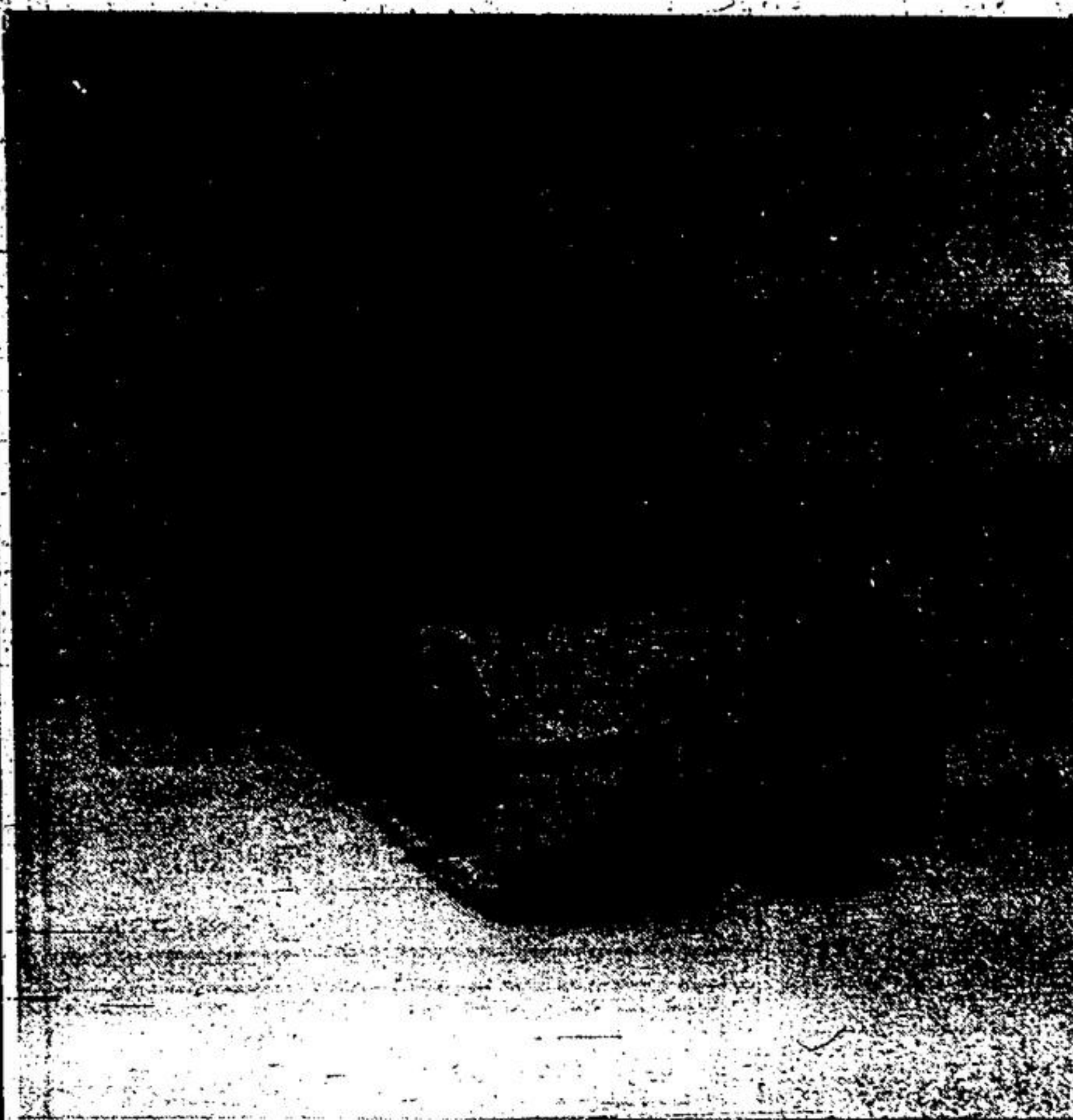


KID'S FIND IT'S FUN

NOT EVERYBODY'S COUNTING THE DAYS 'TIL SPRING

RECENT HEAVY SNOWFALLS HAVE DISRUPTED traffic, caused delays to commuters, messed up floors, and chilled residents to the bone, but a section of the population hopes the stuff never goes away. Here Ricky Seddon, at left, takes advantage of the snow to make good use of his toboggan on a Swanek subdivision slope. Below, Hewson Cresc. - Elizabeth St. neighbourhood kids watch a chum pilot his toboggan over a jump.



Folk Singing New Feature at Junior Farmer Conference

The Halton Junior Farmers will be well represented on Saturday, January 7th, when the Ontario Junior Farmer Conference will be held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Each year Junior Farmer entries from across the province compete for awards in the competition. This year Halton will be represented in the Junior Farmer Public Speaking Competition by John McGee, Norval. John is presently attending York University, Toronto, and was recently named the recipient of a two-month trip to Israel in 1967, sponsored by the Pioneer Women's Association, Montreal.

At the Junior Farmer Conference John will be required to present a ten minute speech on a topic of his own choice, and in addition, introduce and thank other competitors.

A mixed quartette, consisting of Ruth Mason, Streetsville; Evelyn Van Arkel, Brampton, John Wilson, Norval, and Tom Hunter, Georgetown will also participate. The compulsory song for this group is to be

In the provincial Junior Farmer Choir Festival competition, Halton will be represented by eighteen Junior Farmer members. They have been practicing for the past month, under the direction of Mrs. Winifred Newell, Milton. "They All Call It Canada," is the compulsory number for the choir. The choir will also have an additional selection of their own choosing.

A new event in the competition this year, is the Junior Farmer Folk Singing Festival. Earl Burt, Georgetown, will be presenting his selections, representing the Halton Junior Farmers.

Last year, the Ladies' Trio competition was won by three Junior Farmer members from Halton - Joy Hayward, Ruth and Wilma Mason.

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"All In the April Evening."
They will also be required to sing one selection of their own choice.

Recounts Experiences as Teacher in Northwest

John Snoddy who taught at Glen Williams Public School for three years and his wife Heather a member of Georgetown's Chapel St. public school staff for two terms accepted teaching positions in the Northwest Territories last summer. The following is a condensed account of their journey to Fort McPherson and impressions of the north. It was taken from a typewritten seven page greeting which the Snoddys sent to friends here at Christmas.

On August 15th we said farewell to our parents and boarded a DCB for Edmonton. The next five days were spent touring the beautiful Jasper-Banff-Parks. Before we knew it we found ourselves seated at the old Edmonton Industrial Airport ready to leave civilization behind and head into the 'unknown.' This is the pioneer airport which was first used to open up and develop the Mackenzie district.

We searched the many faces wondering where each was going. We soon met a family with whom we would be spending the next ten months at Fort McPherson. They were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs from Vancouver. They were loaded down with 2 lively little girls, a pug dog named Cindy and a precious ivory plant and several suitcases. The remainder of the faces were soon to become quite familiar during the following two weeks at the orientation course in Fort Smith.

Fort Smith was the centre of Northern Administration but since the Corruthers' report this has been changed to Yellowknife. It is situated on the Pelican Rapids on Great Slave River. This river appears on the map as an insignificant line but actually this is a powerful river with a great breadth and many navigational hazards. Smith boasts a modern hotel, three garages, a theatre, a Leg-lop, two taxi companies, Hudson Bay Store. The new highway will be completed next year thus making it possible to drive from Edmonton directly to Fort Smith. Naturally, the road is gravel and dust - it is unbelievable. In fact, a road from Fairbank, Alaska, to Fort McPherson will be finished in about three years. The north is growing by leaps and bounds and provincial status is expected in the next ten years.

On Sept. 1st, we left Fort Smith at 9 in a DC 4B. Our first stop was to be in Hay River, but there was a shroud of mist over the airport. The pilot attempted a landing and as we were approaching the strip, I could see the tree tops through the fog. All of a sudden I felt the plane lurch upwards and I could see the elevation of the single change to an ascent. My stomach took the same ascent. The pilot was too determined for my money for he made no less than three tries before he told the passengers over the inter-com: "Hay River seems to be fogged in, therefore we will try Yellowknife, which is only 200 miles away." I immediately asked my stomach if we would make it for I thought that one of us should go. But we both managed a compatible 45 minutes (with some persuasion).

After a rest and light lunch at Yellowknife, we winged our way north with improved weather conditions. The following fifty minutes were the most exciting part of our long and arduous journey. The low-lying Mackenzie Delta

spread out before us forming an intricate pattern of lakes, streams, channels, and islands which took on many shapes and designs. The interspersed land was colourful in its fall attire. Soon, we reached the point where the Peel river meets the Delta and then the pilot said that McPherson will be just over the rise. Our excitement grew to a peak. In the distance, we could barely make out McPherson, our home for the next ten months or so. We circled the cluster of buildings which is situated on the south-east shore of the Peel River. In the distance, we saw the rising plateau and further still the rugged peaks of the Richardson Mountains. As we circled for the last time, we viewed McPherson with mixed feelings of anticipation. After several months of red tape and preparation, we had finally arrived at our destination.

I (John) teach grades seven and eight and Industrial Arts to grade 5, 6, 7 and eight. It certainly keeps me busy day and night. The classes in the school are rather small but I have the largest class with 23. Two of my students who are girls, are 20 and 21 respectively. I have 21 girls and the remainder are boys. They are not all this old but they are all at least 12 or 3 years older than the average white student in the

south. The standard of education is slightly lower and it is very difficult to maintain a high standard, especially in the higher grades for many of these people will live in McPherson for the remainder of their lives and they take the attitude that education is not important. Therefore one tries to show these people goals and then try to teach an attitude. But again, it is difficult to teach an attitude, for attitudes are mainly caught. I try to follow the Alberta's Course of Study as much as possible but we need a course set up mainly for the Territories and then broken into districts, because communities differ vastly.

Heather teaches the Beginner's Class where the 6 year olds begin. Those who seem capable go into the grade 1 course about November but the remainder stay in the beginners' class and then pass into Grade 1 the following year (most). They all speak some sort of 'Delta English' when they come to school but their home background is very poor for most have never used an inside bathroom, etc. This all has to be taught by Heather, where in the 'south' mothers have taught this and other fundamentals well before school begins. I personally could not begin to teach in her situation.

Never have we been so busy. We really expected to be doing vast amounts of reading, letter writing and the usual time fillers. But this is definitely NOT so. Both Heather and I curl, go to drama, attend community affairs. Individually, Heather has Brownies, attends beading and smoking classes, shows movies, bakes bread (of a sort), housewife (at times), and teaches on the side. I work in the shop, in the shop, in the shop! In the new year I will conduct adult classes in shop.

Even with all of these activities, we will be thinking reminiscent thoughts of all of our friends and relatives and especially of our parents who are back in our 'southern home'. On Christmas Day, we will be wondering what you are doing, where you are located and hope that Christmas will be a joyous and Christ-filled season.

Both Heather and I send to all of you our heart warmed wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remind Drivers to Keep Vehicle Windows Clear

During the period December 25th, to December 31st, 1966 inclusive, personnel of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 711 hours and patrolled a total of 6,719 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol 14 traffic charges were preferred and 19 violation warnings issued.

During the past week 10 property damage accidents and 4 personal injury accidents were investigated resulting in 7 persons being injured and approximately \$9,895 in property damage. Contributing factors in accidents were: Driver lost control, icy road conditions failing to stop before entering a through highway and failing to keep the car windows free of snow. One driver was apprehended and charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Seven motor vehicles were reported abandoned along 401 Highway, three of which were removed at the owner's expense when they interfered with the removal of snow.

There were 32 general occurrences reported, including two disturbances, three complaints from local farmers reporting hunters trespassing on their property. One person was reported missing and later located.

A house in Nassagaweya Township was completely destroyed by fire and the occupants were assisted in locating accommodations at a Milton Hotel.

The remaining occurrences were of a minor nature. Motor Vehicle Windows to Afford a Clear View

Section 41-B of the Highway Traffic Act states: (1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a highway, (A) unless the windshield and the windows on either side of the compartment

containing the steering wheel are in such condition as to afford the driver a clear view to the front and side of the motor vehicle; and (B) unless the rear window is in such a condition as to afford the driver a clear view to the rear of the motor vehicle.

(2) Clause (B) of subsection (1) does not apply to a motor vehicle that is equipped with a mirror or mirrors securely attached to the motor vehicle and placed in such a position and maintained in such a condition as to afford the driver, otherwise than through the rear window, a clearly reflected view of the roadway in the rear of any vehicle approaching from the rear.

Free Rides, Social For Ross Lake Pupils

Pupils of Ross Lake Riding School got together for free trail rides around the area and a social time to mark the end of the old year last week.

Some 23 students and past students of instructor Mrs. Anne Vernon, most of them teenagers, accepted the invitation. They visited the RR 3 park Thursday afternoon and Saturday.

Brother Dies in Leigh, Lancashire

William Murphy, whose brother James is a town resident at 51 Ontario St. died recently in Leigh, Lancashire.

Mr. Murphy, who was 65, was unmarried.

Besides his brother here, he leaves four other brothers in Leigh, John, Richard, Thomas and Dennis.

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