

Eden Mills

Supper, meeting holidays news

by Mrs. Georgina Wright
An annual event is the combined meetings of Rockwood and Eden Mills Presbyterian Women at the Manse of Rev. and Mrs. D. Sinclair, Dublin Street, Guelph, which was held Friday. The two groups sat down to a delicious luncheon at 12:30 noon with Rev. Sinclair saying the blessing. A few familiar hymns were sung.

The guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Sinclair who have just returned home from Japan after a year's teaching there. They told us of the customs and their travels which took them by train across Russia, the different foods etc. They both taught in different schools and Rob worked two nights a week teaching English in Osaka.

They had a great experience and have hopes of going back some time.

The Eden Mills Group adjourned to another room to have a small business meeting. A vote of thanks was given to the young couple for their interesting talk from both groups and Mrs. W. Lasby and Mrs. Milne thanked the Sinclairs for the use of their home and a pleasant afternoon well spent.

Supper
The Presbyterian Women of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church were a busy group on Wednesday afternoon when they catered to a "Come as you are Supper" which exceeded all expectations, as regards to customers. The balmy afternoon kept them coming from five o'clock until

eight. They enjoyed a roast beef or turkey dinner with all the trimmings and delicious dessert. The women are well pleased with their venture.

Dancer
Miss Mary Ellen Cann, Eden Mills, entertained at the Acton Seniors Citizens, Acton last week with her Scotch and Irish Dancing.

Miss Kathy Lasby, who is editor for the Shorthorn news for the dominion of Canada, has returned home for a few days after visiting Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Regina.

Holiday
Mr. and Mrs. John Turner have returned after a week's holiday in Aruba in the Caribbean.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bell and family have returned home after the school break where they enjoyed a skiing holiday at Owls Head in Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole enjoyed a vacation recently in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rinehart have just returned after a holiday in Hawaii.



CHARTER MEMBERS and life members of Silverwood Women's Institute Mrs. Muriel Miller and Mrs. Minda Corbett cut the Institute's 25th anniversary cake, at Saturday night's euchre party in Stewarttown hall.

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Correspondent tells of being transplanted

Nostalgia
I was reading a book by Faith Baldwin and her feelings on relinquishing her farm home and moving to just a "house" were so like mine, it helped me realize that maybe I am not so "queer".

Yes, I am quite adjusted and my new "house" is a fine one. There's no painting, papering, fixing to be done—no hardy a cobweb to sweep down, only a wee yard to worry over—and it was a worry to be sure, for me, and for those who cared about me.

However, for fifty-odd years I looked over the hills and valleys and woods—yes and old rail fences—getting badly in need of repair and farm buildings gradually needing attention. Then I think of the times we walked back the road towards the bush and the lovely wee spring, under the grey beech trees, as it bubbled over the rocks. How we would enjoy just to sit there on the big stone and view the bush beyond, the special spot in the corner where clumps of hepaticas grew, where trilliums and adder's tongues flaunted their glory to say nothing of the cow slips. Then all the while the red winged black birds were trilling away, scolding us for usurping their spot.

Hobbits
The other day, my own special robin—I know it was mine for me he cocked his head at my cat and me. He looked at us and as sure as could be, said, "What's with it? What are you doing down here? I flew to your step up there and fussed around and no cat and no you in the window."

He always came there first

but one's old home was permeated with prayers for safety, for recovery from illness, for joy over someone's happiness, for just pleasant talking over church, a party, a get-together, anniversary. Then there was the looking out and seeing loving daughters, sons, granddaughters, grandsons drive in and enter by the back door, through the back kitchen and in.

Oh yes, I'm going to adjust, I must, and I must put on a happy face and look ahead—not back and I will, but it's not what many people would think—this being transplanted.

Rita Shortill

Meeting in small groups with a brochure to guide us we discussed "Discovering Friendship". Referring to the crowd blocking the way, regardless of the man who needed help, then the lawyers and learned men, who were critical and cared not; then finally the four friends who by their faith knew Jesus would help their friend.

From our groups we discovered that in the most stressful times, we may have truly confidential friends but always we can ask God to come and touch our lives to help us.

We were sorry not to have our minister with us but came away with a feeling of friendship and confidence in one another.

Mr. Barker is at this time visiting his daughter and husband.

Nominations NDP candidate

Wellington-Dufferin-Peel New Democrats plan to nominate a candidate soon for the expected provincial election.

At a special meeting of the riding executive last Saturday in Erin, it was decided to choose a candidate at a meeting on Thursday, April 15 at the Steelworkers Hall in Fergus at 8 p.m. Stephen Lewis, Leader of the Official Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, will be guest speaker. Riding President, Walter Keeler of Erin said that he is prepared for an election. "We have had a team doing pre-election work since last October," Keeler said. "We are confident of making significant gains in an election when ever it is called."

Keeler said that a search committee has been approaching possible candidates in preparation for the nomination meeting. "We'll give the voters a real alternative," Keeler said. "You can count on that. Davis has been insensitive to Ontario's needs and he will be told that by the people on the next election day."

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New tack shop busy sale in hall Saturday

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
Mrs. Delbert Linstead has been very ill with a bad attack of flu. She has been confined to her bed and hasn't seemed to be able to recover from it. We are glad to know she is now convalescing.

Miss Myrna Snow is spending a couple of weeks in Edmonton. She flew there last Wednesday and is visiting her sister Louise, who has been ill in hospital and is recovering from surgery.

band Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton. It was gratifying to hear a few comments from him.

Also as always Mrs. McEnery's music on our recently installed organ added to the service.

The Shortill store was an extremely busy place the past week with all of Viola's and Morley's family pitching in and helping to serve the customers who came to buy

or just to browse around the new "Tack Shop". It really looks as if our equine friends are coming back into the picture. Mrs. Marie Conklin, an interested equestrian was one of the helpers.

An auction sale was held again on Sunday afternoon in the hall. There seemed to be a big crowd in attendance. The Community Centre board held a bake and rummage sale on Saturday.

Churchill

Several people visit friends and families

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur
Church service and Sunday school at Churchill community church were very well attended considering the roads.

We welcome our new neighbors who have moved into Churchill district.

Jeffrey and Christine Kerr have been visiting the past week with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Downs.

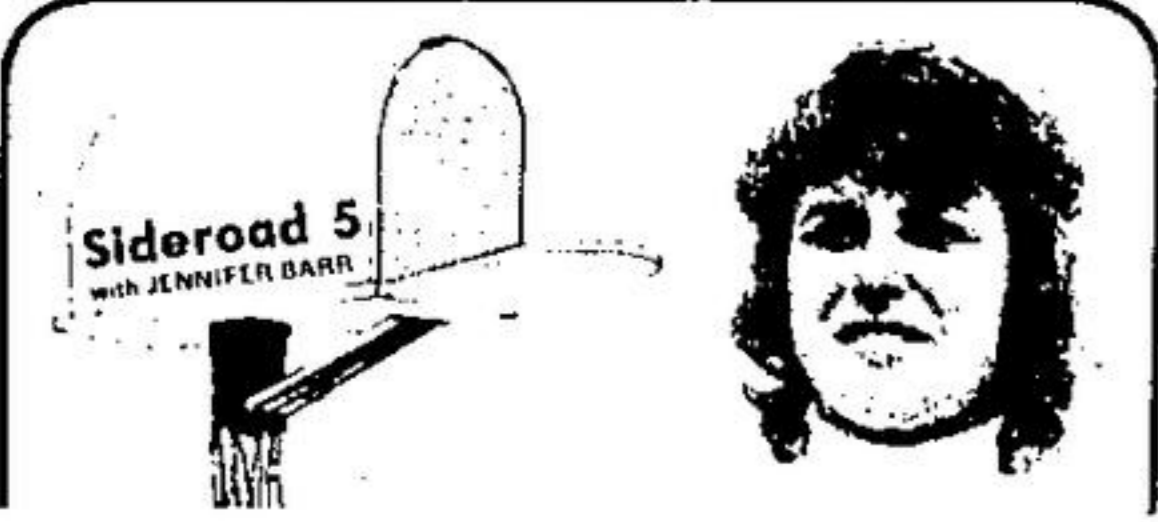
Mrs. Robert Miller and Miss Margaret Miller of Brougham, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shepard of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kitchen of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs.

Dave Humphrey and three girls of Georgetown and Dr. and Mrs. Wingrove of Guelph have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and family different days through the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brooks of Barrie have been visiting Mrs. Mary McEachern and Mr. Angus McEachern.

John McAdam spent last week's holiday at his home in Churchill from school at St. Catharines.

Mrs. Ethel Walker of Guelph was a Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.



Well, spring is finally here—we made it through another winter!

Every year I trudge through March keeping a determined smile on my face but the first warm day lifts my spirits to bubbling point.

Yesterday (the 19th), we woke to 40 degree temperatures and a warm breeze. The barn was a soggy mess and the horses wanted OUT, preferably before breakfast. The banty rooster was hysterical with enthusiasm and just wouldn't shut up.

By the time I was half way to work I'd passed two joggers and a child exercising a pony. My heart was fit to burst and I wanted to crow, too. (I did, actually, in the privacy of my own car, of course).

Today, I'm once more typing amid a flurry of Persian hair. I should be steam cleaning the carpet but I'm listening to the donkey whooping with delight, the same rooster and horses splashing in puddles, and I'm eyeing a new Reader's Digest. It's a good day to squetch through the mud and enjoy!

The birth of a Crocus
It's now Wednesday the 24th and spring is still with us. No fickle snow storms—yet. This morning, eight little purple crocuses stood up and bowed by the basement window. I brought four in the house and nestled them in a favorite wine glass. I adore crocuses. Their yellow and lavender blooms are such a tonic after acres of white.

I remember a February night years ago when I sat and watched a pot of crocuses on the kitchen table open before my eyes. The whole process took about an hour and was like watching time-lapse cinematography.

The buds started to crack and petals unfolded. In such a short time seven wee crocuses were born.

My delight was tinged with some disappointment, however. The blooms were white!

Mud no dampener
I always wonder why we herald spring this way. It's surely the messiest time of year.

Snow is a great equalizer. Even the untidiest backyard is bearable under a blanket of snow. Then spring comes and you face a lawn covered with dog dirt.

The house becomes impossible to keep clean—so why am I steam cleaning the carpet?

But, nothing gets my spirits down in spring. The yard cleanup, the mud, the fencing, a flooded basement, or soggy barn—I still trip around with an idiotic grin. It's spring.

Ebenezer

Musical treat set

By Mrs. Ron McLean
A musical treat is in store next Sunday, at 11 when the choir of the three churches, Arkell, Eden Mills and Ebenezer join to have a celebration. The service will be followed by a pot-luck lunch.

Many choice articles will change hands at Mrs. Art Norrish's sale on Saturday.

Agreement for Domtar

Local 474 of the United Paperworkers International Union, has signed a new three year agreement with Domtar Fine Papers in Georgetown.

Gilbert Hay, vice-president of the International union said the three year agreement provides for 75 cents per hour effective to May 1, 1975, 10 per cent on May 1, 1976, and 8 per cent on May 1, 1977.

In addition to the general wage increase, the employees will receive a 24 cents per hour cost of living allowance through the length of the agreement.

Basic rate at the Domtar mill in Georgetown will be \$5.65 per hour plus the 24 cent cost of living bonus as of May 1, 1976. The rate will increase to \$6.12 per hour plus the cost of living bonus on May 1, 1977.

Georgetown complex plan

A 2,500 seat arena and a library in the same building, adjoining Gordon Alcott arena in Georgetown, with a \$1.2 million price tag was proposed to Halton Hills council by Ed Eisliger and Ab Tennant, of the special building committee.

In contrast, a library alone on another site, including land and servicing costs, was estimated by Mr. Eisliger at \$1.1 million.

The library-arena was the costliest choice of four presented by the committee. All others had the same area portion, with a 185 x 185 foot ice surface, but differed in number of washrooms, kitchen and elevators. Estimates for the three were \$1.7 million, \$1.1 million and \$950,475.

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