



REV. BOB RUMBLE, guest preacher at the 99th anniversary services of Ballinafad United Church, Sunday, greets Garnet and Wilma Sinclair after the service. Rev. Rumble is pastor of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf in Toronto.

Ballinafad

Rev. Rumble guest at 99th anniversary

by Winifred Smith
The 4-H achievement day was held in the former school for the deaf at Milton on Saturday. All girls completed the course. Mrs. Squire, home economist for Peel and Halton, presided.

Ballinafad Club had an exhibit which displayed a variety of clothing for leisure wear. Shelly Wilson was the commentator. Ballinafad club No. 11 put on a skit "Selecting fabrics and patterns". All girls received a certificate of merit and a silver coffee spoon.

Ballinafad now has a new ball diamond and screen. Many hours of hard work went into clearing the field. With the help of families and friends with a special mention to Mr. Norman who gave of his time through the week and on the weekend. The diamond should be in fine shape for the first game of the Women's Ball Club which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1. Practice begins this Wednesday evening. It is to be hoped that the bake sale planned for May 20 will be a

success to help raise money for equipment. The new ball diamond is situated on the town line on Mr. Barnett's property.

The weather was perfect and all seats were filled in the church for the 99th anniversary on Sunday.

Special music was provided by the guest soloist Mr. Earl Burt accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr. They played inspiring music prior to the service. Several beautiful solos were given by Mr. Burt and Mr. Bob Kerr also favoured with a solo.

The guest speaker was the Rev. R. L. Rumble who is the pastor of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf in Toronto. His sermon "Deal Wisely" was most inspiring. Mr. Rumble had brought a carload of his church members from Toronto and the entire service including the music selections was given in sign language by the guest speaker. It added much to members of the congregation, for as he spoke his hands were working with great skill and dexterity for the benefit of his deaf friends.

Mr. Stiles, in introducing Rev. Rumble said, we were fortunate in being able to have him speak, but, he had been invited since last anniversary, otherwise his many other engagements would have prevented him from coming.

An hour of fellowship followed in the basement of the church as lunch was served.

The beautiful new house beside the former Shortill home has been sold. The new people moved in on Saturday. They are a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Platt with an infant child. We welcome them to the village.

We are happy to report that Mr. Morgan Madill has shown some signs of improvement in Guelph Hospital after a week of being quite seriously ill. He has to have further tests this week but we hope he continues to improve and has a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow from Eden Mills attended the anniversary services and were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. Marshall.

Eden Mills

Thankoffering meeting visitors in area news

by Georgina Wright
The Easter Thank Offering meeting of the Presbyterian Women was held at the home of Mrs. A. Wilson with eleven members in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a reading by the President—Mrs. T. Barden entitled, "What God has promised." Hymn 212 was sung followed by the

secretary and treasurer's reports and the communications. The W.M.S. Synodical meeting is in Toronto and the Spring Rally in Hespeler on May 25.

The annual church cleaning is on May 24 at 9 o'clock. Our group are in charge of the Birthday Party at Eden House Nursing home in May. Plans are being made to cater to two bus loads of

seniors citizens from East Rochester, N.Y.

Roll Call was answered with an exchange of Easter eggs. Offering was in pennies for the fellowship of the Least Coin dedicated by Mrs. D. Sinclair. Mrs. W. McDonald was the convener for the Easter program. The scripture was read in parts by Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. H. Gilbertson, Mrs. W. Gilbertson, Mrs. W. McLean. Mrs. McDonald had two readings one on Love and the other from a pen of a Pioneer. Mrs. R. Blacklock read a poem, Fulfillment, Mrs. Wilson, A Thankful Heart. Mrs. W. McDonald who has just returned from a months trip told of their visit to the Mormon Temple in Mesa, Arizona where they saw a pageant on the life of Christ performed at a gigantic outside gathering.

A contest on scrambled names was won by Mrs. D. Sinclair and Mrs. R. Blacklock. Hymn 215 was followed by courtesy remarks by Mrs. D. Sinclair and prayer by Mrs. T. Barden. A Social half hour was spent over lunch served by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. J. Chamberlain and Mrs. A. Wilson.

CBers plot bucks for hall

Funds for Erin's community centre building fund will be raised by a Citizen's Band radio club.

The club, Grand Gorge GRS, will hold a C.B. hunt May 29. A transmitter will be hidden within 15 miles of the village and CBers will be challenged to locate the source of the periodic radio signals.

Registration for the hunt will be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Erin District High School.

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Christening
Thirty-five friends and relatives gathered in Churchill Community Church Sunday afternoon, May 1, for the christening of Donald Bradley Swackhamer, six month old son of Don and Shirley Swackhamer. Bradley was christened by his uncle, the Rev. Robert Hyde, of Hagersville and his godparents are aunt and uncle Fred and Linda

Thompson, Guelph. A buffet supper followed at the Swackhamer home.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Roy and Susan Bosch, nee Brooks, Eden Mills, who had a new baby daughter Amanda Marie, their first child born Monday, April 25.

Music Seminar
Donald Anderson of this community is one of three talented Erin High School band members chosen to attend a music seminar at the University of Guelph. The weekend seminar is sponsored by the Guelph Spring Festival in cooperation with the music department of the university, and include a special performance of the opera Seabird Island.

Ebenezer

Making progress

By Mrs. Ron McLean
Rev. R. Finley's sermon was on the parable of the vineyard, Matthew 21. It is an allegory; the owner did everything to produce good grapes. But the tenants were only interested in looking after themselves. When the owner sent his son, the tenants killed the son; just as God sent His son to save the world.

The church today has the responsibility to produce for God. The fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, long suffering, etc. are to be given to the land owner, God. We can do this if we are tuned into God. Mr. Bill Early is making good progress from his broken hip, at the rehabilitation centre.

Mrs. Grace Starkey is a patient in Guelph hospital.

Osprings

Welcome new family

By Doris Fines
This column could be entitled "Heading Home" for that seems to be the general trend.

The geese are still flying north. As one flock (or is it gaggle?) went honking overhead, I made an unofficial count of around 115 birds. Some thoughts flitted through my mind as I watched. How do they pick their leader? What is the status of the ones that fly back and forth along the lines? Are they offering encouragement, giving advice, or reprimanding some erring one? What are they talking about all the while? These are some things I will never know.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fawcett of Oshawa visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes. They are on their way home after spending the winter in Florida.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Klem Moffatt of Milton, who have purchased the McKittrick house in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt have moved in,

and are busy getting the lawn in shape for seeding.

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