

## REVIEW EARLY HISTORY AT CEMETERY MEMORIAL

Alan Neelon, student minister at Ballinafad preached an inspiring sermon on "The Passing and the Permanent" at a memorial service held in Ballinafad cemetery on Sunday.

Ballinafad choir and Churchill Orchestra contributed several musical numbers. Those who spoke during the service included Harold Griffin, reeve of Erin Township,

Albert Wheeler, F. W. Shortill, the chairman of the present board of trustees and Ernest Root.

F. W. Shortill, Richard Shortill, Sr., F. J. Shortill and Miss Beatrice Hills comprise the present board of trustees and along with Matt Shortill, caretaker, were responsible for the decided improvements in the cemetery grounds during the past few years.

During the service, Ernest Root, Orton, whose ancestors were district pioneers, presented a resume of early history prepared by Miss Hills.

Nathaniel Roszell, a native of Pennsylvania, was the first settler in Erin Township. He came with his family from Smithville in November, 1821, and settled on Lot 1 between the 6th and 7th Lines.

His son Benjamin was the first white child born in the Erin district, November 11th, 1821.

The first revival meeting of the settlers was held in Mr. Roszell's home. He gave land for the first school, for the first Methodist church, cemetery, parsonage and a

temperance hall. Rev. Tyndall and his wife and family lived in the parsonage for a number of years.

Abraham Buck was another early settler. William Havens was appointed clerk of the local municipality. Thomas Merry, a native of Ireland, is credited with giving Ballinafad its name.

A Mr. Hopkins was the first tax collector appointed in 1824. The first store was opened by James and Thomas Stevens. John Frank opened a hotel. Peter Ferguson & Sons operated the first blacksmith shop.

William Hills with his brother Joseph moved into the northern part of Esquesing about the same

time the Roszell family came. Joseph Jr., was born on the Hills farm just one mile east of Ballinafad on November 23rd, 1821.

Rev. Joseph Hills wrote in one of his books the following: "About four years after the founding of the settlement, the scattered population decided to put up a log building that would serve the double purpose of school and meeting house."

The building was erected on the corner of Nathaniel Roszell's farm, just across from where the store now stands. In this school religious services were held for a number of years.

Professor Pitcher was the first schoolmaster and, with his son Peter, boarded with the various families. His small salary was a stated sum for each student to be paid by the parents. The school was built around the year 1825. About 1869 it was closed and the pupils who lived in Erin Township attended Peacock School, and those living in Esquesing went to Blue Mountain.

In 1845 a meeting was held for the purpose of appointing three trustees for the cemetery. On May 9th, 1845, a deed was drawn up between Nathaniel Roszell and his wife Hannah "in the Township of Erin, in the county of Waterloo,

In the Wellington district, in the province of Canada."

The trustees were: Obadiah Roy, Archibald Patterson and Joseph Hills. Witnesses present were Donald McBain and Arthur Thompson. The sum of five shillings was paid for the land.

### Mrs. T. P. Cunningham Hornby Pioneer Family

A descendant of early pioneers of Halton County, Lizzie Cunningham, 84, of Milton died at Milton Private Hospital.

Born in Hornby in March, 1872 she was the daughter of the late James Coulson and Joan Tingle. In 1897 she married Thomas P. Cunningham, who died in December, 1901. She moved to Brandon, Manitoba, in 1911, returning to Milton in 1946.

Active in the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Cunningham was also a school teacher. She taught Bible class at the First United Church in Brandon and also taught at the Hornby Methodist Church from 1904 to 1907. In Brandon, she was president of the Women's Liberal party organization.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Maggie Preston of Charles Street, Milton, and a son, James of Hornby. A brother, John, predeceased her.

She was educated at Hornby public school and Georgetown high school, and received her degree at Normal School. She was a member of the United Church.

Interment was made in Hornby Presbyterian Church cemetery, with Mr. N. A. Russ and the Rev. E. Orsborn officiating, on July 14. Pallbearers were: Gear Sinclair, Dewar Lindsay, William Neilson, Clebert McDowell, George Galbraith, and Clifford Wrigglesworth. Flower bearers were Nelson Robinson, T. J. Brownridge, Edward Bridgen, William T. Randall, Russell King, T. E. Robinson, James Brooks and M. S. Sprout.

#### FARM NEWS

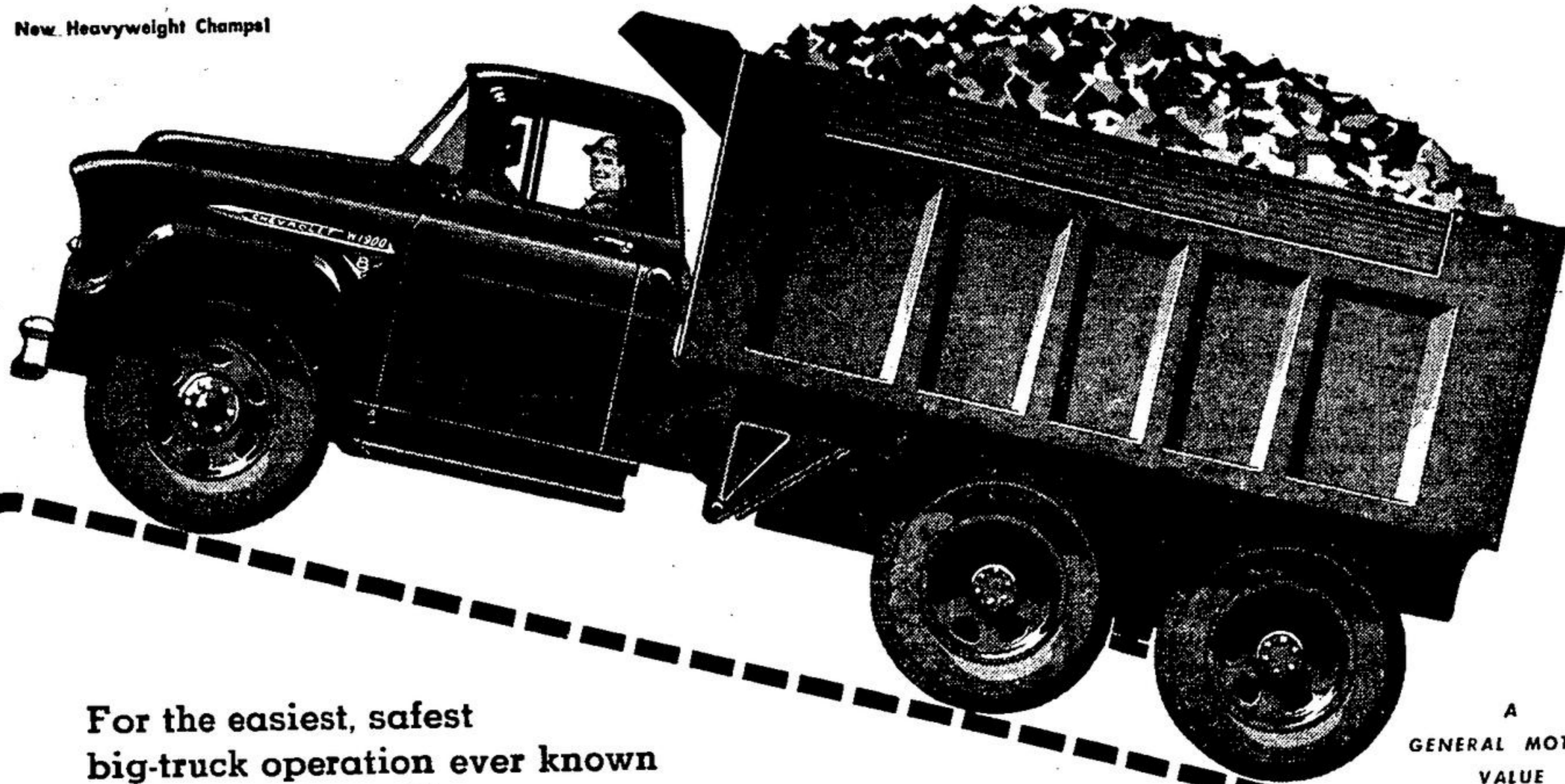
#### 4-H Club Members See Toronto Sights

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Tuesday of last week saw some eighty of Halton 4-H Agricultural members on their annual one day bus trip. The two bus loads of young people with Art Bennett and a number of club leaders in charge had an outstanding day's program in Toronto. In contrast to former years when the club members visited such points of interest as a Forestry Station, outstanding farms, etc., the programme this year, as a result of the recommendations of the Halton club leaders' council, was all centred in the city of Toronto. Some of the points of interest included a visit through one of Toronto's large newspaper plants; a visit to the Canadian Bank of Commerce building where they viewed the city from the observation tower; a trip through the recently established Toronto Building Centre; then on to the Parliament Buildings where they took seats in the Legislative Assembly, elected their speaker, premier and leader of the opposition, etc. At this point they were met by Halton's member Stanley L. Hall and Gordon Bennett, associate director of Extension. Then followed a visit to Sunnyside, a dip in the enclosed swimming pool and finally on to the Maple Leaf stadium where Montreal and the Toronto Maple Leafs staged an outstanding game for their benefit. It was a tired but happy group who returned to their respective homes in the small hours of Wednesday morning. The only report we have heard to date is "The best ever."

—Next public holiday will be that of Labour Day, this year falling on Monday, September 3rd. As usual local businesses will close.

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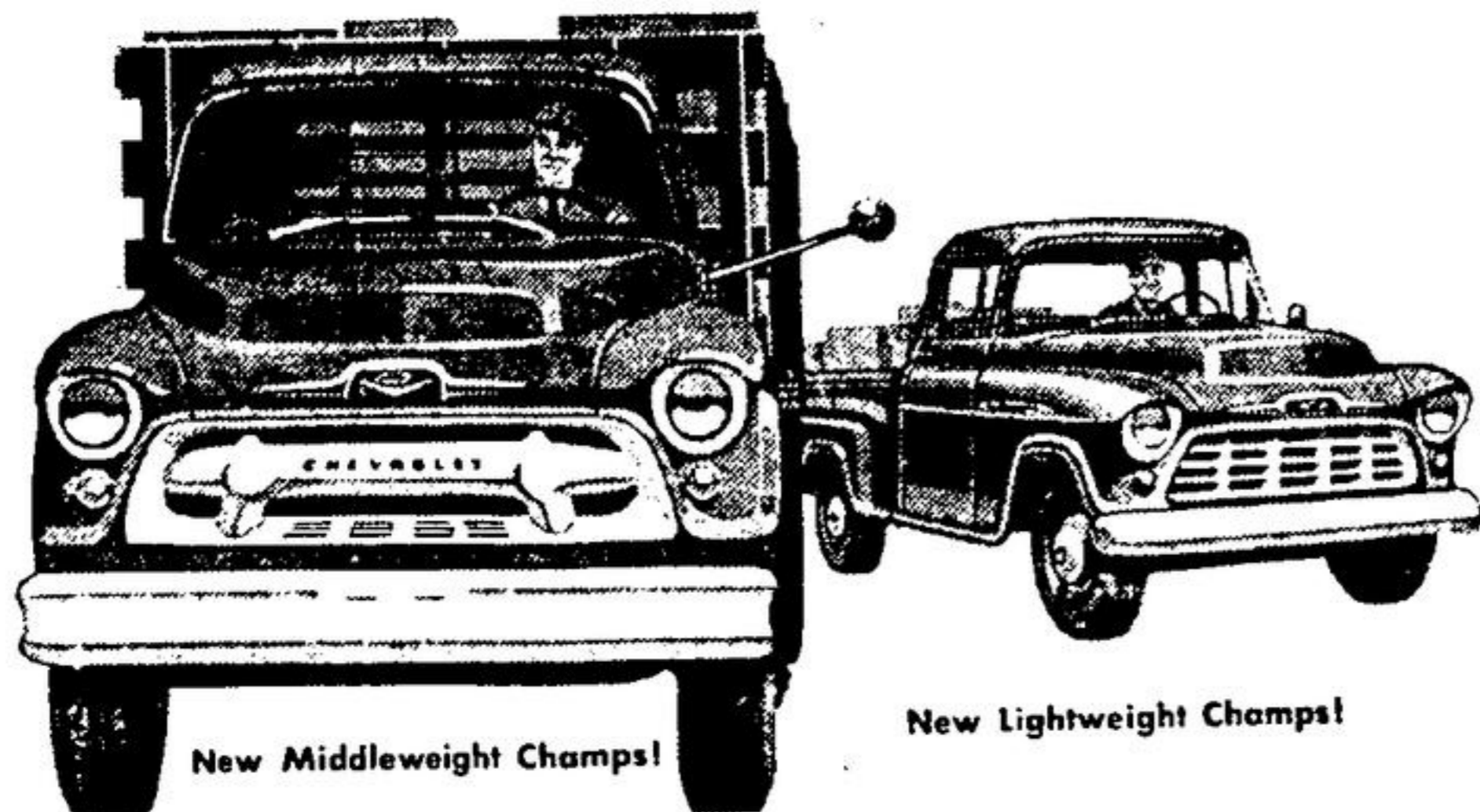
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