

## Over Century Old Bell Rang at School for the Last Time

Norval's old school bell was rung for the last time from the bell tower on Tuesday evening, May 23rd, with a small crowd gathered to see the bell taken down by Fred Fendley assisted by Percy Donaldson, Bob Taylor, Norman Guthrie and Dan O'Connell. It will be placed on a cairn in front of the new school and dedicated on June 24th.

on hand with Walt ringing the bell. A few of the children present also gave a tug or two on the rope for good measure. It was with rather a feeling of sadness that the old timers present listened to the ringing of the bell for the last time. The bell is a link with Norval's past history being in use since the one roomed red brick school was built in the 1840's. A second room was added in 1874 and this school served the village and district until 1953 when the new 3 roomed school

was built. Grades 1 to 8 attend this school now with Grades 7 and 8 attending Stewarttown school. A room in the old school is now being used as a Scout Hall.

In the past the school bell was rung for a fire alarm when needed in the village. Hallowe'en will not be the same anymore as ringing the school bell has always been a highlight of the pranks played by the daring ones. Old timers tell the story of one Hallowe'en night when the boys tied the rope of the bell to a pig and set several dogs chasing it. The ringing of the bell as the pig was chased back and forth, the squealing of the pig and the barking of the dogs caused a din and brought the residents

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rushing from their homes. With no street lights and no police patrolling the roads the boys had no trouble in getting away safely.

Any old timers who can recall any anecdotes of the village please forward it to Mrs. E. McLean, Norval. Any help in compiling Norval's history will be appreciated.

Unit One of Norval United Church met at the home of Mrs. James Laidlaw on Thursday afternoon, May 18th with Mrs. E. McLean presiding. Mrs. Murray Laird gave the devotional and Mrs. Percy Laidlaw read the minutes. The roll call was answered with a verse from the Bible about a flower or a tree.

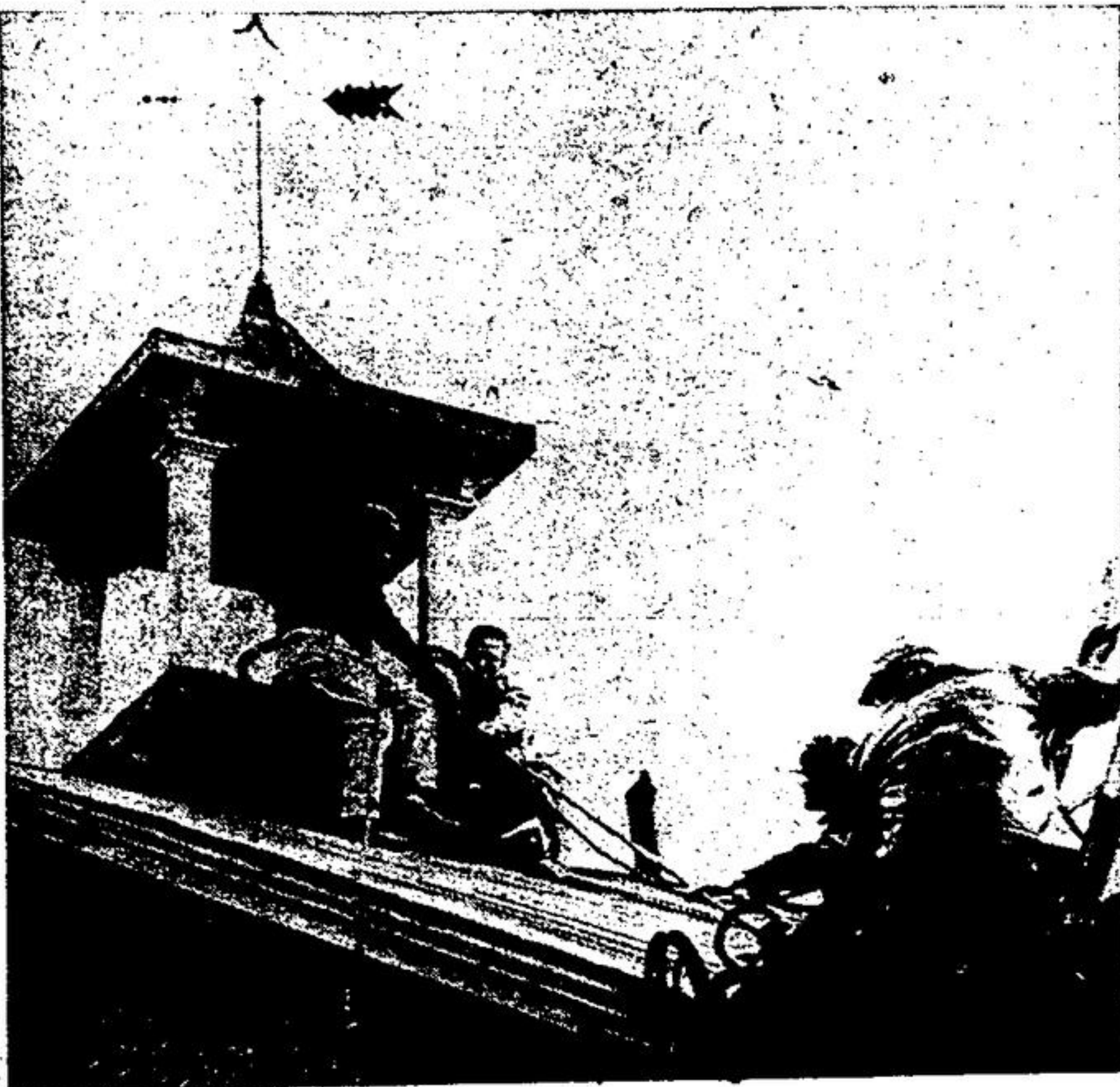
Mrs. Wilbert Cleave gave a very interesting chapter from the study book on "The Churches and Society" which included education, churches and morals, urbanism and booculturism.

An auction sale of miscellaneous items with Mrs. J. P. Doane as auctioneer was enjoyed followed by lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Harold Lyons and Mrs. Guy Wilson.

Skipper Julian Reed with Mate Gary Murray and Brian Reynolds of the Templar Rover Crew of Norval are looking forward to a Centennial Bus and Camping Trip with the Upper Saugeen Venturers for three weeks in July. They will be going as leaders and will tour Ottawa, Expo, Quebec, Maritimes, PEI and back home.

The Rangers held a successful dance in Norval Parish Hall on Friday evening, May 19. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doane and family entertained relatives at a luncheon on Sunday, May 21st as a surprise for Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Doane on the occasion of their recent 45th wedding anniversary.



Easing the bell down the school roof are Perc Donaldson, Bob Taylor, Dan O'Connell and Norm Guthrie.

### TREE PLANTING AT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Monica Homan and Edward Petrusma plant fir tree



Planting the Centennial Tree: J. Fokkens, Cr. Pat Patterson, and Albert Schnippe.

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### Shows Garden Pictures To Terra Cotta W.I.

The May meeting of Terra Cotta Women's Institute was held at the home of Miss Florence Wright with president Mrs. A.O. MacDonald presiding. Roll Call was answered with a current event pertaining to agriculture.

The ladies decided to continue their meetings this year on the third Wednesday of the month. Mrs. W. Leslie gave a report of the North Peel district annual which was held in Cheltenham Baptist Church. Many who attended wore centennial costumes. Instead of a speaker each Institute put on a

three minute program. A reading from the Easter Ideals was given by Mrs. C.G. Bishop. Mrs. F. MacDonald gave an informative talk on horticulture and showed pictures of many beautiful gardens taken in her travels, as well as the shrubs and flowers around her own home. She also showed pictures taken at Expo.

A contest on shrubs was given by Mrs. A. McKane and Mrs. J. McDonald gave the courtesies. Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. A. McDonald and Mrs. W. Leslie.

Next event on the Centennial calendar in town is 'National Veteran's week, June 11-17th.

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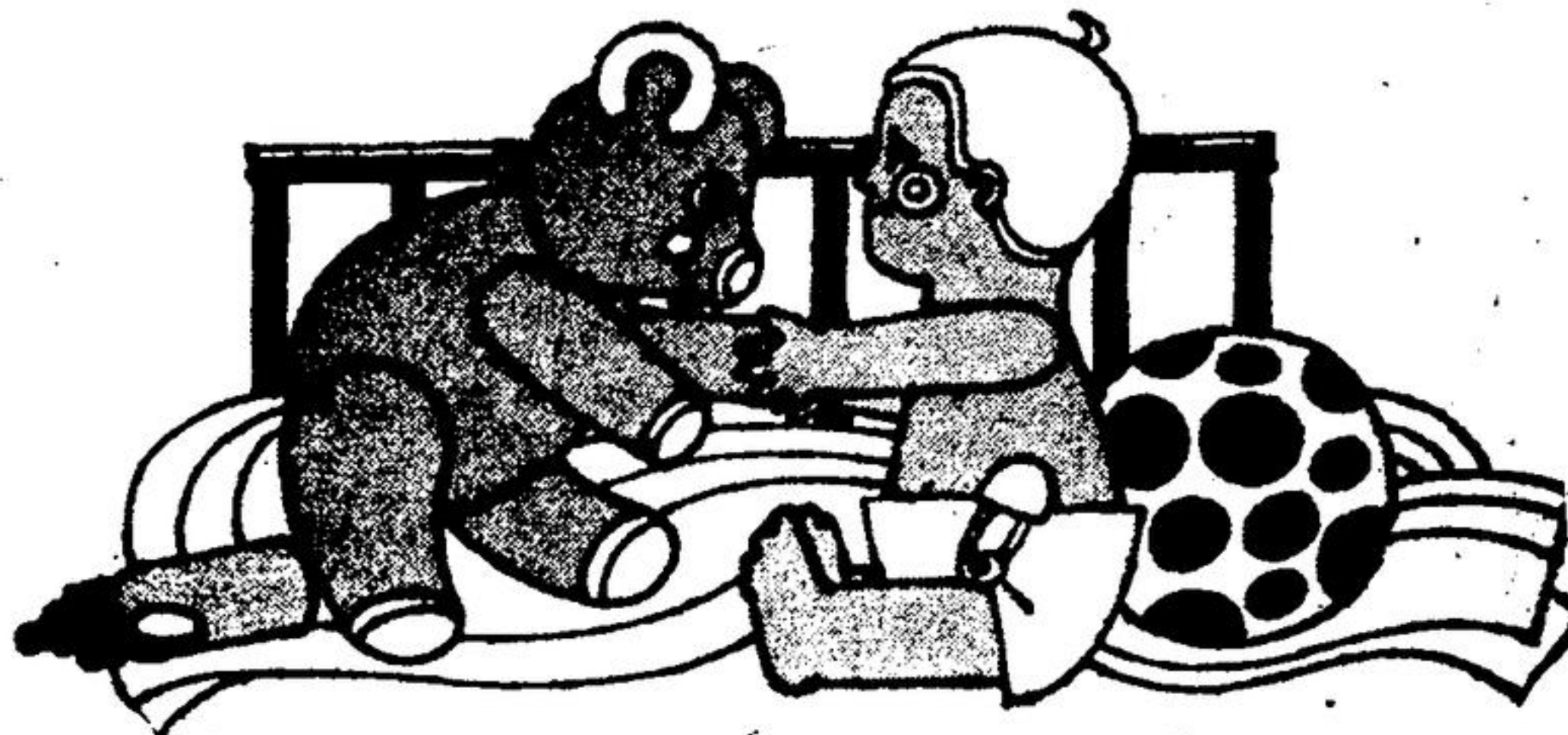
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