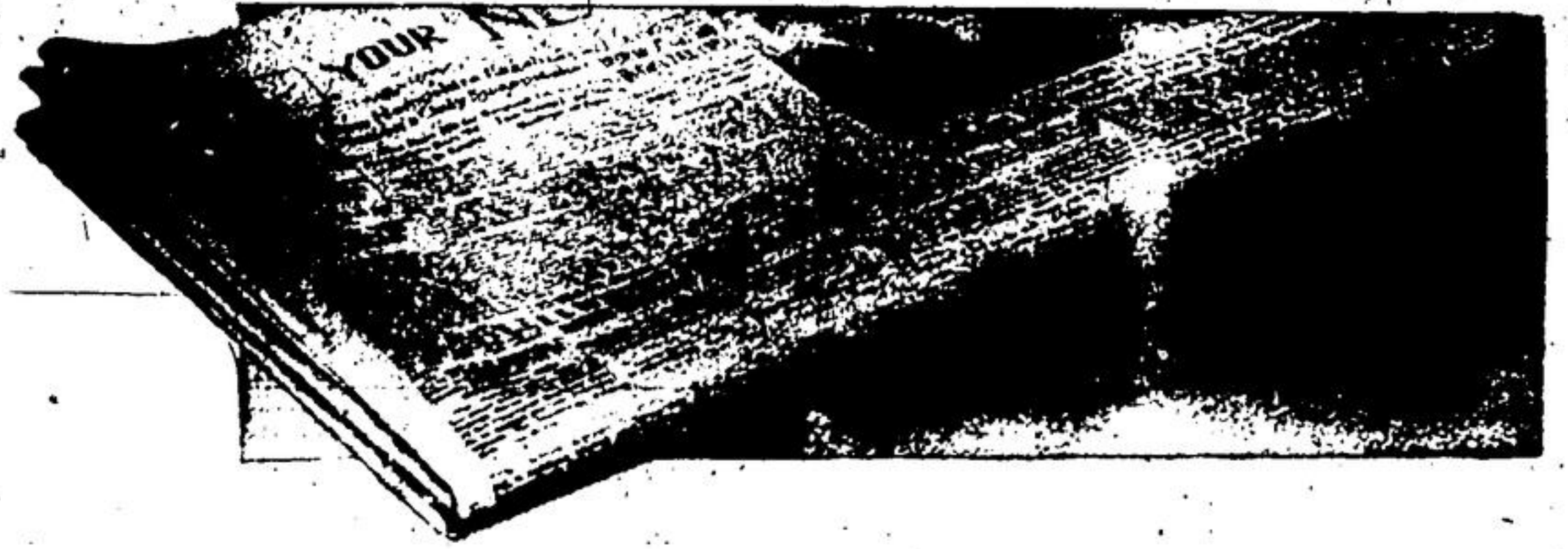


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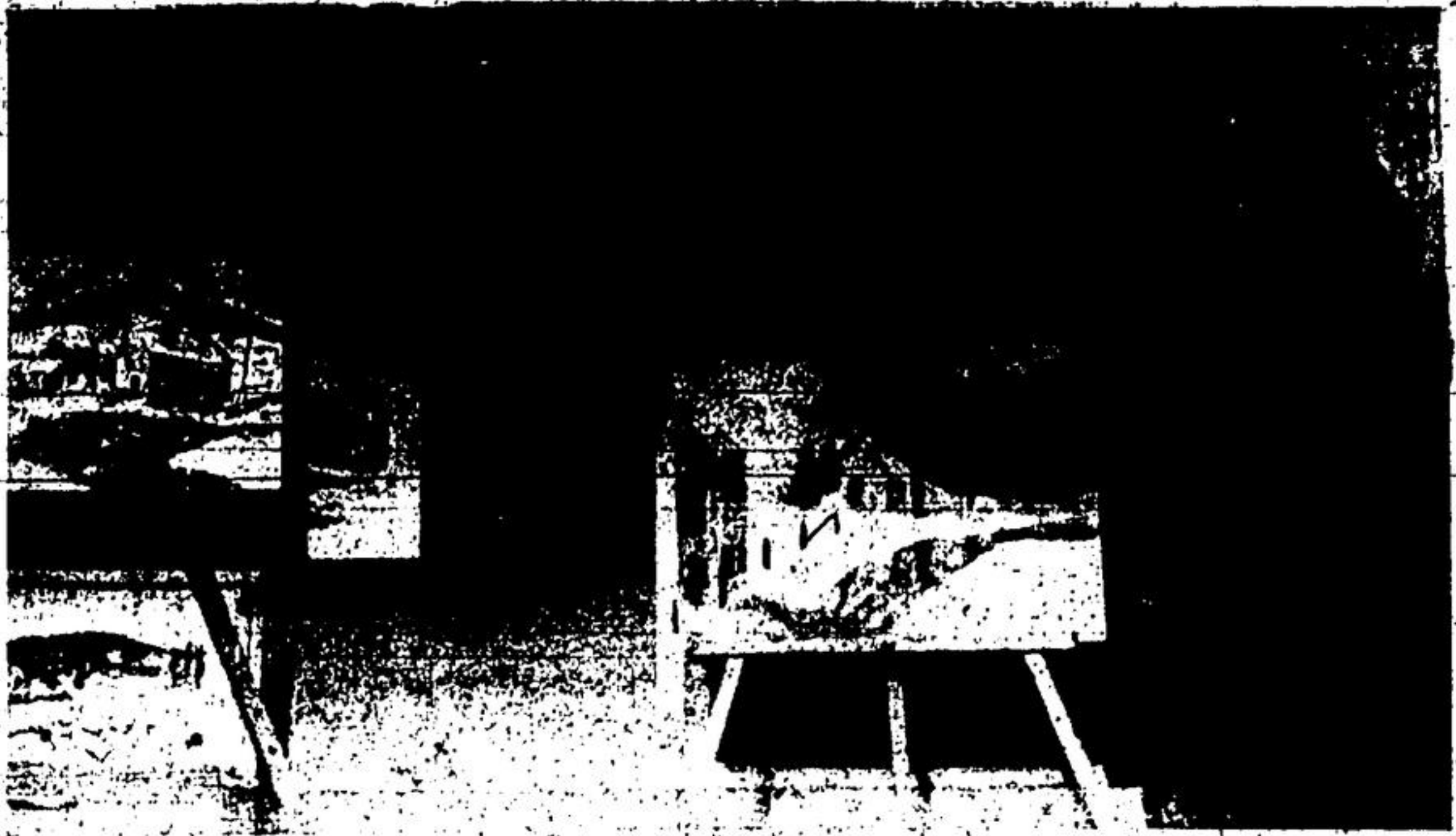
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ART WORKSHOP

GEORGETOWN PAINTER FRANK BLACK casts a critical eye over the work of some fledgling artists during an art-workshop held by the Central Ontario Art Association at Norval, Saturday. Twenty-four turned up to display some of their recent work and hear Mr. Black's comments. He also gave an instructional demonstration showing how to properly develop an oil, from the sketching out to the completed work.

1600 Acre Wildlife Sanctuary Will Become Halton Attraction

North Halton will have a wildlife habitat and game preserve when a project of the Halton Region Conservation Authority is completed. The habitat now being developed will become an ideal location for waterfowl, deer and small mammals.

The conservation people have taken over 1,600 acres of woodlands, field and lake on the Nassagaweya Township line where they aim to establish food and protection for game that once flourished in this part of the county.

But as well as providing a preserve for animal and bird life native to the area, the Authority is also introducing several hardy new types of game birds from Asia.

Game technician Frank Timmermans, who is living in one of the farmhouses on the property while the development project is being carried on, expects that their 500-acre Ring-necked Pheasants this year will lay about 100,000 eggs to raise about 2,000 pheasants this year.

The eggs, though, will have to be incubated at a farm in the present location of the pheasants' pen, which is about 25 feet from a railway line that runs through the area. The ground shakes enough when the trains pass, that the eggs would be disturbed, Timmermans said.

The noise of the train and its whistle does not seem to bother the birds — many of which are fairly tame now, he said.

In addition to the Ring-necked pheasants the authority also plans to breed several other types of hardy pheasants including the grey Manchurian pheasant, native to the Himalayan Mountains, the Reeves pheasant, the Chuker pheasant and Bob Whites.

As well as providing a relatively safe environment with a good food supply for the game birds the workers will also build brush piles for rabbits and hares. To furnish a food supply the Authority will plant some of the area, plant corn and let it stand for winter food for the wild fowl.

But with so many game birds in one area it is natural that predators will take a certain toll. Red Tailed Hawks have killed a few of the pheasants running loose but not enough to classify themselves as a serious nuisance.

A few fens have also gotten their share of game birds. But the worst problem to date has been dogs from neighbouring farms running through the preserve. Last fall, a pack of dogs chased and killed a young deer which had been a regular visitor to the preserve's farmhouse headquarters.

The farmhouse will eventually serve as a centre for visiting classes of school children.

The main feature of the area this spring will be the waterfowl making nests along the lake's edge. Last year between 500 and 700 ducks nested here.

Last year there were Mallards, Wood Ducks (on specially built nesting boxes) and Teal. Already this spring a small flock of wild Canada Geese has joined the tame geese on the south end of the lake. There is also a number of tame Mallards and Black Ducks in the barn on the farm, which might help attract wild birds when they are released on the lake.

When the farmhouse is remodelled, Timmermans said, it could serve as a location for lectures and slide showing, to go along with the water tour.

There will probably be no admission charge to the area this summer, he added.

Until the area is firmly established, he said, the Authority will probably ask for small donations, rather than charge an admission price.

A project on a somewhat larger scale involves creating a preserve near Hilton Falls, north of Halton for moose.

Timmermans said he hopes the Authority would be able to obtain some moose for the area in the near future.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Church Successful, Plan Another One in April

Last Saturday evening was a very enjoyable and successful evening for over two hundred who danced to the music of the Kantonian of Brampton at Georgetown Golf & Country Club sponsored by St. Alban's Church to launch their building drive. A number of prizes and spot dances were won. The party was donated by Harris Elzcl and the Anniversary dance by Rosedale Florists. Spot dance prizes were given by Pauline's Flowers and Mrs. M. Cook and Mrs. Jerry Ingalls. The door prize was won by Lyle Armstrong. Welcoming guests at the door were Mrs. Howard Gysin, Mrs. J. Crawford and Mrs. T. Haines assisted by Gordon Graham and Sylvia Norton. Refreshments were served. Guest came from Hillsburgh, Rockwood, Guilph, Norval, Hamilton, Brampton, Toronto and Georgetown. Another dance is planned for April 27. Tickets will be available within the next week.

Fred Weaver is enjoying a holiday in Florida.

Get well wishes are sent to Mrs. Bob Hancock who is a patient in Georgetown Hospital.

Jennie McNally has been transferred from Georgetown Hospital to Oakville Hospital. Our best wishes go to her there.

Game Wardens Reveal Duties to Nature Club

The Georgetown and District Naturalists' Club members learned of the duties of Ontario's two hundred and twenty game wardens at their March meeting when Dave Dayburn and Wayne Roe, the game wardens for Halton and Wellington counties were their guests. Game wardens are employed by the Dept. of Lands and Forests and the enforcing of the Migratory Birds Act, the game and Fish laws and laws dealing with the pollution of rivers and streams are part of their responsibility. Radio equipped cars, planes, helicopters and skidoo's are used in patrolling the area.

They said that there are more deer in Halton than people realize. Some are being transported to the Bruce peninsula where a study of the deer population is being undertaken.

The remainder of the evening was given over to the club's first photo contest. Dr. L. E. Jaquith operated the projector for the viewing of some beautiful nature slides. The judges were Mrs. Jaquith, Mr. F. Finch and Mr. Leger. Their comments were most helpful to the amateur photographers present.

The Zoological class was won by Mrs. F. Macdonald with a slide entitled, "Canada Goose Family." Mr. A. Von Zuben won the Botany class with "Wild Phlox", while the natural phen-

Could be Swallowed, Reeve Concerned About Burlington

The only danger to the existing structure of Halton County is the possibility that Burlington could sit idly by and watch itself be swallowed up by Hamilton warned Halton County Warden William Hunter.

Hunter, who is Georgetown's Reeve, said in an interview this week that Burlington must take some positive action to prevent its amalgamation with Hamilton.

He was critical of Burlington's involvement in a Hamilton-Burlington-Westnorth regional government study. "Did they agree to this in the Esplanade or were they forced into it?"

Hunter wondered if Burlington had agreed to the study, how they felt now that they were so close to being swallowed up by Hamilton.

At Tuesday's council meeting Burlington Reeve, Gordon Gallagher blamed a slow-motion provincial administration for his town's involvement in the study — which "Nassagaweya Reeve Bill Coulter" claim could cause the breakup of Halton County.

Gallagher said the province's delay in action on the Saurin Report or taxation which suggested the establishment of certain regions — left Burlington without any idea of what to expect.

Coulter said the loss of Bar-

lington would mean that Oakville would have to carry the assessment load by itself — and Halton County would fall apart.

Hunter suggested this week that the loss of Burlington would force Oakville to join forces with Peel County.

This would lead to a situation similar to the recommendations of the Blunkett Report — that Halton and Peel be split into a northern rural area and a southern urban one with each having its own local government, said Hunter.

Hunter said that in a recent unofficial meeting with Burlington officials "they were very concerned about the prospect of being gulped up by Hamilton."

Gallagher said it was fortunate that municipal boundaries existed solely for the economic management of the community.

Hunter said Burlington officials had better take action or else the provincial government is going to "lay down the law and they won't have any choice about what happens to them."

Hunter also said Burlington may be a big toad in Halton County but if they join Hamilton they'll just be a little tadpole. Instead of paying 45 per cent of the assessment they'll probably only end up paying 15 per cent.

Almost Two Million in County Allotment, Burlington Hospital

In reply to a letter from Joseph Binot Memorial Hospital Burlington, Halton County council last week informed the hospital the County grant toward their 310 bed, and 17 bassinette extension would be \$1,324,000. This amount is based on six thousand dollars per bed with three bassinettes counting as one bed.

Council adopted the following rates as maximum allowances in expense accounts — breakfast \$1.50, lunch \$2.39, and dinner \$4.00.

The clerk administrator and treasurer were requested to investigate the probable cost, and grants available on a County

Library service. The County had been asked to consider the possibility of setting up such a service.

The tender of W. J. Richmond of Georgetown in the amount of \$495 was accepted for the moving or demolition of the Ross' house at Hozny East.

Mr. Kenneth McNabb was hired as Construction Safety Officer for the County of Halton.

Voting delegates at the Ontario Counties Convention, April 24 will be deputy Reeve Art Spreight, deputy Reeve W. Gillies, deputy Reeve Mrs. E. Burke and Warden W. Hunter of Georgetown.

Rumours Not Right Liquor Store Stays

For some time there has been a rumour rampant that the Liquor Store was vacating its Mill Street premises in the immediate future.

In fact, the rumour became so widespread, that officials of the Canadian Legion, proprietors of the business block, made representation to the Liquor Commission.

Branch 120 officials were assured by the general manager of the Liquor Board, that no change was contemplated, and that if more space were necessary in the immediate future, he would have the possibility of using the available vacant space next door to the store investigated.

Legion officials told the Her-

ald that they were quite satisfied that it was only rumor, and hoped to continue renting the premises for many more years.

The Scotch Bakery, next-door neighbor to the Liquor Store is moving to the new Woodrex building on Main St.

omenon winner was Mrs. M. Hill with "Dome Glacier."

The president, Mr. Cramp, told the club of the Short Hills Wilderness Area purchased by the Hamilton Naturalists. The next meeting will be held on April 16th at which time Mr. Cor Tenhage will speak on "Country Walks in Halton and Peel."