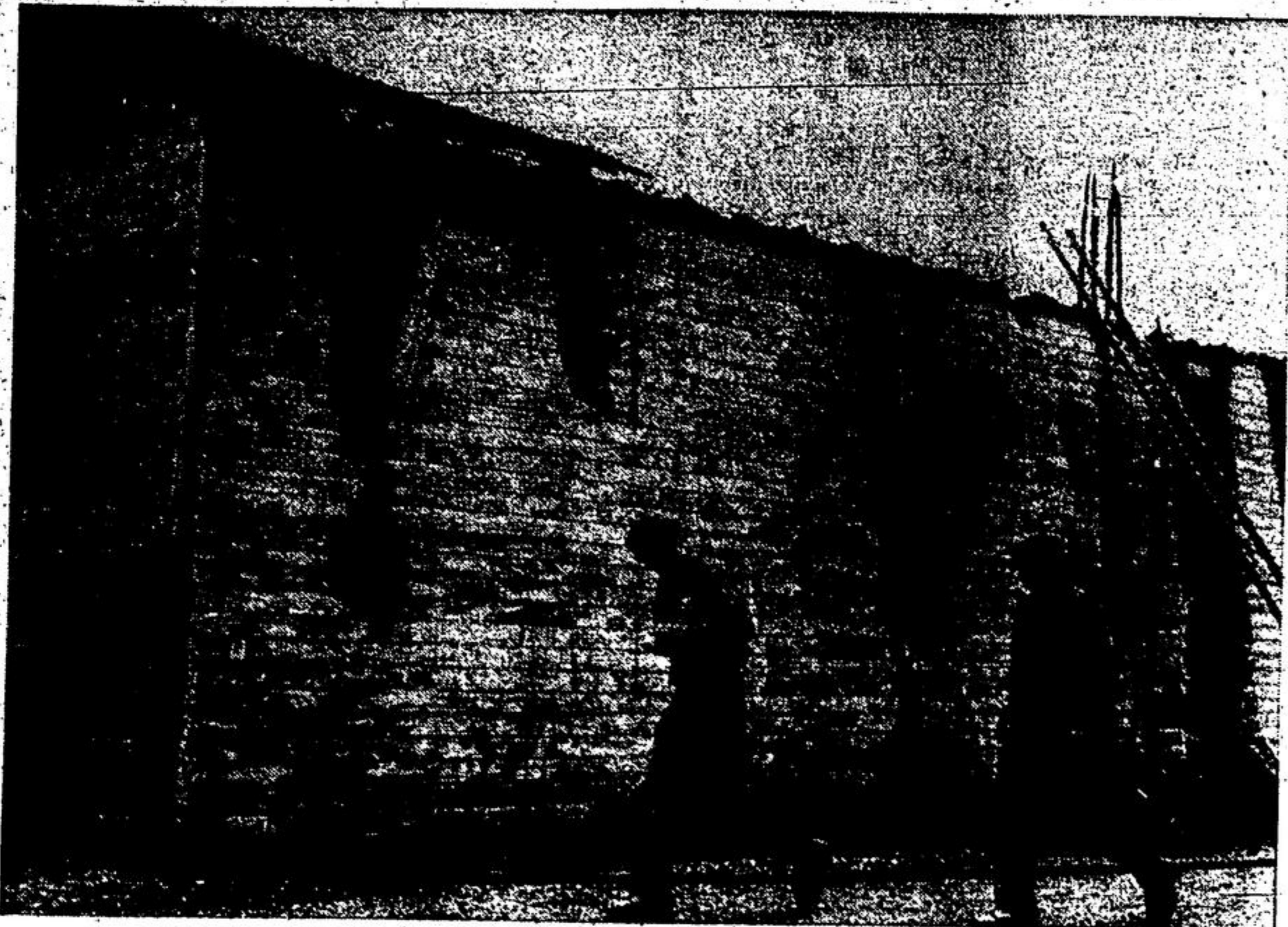


Estimate \$25,000 Damage in Mushroom Plant Fire Thursday



Firemen head around the charred remains of one of the mushroom growing buildings razed or gutted in the \$25,000 mushroom plant fire.

An early morning fire caused close to \$25,000 damage at Meadow Glen Growers mushroom plant in Georgetown's north end Thursday. There were no injuries.

Georgetown firefighters answered the call at 3 a.m. with three trucks and their van and

had the blaze under control within an hour.

Although four of the wood and tarpaper houses where the mushrooms are grown were gutted, firemen prevented the fire from spreading to six attached sheds.

There was no great threat to the neighbouring Smith and Stone plant. To keep the smouldering buildings from flaring up firemen stayed on duty almost to noon.

Managing director of Mead-

owlen, Ernie Skrow, said he thought the fire may have started from an electrical short. Only the night watchman was on duty at the time. Fifteen people would have been working in the houses had they not been razed.

This was the second fire at Meadow Glen within a month and the second major blaze there within a year. May 24, 1968, a fire swept through the sheds causing \$50,000 damage.

ASHGROVE

Details Georgetown Industries in Speech to Ashgrove Institute

The Agriculture and Canadian Industries W.I. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cecil Wilson on Tuesday evening, May 20 with an attendance of thirty ladies. The new president Mrs. Charles Austin welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with the ode and creed. Sec'y Mrs. Fred Nurse read last month's minutes and called the roll which was answered by "name a Canadian product and tell where it is made." An invitation was read from the pupils of Sunshine School to their bazaar and tea on May 30. All agreed we should pay the balance for the cup we had donated to the music festival. Mrs. W. Bird read thank you notes from sick ones. Mrs. Cliff Hunter gave some highlights from the TB banquet held in Oakville last week, after which the program was turned over to Mrs. Milton Bird who introduced the guest speaker, Mr. George Miehlm, manager of the Royal Bank in Georgetown who spoke on "Georgetown's Industries".

He had quite a list of different industries but spoke mostly about seven, Domtar and Provincial Paper Mills, who opened in 1906; E.W. Bliss makes traffic control signals and fire alarm systems; Smith & Stone began in 1922 and make many varied products, plastics of all sorts and switches and plugs; Varian Associates opened in 1955 and manufacture micro electron tubes; General Fireproofing opened in 1967 and make office chairs and files; Standard Products started in 1961 and make automobile side windows, door channels and weather stripping Mrs. J.M. Wickson thanked Mr. Miehlm for enlightening them about the industries and their work in town. Mrs. Frank Ruddle had a jumbled contest of words about the Products and the winners were Mrs. Fred Nurse and Mrs. Chas. Austin and Mrs. John McNabb and Mrs. John Bellboddy who each received a lovely coffee mug as prizes. After current events by Mrs. Harvey Nurse the meeting closed and a social hour followed.

Dr. and Mrs. John Peacock from the Pas, Manitoba, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nurse and brothers Geoffrey and Stuart for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wilson motored over the holiday weekend to Manotick, Ontario to visit their daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Graham Reeve and also attended the christening of their grandson Brent Wilson Reeve on Sunday afternoon in the United Church, Manotick.

— Mrs. John Bellboddy

Wet Week-end Doesn't Faze Campers' Rally

Approximately 35 families from the Ramblers Camping Club headed for Niagara Meadows Camping grounds on the holiday weekend for the Canadian Family Camping Federation Provincial rally.

This rally was hosted by the Black Creek Pioneers. There were about 210 families registered from southern Ontario.

The trophy was won by the Steel City Campers, Hamilton, and was presented by Ivan Cowan, president of the Ramblers.

The Saturday evening program consisted of skits put on by clubs on either of the following topics: "Camping on the Moon" or "Camping with Mom-in-Law".

On Sunday evening the Black Creek Pioneers put on a show which was a take-off on Laugh-In.

Because of the bad weather several Ramblers and others were forced to return home on Sunday. Many of the trailers had to be pulled out by tractor on Monday.

Some winners of prizes were Don and Joan Simmons of Georgetown, Eileen and John Booth of Norval, Tom and Helen Lloyd of Brampton all Rambler club members.

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SEEING THE WORLD, PART 19

Republic Day Parade Gala Event in India

Continuing a series of letters home from Janice Carter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Carter, describing a tour which she is taking with Karen Korzack of Glen Williams and some English girl friends.

We visited Bodh Goyha and Sarnath, which are sacred to Buddhists — at Bodh Goyha, Gautama Buddha first received enlightenment. The tree under which he contemplated is still there and thousands of pilgrims come to pray. We saw a lot of Tibetan monks and some other monks from the various monasteries situated there. At the Tibetan monastery there is a huge prayer wheel about 15 feet high filled with thousands of prayers and weighing hundreds of pounds. Pilgrims slowly turn it, offering all those prayers as they do it. At Sarnath, Buddha preached his first sermon and again there are several monasteries as well as the main stupa and a Hindu temple. Inside all the stupas are huge gilt images of Buddha and hundreds of burning scented lamps.

We drove as far as Allahad after Sarnath and stayed there overnight, getting up very early to go down to the Ganges to see all the pilgrims bathing. This was Magh Mela, one of the times when Hindus should go to the river to be cleansed of sins. It was a fantastic sight to see so many thousands gathered, each person of his own accord, for one purpose. It was very cold in the early morning to be immersing oneself in that water — this is their winter season and so it must have been even colder for them than it was for us. We were a bit disgusted by all the beggars as so many of them should have sought help from the hospitals (such horrible diseases some of them had) rather than capitalize on their misery for the sake of alms.

Rita and Su were glad to see us again when we finally got back to Delhi. The baby had grown a lot in the time we were gone — seemed to have a lot more personality and was more fun to play with. We wanted to stay in Delhi until the Republic Day parade; so filled our time with visiting art galleries, reading some of Su's good books and watching the proceedings for Republic Day. We saw most of the Indian Army, I think, one afternoon after coming from the National Gallery. They were rehearsing for the parade and we saw them and waved to them all as they were leaving the parade ground. Su took us to the Indian Spring Festival — the day which marks the beginning of milder winter. Many women wear yellow that day while Rita served yellow rice for breakfast. The festival was fairly commercial — much

like a fall fair — but it was nice to see all the children with yellow scarves or bows on their heads. We especially enjoyed seeing a ferris wheel turned by two boys who swung from the inner bars and propelled it by the movements.

Friday night went to the 'Cellar', a kind of discotheque — where loud music is played and coffee is far too expensive. It was good fun, though, and for the first time in ages, a Friday night really seemed like a Friday night. (all the days run together and because of the mixture of religions, holidays and weekends are all mixed up.) On Saturday, we went to the zoo with Rita and Su for a picnic. We sat near a pond absolutely covered with thousands of water birds, ducks, geese, swans, egrets, and on the trees and on the shore were kingfishers and pelicans and lots I did not know.

Our passes for the parade proved to be a bit of a farce — we had a piece of tarpaulin to sit on and were contently invaded by Indians and Europeans trying to get closer to the street. Still we had quite a good view — were only a few yards from the action — mostly military but some good things like a camel regiment and a herd of brightly adorned elephants. The floats were good too — each state was represented by something characteristic of the region such as dances or industries. We were amazed again by the variety of costumes and faces. Some had feather head-dresses and short dresses; others wore turbans and long flowing garments, still others had flouncy skirts with many petticoats. At the end of the parade, there was a fly-past and then hundreds of red and green balloons were released to signal the conclusion of the program. There were over two million people assembled but they dispersed very quickly with no trouble that we could see. I think they must be accustomed to crowds out there because at home it would be a mess.

Monday night, we went to a folk dance festival at the stadium. Mostly they were tribal dances — a primitive drum beat and lots of warwhoops and no real choreography, only a shuffling or hopping to the rhythm of the music. We felt that the dances would have been more impressive if we had seen them in the village setting. On that huge stage in the middle of the stadium so much of the magic was lost. Two dances were very good though. One was a kind of pre-wedding celebration in which all the ladies come together to tell the bride about married life. It was quite humorous because two girls would come forward and sing about such duties as washing and cooking, sweeping floors, etc. and then

several others would dance with appropriate actions. It was very lively — a different view of the women who look so shy and demure in public. The height of the show was a Tibetan Buddhist dance. The monks blew horns that were six feet long and a great huge shambly animal cavorting around the stage charging at little boys and bystanders. However, the power of the monks and the villagers overcame the evil spirit and all ended happily in a clash of cymbals.

The Indian people are very proud of their independence and thus make quite a fuss over Republic Day. All the major public buildings — parliament and the secretariat, India Gate, and a lot of the big hotels were covered in lights and floodlit for about a week beforehand — and so many of the people we talked to urged us to stay for the parade.

When the tanks and aircraft and other military showpieces passed by, the crowd cheered and people would turn to us and say, "That was made in India." So you can see the sort of spirit they have.

(continued next week)

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