

Free Press News Briefs

**EACH DAY** three or four Exhibition special buses go through town, according to Len Adams.

**GEORGETOWN** fair book is in a smaller size this year and fits neatly in a man's suit pocket.

**STUDENTS STARTING** to community college, university, nurses' training or special courses? Please let the Free Press know.

**THE FREE** Press has special forms available for wedding

write-ups. Brides should ask for one, if they haven't received one by mail.

**IN THEIR** weekly column, the police warn that excited children returning to school may forget their safety rules. Drive carefully.

**AN INCH** AND a half of rain fell in this district on Sunday, according to the Silverwood correspondent.

**OUR SISTER** newspaper, the Milton Champion, has decided not to accept weddings over a month old.



UNVEILING OF AN HISTORICAL plaque to honor the first settlers in Erin township attracted many to Ballinafad Sunday afternoon. Descendants of the

original settlers attended and many representatives of municipal, provincial and federal government. See inside for stories and pictures.—(Staff Photo)

Commemorate 150 years

# Unveil, dedicate plaque at Ballinafad to honor early settlers

Over 100 people including many descendants of the original settlers gathered for the unveiling and dedication of an historical plaque commemorating the early settlement of Erin township, at the Ballinafad community centre, Sunday afternoon.

The event was sponsored by Ballinafad Women's Institute and Erin township council.

First settlers in the township which was surveyed in 1818 were three named Roszel who settled near the site of Ballinafad in 1820—150 years ago. Suitably, the plaque which commemorates the first settlement, sits on the cemetery grounds at the head of the community cemetery where many of the pioneers sleep. It is within sight of the four corners which have seen pioneer traffic pass — from oxen to horses — to the present day where a modern paved county road bisects the hamlet.

Text of the plaque reads:

EARLY SETTLEMENT IN ERIN TOWNSHIP

Erin Township was formed from land purchased by the Crown from the Mississauga Indians in 1818. It was surveyed in 1818 and in 1820-21. A few grantees, including three named Roszel, settled near the site of Ballinafad by 1820. Other settlers came in 1821-27. By 1828 Aaron Wheeler had built a grist mill on the site of Hillsburgh, where Nazareth Hill later established a village. Another settlement formed near the site of Erin village where a sawmill was in operation by 1828, and a grist mill by 1829. These mills were acquired and rebuilt by Daniel McMillan, and in 1839 "Erin" post office was opened at "McMillan's Mills". In 1841 the township contained 1,368 persons.

Many dignitaries

Dignitaries from Wellington and Halton Counties took part in the ceremonies and speech-making which started in the hall and wound up at the unveiling in the cemetery grounds.

Included among those who took part in the ceremonies were Mrs. Jesse McEnery, president of Ballinafad W.I.; M.P. Rud Whiting of Oakville; M.P.P. John Root, member for Wellington-Dufferin of Erin; Wellington Warden Ken Denny, of Fergus; Roy Brown, reeve of Orion village; George Currie, reeve of Esquesing township; Leslie Gray, London, representing the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board;

Rev. Kevin Johnston of Ballinafad United church; two descendants of the original settlers; the reeve of Puslinch township, Norman Roszel, and Henry Wheeler, for many years road superintendent of Erin township.

Reeve Stanley G. Fuller of Erin township was chairman of the event.

Mr. Fuller welcomed all those present to the "best farmland in Wellington County — a land of rolling hills and cool, clear unpolluted streams." The reeve suggested it might be the Garden of Eden except there weren't too many apples—a deficiency Reeve George Currie of Esquesing declared his township could rectify.

Small start

Mrs. McEnery, representing Ballinafad W. I., welcomed guests and told of the interest her Institute had in the history of the area. She said the W.I. started out thinking of a small, simple ceremony to mark the 150th anniversary of the first settlement of the township — starting with the cemetery on the 8th Line — but it had got beyond their control and blossomed into Sunday's gala event.

The ground on which the cemetery stood was donated by one of the original settlers — Nathaniel Roszel. There was also a school house on the corner, a Methodist Church, Templars Hall and also a manse as well as the nucleus of what became the hamlet of Ballinafad.

Mrs. McEnery thanked John Root and the hardworking secretary of the W. I. — Mrs. William McLean — for the help they gave in preparing for the afternoon.

Has roots in twp.

M.P.P. John Root delivered the keynote address to those assembled to pay tribute to the pioneers stressing he believed a nation with no interest in its past has none in its future.

Mr. Root recalled the early days in the township when his grandfather went to Toronto — then York — to pick up a millstone for the grist mill in Erin. "That Conestoga wagon is still on our farm," he told the assembly. It was last used in 1939.

He recalled that Nathaniel Roszel who first settled in Ballinafad has 17 in his family. His descendants can be traced throughout the township and in Wellington and Halton Counties. Mrs. McLean, secretary of the W. I., he said was a descendant of the settler with the

first buggy in the township — Matthew Smith.

"They were living in Erin township before John Galt took an axe to a maple tree in Guelph," he said.

The first log school in the township was erected in 1829 on Lot 17, Con. 7, and the first public school was at Lot 5, Con. 10.

First election in the township was held over a pine stump at the Burt farm known as the Maples, Erin Fair — known as a preview of the Royal — got its start in 1852.

Ontario's rich heritage, said Mr. Root, depends on more than the material, however, and the pioneers laid the foundations of today's society.

Descendants speak

Earlier the two descendants of early settlers — Norman Roszel and Henry Wheeler spoke briefly of the achievements of the early settlers with Mr. Roszel stating the people of today could take a leaf from their book.

The first Wheeler — the Wheeler evolved from the original Wheeler — settled in the township in 1824 and his daughter married George Henshaw who was the first representative of the township on the county council.

"They had no honeymoon," recalled Mr. Wheeler. They just went for a walk in the country. The Wheelers settled in Hillsburgh and there are still descendants on the original homestead.

Greetings were also brought by Warden Ken Denny, Roy Brown of Erin, Esquesing reeve George Currie and M.P. Rud Whiting.

Leslie Gray of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of the province also spoke briefly.

The dedication and benediction outside at the plaque was given by Rev. Kevin Johnston.

## Arson charges follow fire

A 30 year old Georgetown man appeared in court and was remanded for 80 days for psychiatric examination following a destructive fire at the Beaugard farm of Miss Therese St. Jean, Main St. S., Georgetown.

Arson charges were laid as the result of an investigation by the O.P.P. into the fire which destroyed the barn and contents which included a cost storage unit, a new crop of apples and farm implements. Miss St. Jean estimated her loss at \$50,000.

The alarm was turned in around 11 o'clock on the Sunday night. Firemen had the fire under control within two hours. Miss St. Jean had high praise for the Georgetown firefighters.

Another barn on the same property was destroyed by fire last year on July 30.

## Appoint Leno Braida

Building Products of Canada Limited has appointed Dr. Leno Braida manager of its plastic manufacturing plant in Acton.

Dr. Braida succeeds E. J. Arnold, recently named PCV Resin Manager for Esso Chemical Canada.

A native of Acton, Dr. Braida lives in Oakville with his wife and family. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida, Main St. S., Acton and a brother to Acton solicitor Aldo Braida.

Dr. Braida was educated in Acton public and high schools before attending the University of Toronto.

## Rotarians plan events

Plans for millionaires night and a steer draw were finalized when the Rotary club met Tuesday. The millionaires night will be held this Saturday night in the community centre as a part of the Sportsmen's show. The draw for a steer will be made at the fall fair on Saturday, September 19. Two guests were present for the meeting. Rotary strength is now up to 30 members.

### ROXY THEATRE MILTON

**SHOW TIME:** SUN. THROUGH THURS. 8 P.M. FRI. & SAT. 7 P.M. & 9 P.M. SAT. MATINEE 2 P.M.

Wed. 2	Thu. 3	Fri. 4	Sat. 5	Saturday Matinee 5
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A man went looking for an axe  
And caught the devil's eye

**Devil Ship Pirates**

Sun. 6	Mon. 7	Tue. 8	Wed. 9
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**THE ADVENTURERS**

JOSEPH B. LEVINE PRESENTS  
THE LEWIS CALBERT FILM OF

**THE ADVENTURERS**

Thu. 10	Fri. 11	Sat. 12	Sun. 13
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**THE MIGHTY JUNGLE**

BOB & CAROL & TED & ALICE

NATALIE WOOD & ROBERT CLIP ELLIOTT GOULD & DYAN CANNON TECHNICOLOR

**Mustang Drive-In Theatre**

OPEN AT 8:00 P.M.

Thurs., Fri., Sat. Sept. 3-4-5

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**

Dick Van Dyke  
Sally Ann Howes  
Lionel Jeffries

**Green Slime**

Most men want to love her...  
One man wants to kill her!

**Sunday Gala Sept. 6**

**FLAREUP**

Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 7-8

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## Free Press

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
ANGLICAN  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
Trinity XV  
10:00 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.  
Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.

11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
4:00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church.  
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 — Catechism Classes.

Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.  
Everyone Welcome

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Churchill Road North  
Minister:  
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.  
124 Tildey Ave. Phone 833-2386

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service.  
Please note change of time.  
Sermon subject, "Nothing but the Truth", Ephesians 4, 15.  
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
Minister:  
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.  
Director of Music:  
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

**EIGHTH SEASON — COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES IN TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
Preacher, Rev. Gordon B. Turner  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
10:00 a.m. — Divine Worship

## Church News

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
80 Mill St. W.  
Founded 1842  
Rev. Francis M. Byrne  
Church Office 853-0860

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Business meeting.  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
The Pastor.  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School.  
A Cordial Invitation To All

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.  
Proverbs 19, 23 — The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown  
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1970  
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.  
Georgetown 877-6665

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.  
Minister  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.  
Organist and Choir Master

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Savory combinations of fresh seafood will satisfy your appetite. Indulge yourself in our assorted delicacies from the sea.

**CHARLES HOTEL**  
MILTON — 878-7752

Come dine with us

**OOPS!!**

**"Sorry I Slipped"**

Due to circumstances (almost) beyond my control, I was not able to be at the **RELAXO COIN LAUNDRY GRAND OPENING** on the 29th of AUGUST

**HOWEVER I SHALL BE THERE SATURDAY, SEPT. 5th TO GIVE AWAY FREE GIFTS TO EVERYONE BETWEEN 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.**

also there will be a **FREE DRAW** for an electric Hair Dryer!

**SO SAVE UP YOUR DIRTY WASHING AND BRING IT TO THE**

# RELAXO LAUNDROMAT

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 5th

your friendly Maytag Salesman **ROYCE HILL**

"Draw for Hair Dryer to be made at 4 P.M."