ABOUT THE HILLS

Native teacher writes

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - During the business section of the Women's Institute meeting current events were given by Helga Schwarz.

Frances Buckrell gave many interesting facts to prove that Canada in many ways leads all other countries. Betty Koperdraad ended her talk with a humorous poem.

Lilie Given, as educational convenor read two letters from her grandson Thomas Ryan, a recent graduate from Thunder Bay who is now teaching a class of native children at Kingfisher Lake, Ont.

Ballinafad 4-H awards

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - The Women's Institute presented local 4-H members with awards for their service and excellence.

Congratulations to Christine Currey who was given a silver spoon from the W.I. for completing 18 clubs.

She also was successful in winning the Halton District Scholarship award which is given annually to keep with further education.

Helga Schwarz received a tray for completing 12 clubs. One of our members had a daughter married so she received a china cup and saucer from the Women's Institute for the bride.

A debate was held on the topic that women of today have an easier life than the women of fifty years ago. The discussion ended in a tie.

Ballinafad shorts

By WINIFRED SMITH
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BALLINAFAD - Some short items on happenings in the village:

Morley Shortill and family have moved from the apartment above the store and have bought a home on the Fourth Line.

Penny (Shortill) Reid and husband are now occupying the apartment above the store.

Congratulations to Mrs. Rita Shortill who celebrated her 86th birthday Sept. 5.

Sympathy is extended to the Collins family who recently suffered a bereavement in the loss of a husband and father.

Grace McEnery has returned home after spending a week at Kirkland Lake with her long time friend Mrs. Coombs.

Ruth Shortill and daughter Karen are home again after a holiday in Parry Sound.

Get well Lois

By KAY WILSON
Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Lois Fraser, formerly of Huttonville and now of Brampton.

Mrs. Fraser is home now, recuperating, following a back injury sustained in a car accident. She had been in Peel Memorial Hospital.

Western trip

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - Reg and Cathy French have recently returned home after a lovely three and a half week holiday touring the western provinces.

They went as far as British Columbia before leaving for home.

Carriage competition

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - Several from the Ballinafad area were seen at the second annual Canadian Carriage Driving Classic held this Labor Day weekend at Mono Mills.

Some were in competition with their horse and carriages from the community also.

Kirsten Brunner, from Hillsburgh, was first in the cross country obstacle competition.

Learn to skate

This parent and child course enbales your preschooler up to the age of 5 years the chance to learn the basics of ice skating and develop greater strength and balance while having fun. You will enjoy yourself too! Classes begin Wednesday, October 2 and will run for 10 weeks 11:30 to 12 noon. Cost will be $24. Participants must pre-register so call 877-5185 ext. 260 and 219 today.

New adult programs

In addition to the regular Fall Adult Programs, the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is initiating three new programs this year: Trail Riding, Adult Learn to Skate, Not a Fitness Club.

If any of the above programs are of interest to you and you would like further information, please see the fall and winter brochure or call 877-5185, ext. 262.

Talk on disciple

Barbara Coloros is returning to Halton. The popular classroom teacher and author will be talking about "Discipline - Kids are Worth it" oct. 3 in Oakville.

The $3 tickets are now on sale and can be obtained by calling 844-5379 or 878-5439.

In one direction

How can you travel 600 miles and still be in Georgetown?

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

Question: How do eight men and one woman leave Georgetown on a Thursday morning, travel 600 miles in one direction and still end up in Georgetown?

Answer: Local Optimist Club members went to visit their American cousins in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Optimist Harvey Clare organized the trip for fellow club members who wanted to visit their friends from Kentucky.

The Kentucky Optimists were in Georgetown, Ont. last year for the bicentennial celebrations.

In the van for the trip were Al Farmer, Doug Starrett, Roy Leunberger, Tom Biggar and Bruce Totten. Optimist president Gerry Getty followed in his car with his wife Jeanne.

The group left Thursday Aug. 29 and returned for work the following Tuesday.

The visited Hazard County, which is not where the television show Dukes of Hazards is filmed. In fact, president Gerry Getty said the group couldn't even find any Kentucky moonshine. He said if the locals are caught selling moonshine, there is an automatic jail sentence handed out.

The Georgetown club members first met with the president of the Cincinnati Optimists for dinner.

They spent Saturday and Sunday making friends with Optimists from Georgetown, Indiana. Indiana Georgetown is only about 60 miles from Georgetown, Kentucky.

GERRY GETTY

Both Georgetowns in the United States are much smaller in population and they are more rural oriented, Mr. Getty said.

In Kentucky, the territories are identified by naming creeks, he said. It's common to say a person lives "just past the second creek", Mr. Getty said.

In Georgetown, Kentucky the Optimists watched their American counterparts host a very popular pick-up truck pull.

They also visited a 73 year old former moonshiner and met a man who had 30 handguns. "I wouldn't want to get on the bad side of some of these folks, but everyone was very friendly," Mr. Getty said.

In Indiana, the Canadians shared in a chicken barbeque and a display of western riding.

According to Mr. Getty, the highlight of the trip was seeing and talking to the people down in the U.S.

Because they already knew some of the Optimists, they were able to meet a variety of different people.

GOING... GOING... GONE!

What are you going to give me for this bike? The Halton regional police auction Saturday morning cleared off goods ranging from curcular saws at $20 to coolers. The crowd wasn't very large, and the goods for auction were much less than in previous years.

(Herald photo)

Shutdown for water control plant

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant is going to be shut down for about five months as the sludge digestor is upgraded, and reopening next August.

Last week, regional councillors approved the tender of Varamae Construction Limited of Thornhill to make renovations and improvements to the sludge digestion system in Georgetown.

Varamae's offer of $1,409,000 was the lowest of the four tenders received by Halton region.

However, it was still too high, compared with the amount the region has allocated in its budget.

The tender included replacing of the existing digester roof, upgrading the gas system to comply with the latest gas code, providing a gas holding tank to reclaim and use the gas from the digester for heating sludge, and other miscellaneous electrical and mechanical works like piping, ventilation and instrumentation.

To keep within the region's budget, the contractor has agreed to delete the gas holding tank from the contract, making for a $110,000 saving. This makes the contract value, including a $50,000 contingency amount, $1,299,000.

Varamae is to put five steel piles for the gas tank foundation for $3,000. This will save the region the cost of providing the pile driving equipment later, when it can afford the gas tank...

The digestion system can function without the gas tank, but there will be an increased operating cost of $25,000 annually for fuel oil, Mr. E. Ounpuu of Varamae warned.

If additional regional money becomes available by April 1, 1986, while Varamae is working at the water pollution control plant, Varamae has agreed to supply and install the gas holding tank for $110,000.

Nancy Bryce heads new day care centre

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Local families seeking daycare will find it available at a new centre in M.Z. Bennett school, beginning Sept. 3.

The new program, sponsored by the YMCA, will offer care for toddlers aged 18 months to 2½ years, pre-schoolers aged 2½ to 5, and school age youngsters between six and nine years old.

Y director Claudette Smith said playground equipment for the centre has been installed and staff are readying rooms for their young clients.

Nancy Bryce has been hired as centre director and will also supervise the toddlers. Kelly Ralph will handle pre-schoolers and Linda Brannan will care for the school age youngsters.

Centre organizers are really pleased with the response to their proposal and feel their service will be useful to the community. They offer both full and part time rates.

This should be beneficial to parents planning to return to school or trying to find work, Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Smith said the centre can accommodate a maximum of 36 youngsters and staff and will be added as necessary. A total of 12 youngsters have already been signed up to use the centre in September.

No more free maps

Council passed a bylaw Monday setting fees of 25 cents per sheet for photocopies, $3 and up according to the size of maps, $15 and $35 for copies of town official plans, $5 and $10 for secondary plans and $15 for zoning bylaw.

HAAC supports hunt

At a recent meeting, the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee gave its support for the annual deer hunt in Halton region.

"...HAAC supports the annual deer hunt in Halton region as no other way to control deer has been demonstrated to be successful."

The committee appointed Halton Hills farmer Peter Branch to attend the meeting on hunting in the regional Agreement Forests.

Action wear project

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - The new fall project for the 4-H Club is a sewing club "Action Wear". It will be held Sept. 12 at the home of Helga Schwarz on Trafalgar Road.

One of the senior girls, Lynn Sinclair, was awarded a trip to the exhibition one day last week which she enjoyed.

Super Sundays return

Yes, it's the Toy Town Troupers (seen above in a recent play) back by popular demand for the Super Sunday Series. On January 12 they present "The Haunted Castle". A $6 series ticket will enable you to see both The Toy Town Troupers and Kim and Jerry Brodey who bring music from around the world to their November 10 performance. This is family entertainment at its best, so don't miss your chance. Tickets are available now at Penniesworth and Georgetown Fabrics or by calling 877-6318 and 877-2347.

(Photo submitted)

Hydrant job praised

Romero Painting and Decorating Ltd. of Burlington has been doing such a good job at a very competitive price of painting fire hydrants, that regional staff have asked the company to continue with the painting of another 2,400 hydrants.

The company is charging $3.75 per hydrant. The additional hydrants will cost the region $9,000 to be painted. They are all in the Oakville area.

The additional costs of hydrant painting will be made up through under spending in other public works activities, public works director Bob Moore reports. The spending will be within the overall budget approvals.

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