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**SAWMILL FIRST INDUSTRY
PLAQUE MARKS WESTON SITE**

The first historical site marker to be placed by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority since its creation last February was dedicated recently at Weston's North Park in a public ceremony.

The granite millstone with bronze plaque marks the site of a grist mill and sawmill built in 1810 and operated for 105 years.

Attending the ceremony were A. H. Richardson, chairman of the Authority, Mayor Harry Clark of Weston and members of Council; Mrs. Dorothy Hague, chairman of the Authority's historical sites advisory board and vice chairman Mrs. G. A. Klinck, along with 18 descendants of James Farr who operated the mills and named the settlement 'Weston' after his home town in England.

In his capacity of chairman of the Authority, Mr. Richardson briefly outlined the functions of the MRCTA, and noted that the locating and marking of historical sites was one of the major objectives of the Authority. He pointed out that in the next few months, certain other sites will be marked in Scarborough; Woodbridge; Leaside; North York and Etobicoke.

Mrs. Klinck presented a brief history of Farr's Mills which was the original name of Weston, and related that the mills stood on the west bank of the Humber river. The grist mill and sawmill were built by David Holley, a Pennsylvania Mennonite, who came to Canada with his family by wagon train in 1807. During the war of 1812, the grist mill operated day and night providing supplies for Canada's defenders; and an interesting sidelight reveals that the grain ground for Canadian troops was smuggled in from the State of New York, much to the chagrin of the U.S. authorities.

James Farr purchased the mill in 1815 and enlarged the grist mill using five "run of stones" in it. The village of Farr's Mills suffered from a series of flood disasters in 1824, 1850 and 1878, but it continued to flourish and it was James Farr who named the village "Weston" in the mid 1800's after his birthplace in England.

In 1827, Farr sold the mill to two brothers, Charles and William Wadsworth and further expansion took place as the demand for flour increased. The mill had a capacity of 150 barrels a day and ran day and night. Eventually the mills were electrified in the early 1900's.

In making the presentation of the marker, Mrs. Hague pointed out that the historical sites advisory board had two important functions; to establish historical museums such as the Pioneer Museum in the Dalziel Conservation area, and to locate and mark historical sites.

"It is our hope that in this way we can conserve history; make the history live and also make the people more conscious of their heritage," she said.

A prayer of dedication was given by Rev. H. Martin, of Thistleton United Church.

**Mrs. Bob Harris New
True Blue Lodge Head**

A successful meeting of the Local True Blue Lodge was held on Tuesday, November 26th when the election and installation of officers took place for the ensuing year. Bro. Fred McNally, PDDGM, presided.

Mr. McNally was the instigator in forming the True Blue Lodge in 1922, and he became the first district deputy grand master for Halton district.

Officers for 1958 are: Mrs. Bob Harris, worshipful mistress; Mrs. George Greig, deputy mistress; Mrs. Albert Carter, recording secretary; Mrs. Marion Beatty, financial secretary; Mrs. Bert Marchment, treasurer; Mrs. Harvey Lusty, chaplain; Mrs. Clare Little, director of ceremonies; Mrs. Jim Gambell, conductor; Mrs. Gordon Jennings, inside tiler; Mrs. Fred McCartney, outside tiler; and a committee comprising Mrs. George Greig, Mrs. Harvey Lusty, Mrs. Ken Harris, Mrs. Verrill Rawson, Mrs. Ernie Rawson.

**Commerce Chamber
Sponsors Christmas
Decorating Plan**

Meeting last Tuesday in the Municipal Building, members of Georgetown Chamber of Commerce decided to replace the monthly meetings with a new idea - four meetings a year which will be dinner meetings and on which a strong effort will be made to get more members to attend.

Monthly meetings have not been too successful from an attendance standpoint, and a suggestion by chairman Harold Barstow that the new idea be tried met with approval.

The Chamber decided to enter a float in the Lions Santa Claus parade this year. A major portion of the meeting was spent discussing plans for the Christmas home decorating campaign, containing a project which was successful last year. This year the Chamber is sponsoring a voting contest, which shoppers will be asked to name on a ballot the merchant who has the most attractive store decorations.

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**GOLF LADIES CONVEENE
BRIDGE, EUCHRE PARTY**

The ladies' section of the North Halton Golf and Country Club convened a mixed bridge and euchre party at the club last Thursday. Prizes went to the winners at cards and a lucky draw. The draw winners were Mrs. Harv Lee, Dr. Alan Thompson, Mrs. Stan Finlay, Mrs. Ross Duncan, and Mrs. Olive Reid.

High bridge score was held by Mrs. Lloyd Marks, Mrs. Robert Barber, Murt Allison and low score by J. D. Mathies and Mrs. Irwin Noble. Mrs. Ross Duncan also held 1st at euchre and Mrs. Ed Malison the low score winger. A lunch was served after the cards.

Mrs. Sam Mackenzie was the convener and Mrs. Lloyd Marks, Mrs. Stan Wade, Mrs. Stan Finlay, Mrs. Ted Darlington, Mrs. Jack Kerby, Mrs. H. E. McFarland, and Mrs. Arthur Beaumont comprised the committee.

**FARMERS GIVE OPINIONS ON
MACHINERY IMPROVEMENTS**

Mrs. M. J. Brown

"A New Look in Farm Machinery" was the topic discussed by Ontario Farm Radio Forum on November 18th.

Most of the Halton forum groups feel we have adequate machinery available at present. Some suggested a machine that would do both haying and harvesting would be helpful, also a less expensive stable cleaner. One group thinks diesel tractors would be more economical.

A general suggestion for improvement, especially from a financial viewpoint, is the standardizing of all makes of farm machinery. Many machine builders SBery. Many machines could be made more useful by the addition of special attachments. If all machinery companies made these a standard size, it would be a great benefit to the farmer, was the opinion.

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Domestic production by companies in Canada's electrical manufacturing industry was \$1,215,800,000 for 1956, an increase of 11 per cent over 1955, Thomas J. Bell, newly elected president of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association, stated at the group's 13th annual meeting.

This is the second consecutive year that the electrical manufacturing industry has passed the billion dollar mark in production. Mr. Bell said that in 1955, the industry's output was \$1,100,000,000, a 10 per cent increase over 1954.

The association's 1956 production figure includes some \$139,800,000 worth of washing machines, electric driers, porcelain insulators and other similar products, which are manufactured by the industry but classified by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under other industries.

Commenting on the current year, Mr. Bell stated that "from present indications, it appears that 1957 will result in another peak production year for Canada's electrical manufacturers. However, a large part of electrical manufacturing production is tied closely to the construction industry, and the shortage of building money indicates a further leveling off in construction."

Mr. Bell, who is president of Fibreglas Canada Ltd., Toronto, added that the electrical manufacturing industry is maintaining its position as one of Canada's largest industries in terms of numbers of employees and wages paid. "In 1956," he further stated, "the industry employed 83,600 persons as against 76,200 in 1955, an increase of more than 9.5 per cent. The industry's wage and salary bill for last year reached \$315,000,000 an increase of 19 per cent over the 1955 figure of \$264,000,000."

"In addition," he further stated, "the industry used \$556,000,000 worth of raw materials in 1956, compared to \$477,600,000 worth in 1955, thereby retaining its position as one of the major consumers of Canadian raw materials."

The industry spent an additional \$9,025,000 for fuel and electricity last year, as against \$7,800,000 in 1955.

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