



**Esquosing Council Briefs**

Esquosing plans to hire six men under the Provincial Municipal Employment Incentive Program. They will be used primarily for the cutting of dead elms, cleaning up roadsides, and general maintenance.

Clerk Delmar French told council Reford Gardhouse had lost more valuable sheep, killed by dogs. The O.P.P. are investigating.

The small picnic area at Silvercreek was again discussed, when a letter from the Department of Transportation and Communications offered the site, plus picnic tables and garbage cans to the township. Council made no decision.

A supplementary by-law to allow for the borrowing of \$85,000 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce until the taxes are collected was passed.

The first signs of winter, complaints about road conditions, were heard at council, Monday night, when Cr. Len Coxie told of receiving phone calls at six in the morning, telling of icy roads and lack of sand.

Building inspector Tom McLean reported a total of \$121,261 in building permits issued during November.

All the permits were for houses, barns or alterations, the township received \$172 in fees.

**Firestone Store Ups Permit Total**

A \$225,000 expansion at Ballimore Aircoil, a car wash at Sinclair and Guelph, and a Firestone Store in Moore Park Plaza, pushed the total of building permits issued during November to \$515,629.

The commercial permits, including the two car washes and the Firestone Store amounted to \$96,000, while the total industrial amounted to \$275,000.

An extension to Bookdale on Todd Road, was \$50,000. This property is owned by Aler Developments, who took out the permit. The remainder of the permits represented houses, signs, and alterations.

The total for the year until the end of November is \$5,337,223. So far this year the town has collected \$15,735 in fees for building permits.

**Halton Atlas is Now Available in Reprint**

An early Ontario county atlas is a rare, expensive item today.

The Walker and Miles Halton County atlas of 1877 is one of the most sought after of them all.

Last week a reprint edition came off the press of Richardson, Bond, Wright, Owen Sound. It is printed in gold-stamped hard cover on colonial cream paper, 72 pages, size 10 x 12.

The book has a patrons' directory which lists many pioneer county residents and each township map has the names of the lot holders at that time. There are sketches of farms, industries and places of interest.

William Coulter, Campbellville, who was Halton's warden during centennial year, has written a foreword in the reprint.

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**Ballinafad**

**Community Hall Dinner In Appreciation of Service**

Mrs. Jesse McEnery was hostess for the December meeting of the W.I. the president opened with a poem taken from the Ideals Christmas Book. The W.I. ode and Mary Stewart collect was repeated in unison. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and treasurer's report the business of the afternoon was discussed, first item being the sponsorship of the Korean child. It was pointed out that just a little over half of the \$84.00, which it takes to sponsor a child for a year went directly to the person sponsored. It was moved and seconded that we try to do it for one more year. The motion was carried.

It was also agreed by members that we would do a quilting early in the new year. Funds were given the Welfare Committee to purchase the Christmas boxes for the "shut-ins".

Mrs. Given, speaking on behalf of the Community Centre said the W.I. group had been asked for a number to contribute towards the Christmas entertainment for the up coming concert.

Mrs. Slessoraites was convener for the meeting and called on Mrs. Given for current events. Some two minute reports were given and each member in turn then contributed something towards the program.

the exchange of gifts the hostess and assistants served a tasty lunch - meeting then adjourned.

Unfortunately, one of the 1st snow storms of the season kept the card players at home. Just about a dozen people came out to the euchre, sponsored by the Ballinafad Community Centre board on Monday evening November 29th. With three of the committee filling in four tables were in play. High scores: ladies—Mrs. Clare Wilson and Earl McLean (playing as lady), Gents—Clare Wilson and J. Densmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Waldie, of the Maple Lodge entertained at the Ballinafad Community Centre on Saturday night. It was in the form of a dinner and dance. About 30 sat down to a bounteous turkey dinner and everything else that goes with the festive meal.

The guests were those whose service through the year had been appreciated, their families and friends, also the Waldie family and other relatives. An enjoyable evening was spent.

During the worship service at Ballinafad United Church on Sunday two children were christened. Dana Lee baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ginter was presented for Baptism, as was Karen Marie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Connor. Rev. Kelvin Johnston

officiated the sacred ceremony. Many relatives and friends were present to witness the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Jamieson and daughters motored to Cornwall over the weekend and spent Sunday with their son Allen. —Wilfred Smith

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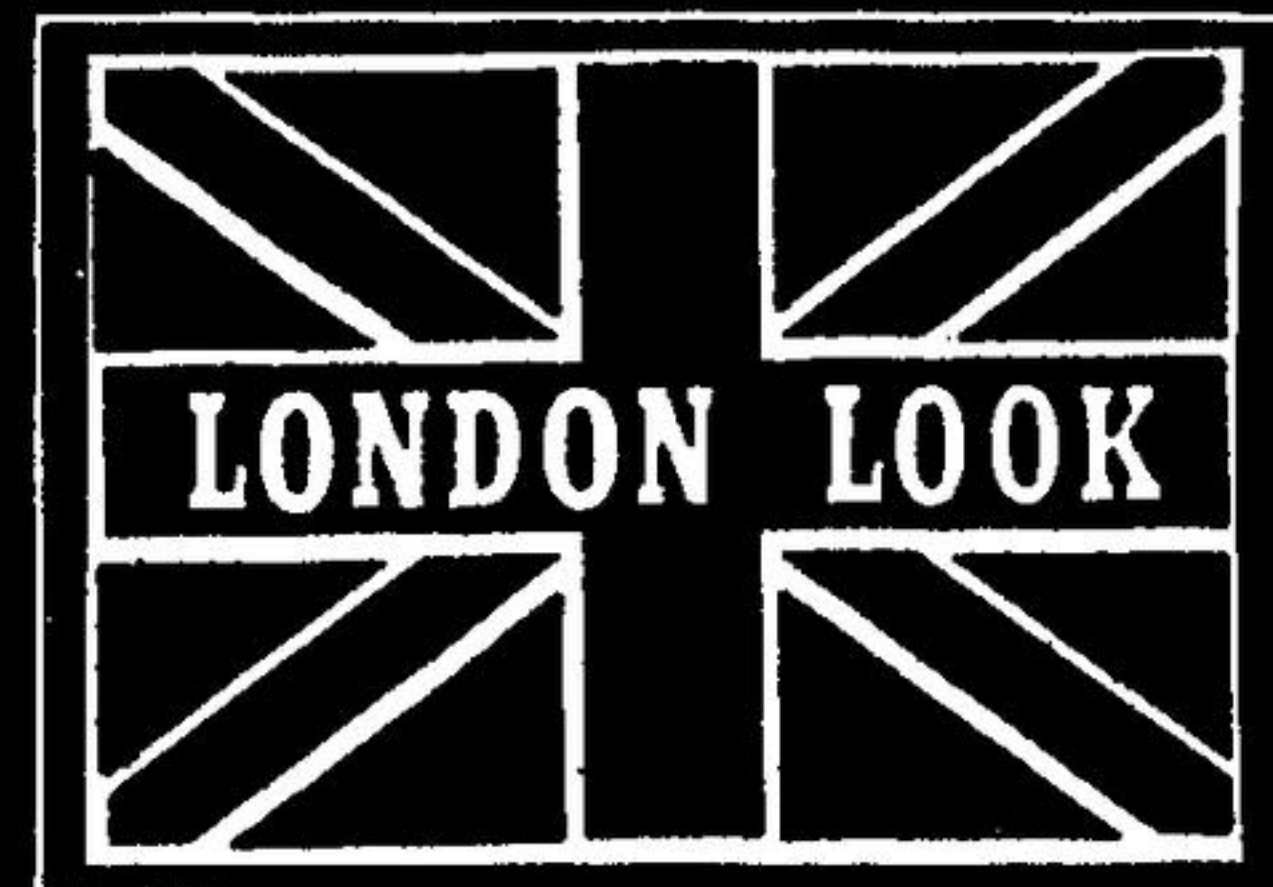
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