

Ballinafad

Fire guts Harris home

By Mrs. R. Shortill
Sympathy, through our column, is extended to the family of the late Mr. Perryman who passed away this week. He had been in hospital for about a month.

Another meeting
Through the combined efforts of all involved the Community Centre meeting—second effort—brought out a good crowd. A satisfactory meeting took place. Representatives from both Esqueping and Erin township council attended and expressed their co-operation for the coming year. It was gratifying to see several of our new residents present also as well as others, who displayed their interest.

Plea
A plea has gone out for boys between cub age and scout age for scouts to come out and help the new leader, Mr. Bomasull, who is interested in having a good sized group.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Jack Mann and our sympathy is extended to his sister Mrs. Fred Sinclair.

Messrs. James and Calvin Sanderson have purchased a new snowmobile.

U.C.W. meetings
The recent U.C.W. meeting Jan. 17 was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Schwartz. Through lack of details I was unable to report last week.

However I have since learned a bit about it. There was a good turnout of about 20 with 19 members paying fees. Mrs. Ruby Pinkerton had the devotion Cheerfulness and Kindness, Mrs. Ernie McEnery, the topic Youth in the Church. Mrs. Mary Lawr showed slides of their trip to England which she and Archie

had taken last summer. Some interesting views were of Mrs. Berris (Mrs. Jamieson's mother), also Mr. and Mrs. Mike Norton and family. These were taken in Scotland where the above people now live.

Officers elected for 1973 are as follows: past pres., Mrs. Elaine Sales; pres., Mrs. Norm Sinclair; 1st vice, Mrs. Ernie McEnery; secy., Mrs. Bud Snow; treas., Mrs. Emerson Clarke; stewardship, Mrs. Norman Johnson, citizenship, Mrs. Murray LaRose; friendship, Mrs. Richard M. Shortill.

Your columnist would appreciate accounts of the U.C.W. meeting and activities, also those of the W.I.

Other than these, any interesting items of news, visits, trips etc. sent in on the weekend help our Ballinafad column to be worth reading. Phone 877-2050 Saturday or Sunday as my mail must get in Monday morning.

Can only report
Dogs still run at large in our area. Four or five, and one person phoned me saying six big dogs were around her house upsetting garbage and messing up her yard—could I do something about it? I can only report it.

We understand a new 4-H club is beginning but again, we have no details. Is there a press reporter?

Fire guts home

Fire of unknown origin gutted the home of the Harris family on the 7th line, last week. This was the former home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McEnery.

Mr. Fred A. Shortill, Silvercreek was able to return home from Guelph hospital where he received surgical treatment.



NO, IT IS NOT THE INSIDE OF a temple but avid Judo students at the recent Shial in Georgetown. Several people from Acton and area belong to the club which boasts 90 members. (Photo by W. Thomson)

Ospringle

Public speaking winner; home destroyed by fire

By Doris Fines
A welcome from the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leaman of Guelph who have moved into Geo. Cook's cottage, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keenan and family.

Miss Marjorie Arnett, a missionary in Haiti, West Indies, visited with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes. Miss Arnett has been in Haiti 27 years, and is home on furlough for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Russell of Detroit, Michigan spent a few days with Mr. Russell's sister and niece, Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and son Bill of Mishawaka, Indiana, also visited on the weekend at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson, Mrs. Thomas Fines, Miss Doris Fines, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bessey, attended a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James in Erin, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Russell of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and Bill of Mishawaka, Indiana.

Home destroyed
A fire completely destroyed the frame house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert, on the west corner of the 2nd line and 17 sideroad. Mrs. Robert was at the barn when fire was first noticed. The cause of the blaze is unknown, but it is believed to have started in the upstairs of the house.

The school bus drivers, their wives and husbands, enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner at The Plainsman, Saturday evening. They came back to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny where they were shown slides of the Denny's trip to the Yukon.

Ebenezer

Farewell party for Haywards

By Mrs. Ron McLean
A large gathering of friends gathered at the church for a farewell party for Vi and Murray Hayward, who are moving to Orangeville the end of January. Mrs. Blyth and Mrs. Ward presented Mrs. Hayward with a life membership in the U.C.W.

The Sunday School children of Knox Presbyterian Church sat down to a breakfast in the church basement Sunday morning. Later, they sang for the congregation. The new Books of Praise were dedicated at the morning service.

The name chosen for Group 1 of Ospringle 4H Homemaking Club is "Ospringle Spices are the Nicest". Fourteen girls and two leaders attended the second meeting. The discussion was on how to plan a menu. For the demonstration Judy Stewart and Frances Vander Meulen made western sandwiches and tomato soup with bay leaves. Barbara Johnston made Lipton soup with bay leaves.

Public speaking
Susan Hodge, Grade 8 student of Ospringle School, was the proud winner of the public speaking semifinals for area one of Wellington County, held in Ospringle school Wednesday afternoon, January 24.

Six schools were competing—Brisbane, Eramosa, Erin, Hillsburgh, Rockwood and Ospringle. While the judges, Mrs. Cecil Chambers, Mr. N. Finnie, and Mr. J.H. Perry, were making their decision the Ospringle Junior choir sang, under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Hoy.

First runner-up was Clyde Gilbey of Hillsburgh with Janet Gallin from Rockwood second runner-up.

Susan's speech was about "Sky-jacking", and she received a trophy, with all the speakers receiving money in an envelope.

Next Wednesday night January 31, at 7:30 p.m. the finals are being held at Ospringle school. Susan Clyde and Janet will be competing with three Guelph students—Tanya Alexander, Brant Avenue School; Leslie Keane, Edward Johnson School, and Miranda Hughes from Ottawa Crescent School.

Churchill

Fifth annual church meeting

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Churchill church worship service January 25 was cancelled on account of the icy roads. Only a few who left early before the word got to them were disappointed finding the door locked.

Evening service
Next Sunday the morning service again will be withdrawn so all can come out for the evening service to enjoy the religious musical program to be held in Churchill Community Church Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Come and support the Young People of the Acton Baptist Church and the Churchill Young People who have put so much time on preparing it. All are welcome. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church after the service, in the church hall.

Fifth annual
The fifth annual meeting of the Churchill Community Church was held Thursday evening, January 25, in the church. After a short religious service, Mr. Fosbury chaired the meeting for the election of officers who are to guide the congregation for the coming year.

Many other small matters concerning the church were brought before the Congregation and settled. We are happy to report the membership has increased and all are looking for an enthusiastic year ahead.

Funeral service
Quite a number of relatives and friends from Acton area attended the funeral on Jan. 24 in Erin United Church of the late Mrs. Arthur Griffin who had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson. Entombment was at Coningsby Mortuary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caruso, Jeff and girls Carolyn and Barbara of Brampton visited on Sunday afternoon at the parental home with Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Fosbury.

Baby shower
Mrs. Marg Spear attended a baby shower for her daughter Brenda, Mrs. Hillier, at the home of Mrs. John Palmer in Acton last week.

Guests over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Christine and Jeffrey were Mr. and Mrs.

Eden Mills

Church women plan events

By Mrs. R. Wright
Rev. J. E. Taylor, former minister of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church, took the service Sunday while Rev. D. Dr. Sinclair is attending a course at the Presbyterian College in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gordon of Nanaimo, British Columbia, have returned home after a three week visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Weale.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bercombe, Willowdale, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilk Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. William McLean are in Toronto this weekend attending a wedding of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright.

Plan events
Mrs. Jack Chamberlain opened her home for the January meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid. Mrs. G. MacDougall conducted the W.M.S. with Beryl Wright taking the devotions. Mrs. Wallace Lasby took the chair for the Ladies' Aid with the devotions taken by Mrs. Don Blacklock. Roll call was answered with a new year's thought. After the minutes and treasurer's reports new plans for the coming months were made.

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