



SHORTILL'S TACK STORE, a new addition to the General Store in Ballinafad, features many gift items as well as the conventional equestrian equipment. Here Marie Cocklin and Morley Shortill admire the display of fine horse models.

Shortills add tack shop to store at Ballinafad

Always known for a variety of merchandise, Shortill's General Store at Ballinafad will hold the grand opening of Shortill's Tack Shop on March 25, 26 and 27. Morley Shortill and assistant Marie Cocklin are the coordinators of this latest endeavor and are both excited about the newly built addition filled with every kind of equestrian requirement. The rustic charm of the turn-of-the-century building has lost none of its appeal with the new addition. The tack shop, entered through the general store, features split rail saddle racks and exposed brick walls. "We hope the businesses will help each other," says the manager. The store is open now but Morley and Marie apologize

for some empty shelves—they are still waiting for supplies. However, they still boast they have one of the most complete lines of horse gear to be found in the area. As well as the standard English and Western riding equipment, Shortill's has Standardbred racing harness, veterinary products, horse health care aids, a full line of gift items, clothing, books, and model horses. The store even takes care of harness and saddle repairs, thanks to Fred Samuels, master harness maker. The General Store is a family affair, owned by the Shortills for the past six years. Mrs. Viola Shortill and her daughter Penny look after the main grocery and farm supply store while son Morley is responsible for the Tack Shop.

Marie Cocklin, a well known equestrian of considerable training and experience, had long felt the need for a tack shop in the area. Ballinafad is situated in the middle of many large horse establishments and is surrounded by enthusiasts of all shapes and sizes. Morley explains he has always had an interest in horses but relied on Marie's advice to stock the store. Many friends were also glad to assist with suggestions. Travellers stopping at Shortill's General Store for a taste of old fashioned marketing, or local people looking for rural supplies not found in larger stores, will now be able to outfit their horse under the same roof. They can also tie their horses on the porch hitching post while they shop.

Ballinafad

People get acquainted in special afternoon

The "Meet Your Neighbour" afternoon on Saturday was, to us, a wonderful success. New residents were made acquainted with other new comers. Also people who have lived here longer met newcomers. A guest book was kept and between 70 and 80 people signed. All had friendly chats and cups of tea, cookies etc. We all tried our best to introduce "people to people". Our hope is that everyone enjoyed it. When one like myself has lived in the neighbourhood for over 50 years it is gratifying to become acquainted with your nearby neighbours and to make them feel you are interested in their welfare and friendship. The United Church Women meeting was at my house for March on Tuesday evening. Doreen La Rose the president was in the chair and opened with a pleasant thought. About 27 answered the roll

call and Eileen McEnery, secretary, read the minutes, which included several items of business. Regret was expressed that we had been unable to attend the Presbytery at Brampton March 4. Mrs. Stiles was kind enough to give us a short run down of it. Edna Shortill read the financial report which included several expenses and receipts, also discussion on future commitments. Joyce Clarke had the devotion, a fine one and presented in her usual interesting manner. Kitchen helps were brought in for use in our kitchen, also some extra supplies, chairs etc. were voted. Discussion. Rev. Stiles had charge of the topic, which took the form of a discussion in groups, of thoughts he had prepared copies for each. A little more time for discussion and tying up "loose ends" might have added to the interest, but time goes so

fast at our meetings. Lunch was served by Joan March, Viola Shortill and Ruth Shortill and another happy evening ended. The Junior Choir favoured us on Sunday with an anthem. The young folk are practicing each Tuesday after four. Men's choir Thurs. evening, Sunday was the second Sunday in Lent. A large crowd gathered around the hall on Sunday. Apparently some one rented the hall and held an auction sale. Flyers had gone out advertising it. Not often do we experience an auction sale on Sunday. Mrs. Snider spent a few days at Orillia last week at her son Ted's place, returning on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Duff have just returned from a motor trip to Mexico. They have much of interest to report on their journey of over 8000 miles. A St. Patrick dance took

Silverwood

Institute meeting

Mrs. Ironside was hostess to the Silverwood Women's Institute on Wednesday, March 10 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Norton was convener of citizenship and world affairs. O Canada and the Institute Ode opened the meeting. Twelve members and three guests were present. Roll call was what constitutes a good citizen. The minutes were read and adopted and the financial report given. Discussion about a trip to the Erland Lee home May 30 to June 4 was left for the members to think over. The secretary read a letter re short courses "choosing fabrics and their use", Training School, festival of dairy food, and needlepoint. A letter from the Children's Aid Society stating the time of the annual meeting was read. A nominating committee for the new slate of officers was chosen. A list will be presented at the annual meeting. March 27, euchre party at Stewarttown celebrating Silverwood's 25th birthday was arranged and members decided this should be special. An anniversary cake made by a member and good prizes and a free draw on a box of groceries should make a pleasant evening. All are invited. Mrs. John Hunter showed slides of her round the world trip along with commentary. It was well given and enjoyed

and brought home to members how fortunate we are to have lots of clean water. Community sympathy goes to the Ian Carmichaels. Ian's father died at Braeside recently. Many interested horticultural members attended the flower show in Toronto

Charged

A Million man was charged with impaired driving in Acton on March 14.

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Speyside

Kindergarteners study mysterious Eskimo

by Pam Sheldon
The Eskimo people, their culture and customs, has been a subject of interest to the Speyside kindergarten class over the past three weeks. Their teacher, Mrs. Isobel Weaver, has the advantage of having first-hand resource material at her fingertips as her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Carr, has been living and working in the Arctic for the past eight years. Mrs. Carr travelled south from Frobisher Bay recently to visit with the Weavers and while there, took the time to visit the school and speak to the children about the Eskimo, a race of people she deeply admires.

Mrs. Carr's interest in the North goes back a long way as she speaks of a family friend whose studies of the fruit caught her attention as a young girl. So it was only a natural progression for her to major in anthropology at the Universities of Waterloo, Windsor and University of Toronto to specifically study the Eskimo.

Resentment
When I asked her how her studies prepared her for her move North, she replied quite emphatically that, "All my studies in anthropology didn't teach me much about the people, as 'people'". Although she loves and admires the Eskimo people and refers to them as a very happy race on the surface her impressions of the Eskimo today are quite definite. "I think what I saw was a very lost and confused people, growing alcoholism, crime, disorient-

ation, growing anger in the Eskimo brotherhood against the white man. Resentment of the way the white man's culture has been forced upon them and their own culture virtually ignored. The mistake the government has made is giving them welfare and housing instead of jobs." These were the words of Mrs. Carr when I asked her about the state of the Eskimo today. Not only was it exciting for me to speak to Dorothy the day she visited the school be-



GRADE ONE STUDENTS at Speyside school, Robert Waling and Susan McIsaac check over the papier mache dinosaur their class made. Mrs. Jeannette Paquette is their teacher.



ESKIMOS HAVE BEEN the topic of discussion in Mrs. Isabelle Weaver's kindergarten class at Speyside school. In their enthusiasm for the subject, the youngsters made a life-size papier mache igloo. Nathaniel Ng crawls out of entrance way while Tonya Toyota waits her turn to get in.

cause of my own personal interest in the Eskimo, but also because we are old friends who lost track of one another after going through high school together. What a small world that we should meet again 16 years later in Speyside, with a common interest, and a chance to catch up on each other's lives. Although both Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Carr emphasized to the children that the traditional Eskimo culture and customs are quite rare today since the white man's influence has made such an impact on the North, the children still preferred the romance of hearing about the adventures of the traditional Eskimo. Questions like, "Do Eskimos have Christmas" (Nathaniel Ng), "How do Eskimos make a komuk (snow sled)" (Kathy Griffiths), and "Do they really smack their sled dogs with a whip" (from a concerned Nicky Van Zutphen), dominated the discussion. It was quite obvious the children have learned a great deal about these resourceful people and have enjoyed the time spent doing so. Pictured elsewhere in this week's paper is a small life-size igloo the class spent weeks making from paper mache which gives some indication of their immense interest in the study of the Eskimo people.

Erin may be in region

ERIN—Discussions have begun and public meetings are planned to discuss the possibility of northern Wellington County, Caledon and Dufferin county joining together to form a region. The idea was discussed recently by Erin township council and while details of the possible amalgamation are still sketchy public meetings are planned this month in Shelburne and Orangeville.

Watchful eye

A watchful eye is being kept on the Grand River watershed by Charles Stevens, Operations Engineer at the Grand River Conservation Authority, and by authority staff at the water control dams. The reason for this vigilance is the accumulation of snow in the valley which will soon melt with spring just around the corner. With flooding from snow melt being an annual threat to the valley, it is essential that updated information be available at all times. This is accomplished by means of snow course surveys undertaken by the staff of the Conservation Authority, the purpose being to determine the amount of snow and more importantly its water content at any given time throughout the watershed.

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