

Oakville Man is Named President County P.C.s

Conservative supporters in Halton County gathered last Thursday evening, Oct. 29th, in Milton town hall for their annual meeting. A large crowd attended, representative of all part of the county.

The president, Les Clark of Georgetown, opened the meeting with a welcome to all present, and then asked that the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. John Depew, Oakville, read the minutes and also various items of correspondence, including the annual provincial meeting being held in Toronto November 1st and 2nd.

A treasurer's report was given by David Green of Milton, showing the association in a fair financial condition. The president Mr. Clark then addressed the meeting, saying that the next item of business was the election of officers but before that took place he would like to say a few words, in appreciation of the wonderful support he had received in his years in office.

He said that while he had enjoyed every minute of it, embracing as it did, the two federal sweeps, and the victory of the provincial party again, after a record sixteen years in office. However as all good things must end, it was time, he felt, to step aside and let some one else take over. He had served continuously on the county executive for eleven years, and while thanking the many well wishers who had wished him to remain in office, he would not let his name stand again. Mr. Clark then asked that a chairman be appointed for the election.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the retiring president by P. J. McNally, Georgetown. Results of the election were as follows — President, Glen Cooper, an Oakville construction firm executive; 1st vice president, David Green, Milton, YPC president, John Whyte, Burlington; Ladies' president, Mrs. G. Saville, Burlington; secretary, John Depew.

Mr. Cooper spoke briefly and thanked all present for his election, and paid tribute to his predecessor. He then called on Mr. Stan Hall, MPP, who spoke briefly, as did Mr. Best, MP. Mr. Best, introduced the guest speaker, Arthur Maloney, QC, who spoke to his audience at some length about the nation's business, interspersing his remarks with a great deal of Irish wit.

Mr. Maloney, one of Canada's greatest criminal lawyers was pinch hitting for the Hon. Michael Starr who could not be present. Mr. Maloney is now representing Parkdale riding in Toronto.

The evening ended with the serving of coffee and cookies.

THREE BAPTISMS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S UNITED

Three children were baptized during the Sunday morning service in St. John's United Church, with Rev. Morgan McFarlane officiating.

They were Pauline Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sunnucks; Muriel Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick King; and Pamela Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vogan.

At previous services recently, other children baptized included Shirley Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Norton, Ballinacraig; Dian Isabella Maude and Donna Darlene, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farmer; William Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Challengier and Janet Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wright.

LOOKING AHEAD - - - By Alan Mawer



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Diary of a Vagabond

BY BERTHIE HANCOCK

There was a time when the three bairns would hit my front door with a whoop and head right for a toy box I keep in the sunroom, especially for their amusement. But times have changed since their grandmother became a vagabond. Now they settle down, soon after arrival, with a small blond head on either of my shoulders and a lanky ten year old stretched at my feet.

With hard little chins digging into both of my collar bones and a pair of incredulous blue eyes gazing at me from the floor as they plead for more stories about my "adventures."

"The one they like best is the tale about the arrival of a new baby on the train between Vancouver and Jasper Park last summer, when train crew members proved more excited than the young mother. She was an Indian girl still in her teens, and she boarded the train at Blue River. Before we had travelled far, frantic wires were being sent ahead for a nurse, a doctor, to board the train and relieve the conductor of his enforced responsibility. In the wee small hours of the morning, while most passengers snoozed cozily in their sleeping accommodations, unaware of all the excitement, a lusty howl announced the arrival of another Canadian citizen. The small papoose was wrapped in numerous CNR towels and a huge blanket. His mother cuddled him, as the pair was taken off the train and bundled into an ambulance at Jasper Park early the next morning.

The bairns are always a bit disappointed when the story ends. They seem to think that their itchy footed grandmother should have played an important part in this adventure. I try to explain that it was excitement enough for me just to see the porter navigating the aisle of a swaying coach with a pail of boiling water in one hand and an armful of towels in the other, not to have participated in the actual birth of the baby myself.

"These youngsters indulge in a bit of hero worship as far as their paternal grandmother is concerned. That is why I have never told them I should probably have fainted dead away,

I had been faced with such a chore as midwifery. I experienced enough cold shudders when the porter rolled his huge black eyes at me as he said, "I have just six myself but I never birthed one yet. How about you?" I was just ready to tell him I was the legendary "Typhoid Mary" and not safe to have near a new born infant, when the train stopped and picked up not one, but two nurses.

When the tale reaches this point I change the subject. I explain about the Museum of Natural History in Regina. They never tire of being told that dinosaurs roamed the prairies 70 or 100 million years ago, in a tropical atmosphere. This is the prelude to my enthusiastic description of this museum wonderland of pictorial history, where show case after show case depicts the natural habitat of the animals now peculiar to Saskatchewan.

I brought back with me from my summer visit in Regina, a brochure of the museum. Their great delight is in studying the picture of the 'Bambi' case, inspired by the Walt Disney film. It is so true to life that they can pick out the squirrels, bunnies, huge old owls, groundhog and, of course, numerous birds.

Most of all they are fascinated by the fact that 200 children participate in Saturday morning programs at the museum. These include film, drawing from museum exhibits and field study trips.

Ricky, the eldest bairn is already planning a trip to this Queen city of the prairies, where he can see first hand the exhibit of Eskimo art and the almost unbelievable collection of birdlife that is arranged in several of the 101 cases devoted to nature study.

It's confusing, thinks young Ricky, with all the wonderful things there are to see in Canada, just where to start. But with the new reduced group fares and complete package plans for travel by rail, announced recently by the C.N.R., blessed with parents who are in having their children "experience Canada," these youngsters stand a very good chance of enjoying a visual education embracing their native land.

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FARM NEWS

County 4-H Team Grain Judging Winners

J. A. F. Halton's five teams in the 4th provincial interclub competition at Guelph made commendable showing on October 23. Carolyn Gardhouse and Margaret Lawson of Milton R.R. 5, represented the Halton 4-H Forage Club, and stood second in the grain competition. Thirty one teams representing various counties in Ontario, participated in the competition.

The most keenly contested was the dairy project, with 87 teams taking part. Two teams from Halton tied for 3rd place in this competition. Nora Beaty and Mike Jenkinson, representing the Halton 4H Jersey-Guernsey Club, and Barbara Pickard and Mary Lou Taylor represented the Holstein Club. Both teams had a score of 897, out of a possible 1040.

The Halton 4-H Swine Club team, of Ernest Alexander and Harold Patterson, stood 8th, with 20 teams competing.

The Halton 4H tractor maintenance club team of Bob Merry and Jack Robertson stood 6th, with 36 teams competing. There were 267 teams of two,

taking part in the competitions. The program was directed by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. At the evening banquet, Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, minister of agriculture, for the Province of Ontario, addressed the contestants. In his remarks he stressed the value of the 4-H Club program in training rural young people for future occupations.

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