## Six cows killed as roof collapses

## **Norval News** by Dorothy McLean

It is a good thing that we had a little taste of spring for a few days, otherwise the winter weather this past week would be really depressing.

March really came in like a lion but the nice weather has given hope that spring is not far away und that March may go out like a lamb. This is small comfort to those who

shovelled from about 11 p.m. to 2 o'clock in the morning and were very tired from the strenuous work.

A neighbour who helped in rescuing the cattle, Carl Laidlaw, discovered in the morning that his large pole barn had gone down sometime during the night.



RANDY FENDLEY of Norval strummed his autoharp and led a singsong at a potluck supper held last Tuesday at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams. "Sorcerer's Apprentice", Trician Payton, 5, is delighted that magician Keith Perkins of Glen Williams pulled off another trick. It was the magician's debut before an audience after eight years of doing magic in his living room. He didn't miss a

Others who suffered damage

shocked and upset to learn that

their insurance didn't cover

their loss were Mrs. Orval

aluminum porch canopy

collapsed breaking her front

door to the sun porch, about

6:30 a.m. on Thursday mor-

ning caused by the heavy ice

and snow sliding off the house

roof onto the canopy. The

home of Doug Fraser, R.R. 3,

Streetsville, also had their

St. Paul's Anglican Church,

Tuesday, March 2nd, A good

their home.

fellowship.

suffered loss from the heavy snow, however.

The snow and rain combined made the snow and ice exceptionally heavy as anyone who tried to shovel a path or their driveway can testify, and considerable damage was done in this area from the heavy snow sliding off roofs.

The most serious and costly damage happened at Lloyd Laidlaw's on Thursday evening, March 4th, about 6 p.m. when a 20 x 100 foot leanto bullt on the side of their barn containing 30 head of Holstein cattle colinpsed killing 6 head of year old cattle and injuring

several others. Larry Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw, said they saw a flash followed by a loud crash and the mouning of the terrifled cattle. About 30 neighbours were there in minutes and did a wonderful job of rescuing the trapped herd from the wrecked

bullding. Larry reports that according to the insurance adjustor their loss is estimated at about \$20,000, but the family was shocked and frustrated to learn that their loss is not covered by insurance as there is a clause on insurance policies that states it will not cover loss caused by a snow

The heavy rain soaked snow aliding off the roof of the main barn on to a corner of the leanto caused the building to collapse and although it was an accident no insurance can be collected. Larry said that the building had just been repaired and painted last summer with a new wall built and was quite sound. They can't understand how it could

It will take them about two weeks to replace the building and in the mean time the surviving cattle are in a barn at Roy Laldlaws.

After rescuing the cattle the men worked at removing the heavy snow from the roof of the apple storage building to keep it from caving in. They

March 6th, with George and Marilyn Smith as chaperones. They had lots of fun dancing to records and are now looking forward to the next dance.

Norval United Church Women held a miscellaneous shower in honour of bride-to-be Susan May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack May, on Wednesday evening, March 3, in the basement of the church. Unit One were in charge of decorating and the program which consisted of a duet by Glenn Laidlaw and Judy Pomeroy and a contest, with Mrs. Gordon Miller presiding. Unit Two served lunch and a social time followed the shower.

The World Day of Prayer service was held in Norval Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, March 5th, with Rev. R. Walter Ridley as speaker. He spoke on "Responsibility of the Church". The theme of the service was "Education For All Of Life" led by Mrs. Andrew McClure.

Mrs. Wilmer Little sang a solo and Mrs. Gordon Sharpe was organist. Taking part in the service were Mrs. Ormie Carter from St. Paul's Anglican Church; Mrs. Gordon Miller and Mrs. Gordon Laidlaw from the United Church, and Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. John McClure from Presbyterian Church.

The W.A. Presbyterian Church served coffee and cookies in the basement following the service and a fellowship time was enjoyed.

Union Presbyterian Church held the World Day of Prayer service at the home of Mrs. Roy Thompson on Friday afternoon, March 5th, led by Mrs. Herb Dolson and a good number in attendance.

They followed the printed service on the theme from the storm and were "Education For All Of Life" with Mrs. Lee Campbell the speaker, and Mrs. Art McKane Shea, in the village. Her read the scripture lesson.

A social time with a cup of tea was enjoyed following the window and wrecking her front service.

"The Happy Wanderers", a choir under the direction of David Esplin, will provide special music at Norval Presbyterian Church worship service next Sunday morning, aluminum front porch on their

This same choir will be home collapse from the weight to Norval returning of a snow slide from the roof of Presbyterian church to present an Easter Cantata on Sunday afternoon, April 11, at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome Norval, held a Pancake Supper to attend these services. in the parish hall on Shrove

number from the parish en-The following poem was joyed the supper and composed by Joyce Hutton of Huttonville who was raised in About 30 young folk from the the village. It was written with community enjoyed a dance at Norval in mind but could just the Norval School Community as well apply to most small Centre on Saturday evening, villages in Ontario today.

VILLAGE EPITAPH

The ancestors gave their land for a school. (They had no money.) Now its closed by the government. "Not enough children", they say; and send them away in buses to bigger schools that don't want them.

A dam and the mill have perished in progress, and the river in pollution. When the ice is frozen two feet down and parents still must drive them to town to skate the children think its only because they're young that they don't understand.

Once maples mothered a two lane road, and wild-flowers grew in the ditches. Now wide, treeless pavement mocks the speed limit signs, and parents clutch their children closer and suffer from ulcers and nervous tension.

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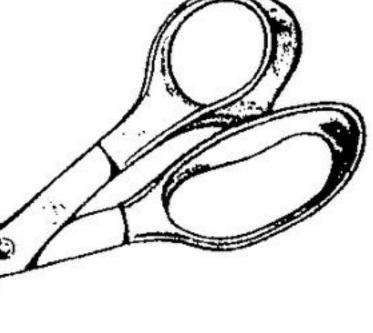
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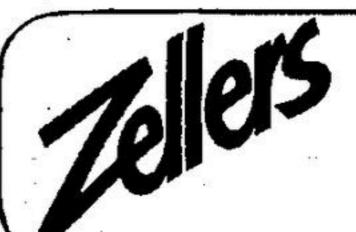
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