

# Gives Museum Key in Kelso Dam Ceremony



HALTON COUNTY'S FIRST MUSEUM was officially turned over to the Halton Museum Association last week when Warden Wilfrid Bird presented the key to Herbert Merry of Oakville, chairman of the Museum Association. The presentation took place at the entrance to the museum, the Duff Alexander barn on the Glen Eden farm at Kelso. Shown from left are chairman Robert Marshall of the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority, farm owner Duff Alexander, Mr. Merry, Mr. Bird, and Halton M.P.P. Stanley L. Hall.

The key for the new Halton County Museum on the Alexander's Glen Eden farm at Kelso was officially turned over to the Halton Museum Association in a brief ceremony at the site.

Warden Wilfrid Bird presented the key to Deputy Reeve Herbert Merry of Oakville, the chairman of the new association, and praised the group for the groundwork that had been laid for Halton's first historical museum. The ceremony took place outside the renovated barn which will house the exhibits of Halton's earlier days.

M.P.P. To Donate

Halton's M.P.P. Stanley L. Hall expressed his pleasure at the choice of this 70 year old barn as a museum site, and promised to root out some historical items from his own home. Mr. Hall pointed out that the historical and antique reunion at Milton had proved there were many pioneer items available for a museum.

Robert Marshall, chairman of the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority which owns the barn

and surrounding 200 acre farm, told of the Authority's plans to flood an 85 acre valley near spring and form a water conservation lake. He wished the new board every success in establishing a museum of which the citizens of Halton would be proud.

Following an inspection tour of the building with former owner Duff Alexander, the board heard Howard Groh, administrator of the Doone Pioneer Museum, explain the setting up and maintenance of a museum.

## CHATting with M. H. B.

### Lost Valentines Were Tragedy at the Time

St. Valentine's Day — does it hold a significance for you?

I must confess that as the years roll by, I have slowly but surely become more interested in what it means to my children, rather than to myself. But I am still not so old that I can't remember the excitement and pleasure it held for me when I was their age.

Those little bits of cards bearing bright red hearts and messages of affection were eagerly anticipated. It was one of the joys of growing up the year our teacher skipped having a Valentine Box placed on her desk a couple of days before the 14th of February. Maybe the present-day psychologists wouldn't approve, because it became a sort of popularity contest, with everyone knowing who got the most valentines — and with the unconscious cruelty of children — who got the least. But kids don't take those things as seriously as we do, and I think they all looked forward to receiving the valentines, whether they were few in number, or many.

One of my most lasting memories of a St. Valentine's Day, as far as our children are concerned, originated when our oldest daughter was about six. I can even remember what the weather was like that particular day — bitter cold, windy and with lots of snow. Her best friend was at home ill, and the big day rolled around. So she volunteered to take home her friend's valentines for her. And wouldn't you know — she lost them enroute. The reason I remember the snow so well is because of the fruitless search we had for the missing valentines in the drifts piled up along Charles Street and Main, right up to the one and only public school, on Chapel Street.

It's a small and seemingly unimportant little incident to stick in my mind for all those years. But what makes it endure is the memory of the little friend's disappointment. At that particular stage in her life, those valentines loomed very important indeed.

Our youngest member of the household is now ten and he still likes to receive valentines. When that phase is over for him, I'm afraid there won't be many valentines seen around our house any more. This is one example of what people mean when they say that having children keeps you young, I suppose.

It's rather amusing though, having a little boy send valentines. What I mean is, he sends about ninety per cent of his valentines to other little

boys. The few he sends to little girls, he doesn't care to have as know about. With our daughters, the trend seemed to be the other way around. However, he does like receiving valentines from girls, judging by the pleased, somewhat sheepish grin he can't repress when he shows them to us.

Ten-year-old boys are at a really between-and-between stage in life. They're emerging from the stage of not liking girls at all, to liking some of them some of the time. Realizing this, no doubt, has prompted the teacher to encourage his class, age range from ten to twelve, in a few of the social graces — such as dancing.

A ten-year-old's version of a dancing party can be quite refreshing. When I asked him if he had danced with any girls, he said "No, all the best ones were taken!" Then on another occasion, he admitted dancing with a few. Pressing on with motherly curiosity, I asked, "Who?" to which he replied in non-committal fashion, "Oh, just a couple of freaks."

Then he elaborated on this party by telling us about one little girl who was so determined to dance with the reluctant partner of her choice, that she chased him all around the auditorium before she caught him. Then there was another popular young man who was faced with a conundrum — two little girls asking him to dance at the same time. He solved it by taking one on each arm, and dancing with them both. Then there was the little girl being pursued by an unbecoming suitor. She kept a wary eye out for him. Whenever he approached, she escaped by latching onto the nearest boy and coralling him onto the dance floor.

However, most of the time, the youngsters don't bother to resort to any subterfuges. If they don't want to dance with someone, they simply say so. But this kind of attitude can be disastrous to establishing any kind of party spirit, especially in a group that is shy about dancing in the first place.

In order to solve this problem, one teacher hit upon an ingenious solution. At this particular dancing-lesson-party, all the boys and girls were given little pieces of blue ribbon, each with a pin attached. Every time they refused to dance with someone, the person they refused was entitled to pin a blue ribbon on them. It became quite a matter of concern, not to have the embarrassment of a string of blue ribbons. Needless to say, there weren't many wallflowers — voluntary or involuntary — at that dance.

As you have judged — a ten-year-old is on the threshold of emerging from childhood into adolescence. And when adolescence comes, if there are any valentines received — or sent, parents don't know anything about it. Because these are the valentines with real meaning. They are the ones we tuck away in a secret place, and keep for years.

They hold the true significance of Valentine's Day.

## NORVAL

### Institute Listens To Farm Broadcast

The regular monthly meeting of the Norval Women's Institute was held on Monday evening, February 5th at the home of Mrs. Keith Webb with president Mrs. H. Collins in the chair.

Following the usual W. I. opening exercises the roll call was answered by an interesting fact about a living Canadian.

The topic for the evening was "Education" and took the form of listening to the Farm Forum radio broadcast on technical training for farm operators followed by Mrs. O. Hunter speaking briefly on the topic which proved very interesting.

Mrs. R. Crawford gave an enjoyable motto: "The life you live is the life you teach."

The main business was the final plans for the Valentine Euchre to be held for the Redford Children School on February 14th at the home of Mrs. E. Burk.

Following the meeting lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. Collins and Mrs. L. May.

Norval and Union Presbyterian Church Y.P.S. held their meeting on Sunday evening, February 4th at the home of John McClure.

The Scripture lesson was taken by Mary Ann Kingston followed with prayer by Elva Anderson. An interesting chapter from the study book was given by Betty Jean Anderson.

Following the meeting, lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Tom Leslie and Donna Ostrander.

### Labour Council To Promote Heat Control

A by-law draft copy on heating control for rented dwellings was mailed today to all municipal councils within Halton County with a plea from the Labour Council to incorporate this bylaw to the statute books of the community governments.

Mr. G. G. Heym, Council President stated: "If this by-law is incorporated it will prevent cold apartments and flats in the winter time."

Marty Caputo, Labour Council President commented — "We are submitting this by-law in order that the tenants of our area may be protected from unscrupulous landlords."

## Ice Takes Toll in Many Minor Injuries

We are sorry to report that Mrs. T. Cascadden, Junior Room teacher at Norval Public School had an unfortunate fall on the ice near her home on Wednesday, February 7, after school and broke a small bone in her pelvis. She is in Georgetown & District Hospital.

Mrs. W. Pidler is supply teacher in Mrs. Cascadden's absence.

The icy condition of the roads and walks have been very treacherous these past weeks, causing many falls resulting in minor injuries. We hope there will be no more accidents of this type to report this winter and that Mrs. Cascadden has as speedy recovery as possible.

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Norval United Church Women attending the inaugural service of the Peel & Dufferin Presbyterian U.C.W. at Orangeville United Church on Tuesday, February 6th, were Mrs. H. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. J. Laidlaw, Mrs. J. May and Mrs. L. Cleave.

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We hope they are all feeling better now.

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## ASHGROVE

### Youth Discussed at Church Ladies' Panel

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Devotional was in charge of Mrs. Frank Ruddell who had the Ladies read Psalm 117 and then told of the Holiness and love of God. The word Holy means that which is set apart as sacred and not to be irreverently approached. It is very important that we should cultivate the highest and holiest thoughts of God so we will be able to think of Him as an ever worthy of our highest reverence. That which acts God apart as God in His Holiness, does set Him apart from us.

Secretary Mrs. Robert Cunningham read the minutes of the January meeting and called the roll which was answered with the word "Holiness". The two lady members appointed on the Board of Stewards were Mrs. Frank M. Wilson and Mrs. W. Bird. Mrs. Clayton Wilson reported on supply work and it was also moved that articles be collected for a layette.

A panel discussion then followed on Youth in Transition with Mrs. John McNabb as leader. Some very fine points were brought forth from Mrs. Floyd Bridgen on dating, going steady, and teenagers using the family car by Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, staying in school by Mrs. Robert Cunningham; and conferring to a group by Mrs. H. Nurse. It all summed up to the parents and their responsibilities.

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