

# Minister turns Beefeater for dinner

By MRS. R. McLEAN  
A huge crowd enjoyed the beef dinner hosted by the Rev. Sam Wigston in authentic Beefeater uniform.

Sunday was observed as "Peace Sabbath" in Czarist Russia, as portrayed in "Fiddler on the Roof," everyone knew by tradition who he was and what was expected of him.

Karen Wigston gave a plea for support of Amnesty International. It is not political. It is an independent, worldwide movement seeking the release of prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and opposes torture and degrading treatment of all prisoners. There is to be a speaker from Lowville Ebeferer Nov. 13.

Next Sunday, the Sunday School takes charge of the service.

Congratulations to Gail and Larry MacDonald on the birth of Brock Alexander, a little brother for Hilary and another grandchild for Audrey and Hank Weideman. Dorothea and Tom Hill, on Varcoe's corner, also welcomed a little son, Philip Alexandre].

# Martha Mainprize, 90 'enjoys life everyday'

By PAM DOUGLAS  
Surrounded by friends, family and flowers, Martha Mainprize celebrated her

90th birthday recently, and that's how she'd like to spend the rest of her life. An Acton resident for 57 years, Mrs. Mainprize is filled with a love of life. "I'm enjoying life every day," she says. "I feel very fortunate and quite happy."



MARTHA MAINPRIZE

She's enjoying her later years especially because she doesn't have as much responsibility as she once did. Her children, John, William and Helen, are all grown now and have children of their own. Mrs. Mainprize has two granddaughters, four grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Her "monstrous" birthday party two weeks ago was a double celebration. Her son William was born 25 years and three days after her, so the party, at her son John's home in Scarborough was for both of them. "We had a really nice time," she says. Mrs. Mainprize is also full of the neighborly spirit, something she regrets seeing slowly disappear.

"Everybody's too busy these days," she says. "I'm thankful that I was born in the old days when life was simple and neighbors were friendly."

The little one-room schoolhouse, where she used to teach, and the milk wagons that came around in which people would dip pitchers to get their milk are two fond memories Mrs. Mainprize has of the simpler days.

Trips to Florida, California and Hawaii after her late husband Harry, a barber, retired, also provide fond memories for her.

### New Town Hall directions

With outstanding bills paid off with a \$40,000 Ontario Heritage Foundation grant, Heritage Acton is seeking "meaningful proposals" from local contractors and tradesmen to help finish renovation work at the old Town Hall. Members met Friday to set new directions. Chairman Ted Tyler invites anyone interested in helping paint or do odd jobs to step up and be counted upon.

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