

## UNDER FIRE IN MEAFORD



Sgt. Doherty tries to avoid the splash of mud as he fires rounds during an exercise at Meaford. A Private meanwhile stands nearby ready with the next round to be fired. Despite the wet weather,

recruits from the Lorne Scots were anxious to get in some practical training using live ammunition at the mortar training site. (Photo by John Colter)



Pte. Morris experiences a misfire while Pte. Clazie raises the tube to let Cpl. Stewart catch the round. W.O. Sherriff supervises to make sure the procedure is done correctly.

The Lorne Scots were in Meaford last week practising their mortar training using live ammunition. (Photo by John Colter)



Warrant Officer Sherriff explained to Meaford last week to complete mortar training using live ammunition. (Photo by John Colter)

It was an explosive issue for members of the Lorne Scots who graduated from mortar training a week ago in Meaford. Candidates from Georgetown, Brampton and Oakville had the chance to use real ammunition in order to pass their "Trade Qualification" infantry mortarman course. The course was held every other weekend since October at the Georgetown Armouries. The candidates were able to fire rounds ranging from the Norwegian high explosive round with a maximum range just short of 6 km to the half million candle power British illumination round. Each man was tested on his performance as the number one, two and three man on the mortar and also as a fire controller. On the completion of the shoot, private Davidson said that "now we have earned the right to think about sitting on an ammunition crate!" In spite of the wet weather, the exercise went well. The course gives infantrymen a qualification they need to advance from Corporal to Master Corporal. This particular course enables one to set up, aim and fire the 81mm mortar along with learning the technical data of the mortar and the types of rounds. It is also the first step in the mortar qualification which is the prerequisite for the advanced mortarman course held in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Sergeant Major and Master Warrant Officer Dalziel was one of the Georgetown candidates who used the course to increase his knowledge of infantry support arms.

## Recalling life in Norval's golden era

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Special  
NORVAL-Pinegrove Community Club met at the home of Keith and Ethel Webb Jan. 24 with 21 members and friends present. Gertrude McGee presided and Prairie Bessy read the minutes. Keith introduced Mrs. J.E. (Mary) Maxwell, who related the life and experiences of the former Dr. Webster of Norval. His home was later the Kirk Kraft shop. He and his wife, Mrs. Webster raised Prairie Maguire from a young child. Mary read from his daybook many family names three or four generations later who are still living in the area. His medical practice covered the district from Belfountain to

Oakville as well as from Campbellville to Brampton. His work put him in the forefront of the life and death struggles of the early settlers. Following Mary's talk, Hardy and Ruby Barnhill and Dorothy McLean were guests for the evening and were asked if they could add to the program. Hardy recalled Norval's olden days and the different shops, factories and churches in Norval. Beginning at the foot of the cemetery hill stood the Anglican church and a broom factory, Wardlaw's Butcher Shop and the Farmer's Bank on the east corner of Norval. Across the road on the south corner was Barnhill's General Store

with the post office; down the road was Hewson's Blacksmith Shop. At the east end of Norval the flour mill covered a huge area and a lumber mill was located in the area of Shea's. On the north corner the Hollywood House extended out on the current Highway 7, so it had to be cut back extensively. The west corner had Hustler's Hardware Store and behind it was McKinney's Blacksmith Shop. Going west along Highway 7 from the main corner was Chris Grimwood's Barber Shop, Mrs. Black's ice cream parlour and Watson's Bake Shop (who was Dorothy McLean's father). Then came Dr. Webster's home where Kirk Kraft was located as well as McPherson's Honey House and yard. The Presbyterian Church and George Day's Blacksmith Shop completed the business on the north side of the road then. Across the street was the United (Methodist) Church and alongside the Orange Hall. The hall was used for concerts and political meetings. Following Hardy's talk, Dorothy recalled about the day Mrs. Black's ice cream parlour burned down and the excitement she experienced saving her own household furnishing next to the fire. Some of the social life of Norval included a choral society with 50 or more men and women practising for several weeks. The concert was held in the Presbyterian Church, directed by Dr. Fletcher. Also the old time concerts, directed by L.M. Montgomery and Mrs. Shipp held in the parish hall were fondly remembered. Both continued for two or three winters and were given for two or three nights. The skating parties were a big social part of Norval and the bon fire in the centre of the skating was made up of pine stumps from the McKinney's Blacksmith Shop. Alan Harrop was a young man then and he delivered the pine stumps to Mr. McKinney. Following lunch, served by the Webbs and Marie Murray, Alan thanked the guest speakers as well as the lunch committee.



Pat Vince and Deanna Wilson of the 1st Action Guides received their all-round cord Jan. 14 at Robert Little Public School. (Photo by Sue Hewitt)

### Norval news

**New elders**  
NORVAL-Norval United Church held its annual meeting Jan. 31 following the morning church service. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed, followed by the meeting.

Good reports were heard from all areas of the church. Newly appointed elders for the next four years were Brian Evans and Lois Reid. They will replace George Smith and Catherine Laidlaw, the latter being appointed honorary elder.

### Get well wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Ethel Webb who has returned home from a week in Peel Memorial Hospital with a cataract operation.

**Barn tour**  
NORVAL-Bruce Nixon, RRI Norval has just finished his year as president of the Ontario Jersey Club, following the annual meeting in the Holiday Inn, Bramalea. Bruce travelled to most of the annual meetings in the districts, which took a better part of three weeks. Prior to the meeting, Bruce and Eileen hosted the 17 directors and their wives to a buffet dinner, following a tour of the Nixon barn.

## Help hospice group by going to theatre

Even in a world of make-believe actors take their tasks seriously. That's why the Georgetown Little Theatre is donating the opening night gate proceeds to the North Halton Hospice. Pack of Lies Save the eagle Pictures and Presents of Georgetown is carrying the wildlife painting called The Nesting Call which is being used to help save bald eagles. "Rod Frederick (the painter) is in a select group of artists whose work sells as quickly as they become available," said Judy Wickware, owner of the store. Proceeds from the print sales will be donated to the Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary's bald eagle restoration program in California.

begins Feb. 18 at the John Elliott Theatre and tickets cost \$7. Hospice is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the terminally ill. Hospice is a caring support program which recognizes that terminally ill and those close to them have special needs. Tickets are available from Young's IGA and Georgetown Fabrics or call 877-9877 or 877-5037. Tickets will also be available at the door.



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## Last Tweedle house okayed by planners

The road has been cleared to build a house on the last remaining lot on Tweedle Street in Glen Williams. Marie Karn wants to sell the land to Donald and Pauline Robinson but the town won't issue a building permit for the lot claiming it doesn't front on a public road. But the lot, along with three other similar lots which were created by the Committee of Adjustment in 1972, has an easement running through them which leads on to Tweedle Street - a public road. Houses have since been built on all three of the other lots and Mrs. Karn only ran into problems because municipal powers have since changed to give the town the power to restrict or take away Mrs. Karn's right to use her land. If the town opts to take away that right from Mrs. Karn it must do so in "clear and unequivocal language," said an OMB decision written by A.J. Chapman. "I certainly cannot say the bylaw, in clear and unequivocal language, takes away any rights from Mrs. Karn," he added. The only argument presented by the town, said Mr. Chapman is that the application is not in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan and the zoning bylaw. "In that regard the Board's decision is fairly simple. The Board does not agree," said Mr. Chapman. The intent of both the Official Plan and the bylaw is to make sure there is access to a public street. In this case, there is "perfectly adequate and secure access to the public street," he wrote.

While he recognized it is desirable to have frontage on a public street for snowplow and emergency vehicles, "there is no evidence the existence of the three houses to the north have caused the town any problems at all in the past 14 years," said Mr. Chapman. The Board heard evidence from Mr. John Minns, a resident of 28 Tweedle Street, citing three potential problems with a house on the last remaining unoccupied lot. Mr. Minns is worried about pollution to his well, a drop in water in his well, and drainage caused by the new house.

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