

A LETTER FROM HOME

Mrs. Mildred Bellegem of the Mississauga Historical Society has written a series of historical letters to her daughter in Vancouver which are being printed in the Streetsville Review. As they deal with the Erwin family, many of whom live in this district, she has kindly consented to allow them to be featured in the Herald as well.

Mrs. Bellegem's son Jack is a lawyer with the local firm of Helson, Latimer, Baines & Langdon.

Dear Ruth:

Last week my story was about the Erwins. Now to continue.

Upon reaching Quebec, the passengers found wagons lined up at the dock; women and children rode in the wagons, while the men trudged along beside them, jolting over corduroy roads on the first lap of the long overland journey to new homes in the strange Canadian wilderness.

At Lachine they were packed into batteaux which were usually manned by French Canadian

"But", I said, "the house in my story is stone."

To which he replied, "It is stone underneath the stucco."

Then he pointed to the old log cabin where the dart board was and said "that is the old original log home, built by the Erwins when they first came here in 1817."

And there it was, the LOG HOME of my ancestors with a little bell on top (to call the squire to dinner). The owner told me that in all probability they had brought the bell from Ireland, as it was unique and typical of those used in Ireland.

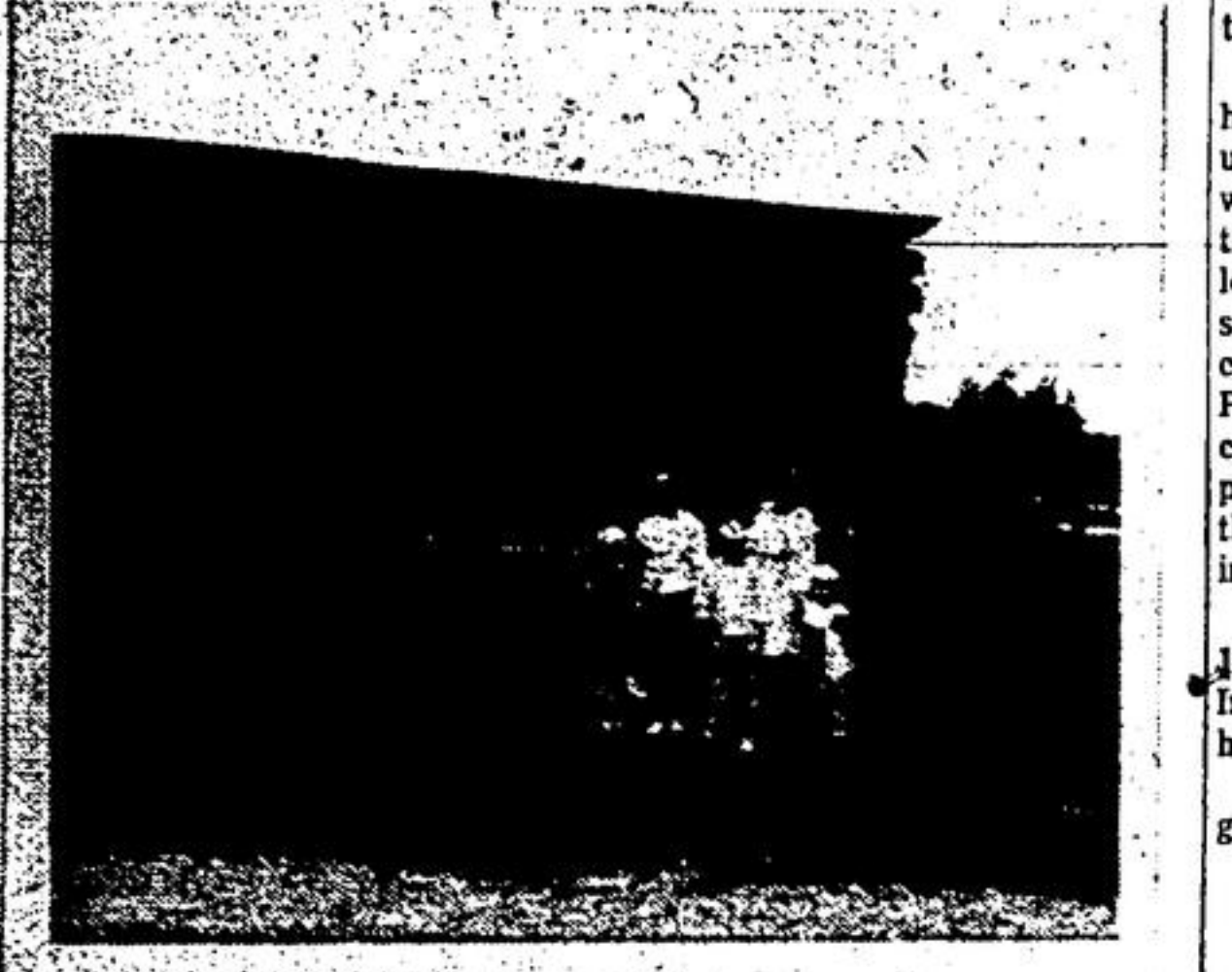
What a marvelous piece of engineering that old cabin was, with its huge hand-hewn logs, most of them about twenty feet long, ten inches thick and eight inches high — and perfectly keyed at the corners. Most of the logs were still in good condition. The building would be about twenty feet wide by thirty-five feet long, with twenty windows and one door.

As the family grew, a new home was built, and the cabin used for a shed. The new home was added to from time to time until it was finally completed in 1897. Above the window some of the stone remained uncovered and the words 'Mount Pleasant 1897' was plain as could be. Mr. Watson said that probably Mount Pleasant was the name of his father's estate in Armagh, Ireland.

The barn was raised in May 19, 1902 and the name W. A. Erwin cut quite plainly into a huge log inside the barn.

So here indeed was my great-grandfather's farm!

Love from your Mother.



Descendants marvel at great grandfather's handiwork

County. Driving up the road we counted four farms, but there seemed to be an error. We were lost; then noticing a lovely white horse, Jean-ann commented, "Don't you wish that would turn out to be your grandpa's horse?"

"But", I said, "according to my information, the buildings are a stone house and a good frame barn." Since we could see no stone house, there was nothing else to do but enquire. As I walked into that yard, a kindly gentleman (I learned later he was the owner and his name was Chris Watson), along with his son and his daughter were having a game of darts. I pardoned myself for the intrusion and said, "I am looking for the Alexander Erwin Farm." With enthusiasm Mr. Watson answered:

"You are standing on the old farm of Alexander Erwin. Are you related?"

Before I could reply that I was, he continued, "How I have wished to meet some of the descendants of Alex Erwin."



Chris Watson and Caesar, a very old goat (who loves to eat cigarettes) stands in front of the original Erwin barn, built in 1817.

Returns to Town, Opens Woodworking Business

A newly painted black barn with a bright red door on Maple Ave. opposite the golf course, is now the home of Humberstone Woodworking, a custom woodworking plant, specializing in windows, shutters, columns, etc.

Don Humberstone, the owner,

is a native Georgetown who left with his family to live in Toronto when he was ten, but has now decided to move his Cooksville business up here.

He is building a house on the eleven acre property, and hopes to move in before the school opening. He and wife Marilyn, have five children — Terry, Donna, Brian, Barry and John. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Humberstone, who recently moved back from Toronto to make her home here on Cherry Street.



Don Humberstone in front of barn which he converted to custom woodworking shop.

Endurance Marathons Make Exciting Kart Club Evening

Mid season marathons provided some exciting racing for go cart watchers last week. Drivers in five classes, after completing their heats, finished the night by driving in extended endurance runs, some of them as long as 50 laps with extra points and trophies at stake.

Driving in the fastest company, Class Three, Charlene MacCormack won the applause of the distaff side in the crowd by showing the males the way to the wire in the 50 lap feature. Gerald Edge grabbed 2nd place and Hugh Tremblay captured third spot.

Charlene had earlier piloted her machine to the show position in the heat won by Gord Thompson. Will Hambrook was second.

Gord Cash was chased to the flag by Keith Hunter and Gene Morden in the 50 lapper in the Class 5th Line of Esqueping just 4 heat beating Glen Smith and Bob Gauthier who took second and third spot.

In class 5 it was Flash Edge leading the 50 lap field to the finish with Jim Wallace second and Bruce Walker third. Edge was second in the heat which Murray Scott won. Wallace was third.

The junior boys marathon race was a 30 lapper, Dave Tremblay the victor closely trailed by Reid Walker and Kevin MacIntyre. Of those three only Kevin MacIntyre finished in the first three in the heat. He took second place to Peter Haynes with Stewart Baker driving the third kart.

A 20 lap powder puff derby saw Sandra Cash top the rest of the gals with Goldie Coe second and Pat Morey third.

The kart races are held every Wednesday night at the North Haldon Kart Club on the Class 5th Line of Esqueping just south of Limehouse.

Erin Rasing Team Fastball League

Important wins by Erin are making them the team to watch in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League. Erin beat Exchange House 104 Friday night after taking Standard Products 7-6 the night before and the victories solidified their hold on third place behind General Fireproofing and Georgetown Cycle & Sports.

Georgetown Cycle & Sports stayed alone in second place, two points up on Erin by beating Combines 5-4 Friday with Wayne McNiven the winning pitcher.

In another Thursday game GF thumped Exchange House 17-4.

Cycle & Sports gained an easy two points July 28 when they were awarded their scheduled game with Benson & Hedges because the latter was late in giving notification of cancellation.

Standing (Aug. 1) W L T Pts.
 General Fire 10 5 2 22
 Cycle & Sports 9 6 3 21
 Exchange House 8 3 3 19
 Benson & Hedges 7 7 1 15
 Standard 5 10 0 10
 Combines 4 10 2 10

Georgettes Cinch First Lost Only One Game

Georgetown's women's softball team has clinched first place in their first season of play in Oakville Ladies' Softball League.

The Georgettes, who have only been beaten once, registered a 7-0 victory over Bronte Lakeshore Esso, Thursday in Glen park to lock up the league pennant.

It was their second straight shutout. Two nights earlier they blanked Dixie 6-0 on the pitching arm of Ev Smith.

Thursday it was Marilyn Eagles who scattered 11 hits to get the shutout.

Georgettes had 20 hits off Bronte's Jan Stevens. They scored one run in the first when Marilyn Eagles singled, stole second and scored on a base hit by Ev Smith.

The winners pushed another run across in the second on a single and Marilyn Eagles' double, a triple and a single produced two more Georgetown runs in the third.

The final run came in the 6th on a walk, three singles and Ann Marchment's double.

Gail Young collected a double and three singles for the winners as did Marilyn Eagles. Ev Smith had a double and two base hits.

July Swimming Tests

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Senior — Lawrence Cooper, Randy Dubien, Dave Robinson, Cathy O'Hearn, Karen Robinson, Jeff Inglis, Paul Thompson.

Intermediate — Linda Rea, Wayne Gardhouse, Dianne Timbers, Connell Smith, Mike Buck, Gerry Anderson, John O'Hearn, Robbie Heaton, Marie Milne, Jackie Clark, Mary Ellen Moffat, Penny Todd, Lorraine Martin, Lynda Palmer.

Junior — Leona McAusland, Cindy Rea, Heidi Arts, Ted Arts, Evelyn McMurdo, Bev Roberts, Tom Van Sicker, Jennifer Thompson, Beth Kewley, Connie Verhey, Gary Taylor, Pat Jeffrey, Chuck Kail, Karen Norton, Debbie Oldford, Keith Robson, Paul Sargent, John Owen, Doug McPhail, Dawn Sutherland, Susan Ewen, Dennis Markie, Diane Robinson, Laurie Robinson, John Thorne, Darlene Bouwman, Christine Robinson, Lynn Baillie, Toni Treahy, Bruce Swift, Reeve Hayes.

Beginner — Jennifer Krapek, Diane Baginski, Sandy Smith, Craig Bolton, Paul Lawrence, Karen Paton, Shurna Steel, Sonja Pettingill, Jeff Chisholm, Jeff Patton, Martin Power, Marilyn McNabb, Jamie Reid, Danny Cheeseman, Karen Brush, Ronald Marchand, Duncan Owen, Debbie Eyre, Chris Clancy, Alana Turner, Sean Baines, Karen Tessier, Dana King, Bobby Ghsby, Steve Bevan, Robbie Bouwman, Evelyn Allen, Doug Doupsagne, Ken Peters, Raymond Dubien, Lori Thorpe, Camie McCormick, Wendy Page, Sheila Ford, Julie Page, Janice Phillips, Sheila Henderson, Ron Woodhams, Susan Bastedo, Stephen Bastedo, James Baillie, Craig Teeter, Chris Murden, Danny Fisher, David Robertson, Heather Robertson, David Chamberlain, Sandra Chamberlain, Michael Burns.

Errors Beat Giants In Hamilton Game

Both teams rapped seven hits but Hamilton scored the runs as they beat Georgetown Giants 4-1 in a Halton County Intermediate Baseball League game in Hamilton, Wednesday.

Kranick was the winning pitcher, Bernie Dore the loser in a tight game that was decided on miscues. Giants committed six errors to Hamilton's one.

Denny Gibbons was the only Giant to collect two hits. Jim James, Rick Maloney, Danny Arbie, Earl Burt, and playing manager Tom James singled off the Giants other hits.

The loss left Giants with a seven wins — 12 losses record with five games left. They have already bettered last season's showing when they managed just six victories.

The final five games include two with Dundas who are fighting it out with Giants for the right to progress into the Ontario Baseball Association's Intermediate A playdowns as Halton league reps. Dundas currently has a two game edge on the locals.

They'll meet each other in Dundas, Monday, August 11 and back here Wednesday, Aug. 20.

This year's OBA Intermediate A championship will be decided in four rounds of elimination playoffs.

Glen Loss Tonight Would Create Three Way Tie

A Glen Williams loss in Rockwood tonight will make the race for the last two playoff berths in the Intercounty Fastball League tighter than a Scotsman's fist.

Norval and Hillsburgh had already finished their regular schedule with 10-10 records. The Glen goes into tonight's test at 10 and 9.

Guelph and Rockwood have first and second place sewed up and only Belwood is definitely out of it.

If the Glen does lose tonight creating a three way tie, third place will be decided by a flip of the coin and the remaining two clubs will play a sudden death game to decide fourth.

Should the Glen win tonight and take third place, Hillsburgh and Norval will play a single deciding game.

The Glen pulled even in the standings with Norval and Hillsburgh Tuesday night by outshining Norval 10-8 in the Glen where a crowd of 300 watched.

Joe Shaw for eight innings and then Tex Leybourne did the throwing for the winners. In the absence of Johnny Holtby, Greg Moody started and went four innings before being lifted for Robson.

The game's big blow was a three run homer by Rick Peavoy late in the game.

Norval, who trailed throughout, used their fleet base running to keep the outcome in doubt. At one time they were looking at a 5-0 deficit.

The Glen also came through with a crucial win Sunday night beating Rockwood and John Salmon 6-4 in front of a large crowd. Neil Best, the winner, faltered in the late going, but Jim Frank's line drive home run after a four run Rockwood inning provided the insurance run.

John Holtby outpitched Best Friday when Norval edged Glen Williams 4-2. Holtby and Ray Inglis were the big hitters for the winners who scored twice in the eighth frame to gain the win. Both Glen runs were unearned.

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