

Ospringle

Gym night for boys set

By Doris Fines
We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Herman Karthechner's mother in Kitchener passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Karthechner moved into their new house last August, located on 24 highway close to the corner of the 1st line of Erin. Sympathy is extended to them in this time of sorrow.

John Vander Vugt is a patient in Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Our best wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery.

Rev. Gerald Rennie of Acton was the supply minister at Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. His sermon was on Grace, The Medicine of God.

One of the future activities in store for boys in the community is a gym night. Registration for boys 6 to 14 years of age will be Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Ospringle School, from 7 to 9 p.m. Older boys from 9 to 10 p.m. So come on out and see what it's all about.

(Intended for last week)

Ospringle Ladies' Aid have elected their officers again for the coming year. President is Mrs. George Lang, vice president Mrs. Barrie Clarke, secretary Mrs. Henry Pankratz, treasurer Mrs. Elmer Fisher, pianist Mrs. Gordon Aitken, and cards Mrs. John Taylor.

The meeting was at the home of Mrs. D. M. Dudnik with 12 members present. The roll call was answered by the paying of fees.

Limehouse

Association plans events

by Mrs. A. Benton
The Local Association Group for Guides and Brownies met at the home of Mrs. John Case recently with 14 attending. They planned money raising events for the winter. After the meeting they held a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Case.

On the evening of Jan. 8 the Guides met with the Norval group. District Commissioner Mrs. Melcombe enrolled Mrs. Clifford McDonald as a Guide Captain.

Euchre

The Local Association held a euchre, convened by Mrs. John Case, Mrs. R. Banish and Garnet Case, in the Limehouse memorial hall on Friday evening. About 25 guests were entertained by cards and lunch at the end, winners being Mrs. C. Sinclair and Mr. Gord Day with

Ebenezer

By Mrs. Ron McLean
The church is having a special treat on Sunday morning at 11 when the sextet from the Toronto Bible College is taking the service. It will be followed by a pot luck lunch to which everyone is welcome. Sunday school is cancelled for this week only.

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SPEYSIDE TENNIS club got off to a good start Monday night. There were 18 enthusiastic players.

Fire destroys antiques, wing of Martin farm home Friday

Cause of a Friday night fire which destroyed valuable early Canadian furniture and gutted a new wing at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Martin, R.R. 5 Georgetown, has not been determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin returned to their home on the Town Line, a mile east of Ballinafad, about 10.30 Friday night to find it filled with smoke. "We went out to dinner about six o'clock and there was no evidence of anything wrong then," Mr. Martin said.

"I opened the back door and quickly shut it realizing had a major fire." Smoke filled the house and was pouring out through the ventilators, he recalled.

He summoned the Georgetown fire department which arrived promptly in spite of freezing rain and slippery roads of Friday. "I think it took about 14 minutes," Mr. Martin said. "We live right on the edge of the fire area. If we lived across the road we would have called the Erin brigade," he noted, praising the promptness of the Georgetown brigade which

soon had the fire under control using defogging nozzles to keep damage to a minimum.

Despite the efforts of firefighters the new wing was gutted by the heat and flames as well as a bedroom in the older part of the stately red brick home. But it was smoke damage which bothered the Martins most.

"There was the heaviest smoke damage through the house I've ever seen," said Mr. Martin. "I never realized smoke could do so much damage. The house will have to be completely redecorated and the furniture refinished."

The new wing of the home where the flames did the most extensive damage will have to have extensive repairs.

Fire Chief Ken Buikema said no value could be put on the loss because of the many antiques and early Canadian furniture with which it was furnished, much of it is difficult to value.

Mr. Martin paid special tribute to Buikema and the Georgetown brigade for their expertise in controlling and dousing the fire. He noted there was no water damage and the basement was dry, unlike fires where the basement has been filled with water.

The Martins have lived in the Ballinafad district for some years. Mr. Martin retired in 1973 as president of Plax, a firm which moved to Burlington from Georgetown. Prior to the Plax appointment he was executive vice-president of the parent firm, Smith and Stone, Georgetown.

Yaremko land controversy

Ontario's Solicitor-General John Yaremko has been involved in a controversy during the past week over his extensive land holdings in Nassagaweya Township and north Burlington.

A Toronto Star report published Tuesday, Jan. 15 reveals Yaremko and his wife Mary own about 420 acres of undeveloped lands in Halton plus a stone farmhouse near Moffat. The Star's report hinted the cabinet minister has been speculating in land, mainly through the services of an agent, since 1958 when he first joined the Ontario cabinet.

Yaremko denies he is speculating and denies any hint of impropriety over his land purchases and sales in this area. He said he plans to keep most of his property for eventual sale when he retires.

Park donation
The controversy centres around a 160-acre parcel of land on Twiss Rd. just north of 10 Sideroad in upper Burlington, which Yaremko and a friend John B. Ridley donated in 1972 to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, an agency of the Ontario Government for use as a park. The Star's investigation showed Yaremko, through an agent Bertram Day, purchased two parcels in 1959 totalling 120 acres of land in that area for a total cost of

approximately \$21,163. In 1968 Mrs. Yaremko bought an additional 40 acres nearby for \$3,500.

Businessman Ridley purchased 95 acres of that holding from Yaremko for \$85,000 and the two owners donated all the 160 acres to the Heritage Foundation for use as a park.

According to The Star, the Foundation put a \$35,000 evaluation on Yaremko's 65-acre donation which makes Yaremko eligible to deduct \$35,000 from his taxable income over a two year period. Yaremko would not say whether or not he took advantage of the deduction.

Popular auctioneer Frank Petch

A well known auctioneer in Halton County for over half a century, Frank Petch died Friday, January 11 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, in his 77th year. Son of auctioneer Ben Petch, Frank lived at 8 Cherry St., Georgetown, at the time of his death. For many years the family lived on Chapel St.

Mr. Petch used his auctioneering ability in a number of ways to assist charitable organizations, community and service groups. He created the Rotary Club auction sales.

His special interest in agriculture was shown by his association with the Georgetown Agricultural Society of which he served as secretary for three years. He was president in 1939.

His interest in municipal work extended to serving on Georgetown council.

The family came to Georgetown in 1939, moving from Union where Mr. Petch farmed. He was employed at the Dominion Seed House for a number of years, gradually becoming known as one of the top auctioneers in Halton and Peel counties.

Mr. Petch was predeceased by his wife Doris McLellan a year ago and by a son Ross Petch. He is survived by three grandchildren Ralph, Carol (Mrs. A. Bousfield) and

Marsha as well as two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the McClure-Jones Funeral home by Rev. Harold Martin of St. John's United Church. Pallbearers were Bob and Jim Burns, Herb Dolsen, Garfield McGilvray, Owen Hughes of Etobicoke and John Lyons of Cheltenham.

Burial was in Glen Williams Cemetery.

UCW line up year

Eden Mills United Church Women held their first meeting of the new year at the home of president, Mrs. Ralph Thompson.

Mrs. Russell Finley led the worship, assisted by several of the members, and the theme was aging is for everyone. A lively discussion followed on diet, exercise, accommodation, entertainment and all aspects of life

Reports for 1973 were given by treasurer, Mrs. Howard James, and secretary, Mrs. Douglas Beattie.

A motion was passed to send a donation of \$10 to Parkwood Manor, Waterloo. Dates for future projects were decided upon, January 30 a luncheon, March 20, a book, game and white elephant sale and November 30 the annual bazaar.

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