

# Easter is real New Year's

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Herald columnist

The Easter season signifies new life, a fresh beginning, far more symbolically than the much touted arrival of the New Year.

Blowing on horns, wearing funny hats and generally making a big production out of resolutions and Auld Lang Syne does nothing to alter the fact that, on January 1st, we still remain buried under snow, unwilling victims of frigid temperatures.

Draught air determinedly continues to blow around our ankles, cars refuse to do more than guggle sluggishly in the early morning hours and the view from the window shows no sudden, overnight change.

Ah, but Easter - it gives us hope. One can feel the certain promise of warm days to come; the happy up-tempo twittering of birds alighting in the old crabapple trees, carries the message of better things as surely as the kite flying children in the muddy parklands.

### APRIL SHOWERS

As April showers gently wash away all stubborn remnants of snow and salt crystals, nursery garden catalogues are pored over by avid cultivators, allowing winter-tired eyes to envision a lush summer garden glowing with a profusion of colours. Roses of unimaginable fragrance, carols of unsurpassed size, peas and beans enough to stock the freezer for winter - all this and more, we are certain, will flourish on our own little plots in the coming season, fully equal to anything the landscaping magazines can offer.

No sooner has the Easter bunny done his thing and the annual spring rite is officially proclaimed with the words: "Mom! I've got no summer clothes that fit" - from a child who has grown an amazing six inches in all directions under cover of jeans and bulky sweaters.

A frantic regime of dieting and exercising sweeps across the country. After all, if one is expected to display extraordinary quantities of pallid flesh to the first warm rays of the sun, heaven forbid it should also exhibit sagging muscles and enough excess calories to stock a warehouse.

Windows are washed, garage sales begin again and doors are flung open, releasing a horde of crazy, barrelling dustballs into the atmosphere, in a ritual of spring house cleaning peculiar only to homo sapiens.

### FIRST, FAT BUDDS

The first, fat buds appear on the trees, indicating it is time for barbecues to be unearthed from the far recesses of the garden shed, well concealed behind the dwindling stack of winter firewood, boxes of Christmas lights, dusty lawn chairs and the rose trellis he promised to repair last fall.

Yes, the signs can be read in the swelling tulips; the time-spanning conversations carried on with neighbours over an idyl rake handle; in the first hardy runners who exhaust themselves pounding the sidewalks each evening, and in the lingering steps of homeward bound school children, who pause in groups for a final gabfest before dispersing.

All that remains now is for that first tremulous green leaf of the season to appear, to confirm our victory over winter and indeed herald another beginning to life.



## GOODBYE MORTGAGE

Tom Wilson (left) and Johnston Neelands set fire to the mortgage on Hillcrest United Church following the church's 10th anniversary service Sunday morning. (Herald photo)

# HERALD Community

## Limehouse news

### Women's Association caters local dinner

By MRS. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent  
Mr. Harvey Norton enjoyed a short holiday in Florida recently.

Limehouse Women's Association ladies catered a cold plate dinner to over one hundred and third members and former members of Knox Presbyterian Georgetown Women, when they held their 59th anniversary reunion on Wed. April 18.

By BARB HADDON  
The monthly meeting of the Limehouse Local Association was held on April 16 at the home of Rhona Scholtz. Future events were discussed and the following dates were confirmed: On April 28th the 1st Limehouse Brownies and Guides will conduct a Bottle Drive and will collect any glass jars or bottles that people care to donate; on May 5th the girls will be selling Girl Guide cookies; and on May 30th the mothers and daughters will be attending the annual banquet, during which there will also be Tweenies becoming Brownies, and Brownies flying up to Guides. In the past month the Brownies have been working hard on earning their badges. The

following girls have successfully earned badges: Shannon Burrwell, her "Friends to Birds" and Petkeeper's; Wanita Phillips, her Snowshoers and Skiers; Leanne Burt, her Cooks, Collectors, Crafts and Friends to Birds"; Heather Brown, her "Friends to Birds, Judy Carroll, her Collectors, Artists and Crafts; and Lori Haddon, her Booklovers, Crafts, Thrift, Toymakers, Team Sport, Beadworkers and Woodworkers badges. Having recently moved to this area, I find the enthusiasm of all the Limehouse Groups very contagious and I want to thank everyone for the terrific welcome.

By ELAINE HANNAH  
Spring is the busiest time of the year in Scouting but it started out with the weather playing a big of havoc with the groups. The Beavers had to cancel their early spring hike and the Cubs had to cancel a meeting. The highlight of the month for the Beavers was making Easter eggs. I understand.

The Cubs visited Bell Telephone in Brampton and then returned to the Scout Hut to cook supper. They also had a spring hike from the Scout Hut

to Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Along the way each boy filled a bag with garbage. At the church they visited the cemetery and studied the history in it like the oldest and youngest in it, the largest family, the first and last buried there and then had to do a rubbing with paper and pencil on a stone which couldn't be read. When finished they could read it.

There are 3 new Cubs - Billy Shoebridge, Wally Clark and Ernie Hollis. Billy and Wally have now been invested with their families present for the event. Chris Burrell and Alan Scott have earned their toymakers badge; Lee and Gary Foster the swimmer badge; Greg Tait - skater, swimmer and toymaker badges; John Benton - collector; Bill Shoebridge - petkeeper and collector badges; Mike Hannah - black star; Jason Sharples - black and red stars; Bryon Cannon - black, blue, green and tawny stars.

The Scouts have 2 new boys - Liam Clark and Tim Rock. They had another evening at the swimming pool and are preparing for the annual Explorer Hike in May.

The Group Committee held their April meeting in the Scout Hut and have recently sponsored a Tupperware demonstration which the Beaver leaders organized and a bake sale.

## Founder's Day to mark 48th anniversary

Beta Sigma Phi, the largest women's sorority in the world, is celebrating its 48th anniversary this year and the local chapter will mark the event with Founder's Day celebrations Thursday.

Beta Sigma Phi has 250,000 members in the 12,000 chapters, in 30 countries around the world. The organization is non-academic, non-political and non-sectarian, sorority member Rose-Marie Baskin said.

The sorority's local chapter Founder's Day celebration on April 26 will be held at the North Halton Golf and Country

Club. Sonja Mazur is serving as chairman of the day's activities. Awards will be presented to local members during the course of the program, and outstanding members will be honoured.

Among the special funds which the chapters have created on an international basis are the International Endowment Fund, which has made donations for cancer research, cystic fibrosis, home for under-privileged children and other causes, and the Exemplar Fund, which helps to support Literacy Village in India.

## Ballinafad news

### Local Institute members visit neighbouring group

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

Ballinafad W.I. made their annual visit to the Halton Manor on Wednesday evening of last week along with the neighbouring Silver Wood branch. They entertained the residents, but with special honours to those who had an April birthday. Silver Wood W.I. looked after a gift for each and provided a nicely decorated cake for the occasion. Ballinafad W.I. was asked to look after the program. The party got underway around 7 pm.

Mrs. Leo Jamieson was master of ceremonies and called on the McEnery's Jesse and Ernie with the fiddles accompanied by Eileen at the piano for a few lively numbers.

Grace McEnery gave two humorous readings which were enjoyed. Paul Schwartz delighted all with his solo. Wilfa and Fred Shortill sang a duet. Life Given favoured with a solo, and the Ballinafad church men's choir were very generous as they sang several snappy numbers. At different intervals Mrs. Jamieson had some funny stories to tell which caused much merriment. Judging by the applause the seniors seemed delighted with the program. During the serving of lunch the McEnery orchestra kept the entertainment going as they played the old time music. Friends and acquaintances had visits among the residents and the party was

enjoyed by all. It was almost like an evening in summer last Friday night. Many residents from the village and those living in the area north of the Halton Hills town line in Erin Township took advantage of the good weather to journey to Erin village to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the Progressive Conservative campaign headquarters. They were joined by a large number who came by bus.

Perrin Beatty, MP and Mrs. Beatty were on hand to welcome all as well as his campaign manager Eleanor Taylor. Perrin Beatty is seeking re-election in the forthcoming federal election in the riding of Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe. Sandwiches and coffee were served.

A good time was had at the community centre on Saturday evening dancing with music supplied by the band of Gary Pool. There was lots of food as always when its pot luck. Another dance has been planned for the merry month of May.

The children who came to church and Sunday School on Sunday were delighted with the story Mr. Stiles told them as it had an added touch with the minister playing a tune on the mouth organ. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortill added much to the service with their inspiring duet. The first Sunday in May will be the anniversary service as Ballinafad church begins its second century, its 101st year.

There was some excitement on Sat. morning when the fire

reels came tearing through the village. They turned the corner and across the town line to the eighth line. The fire was on the property formerly owned by the Pabst family. One of the barns was on fire and completely burned down.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Law returned home on Saturday after spending a holiday in St. Petersburg, Florida.

## Local vintners hold contest

Jim Justice of Erin was awarded the grand championship and a number of other prizes at a competition sponsored by the Georgetown Vintner's Club Sunday.

The competition was held in Mr. Justice's home, with about thirty entrants in thirteen classes. The competition was judged by Ralph Crowther of the Department of Agriculture Vineland Research Station.

Mr. Crowther is an accredited judge with the Amateur Winemakers of Ontario.

The competition had classes for wines, cider and beer. Mr. Justice placed first in five classes, with Les Smith coming first in three classes, Brian Robinson, first in two, and Peter Philpott, Jack Layman, and Hugh Webb each placing first in one class.

## MEET THE PRESIDENT



ROBIN FISCHER

Heritage Weavers president Robin Fischer has been with the club since it began 2 1/2 years ago. During that time she spent two years as vice-president and is just beginning her two-year term as president.

The group has 15 members and meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month. Annual dues are \$10. The club is open to anyone from a beginner interested in learning the basics of the craft to the more experienced weaver interested in meeting other weavers to discuss the craft and exchange ideas.

Mrs. Fischer, her husband Jack, and their two sons moved to Glen Williams from Vancouver eight years ago. She sells real estate for Stephen P. Saxe, and lists weaving, jogging, skiing and playing squash as her hobbies.



## Legion Lines

By Roma Timpson

### Legion mini-bingo 'quite successful'

By ROMA TIMPSON  
From all accounts the Mini-Bingo was quite successful last Saturday in the clubroom. This seems to be a very popular part of the varied activities that goes on at the branch. Watch this column for the next Mini-Bingo nite and come join in the fun.

April is coming to an end and with a good time in mind the Imperial Section with their Social Night on Saturday April 28th intend that April bow out in grand style. Do yourself a favor and call Jimmy Hayes if you do not have your ticket for this fun evening. There will be a DJ, a buffet snack, entertainment and best of all, good company. All this for \$6.00 per couple. Jim's number is 677-5797. Don't miss out. Also don't miss out on the chance that you could be the winner of a super gas Bar-B-Que. The draw will take place at this dance and for your tickets see either Ramsey Hamilton or Gib Telford.

Sunday the 6th of May will see several of our executive going down to Oakville Branch No. 114 to do the elections of that branch. In return, the executive from Oakville will be here on June 3rd to do our elections. Our executive will also be doing the elections for Brampton branch No 15 as well.

Draw No. 10 for Car Club... No. 170 F. Carswell, 279 W. Smith, 149 W. McCartney, 232

M. Beattie, and 246 M. Martin Draw No. 11... 144 A. Hall, 43 J. Payne, 180 E. Stafford, 60 W. Draper and 150 Gord Reid. Draws are made on Thursday evening. Come on down and join us for the evening and be on hand when the draw is made.

Members on the sick list are Walter Louth, (Georgetown) Bruce Collins and George Sargent in (Peel Memorial) and Len Rayner (St. Michael's) We extend our best wishes to these fellows and hope they will be home very soon.

This Friday in the Lounge Ross Sommerville will please you with his selection of records and Saturday will be Pete Edge trying his best on you also.

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