

**Ballinafad**

# Family escapes fire but nothing saved

**By Mrs. R. Shortill**  
We were all shocked when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Spear was burned on Saturday. Hope is expressed that they soon may find living quarters as they lost everything and only escaped with the clothing they wore.  
Their home had just recently been remodelled and covered with siding at very considerable expense.  
Their neighbors express great concern for them. Their young daughter Rosie, who was in shock, was taken to hospital but was released next morning. The neighbors and friends are planning a benefit dance for the stricken family.  
**4-H meeting**  
Nine members attended Ballinafad South 4-H club on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Minutes were read and 4-H pledge recited. Cutting and marking garments, fitting

and getting ready to sew proceeds were topics discussed. Leaders demonstrated pressing and correct tension necessary for sewing knits. The leaders are also taking this unit. One of the leaders Mrs. Foster will have completed 18 clubs at the completion of this one.  
**Saturday dance**  
The dance on Saturday night was well attended. All present spent a very enjoyable evening. Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Linstead, whose baby son was born Sunday morning, a brother for wee sister.  
**Baby sitters**  
A list of girls available for baby-sitting has been compiled. Mrs. Dave Ginter who is a registered nurse, has kindly organized a class where they will receive valuable pointers on child care.

**Story time**  
A story time for wee tots has been arranged by Mrs. Linda O'Connor to be held also at the Community Centre. So we see our corner Community Centre embarking on activities we hoped for.  
**Mr. Ray Swindlehurst** had an unfortunate mishap while falling trees along the township roads. He was off work last week recovering.  
**Sold farm**  
Rumour has it that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spear have sold their farm and have bought a house from Mr. and Mrs. Les Drysdale on Line 6 Erin above Hwy. 24.  
**Mr. Verne Rankin** has been poorly this past week.  
**Mrs. Archie Lawr** is recovering nicely from surgery and hopes to be home this week.



GEORGETOWN FIREFIGHTERS unravel hose to fight flames from the front end of the Sid Spear residence while billowing smoke sweeps across the countryside. Smoke and flames were visible from Churchill Rd. N. —H. Coles Photo

**Obituary**

## Railroading career for William Burgess

William Burgess, who spent most of his lifetime railroading, passed away in Guelph General Hospital Feb. 7. Mr. Burgess had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary McEachern and was in his 87th year.  
Before his retirement he was a locomotive engineer with the C.P.R. He began his railroading career at the age of 19. He lived at Toronto and Guelph before moving here. He was born in London, England.  
**Interment at Guelph**  
Funeral service for Mr. Burgess was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Feb. 9 conducted by the Rev. Walter Fosbury. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Guelph. Pallbearers were grandsons Stephen Burgess, David Burgess, Bill Burgess, Gordon Brook, Ron McEachern and Doug Kirkwood.  
Mr. Williams was predeceased by his wife Annie four years ago. Surviving are sons and daughters William and Sidney, Toronto; Charles and Frank, Chatham; Mrs. Anne Brook, Weston; Mrs. Francis Johnson (Rhea) West Hill; Mrs. Vic Swindlehurst (Dorothy) and Mrs. Mary McEachern of Acton.  
He had 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### \$29,900 contract

Hillsburgh's new post office, a one-storey frame structure measuring 29 feet square, will be located on Mill Street in the village. Exterior will be brick and the interior will be airconditioned.  
The Department of Public Works has indicated work has started on the new post office at this time to increase employment opportunities in the area. It will be completed in June, 1973.  
The \$29,900 contract for the new building was awarded to Brandon General Contractors of Kitchener, lowest of five acceptable bids received. Highest bid was \$43,346.

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**Ospringle**

### 4-H meetings, birthday death in area news

**By Doris Fines**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hills of Grand Valley visited on Sunday with Mrs. Hill's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hawes.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McKimmon, Karen and Connie, were dinner guests on Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson, Linda and Gary entertained on Sunday in honor of Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Thomas Fines, whose 87th birthday was on Valentine's day. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henderson of Belwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Redman and Tara, Mr. Don Wilson of Fergus, and Miss Doris Fines.  
**Ladies' aid**  
Key 73 was discussed at the February meeting of the Ospringle Ladies' Aid. It is a religious survey of all people, stating if, and what church they are affiliated with.  
Mrs. Elmer Fisher was the hostess, with ten members present.  
The devotional, What the Lord's Prayer mean, was taken by Mrs. Gordon Aitken.  
**Trip to Scotland**  
Mrs. Gordon Hawes gave some of the highlights of their trip to Scotland last spring.  
The meeting was adjourned with a prayer repeated in unison, and lunch was served by the hostess.

**4-H meetings**  
The roll call for the 4-H meeting of the Kookie Kookers Ospringle I Club, was to name a supper dish with eggs and cheese. Some of the suggestions were, western sandwich, cheese casserole, omelet, and spare ribs.  
Fourteen girls were present at the home of Teny Vander Heide. Plans were made for the last meeting and the supper for the mothers and fathers. Casseroles and desserts were also discussed.  
Demonstrations were done by Nora Stubbington who make a macaroni casserole, and Laura Viletstra, who baked an apple cake. Teny Vander Heide tried her luck with a tuna casserole.  
The meeting ended by repeating the 4-H pledge.  
**Fifth meeting**  
The 5th meeting was at Judy Stewart's home. The roll call was answered by naming a raw vegetable that can go in your lunch, such as tomatoes, radishes, and carrots.  
Discussions were on packed lunches, and the family meal.  
Judy Jackson and Kathy Johnston made egg salad sandwiches, and Teny Vander Heide made a pizza.  
**Dies in Sask.**  
Word was received of the death of William Clarence McMillan at Shaunavon, Sask. on Saturday, Feb. 17.  
Clarence was born in Erin Township, Feb. 10, 1895. He was the son of the late Mary Eliza

Royce and the late William Everdell McMillan. They lived on lot 14, conc. 5, and he attended Cedarvale public school.  
In 1914 he went west to work in Saskatchewan, and bought a homestead in the Scotsguard district.  
He joined the army in Erin, Ont. in March of 1916, in the 163rd Battalion. In March 1917 he went overseas to England, and in March 1918 he went to France with the 3rd Division of Vickers Machine Gun Battalion. In March 1919 he sailed for home.  
He married Nellie Russell in July of 1919, and they went west to live on the farm, until 1952 when they moved into Shaunavon, Sask.  
He was an elder in Shaunavon United Church, and a member of Shaunavon Legion No. 40.  
**Survivors**  
Besides his wife, he is survived by a son Lawrence of Scotsguard, and a daughter Jean (Mrs. Bruce Island) of Shaunavon, and 11 grandchildren, also a nephew Ross Ferguson of R.R. 1, Guelph, Ont. who made his home with them from the age of five years until he came east to join the air force.  
He is also survived by two brothers, Hugh of Guelph, Ont., Fred of Montreal, and a sister Ella (Mrs. T. J. Rees) of Mount Forest.  
The funeral took place Monday afternoon at Shaunavon, Sask.

**Ebenezer**

**Attend meeting**  
**By Mrs. Ron McLean**  
When Jesus was looking for illustrations of the Kingdom of God, He thought of home and His mother baking bread. A piece of

leaven was kept as a starter for the next batch. Leaven also had a bad connotation, as a little leaven can leaven the whole lump. The test of real religion is "Does it change a person?" Christianity

evaluates a person by the amount of service he does for others.  
**Attend meeting**  
A number of U.C.W. members attended the Presbyterian meeting in Guelph.  
Reserve March 17 for the Irish evening.



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**Limehouse**

### Euchre, W.M.S. meeting world tour reported

**By Mrs. Art Beston**  
Vice-pres. Mrs. Roughley presided at the W.M.S. meeting at the home of Mrs. Mitchell on Wed. evening opening with Pass It On. Mrs. Patterson read Scripture from Luke and Mrs. Roughley followed with prayer. Roll call and text word Uprightness were answered by verses of Scripture. Each of the nine attending read a current event item.  
Those who attended the recent annual of the Presbyterian gave highlights of the meeting. Interest was shown in supplies for the leper patients.  
Mrs. A. W. Benton reviewed at length the remainder of Commandoes for Christ by Bruce E. Porterfield, a missionary tale of work in the jungles of Bolivia. Mrs. Sanford served lunch to the nine attending afterwards.  
**Eachire party**  
The ladies' committee of the Limehouse Cubs group held a euchre at Limehouse Memorial Hall on Fri. evening. Inclement weather held the numbers attending low but those who did

enjoyed the event.  
Winners included Mrs. Neil Anderson and Warren Crawford for firsts, Adrian Swinkles for lone hands and Garnet Case for consolation.  
Mrs. Roy McQuillan of Willowdale spent a few days with her cousin, Mrs. W. Mitchell recently.  
**Important contribution**  
Last week the 4-H girls discussed the scene set up and music and modelling for Achievement Day. They chose covers for their notebooks and studied patterns and fitting garments. Last Sat. they paid dues, did facing and pressing of different shaped collars and attached them. Lunch was enjoyed after.  
Leaders should be encouraged and complimented for this very important contribution to the education of these girls.  
**Recuperating**  
We are pleased to report Mr. John Michle is well enough to be home recuperating from a heart attack suffered at Long Beach, California, where he was on business. Mrs. Michle returned home a week previously having spent two weeks near him while he was hospitalized. We hope he continues good progress.  
**World tour**  
Mrs. Chas. Hayes returned home on the weekend from a world tour for the past month, which took her to South America, Africa, Far East and Hawaii.  
**Presentation**  
Mrs. Steve Thompson was hostess on February 14 and on behalf of local friends of Mrs. R. Dubuc presented her with an

infant's chest of drawers for her new daughter. Lunch brought an enjoyable time to an end.

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**Film on Israel**  
The Return, a new color, documentary filmed in the middle east will be shown at Evangel Pentecostal Tab. on Sun, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.  
This film documents the formation of the new nation Israel. This ancient yet new nation stands with both feet firmly planted in the very center of the world. Surrounded by her enemies and the sea, Israel is unique in history for she is an integral part of history.