinghouse donated the laundry equipment and services it free. Rev. J. A. H. Hodgson, third from right, "The Chaplain of Hurricane Hazel" at Woodbridge, supervises the housing unit. Left, assisting company, Mrs. Murray Williams brews a pot of tea in one of the 30 Government trailers. Right, Vernon Nowaczyk, 3 1/2, gives his parents pointers on cooking for the families in the emergency unit. John and Mrs. Nowaczyk see that men on shifts get 24 hour chef service in the dining hall.

Hospital Fund Drive Goes Over the Top

Peel Memorial's joint campaign for Hospital Association memberships and contributions for its Special Equipment Fund, has gone well over the top.

Three hundred and seventy-five members were enrolled for 1955 at \$2.00 per person and well over \$5200 was made available for the equipment fund, which included the furnishing and equipping of the new Physio Therapy Department which is now in operation on a part time basis.

Two large cheques, as well as a number of smaller ones, received in the final week made possible the grand finish to the campaign.

At the annual meeting last week, Mrs. Margaret Anthony, Market St., for many years a loyal supporter and worker in the Hospital Auxiliary, made a most generous donation of \$200.00, to be used at the discretion of the board.

The Kinote Club presented its cheque for \$131.25, the proceeds of a successful bridge which they held recently. This amount has been earmarked to pay for the special record cabinet used in the Radiology Department, for filing X ray plates. A suitable plaque will be affixed to this cabinet later.

When asked to comment about the campaign, chairman C. V. Charters stated "We are all agreeably surprised and greatly delighted with the success of the special effort over the past three months. It has proven conclusively that the hospital holds a warm spot in the hearts of our citizens. When told of the need they rallied in their support and this further evidence of interest is bound to be a real encouragement to the new Board of Governors." In conclusion, the chairman again expressed his appreciation and thanks to all the newspapers, the local radio station, and to all who assisted in making the campaign the outstanding success it was.

April Induction Service Planned at St. George's

The Bishop of Niagara the Rt. Rev. W. E. Bagnall, D.D., has announced that the induction of Rev. Kenneth Richardson as rector of the Anglican parish of St. George's, Georgetown and St. Alban's, Glen Williams, will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m. in St. George's Church.

The Rev. A. H. O'Neil, general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society and former principal of Huron Divinity College will preach the sermon. The induction will be the first one to be held in the parish in 23 years and a large attendance to the solemn occasion is anticipated.

MAKER OF CRATES FOR 72 YEARS

An interesting article in an English newspaper was drawn to our attention by Charles Parton of town. The article refers to a cousin of Mr. Parton and reads as follows:

For 72 years, Mr. Levy Jackson has followed the craft of crate-making. At the age of 80, he still carries on at G. I. Ashworth and Bros., Ltd., the Hanley china and earthenware manufacturers, with no thought of retirement.

Not only is he the pottery's oldest employee — he is also probably the oldest crate-maker in the district.

When a Sentinel reporter saw Mr. Jackson in his workshop at the pottery, the craftsman demonstrated part of his skill by twisting a stout hazel stick into shape in his strong hands. So effortlessly did he work that the question of retirement seemed rather out of place.

Crate-making itself is a dying craft. Mr. Jackson can remember when there were about 400 crate-makers in the Potteries alone. Now, he doubts whether there are 100. He thinks the reason for the decline, which began during the Second World War is because young men do not want the heavy work.

Leaving school at the age of 12, he worked for his father, who kept some horses near Hanley Parish Church.

At one time Mr. Jackson might have become a pupil teacher but, instead, he began learning crate-making at the age of 14 and worked at the old Caudon Works.

For each crate in which he bored the many holes by hand he earned 4 1/2d.

He worked for 31 years in turn for Mr. John Barlow, a crate manufacturer of Burslem, and Mr. Barlow's son.

Mr. Jackson joined Ashworth's when he was 70 and the 16 years he has spent there, he says, have "gone by like a dream."

In those 16 years he has become one of the most popular men at the pottery, and there is always a cheery greeting from everyone who passes his open fronted workshop, which has all the traditional atmosphere associated with the craft.

Mr. Jackson's bench itself is more than 100 years old. His tools are few, most of the work being done entirely by hand, and there has been little change in his methods during the whole of his 72 years of crate-making.

As modern substitutes for those which Mr. Jackson deftly makes with his hands, he thinks metal crates are the most successful. Pottery, however, is safer in the wooden crates because of the spring in the wood, and they are used to pack ware for export.

Mr. Jackson, whose wife died some years ago, has four daughters and one son, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

FAMILY, FRIENDS FETE 49th WEDDING COUPLE

Members of their family and a few close friends attended a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gunmer, 16 King Street E. a week ago Saturday.

The party was planned to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary which took place on February 28th. A turkey dinner was served, and the honoured couple received a pop-up toaster from the family and a number of china gifts from friends.

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