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DASHING DUO

JACQUELINE AND IAN BOWELL display the form that won them applause in the sixth annual 'Rhapsody on Ice' Saturday. In a Circus number this pair played high wire artists.

BALLINAFAD

Two Fathers' Ages Total 191 Years

Mrs. M. Madill entertained a dinner party on Saturday night in honour of her father's birthday. Mr. Lindsay was 92 years old and he enjoys exceptionally good health. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Madill went to Mount Albert to observe Mr. Madill's father's birthday, who was 99 on that day. He lives with his daughter there.

Mr. Beaton's parents of Sarnia were guests at the manse for a few days last week on their way home from a holiday in New York. They left on Friday for Collingwood where they attended the christening of the new boat that Mr. Beaton will be on this season.

The C.G.I.T. group met for their regular meeting on Monday and had an almost perfect attendance despite the stormy night. The girls made arrangements to entertain the Acton Presbyterian group at a St. Patrick's party next Monday night and also their bake sale to be held at the store on Saturday afternoon.

The Evening Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Norton. Twelve members were present and answered the roll call with an Easter thought. Mrs. J. McEnery reported that material was purchased from which neckerchiefs have been made for the cubs and scouts. They will be presented to them on their investiture into the scouting program.

Mrs. Norton read a poem on Christian Citizenship. A report on the annual Presbyterian meeting of the W.M.S. at Milton was presented by Mrs. E. McEnery, the last of such annual meetings to be held prior to the amalgamation of the several United Church Women's

organizations. Mrs. A. Lawr commented on the inspirational presentation of the Christian Stewardship program by the secretary, Mrs. G. F. MacKenzie.

The devotional was given by Mrs. R. Shortill followed by the topic prepared by Mrs. D. Smith. The topic entitled "Waking Sickness — scourge of Africa" points out the social problems arising for the Africans who move from simple rural areas into the complicated life of cities and suburban towns. The meeting closed with the benediction and a social period followed with lunch served by Mrs. L. Jamieson and Mrs. Norton.

Congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanderson whose 50th wedding anniversary was on March 8th. On Friday evening their family held a get-together and dinner in Brampton at the home of their son Louis. They have two other sons, Earl of Brampton and Willard of Ballinafad. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson moved into the community from Peterborough district about three years ago and we welcome them to our neighbourhood and extend to them our best wishes on this happy occasion.

ACCIDENT AT PLAZA CAUSES MINOR DAMAGE

Only minor damage resulted when a car and a truck came together at the entrance to Delrex Market Centre last Thursday.

Police said a 1959 Ford Thames driven by John Edward Guyett of 6 Gibbons Place was proceeding south on Mountainview behind a 1954 Chev driven by Elling Berg of Limehouse when the Berg car slowed to make a left turn into the plaza entrance. Guyett was unable to stop the truck in time to avoid a collision. The road at the time was slippery and unsanded. Total damage was estimated at \$165.

Showboat Minstrels Now in Rehearsal

Captain Ralph Ursel of the Rotary Showboat cast off from his moorings at the head of the Credit River, this week and hopes to dock in Georgetown April 28th. The script is almost complete after many a brain-racking session, while a song or two about the weird native customs in Georgetown has been pencilled in. The chorus has been rehearsing furiously, and the end men are brushing off their straw hats. Again the man in the white suit will be Jack Gunn, Mr. Interlocutor. The show will be performed here April 28, 29 and May 5, 6. A week later the showboat will be floated down to the Frigidaire auditorium in Scarborough for another two night stand, sponsored by the Scarborough Optimist Club.

Georgetown Firemen Called to Milton Blaze

Because of a shortage of Scott air packs used by firemen to enter heavy smoke, Milton firemen looked to Georgetown for help Monday when fire raged through the basement of the Milton Department Store.

Six local firemen accompanied the pure air supplies to the scene of the Milton blaze and three assisted in battling the flames while the other three returned to Acton to help cover that town while the Acton brigade assisted in Milton. The local firemen used the inhalator truck.

One Milton fireman was temporarily overcome by smoke in the fire which caused an estimated \$40,000 damage.

The fire burned out the basement interior and spread to portions of the main floor. Stock not burned by fire was considered a total loss because of smoke and water damage. The fire was discovered in the basement of the two-story brick building by store manager John Clayton. He rushed upstairs and informed the store owner, Pearl Davis of Hamilton. Employees and customers and occupants of two apartments above the store safely left the building.

Employees who attempted to extinguish the blaze were forced back from the basement by heavy smoke.

Space Heater Flares Man Severely Burned

Gerry Perkins, 46 Victoria Street, was taken to hospital with severe burns on his face and hands suffered when a space heater flared up at his home Sunday morning. Fire chief Bob Bonfield said the oil heater apparently blew back through the carburetor resulting in the sudden flash which caught Mr. Perkins unaware. He will be in hospital for at least two weeks.

Baseboard in the room was charred by the fire which was quickly doused by firemen with a CO2 extinguisher. The alarm was turned in shortly before 8 o'clock.

DAYLIGHT SAVING COMING

Signs of spring! Council has set daylight saving time for the same period this year as Toronto. Clocks will be turned ahead an hour at 2 a.m. April 30th and residents will enjoy that extra hour of evening daylight until October 29th.

Glen Boy, Town Girl Seek Speaking Honors

Tonight (March 16) the county public school speaking finals will be held in Percy Merry School, Trafalgar. And there is particular local interest, because two young speakers from town and Glen Williams are among the final lists. Marty Wheeler, Glen Williams, who won the North Halton finals recently, and Yolanga Goudekettling, of Wrigglesworth School who placed second will be among tonight's competitors. The winner tonight will compete in the provincial contest during the teachers' convention Easter week in Toronto.

Believe Calabogie Man Was Oldest in Canada

Spencer Church, who was perhaps the oldest man in Canada when he died a few weeks ago, was an uncle of two district residents, Mrs. Alex Brown, 27 Victoria St. and Mrs. Clifford Boughner, Terra Cotta. Born on a farm near Calabogie, sixty miles west of Ottawa, he spent all but a few years of his 110 years on the farm and in the bush. He would have been 111 in June. Spry and alert until he became ill at Christmas, Mr. Church was a shade under 5 feet tall and weighed only 100 pounds. He attributed his long life to working hard.

At a birthday celebration last year, 164 direct descendants joined him in a two-day celebration. Father of eighteen children, most of them predeceased him. His wife died fifty years ago.

Chapel Street Teacher For Twenty-five Years

A teacher at Chapel Street public school for twenty-five years, Miss Laura I. Scott died in Milton March 9th. She was 76.

Prior to her position in Georgetown, Miss Scott had taught first at a rural school in the Milton district, at Cobalt and in Milton. She came to Georgetown in 1929, and was Grade 3 teacher at what was then Georgetown's only public school. She retired in 1954.

She attended Knox Presbyterian Church during her residence here. Four years ago she went to Milton to make her home.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Scott, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. A. L. MacNab, of Milton and Mrs. L. J. Maude, Mimico. A sister Mrs. Anson McDuffie predeceased her. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton, followed funeral service on Saturday at the McNab & Son Funeral Home.

Georgetown Now Has Fifth Guide Company

The first company of Guides to be formed at Holy Cross Church, the Fifth Georgetown Company, were enrolled at a ceremony there last Thursday. The company, which was formed November 15, is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. Capt. McDonald of 1st Terra Cotta Company, conducted the enrolment before the members' parents and the 1st Terra Cotta girls who were guests. A lunch served after the enrolment was prepared by the members of the Fifth Company.

SNOWY OWL RARE VISITOR TO TOWN

A distinguished traveller from the arctic wastes made a brief stopover here last Wednesday as flying conditions were made impossible by the sudden blizzard. Nyctea Scandiacca better known as the great Snowy Owl, a rare bird even in his frozen homeland, made a hopping tour of the Delrex area during his stay and was sighted by Mrs. J. McAusland of Norton Crescent who called the Herald to relate her find and enquire about the feathered ghost of the north. Other callers also passed their discovery on to the Herald office.

Apparently in each case the impressive creature perched on the startled residents back fence like a living cigar advertisement for about ten minutes and then moved on. "The Snow Owl is 20" in length at maturity and migrates singly or sometimes as far south as the Caribbean Sea. After Wednesday's taste of local conditions this particular migrant may think twice about leaving the regions of the equator before May.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. William Hyde, 18 Queen Street, are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Powell and their new grandson Michael in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde made their trip by plane and will be away two weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGrae, 26 Market Street, and her mother, Mrs. Helen Fisk, Guelph, and Mrs. Aileen Bradley, spent Sunday in London with Mr. and Mrs. Don McGrae and their daughter Susan and with Mr. and Mrs. William Fisk.

Mrs. S. B. Groat, with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Smith, Toronto, attended the christening of John Gwynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Newman in St. Clement's Church, Toronto, on Sunday afternoon, and the reception following at the home of the baby's parents.

At St. John's United Dillon-Darby Wedding

In a quiet ceremony in St. John's United Church, Mrs. Kathleen Darby, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, 47 John Street East, became the bride of Percy Dillon, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dillon.

The bride wore a tea-rose shaded dressmaker suit with matching hat and a corsage of bronze shasta mums. Rev. Ian Fleming officiated at the five o'clock wedding on Saturday, March 11th. Mrs. Robert Williams attended her sister in a powder blue ensemble, a corsage of yellow shasta mums, pink hat and black bag.

Allan Darby, the eldest son, gave his mother in marriage. Mr. Williams the bride's brother-in-law was groomsman. At a wedding reception following, Mrs. Kathleen Weatherall, a niece of the bride, received for her in a royal blue gown with a pink carnation corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are living at 47 John Street East. She is on the staff of Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, and he is employed at the Canadian Legion.

\$30,000 Blaze at Mushroom Plant

WHAT COUNCIL DID

"Not Acceptable" is Mayor's Opinion of Delrex Proposal

Council Will Study Plan Another Week

"I've studied the proposal of Delrex Developments for release of more building land, and it's certainly not acceptable," said Mayor Hyde when he suggested to council Monday that the firm should have an answer as soon as possible to a request made last week. The company had asked release of 1162 building lots in three years, with Delrex providing services required in the subdivision by-law, paying \$200 per building lot against school construction costs and \$100 per lot to finance a full-time industrial commissioner.

"Some points in the proposal have merit, but basically this would render our subdivision by-law useless," continued the mayor, who said previous councils had decided there must be some balance arrived at between industrial and residential assessment before any more land is released.

"This plan gives no assurance of maintaining any kind of ratio and couldn't be accepted," he said. The mayor expressed doubt that the town needs a full-time industrial commissioner.

Cr. Ian Cass said he would like more time to study the proposal. "I feel if there are going to be any relaxations, council should make a counter-proposal and say what we are prepared to do," was his opinion. "I don't feel any member could say yes or no in this limited time," said Cr. Bob Burke.

Cr. Jim Emmerson said he had given the request much study during the week and had worked out a solution.

"First we have to deal with this request and give it a yes or no," said the mayor. "Any further proposal by Delrex or by a council member is something entirely different. Personally I've had time to study it and it's certainly not acceptable."

Cr. Win F. Hunter said the question boils down to release of land and payment of \$300 per lot. "I don't believe Delrex has built on 1100 lots since they started, and they are asking release of an equal number in less than two years and a further group later," he said. "In other words, we would be giving a complete release of all remaining land as of now."

Cr. Hunter said industry is still the keynote and he has hopes that some of the industrial leads will bear fruit. Cr. Jim Brown said the question of an industrial commissioner should be looked into. All attempts to lure industry to town have so far been unsuccessful, and he thinks there is a feeling that two bodies are pulling against each other and that a commissioner might be the answer.

The mayor pointed out that Delrex has offered \$100 for each building permit taken out, and the town would have no assurance of any set amount of money coming in for this purpose. As for two factions, everyone is forced to pull together in industrial promotion, he said, and there could be no question of factions.

"I've heard so many times that industry is just around the corner, but I hesitate to comment, but I hope the work of the past several months may lead to some success," he continued.

The mayor said there is a certain control over the price of industrial land at present, but once land is released, there will not be. Cr. Hunter said that the subdivider owns the industrial land and any negotiations still must go through him.

"A few years ago we thought we were getting \$147,000 in another land release, but it turned out to be fifty or sixty thousand dollars," he said. "In this case we get the \$100 only when a building permit is taken out."

Mayor Hyde expressed the opinion that to enter into an agreement with a company which is in default in other agreements would not be reasonable. A straw vote was taken and council decided to hold another decision on the request for another week.

Theatre Group Planning

With the resounding success of their first production, "Dirty Work" at the Crossroads, still ringing in their ears, the Little Theatre group is looking around for another play, possibly a comedy or a sophisticated thriller. With an enlarged group, the company hopes to present their next play before summer.

Kinsmen Present \$1000 to Hospital

A \$1,000 cheque was handed over from the Kinsmen to the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Fund Monday night at a regular meeting of Kin.

President Dean Taylor acted for the club in making the presentation and a member of the hospital board of directors, John Ord, accepted. The meeting was also the third birthday party for Georgetown's youngest service club and ex-deputy governor George Kennedy who started the local club rolling, was the guest of honour. Mr. Kennedy is from Oakville.

Twelve Kinsmen representing the local club made the trip to Preston to attend the annual conference of Zone A clubs.

Was Employee of British Railways

A supervisor with British Railways, Clarence William Wise, 70, died suddenly February 28th at Wealdstone, Middlesex. He was the father of a local resident, Mrs. Harry Sanderson, 8 Orchard Blvd., Georgetown, and a brother, George of Grange Park.

Lived in Town When Husband was Minister

Mrs. Wray L. Davidson of Burlington died on February 18 after a long illness. She was a Georgetown resident many years ago when her husband was minister of the then Methodist Church, now St. John's United.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Harold and Donald.

Funeral service took place in Ancaster United Church on February 22nd.

Fire Strikes Twice To Town Industry

Total losses at the Meadow Glen Growers plant which was hit by fire twice on the week end, may climb as high as \$30,000.

Fire Chief Bob Bonfield said yesterday that the Skrow brothers of Toronto who recently took over as owners of the "mushroom farm" have submitted an insurance claim for that amount.

Most costly items razed in the twin blazes were two tractors, a loader, and a boiler. Other smaller pieces of equipment were also inside the building and included in the loss. The building itself was completely demolished.

The first alarm was turned in at about twenty minutes to four Saturday morning and the second late Sunday night.

Though firemen battled the second blaze until the small hours of Monday morning before gaining the upper hand it was the first outbreak that resulted in the major part of the damage.

While the Saturday fire was confined to the equipment storage building the Sunday night recurrence ran across five zig-zag roofed houses in which the mushroom rooms are kept in spawns. Firemen attributed the rapid spread of the latter fire to a sawdust insulation in the ceiling. Only two of the five houses, however, suffered considerable damage. Water damage to the mushroom crop was also high.

The brigade remained at the plant until noon Monday. The only injury received during either blaze was by Vance Keutner who had to be treated for a badly burned hand suffered while he was attempting to cut off the oil flow to the boiler valve.

A German Shepherd which was inside the boiler room and located in the smoke. With all local trucks on Acton firemen were called here and for the duration of the fire protected the town. Because of the plant's lofty location flames were visible for miles.

Limehouse Girl Burned As Dress Catches Fire

Bonnie Campbell, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, Limehouse, is making some progress towards recovery from serious burns suffered three weeks ago at her home. She was getting ready for school one morning when her nylon dress caught fire from a heater. Her mother rolled her in a coat to put out the flames, receiving bad burns of her hands herself.

Bonnie is a patient in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and appreciates the many letters and cards which her friends have been sending her.



SAILORETTES AT ICE REVUE

RHAPSODY ON ICE, the sixth annual Georgetown Figure Skating Club presentation wound up Saturday with Anchors Aweigh performed by these senior skaters. As in former years, the skaters played to a packed house.



CONTEST WINNER

RALPH MCKEOWN, Principal of Glen Williams Public School congratulates pupil Marty Wheeler who represented the school so well in public speaking contests leading up to the Halton final. Marty won the township contest and last Wednesday was top speaker in the school area No. 1 which includes Esquesing, Georgetown, Oakville and Nassagaweya.