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Ballinafad news

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Many were out to church Sunday to welcome Rev. James Kirkwood, his wife Marlon and son Paul. Rev. Stiles, when introducing the Kirkwood family, said he was sure that Jim did not need to be introduced, as many knew him as their native son.

He spent his boyhood in the village, attended Blue Mountain school, Sunday school and church.

Younger ones and new members of the congregation were interested in meeting the family which sacrificed and gave much of their time for the less fortunate people of the world.

Instead of the regular sermon, there was a question period. Rev. and Mrs. Kirkwood both took part with Rev. Stiles asking the questions.

There was so much the Kirkwoods could have said about their experiences in Africa but

board. Glynn Powell will supply the music. Plan to attend; bring your friends and neighbours.

Bookings are being taken for weddings and banquets at the hall. If you are planning to rent the hall, phone well in advance of the date.

In the past, the recreation department and the YMCA have co-operated in organizing recreational activities for this area. If you are interested, plan to attend the annual meeting and help organize courses offered.

The UGW held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Violet Shorthill. There was a good turnout. The roll call was answered by paying the dues for 1977. The devotion "Looking Ahead" was prepared by Reta Shorthill and delivered by president Mrs. Larose.

Instead of the usual topic, there was a discussion and suggestions for the years program.

Those in charge of the lunch assisted the hostess with refreshments and a social time followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Heritage have sold their home on the town line. The new family moved in on Saturday.

The leaders and assistants for the two Ballinafad 4H Clubs attended classes for the new club's "Clothes for Leisure", Thursday and Friday last week.

Time wouldn't allow it.

Mrs. Kirkwood taught school, in Northern Rhodesia. Mr. Kirkwood was the head minister in charge of many rural churches there but the natives had lay ministers that

preached and did a good job of bringing the word of God to many people.

Upon returning home, the couple said the people in the country have so much, and waste so much.

On behalf of everyone, Mr. Stiles thanked the Kirkwoods for taking time from their busy schedule to speak to us.

The men's choir sang a beautiful anthem and a time of fellowship followed. Lunch was served in the basement.

Many returned to the church for the annual meeting.

It was the final meeting for the present community centre hall board because the year ended Jan. 10. The year's business was finished up.

Plans were made for the annual meeting on Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m.

There will be several vacancies on the board and community participation is needed to operate the hall this year. Without the time and help of volunteers, dances and other community activities would not be possible.

Most find it a rewarding experience to serve the community in this way. Sat. Jan. 22 is the last dance sponsored by the 1976 hall

TV, STEREO TAKEN

Thieves who broke into a vacant house in Limehouse sometime between Jan. 3 and Jan. 9 stole a 12-inch black and white television set, a 21-inch portable color television set, and a stereo radio with speakers, police said. Entry was gained through a screen door and by forcing an inside door.

Crime briefs

TRAIL BIKE
A trail bike was stolen from the side of a house on Kennedy Road in Georgetown sometime between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. The bike is red with a black seat and has an 80 c.c. engine.

HOT STUFF
Police said a fire extinguisher was stolen from the front hall of a Queen Street apartment building, Jan. 11.

CB STOLEN
Thieves stole a 23 channel citizens band radio from a car parked on a Churchill Road, Acton parking lot Jan. 12, police said.

TAPE DECK TAKEN
A Mill Street resident, Georgetown, reported to police that a eight track FM tape deck and 20 assorted tapes were stolen from his parked car Jan. 13.

CHALLENGE, EXCITEMENT Lady policeperson not out to prove anything

By LYNN RHODES
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Contrary to the myth that women in traditionally male jobs are hard-nosed feminists, policewoman Jeanette Sykes "Isn't out to prove anything."

"I'm not a libber," says the petite blonde, "I just enjoy police work and do the best job I can."

Hired in June 1975 as the only policewoman in North Halton, her colleagues at Georgetown's 11 Division were "overprotective" at first, said Constable Sykes, adding "they soon adjusted and treat me like an equal now."

Patrolling Georgetown with Constable Sykes Friday afternoon, she had two main calls:

an accident and an unusual emergency to investigate.

Her pleasant calmness coupled with thorough efficiency illustrated her statements that "I like to deal with people," and "I enjoy my work and get a lot of self-satisfaction out of it."

Constable Sykes interest in law enforcement emerged in the early 1970's when she landed a clerical job with Peel Regional Police. She found police work fascinating, but the work was routine.

"I felt I wanted to get outside and be involved with people in a more challenging job," she said.

Don Sykes, a Peel Regional policeman she married last

June, encouraged her to enter the force.

Her Grade 12 education qualified her to take a one-year course in Security and Law Enforcement at Sheridan College. After being hired by Halton Regional Police force, she proceeded to the police college in Aylmer for a 12-week training program. She estimated eight women and 120 men were enrolled in the course which emphasized physical training, self-defence, and the legalities of the traffic act and criminal code.

Following a few weeks of patrolling with a training officer, Constable Sykes was out on her own, at the age of 21.

Once a month, she practices shooting at the range at police headquarters in Oakville, but she's never had to use a gun while on duty.

Occasionally, she says, handcuffs are helpful when making arrests.

Although some men still have difficulty accepting women in authoritarian positions, Constable Sykes said most are respectful.

"It's possible that certain people—drunks for example—treat me with a little more respect than male constables," she said. "Not too many guys would haul out and hit a woman."

"Some people give you a rough time, but I haven't had any real problems. It's all in the way you approach the other person... If you treat them with respect, they'll usually be reasonable with you. I treat people the way I like to be treated myself."

Although Constable Sykes admits her job contains an element of danger, she regards law enforcement as "full of variety" and "very challenging" from court appearances to patrolling to paperwork.

A Milton resident who was born and raised in Streetsville, Constable Sykes is satisfied working in Georgetown as opposed to larger centres.

Her interest in juvenile crime was exemplified last fall when she took a 10-week Humber College course in Youthful Offenders, and she may specialize in this field.

As well as dealing with young lawbreakers, 18 months on the force has seen Constable Sykes at the scene of fires, accidents, snowstorms, ambulance calls, Georgetown's freak tornado, and investigating complaints.

"Police work is interesting because you never know what to expect," Constable Sykes said, but disputes the depiction of her profession in films, television and books as "a bit unrealistic, but entertaining."



CONSTABLE JEANETTE SYKES

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Toronto lawyer named to teacher arbitration board

A Toronto lawyer has been named as the teacher's nominee to an arbitration board in the dispute between the Halton board of education and District 9 of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF).

Elliott Posen, who has broad experience in labor law, has represented secondary school teachers on a number of occasions.

Halton's secondary school teachers are opposed to the board's mandatory implementation of a re-organization of high schools from the headship to chairmanship organization.

Implementation of the program began Jan. 3 when 114 positions in the chairmanship program were advertised internally. All high schools in the region including Georgetown and district high school are to be organized under the chairmanship program by Sept. 1.

"It has always been the policy of OSSTF to explore every possibility of local settlement and avoid imposed solutions," said Ray Primeau, OSSTF executive assistant and member of the provincial bargaining team which will represent Halton teachers in contract negotiations.

"In this case the board has blocked every attempt to discuss re-organization and any further suggestions that we talk would only be fruitless and

a waste of time," he said.

On Dec. 16, OSSTF placed an embargo on all positions of responsibility in the board's chairmanship program. The embargo prevents any of 12,000 high school teachers across Ontario from applying for the positions.

Of two teachers who have applied for positions with the board, one has withdrawn said OSSTF spokesman David Judd. Mr. Judd is chief negotiator for the teachers.

He said the teacher who withdrew was a member of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers Federation and was on leave from the board at the time of his application. After the teacher learned of the OSSTF embargo, he withdrew his application.

The OSSTF executive was to meet Tuesday evening to decide what disciplinary action would be taken against the one teacher who has applied.

Several notable changes are evident in the setting of the regional council committees.

Burlington Mayor Mary Munro will not chair the planning committee but will now sit as a member of the administration committee.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill will sit on the public works committee shifting from administration.

Halton Hills regional councillors will sit on all three committees public works, planning and administration.

Councillors Roy Booth and Ric Morrow were to sit on planning but the one position is now vacant with the election of Mr. Morrow to the chairmanship of

the region. Coun. Pat McKenzie will join Mayor Hill on the public works committee while Coun. Russ Miller will sit on the administration committee.

Other members of the committees are: administration; McLean Anderson, Carl Erikson, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, James Watson, David Coons, and Walter Mulkevic. Public Works; James Kerr, Laurie Mannell, Gordon Heade, Jack Rafalis, Vern Connell and Tom Sutherland. Planning; Donald Gordon, Archie Donaghy, Ron Planche, Donald Carter, Pat McLaughlin and Ben Ciprietti.

Regional committees

Silverwood area notes

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Mrs. Williamson hosted the January Silverwood W.I. meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The meeting opened with the collection and roll call which was answered by giving a resolution one could use every day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and the financial report was given.

The secretary asked members for reports on stamp collections to raise funds for ACWW work.

Mrs. Marchington was convener and gave a reading and talk on resolutions, and how construction begins at branch level.

A white elephant sale of articles donated by members brought in needed funds.

A social hour with a delicious lunch brought the meeting to a close.

Good neighbours helped senior citizens dig out of the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Breen enjoyed New Years with their granddaughter Lori and her husband Ben Leeuwen.

The Casselman family went to Alliston to spend the day with relatives.



INVESTIGATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

World Religion Day

The members of the Baha' Faith of Halton Hills observed World Religion Day by attending a fireside discussion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Weaver RRS, Milton, on Friday evening, Jan. 14 1977.

The major World Religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity, Islam and the Baha' Faith, were discussed, and their unifying aspects stressed. It was an interesting meeting ending with refreshments.



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