

Ballinafad

Memorial cairn dedicated Ballinafad cemetery Sunday

by Mrs. R. Shortill
A very impressive service was held in Ballinafad Community Centre on Sunday afternoon Sept. 24.

Rev. Melvin Johnston, our minister, was chairman and opened the service with the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," with Mrs. Ernie McEnery at the piano.

Mr. Wilfred Roszel of Fergus spoke on behalf of the Roszel family relating his connection with the first pioneer of his family.

Mr. Johnston then read greetings from the Hon. John Root, M.P.P., who was unable to attend but who has always shown keen interest in early settlers of whom his own family was one.

Keep up tradition
Erin township Reeve Lloyd Lang next spoke, commending Ballinafad people on their interest in keeping up traditions.

The present community centre sits on land where the former Methodist Church and Temperance Hall once stood.

Miss Luena Campbell of Georgetown a retired teacher, who lived here in her younger days and who attended the former Methodist Church and Sunday School next gave an interesting talk which brought back pleasant memories. Her vivid recollections of where each little Sunday School class was placed in the church room and how they graduated to the different corners in the wee church and who their teachers were in the various corners, made us all see, ourselves back again in the old happy days. Then, not as now church and Sunday school were the highlight of the week.

Prayer meetings
Then, the weekly prayer meetings were held. The minister visited one of his parishioners each Wednesday afternoon stayed for "supper" and conducted the prayer meeting at night.

She recalled how at first the singing was led by Mrs. Sayers who used a tuning fork to get the right pitch before organs were in churches.

Then communion was taken all kneeling at the altar rail and passing the large cup from lip to lip and breaking the bread from the loaf as it was passed.

Early ministers
Miss Campbell also mentioned several of the early Methodist ministers, who also served Erin Church namely, Rev. Dr. McArthur, Rev. Jewett and Rev. Evans, the last one being here when church union came about. She told of how the first United Church service was held in the "Then Presbyterian church and led by the two ministers - Rev.

Evans and Rev. Waddell. In 1854 the little M.E. church was torn down. The large stone with insignia and date was preserved and is now built into the cairn.

On behalf of the Women's Institute and as president of it Mrs. Wm. McLean gave an address explaining about the plaque which had been their contribution to the cairn, when money would be available to the cemetery board to have said cairn constructed. Mrs. McLean also brought to mind again how as a centennial project in 1967 they had restored Providence Cemetery (9th line) and have had it kept in good shape since.

Certainly the good works of the Women's Institute is evident around Ballinafad for here also through their untiring efforts over lovely Community Centre has been built.

Mrs. Gould
Representing the Wellington County Historical Society our next speaker was Mr. Ron Gould.

Do we ever stop to think how our early forefathers and mothers braved the hardships and deprivations they bore. Mrs. Gould pictured to us how this early Roszel mother with her babes trekked up the trail from Smithville in the Niagara area up to Lot 1, Erin Tsp. Conc. 7; how the father must have come ahead and hacked out a clearing; how the older boy probably led the cow. All in all, Mrs. Gould made us see again just what life in those times right here on this very Ballinafad land was like 150 years ago.

Mrs. Gould had done a great deal of delving into the early history of this family. It was of great interest to us all and I am sure was profoundly interesting to descendants of the Roszel family who made up a large share of the audience which filled the hall to the doors.

Cairn ceremony
Mr. Richard Shortill thanked

all those who had helped to prepare the service. Then all went out to the cairn to witness the ceremony there. Mrs. Violet Sayers Brownridge a former Ballinafad girl and a Methodist member of the early church unveiled the cairn and Rev. Johnston dedicated it to the memory of the early settlers.

Lunch was served in the hall and friends and acquaintances enjoyed a happy chat. Mrs. Vera Sanderson our untiring secretary, was happy to receive several donations to help in maintenance.

In our column we commend again Mr. Kenneth Pinkney on his very artistic construction of our memorial piece. As I have stated before a very special type of rock was used and may it always stand there to remind us of our forefathers who blazed the trail to our fair land.

Extend sympathy
Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Thomas Mack who died this week and was buried at Everton.

Miss Sheila Jamieson began her course in Toronto on Monday in respiratory therapy.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Logan have sold their beautiful home on the Ballinafad town line. We understand they intend building in another location no far away.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shortill have made a marked improvement to their house with a coating of steel and vinyl siding.

The Ballinafad Institute entered their display at Milton Fair. The 4-H girls also had a display there.

Mr. Murray Jamieson is going to Ryerson College this year and is commuting each day.

NEXT year is the tenth anniversary for the Miss Acton Fair contest.



DEDICATED to the memory of early settlers, a cairn was unveiled Sunday afternoon at Ballinafad cemetery. Mrs. Violet Sayers Brownridge, a member of the early church, unveiled the cairn and Rev. Kelvin Johnston dedicated it. (Photo by D. Gibbons)



BALLINAFAD area residents examine the new plaque. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

THIS HISTORY SITE AT BALLINAFAD LOT 1 CON 7 ERIN TOWNSHIP WELLINGTON COUNTY IS WHERE SAUNDRA ROSZEL MADE THE FIRST SETTLEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP IN 1820 HIS CHILD BENJAMIN WAS THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN THE TOWNSHIP. MR. ROSZEL DONATED LAND FOR A GEMMILLY METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL TEMPERANCE HALL AND PARSONAGE THE LAND WHERE THE CHURCH AND TEMPERANCE HALL ONCE STOOD IS NOW THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Templeton to speak at dinner

Charles Templeton, noted Canadian broadcaster and commentator, will be the guest speaker at a \$25-a-plate fundraising dinner for Halton Liberal M.P. Rud L. Whiting Oct. 5 at the Holiday Inn.

Organizers for the dinner said they expect more than 150 persons will attend. Money raised by the dinner will be used to offset Whiting's campaign costs in the current election.

Tickets to the event are available through local Liberal campaign headquarters throughout the Halton riding.

THE town grows quiet while the Canada-Russia hockey games are on.



Church meetings, visits reunions in area news

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur
With the summer vacations over, church service and Sunday School last Sunday was quite well attended. Orchestra and choir with Mrs. Anderson at the organ and Mrs. Turner as leader assisted in the service.

The Churchill Community Church Women held their first meeting after the summer recess at the home of Mrs. Clifford Storey on Wednesday evening, September 20. There was a fair attendance with president Mrs. W. Swackhamer opening the meeting with prayer. Hymn "I Would Be True" was sung. In the absence of Mrs. D. Anderson, Mrs. Swackhamer gave the devotions "Why some Prayers are not answered", closing with prayer and hymn "I've Found a Friend" was sung. Mrs. Eleanor Thompson gave a talk on poison and Mrs. Fosbury read some poems. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Storey.

Board meeting
The regular quarterly congregational board meeting was held in the church on Thursday evening, September 21 with a fair attendance. The "New Constitution" was presented, voted on, and accepted by the congregation. Also a discussion for the installation of water in the church was dealt with. Confirmation classes are being arranged for this fall, and a reception of new members. A visitation program will be activated during mid-October.

Family reunion
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr, Mrs. Marie Anderson and son David attended the Kitching-Watson family re-union on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Corwin. It has been held for 53 years. This year the families gathered at the original Kitching home where Mrs. Kerr's mother Mrs. Caldwell, was born,

and her great grandfather and great grandmother cleared the land and built the stone home there. The farm is still owned by John Kitching, the great, great grandson of the former John Kitching and Ann Watson.

Cons. Vern Denny has been home for a week's holiday before going to Police College at Aylmer.

David and Julianne Turner spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKeown and attended the county fair in Huttonville on Saturday afternoon.

Quite a number from this locality attended the anniversary services, either morning or evening, at Limehouse Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackson and girls of Atwood visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bunnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marchmont of Hornby and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drysdale and boys of Brampton visited with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fosbury visited at the parental home on Tuesday evening for dinner. Also at the same home on Friday were their daughter Kay (Mrs. Orwell Cross) and son Craig of Lotne Park.

In hospital
We are sorry to report Mrs. William Dobbie is in Toronto General Hospital for tests. We hope she can return home feeling better and looking forward to better health.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton, Andy and Debbie holidayed with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of Willowdale at their cottage at Gull Lake.

Mark, Amy Lynn and Cara Jane Hamilton of Georgetown spent the weekend with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ward

Hamilton and family. Guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Jeffrey and Christine on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ennis, Blake and Dawn of Perth. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and children attended the Kitching-Watson re-union at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kitching at Corwin.

Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. Ron MacArthur and Sharon, also Mr. Bob Kirkwood motored to London taking their grandparents as far as London and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gauvreau. They went on as far as Oil Springs and called on Mr. Wm. Dawson viewing the oil wells in that district.

Mr. and Mrs. F. MacArthur spent two weeks holidaying with their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gauvreau in London where they met many friends and attended London fair; also at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dawson's home at Chatham, where they visited many old friends including Bob's grandma Dawson. Mrs. Mary Dawson and Annie Harris and Mr. Wm. Dawson had dinner at their home on Friday evening prior to Bob and Karen bringing them home on Saturday.

New pact for staff

A salary pact for caretakers and maintenance men working with the Halton County Board of Education was accepted by the Board.

Caretakers' salaries range from \$3.45 an hour to start to \$3.69 effective July 1, 1972 and that jumps to a range of \$3.70 to \$3.94 per hour. Employees receive increases after three months, one year and 18 months.

Head caretakers will receive from \$3.79 to \$4.22 as of July 1, 1972 and from \$4.04 to \$4.47 as of July 1, 1973.

Maintenance men will earn from \$4.02 to \$4.78 after the 1973 July contract takes effect.

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By John Salmon

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