All five stars for cub

by Mrs. A. Benton Last week the Cubs had another interesting resource meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Bessem brought their collection of stones and some of their machinery to show the boys. The talk and display were very interesting and each boy went happily home with a Lake Superior stone of his choice in his pocket.

There have been three more Cubs Invested , Brent Higgins, Amos Arts and Eddle Holtman, Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Arts were present for the ceremony and coffee was served after.

Chris Stansbury was presented with his collector's badge, Don Casselman was given his team player's and collection badges, Warren Crawford his athlete and skaters badges, and Doug Hannah his tawny star. Doug now has all five stars. Assistant Cubmaster Rick Brown (Baloo) has left the pack to move to Thunder Bay. The Cubs presented him with a Wolf Cub trophy in appreciation for his work. (Contributed by Mrs. Han-

Bus trip Mrs. Walter Linham has returned from an enjoyable bus trip as far as Miami and St. Petersburg in company with several lady friends. We extend sympathy to the

John Michle family in the loss of his nunt, Miss Ida Bailey at the Manor last week.

weeklate The W.f. will meet at noon on April 11, a week late as they are co-operating with Silverwood for the April birthday party for residents at the Manor.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. Book, who have returned from a flight to the west coast to attend the funeral of Mrs. Book's

Ebenezer Minister home

by Mrs. Ron McLean Rev. Bob Kaill, of Guelph University, who is taking the services for Rev. R. Finley until his complete recovery, spoke on controversial aspects of church life.

Rev. Russel Finley's many friends are glad that he returned from hospital last Wednesday, and will complete his recuperation at

Silverwood

23rd birthday for Institute

By Alicia Scott Silverwood Women's Institute held their annual euchre at Stewarttown Community hall on Wed., Mar. 27. This was Silverwood W. I.'s 23rd birthday and 19 tables of euchre were enjoyed.

Card prizes were first lad-les Anne Hillis, second Elva Williamson; first men Russell Miller, second James Lindsay; birthday David ton; doorprize Mrs. J. Moneypenny.

The Institute presented Mrs. Minda Corbett with a life membership in the W.I. Mrs. Muriel Miller pinned on the brooch and Mrs. Mary be near that corner.

Marchington presented the certificate. Minda has been a member of long standing. Coffee, tea, tarts and sandwiches were served after the cards were cleared away.

Leaving area Mr. and Mrs. Laver and daughter Linda have sold their house on the highway and will soon be leaving the community, but haven't arranged a home yet.

Mrs. Corbett spent a few days visiting her daughter Frances Hunter at Chatham and returned home on

Wednesday. The red-winged black birds are around again so we must

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Another of the district's landmark homes was almost completely annihilated last Friday when fire gutted the restored home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Withers of the Fifth

The old stone home on the former Art Barber farm was well known in the area. estimated as one of the buildings Eramosa. Mr. and Mrs. Withers, with their two children Mary Anne 14, and Michael 11, had purchased the property sometime last June and, living in a trailer, had literally torn the building apart and restored it almost completely to move in just before Christmas last year.

line of Eramosa.

New electric wiring, plumbing, and updated conveniences with restoration of pine floors and casement windows made the home one of noteworthy historic value. Mr. and Mrs. Withers were

By Dorls Fines
Mr. and Mrs. George Lang
and Bonnie are back from a

delightful bus tour to Florida.

Mrs. Lang's mother, Mrs. Jack Wheeler of Guelph,

accompanied them. The week passed all too quickly as they

visited Cypress Gardens,

Orlando, and the orange groves. At Disney Land they were fascinated by the bird

serenade. They escaped a tornado which went through

on the west coast while they

were staying at Daytona

Michelle Finley of the town line, accompanied other Erin District High School students

and three teachers on the trip

to Athens, Greece. They

stayed at the Marmara Hotel,

and report a marvelous time,

and good weather throughout,

Ospringe

antique collectors and, at the time of the fire, reportedly many fine old pieces were reduced to ashes. Cause undetermined

split level stone homes in the township of Eramosa.

Landmark home ravaged

ABSOLUTE DEVASTATION is the description of the remains of a fire

which gutted the vintage homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Withers and

their family last Friday. Constant winds fanned the blaze which spread

quickly through the pine floors consuming antique furniture and heirloom

pieces, demolishing the completely restored home in less than two hours.

Located on the Fifth Line outside of Rockwood, the Withers home was one

which stood as a landmark in the district and was one of the few original

Cause of the fire has not been determined. The Withers family had left their home shortly after noon to shop in Guelph. A neighbor, sighting flames, had alerted the Rockwood-Eramosa fire brigade at approximately 1.15 p.m. According to fire chief Carl Meadows, by the time the firemen arrived, in a matter of minutes, the roof of the house was already caving

Reportedly the tire swept through the dry pine floors like fury and, according to neighbors, it was over with the beautiful old house completely demolished, almost an hour later.

Witnesses say Mr. Withers and his wife returned to Rockwood and were in the Royal bank when informed of

Marvellous experience

now in ruins from the ear-

thquakes, but Michelle's

favourite was the Acropolis.

The Greek government held a two day Manifestation, which

was a special presentation for all the Canadians. Their

plane touched down at Paris

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann,

marvelous two and a half

weeks in British Honduras.

Central America. They en-

see them. They visited a

small island 14 miles off the

mainland. The boys went

snorkel diving around the

Great Barrier Reef, and

Concert

April 9. The pupils and

teachers of Ospringe school

Keep in mind the date of

The boys from the school played in the basketball

lournament at John R. Ross

volleyball.

to refuel.

related by holidayers

immediately to find the fire truck and absolute devastation with remains of valuable furniture collections and family heirlooms, smouldering in smoke.

Friends of the family say they had moved to the village farm from Mississauga, Mr. Withers, a recreation consultant, was an active member on the advisory council of St. John's Anglican church. Michael was a student at Rockwood Centennial public school and Mary Anne attended Centennial C.V.I. in Guelph.

Vintage home After the fire Mr. and Mrs. Withers and their children stayed at a motel in Guelph. On Sunday evening, they reportedly left for Windsor where Mrs. Withers' family resides and their son attends university.

Damage costs have not, as yet been estimated. The 45

by fire in Eramosa Friday acre farm was purchased last the fire. They rushed home year and the home, with the restoration by the industrious family, will have accelerated

around \$75,000 might be a feasible damage estimate; however, a Guelph insurance adjustor said none had been calculated. "How can anyone put a price on priceless antique furniture and a restored building," was the plea made by neighbors as they viewed the ravaged ruins.

Background on the Withers' home is extensive. Calculated by long-time residents as approximately 125 to 150 years old it was one of the few split-level stone homes in the district. The original builders of the vintage homestead has not been determined but it is known that, at one time, it was the residence of Joseph B Croft, later purchased by Samuel Peart and, finally, before the '73 sale to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Withers, it was the home of Art Barber and family who occupied the house for several years.



Old maple tree cut landmark gone

by Mrs. R. Shortill

Mrs. Lena Cleaves, Acton. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beswick are moving into an apartment on Church St. They had been living in Hamilton for several years. keep their pets confined while As we know, however, their home was the former regulations and allow their Beswick home on the Sixth big animals to run the Line, now awned by the family. The Beswicks, both Clayton and Myrtle had their roots in this area and it will be nice for have now become nearly them to be back among moved to their new house on friends. Myrtle being a sister line seven above Ballinafad. of Mrs. McLean and Mrs. We welcome them cordially Percy Mann, Mrs. Holmes, to our community and hope Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs.

Funeral Relatives and neighbors thack home to Darlene to attended the funeral of the scenes of her childhood. late Margaret McEnery whose death took place in Hamilton hospital, suddenly on Monday. Rev. Stiles preached the consoling

A pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Rick Sales on Thursday night. Ladies of the U.C.W. gathered to present Kathryn Sinclair with a miscellaneous shower. Games and general fun were enjoyed. Wendy Klatt, who also is a bride to be and a friend of Kathryn's assisted in opening the lovely and varied gifts. Best wishes thanks and lunch ended the get together. The front of the church

presents an attractive appearance as decorative panels have been placed on the front wall. A full congregation attended, one couple being clerk of session at Alton. We were pleased to welcome many friends at this

lenten season and hope next Mrs. Ada McLean has been week Palm Sunday and spending a few days with Communion will be well attended.

Dogunt large Many dogs are running at large in Ballinalad area, It's too bad some owners must other owners disregard countryside messing up yards and scattering garbage hither

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reid they will enjoy taking part in Cleaves. All were Allan girls. our various activities. It will seem we hope, like coming

Part of us We were sorry to lose one of our huge maples here. It was dead and the hydro cut it down. These maples have seemed like a part of us. When years ago in late 1960's the row on the seventh line had to be slaughtered for road widening it seemed then to spoll the appearance of our farm. Instead of their glorious nutumn splendor n bare wire fence took their place. Now it seems that one after another have spent their life span. No one in our family remembers when they were planted-1 guess long before

our time. happy celebration was a surprise to Mark Shortill on Sat: night for his 18th birthday, at Acton by his friends at the curling club



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appreciably in cost. Fire chief Carl Meadows suggested that something around \$75,000 might be a

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in Guelph Thursday night, while the girls played Recycling Have you any old newspapers to put in the garbage? Well, don't! They can be used SEE AL FOR YOUR for re-cycling. Drop them off at the school Thursday mornings only, as they cannot be left at the school overnight. Tie them in neat bundles, of course, for easy

handling. Due to bad weather conditions, baseball registration last week was small. But you still have another chance. Come to Ospringe school next Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you can't make it for one reason or another, and would like to sign up, get in touch with Lydia Dudnik or George

Rudder. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don

with no rain. They saw the Jackson, who have moved to Temple of Apollo which is a new house at Douglas Mrs. Enoch Wood has, returned to Toronto to stay

for a time with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs Continued on Page B5

BIG Stephen and Peter, spent a SMALL joyed the people who were very friendly and pleased to brought up shells from the bottom of the ocean. are preparing for their spring concert. If energetic practicing is any indication, it should be well worth at-



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GUEST SPEAKER: FLORA MACDONALD, M.P. Kingston & The Islands

PURPOSE:

1. Receive linancial reports

2. Auditors report

5. Election of delegates and alternates

3. Ralification of proposed changes to our Constitution, which briefly are: a) Annual election of delegates and alternates for federal and provincial conferences b) The formation of a standing Committee of Finance

c) The election of area presidents by their area members d) The annual meeting to be held in March or April 4. Election of officers for 1974-1975

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