

120-Year-Old Music Box Is Loaned to Museum

Oakville's Deputy Reeve Herbert Merry will put one of his proudest possessions, a 120-year-old music box on temporary loan to Halton County Museum near Milton.

Mr. Merry says his great grandfather bought the machine for the amusement of his hardware shop patrons in Redditch, England, during the early years of the 19th Century. It has been in the family ever since.

The music-box or "polyphon" stands as tall as grandfather's clock and plays thin, interchangeable metal discs, nearly two feet in diameter.

Full of Antiques
More than 4,000 persons have visited the Halton County Museum, four miles west of Milton, since its opening eight months ago. Several of the 1,700 pieces on display were donated or loaned by Mr. Merry whose Spruce Street home is a storehouse of memorabilia, objects d'art and knick-knacks ranging in age from a few decades to 500 years. He is chairman of the Museum Board.

Mr. Merry lives in a former coach-house which he converted to a frame home for his family. The house contains numerous

collector's items which Mr. Merry has amassed.

Mary's Chair

In the den is an upholstered chair once used by Queen Mary during a visit to Canada. Years later Queen Elizabeth II used it during ceremonies in Midland, Ontario.

The family sideboard is 150 years old. Joshua Leach, who carved it for his family, was responsible for the wood carving work in Parliament Buildings, Queen's Park.

Mrs. Merry is a great great granddaughter of Mr. Leach.

A prized possession in the Merry home is a 500-year-old suit of Japanese armor, the breastplate of which is fashioned from a large tortoise shell.

Gift from Tokyo

Mr. Merry, who claims there are only two similar suits in North America, states this is one of the annual gifts of a Mr. Ishakawa of Tokyo, to his father.

His father told him Mr. Ishakawa had promised to send a gift each year on the anniversary of a meeting.

His father added Mr. Ishakawa had said "When the gifts stop, you will know I have been gathered to my ancestors."

Rev. W. Booth, Orangeville Dies Was Minister at Omagh, Hornby

Mrs. Cecil Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pocock accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Audrey Fredericks motored to Quebec, leaving on Monday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Pocock's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McDowell were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Devlin in Scarborough, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Beardmore (nee Shirley Devlin) of Toronto left Monday evening for a three-week vacation in California. The three Beardmore children are staying with their grandparents. We hope Allan and Shirley have a safe and pleasant holiday.

Brief Illness
Friends in this district were sad to learn on Monday, March 18 that Rev. Wm. Booth had passed away in Orangeville Hospital following a brief illness. He is survived by Miss Margaret at home and several nieces and nephews in this district. Interment was in Oakville on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Booth was pastor of Omagh and Hornby Presbyterian Churches and lived in the manse at Hornby for many years. He and his family were dearly loved and highly respected. Our sympathy goes to Margaret in her bereavement. Mrs. Booth predeceased him some years ago.

Miss Jacqueline Fredericks of Hamilton was a weekend visitor at her home in the village.

In New Home
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Withnell and family moved into their fine new home on the third line on Monday.

W.A., W.M.S. Meet
Mrs. Colin Marshall opened her home on Thursday, March 14 for the March meeting of Omagh W.A. and W.M.S. groups. Mrs. J. C. Marshall president opened the W.A. meeting with prayer and presided for the business.

A committee was named to arrange a shower for a bride-to-be, and the treasurer's report was read and various bills passed to be paid.

Mrs. C. Patterson president of W.M.S. was in charge. Mrs. Fred Amme read the Glad Tidings prayer. The world's day of prayer service was followed with all members participating. Arrangements were made for the potluck luncheon. Quilt materials for a top and lining were handed in by the Misses Lexy and Maggie Douglas. A fancy priced top to be sold was donated by Mrs. Geo. Peacock. Premiums given by a Toronto firm for labels saved were shown. These are a linen tablecloth and a dinner wagon. The ladies decided to continue to save for further premiums.

At the close of the meeting a fine sale was held for W.M.S. The hostess and committee, Mrs.

The Potluck luncheon and quilting held in the Sunday School rooms at Omagh Presbyterian church on Tuesday were well attended by members and their friends. Mrs. Henry Peacock welcomed the ladies and as usual the hot dinner was all that could be desired. Several quilts were tied and one quilted. Guests were present from Bethel, Oakville and Milton.

Local Birthdays
Happy birthdays to our many little friends on their special days. Jamie Snow, 6 years old March 22; Sherry Sim, 6 years old, March 17; Johnny Vande Pol, 8 years old, March 21; Ricky Plant, 8 years old, March 23; Kenneth Rutledge, 9 years old, March 23; Peggy Hoogenboom, 9 years old, March 29; Letty Hoogenboom, 12 years old, March 27; Charles Laurence, 10 years old March 19; Bobby Robson, 12 years old, March 27.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Rae family on their sudden bereavement on Sunday in the passing of Gordon Rae.

Friends in this district extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Vansickle and all members of the family in their sad loss of a daughter and sister on Monday when Verna passed away in a Toronto Hospital.

Kitchen Kweens
The second meeting of the Hornby South Kitchen Kweens was held in the work room on Saturday afternoon with thirteen girls attending. President Kathy Doby was in charge of business. It was planned that the next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 23rd. The roll call "A Vegetable from home" was well answered and many kinds were brought. These were later prepared and cooked. The girls were divided into groups, each group preparing a different dish. In all carrots, broccoli, mushrooms, brussel sprouts and white sauces were made and later served on toast for lunch.

An outline for the meeting was completed. Rosemary Booth and Given Rutledge were hostesses for the meeting and served lunch of cookies and beverage.

Authority officials point out a better administration and faster completion of projects could be obtained if they merge the three groups. At present all three cooperate, but under three different boards and with three different staffs.

Oakville's objection lies in the inclusion of the Spencer Creek Authority near Hamilton and Dundas. The town wishes to have the small Grindstone Creek (presented under the Credit Valley C.A.) included in the 16 Mile area, then proceed with amalgamation of the 12 and 16 Authorities. A third objection is to the plan to have the municipal levy stay at 88 cents per capita for five years — Oakville seeks a 15 year agreement.

At a meeting Thursday, the 16 Authority recommended the Inter-Area Executive study the merger and ask the Minister to call a public hearing, when objections can be voiced.

Accept H.S. Boundary Changes Ballinafad Residents Object

A revision in district high school boundaries affecting the Acton, Milton and Georgetown areas was approved Tuesday by Halton County Council. The decision still requires the approval of the Minister of Education.

The boundary changes, suggested by the Acton District High School Board and endorsed by Georgetown and Milton, was opposed by a petition and delegation of residents from the Ballinafad-Silvercreek area.

Acton Board secretary-treasurer W. Middleton reviewed to county council the early formation of the three districts after dissolution of the North Halton High School District Board.

12 Pupils Left
Mr. Middleton told the council the boundaries, when established, left 12 students in the area south of Limehouse adjacent to Georgetown in the Acton area although they had always attended Georgetown. Similarly 12 pupils in the Ballinafad area were in the Georgetown district though they had normally attended Acton.

An exchange of these two areas was worked out so those two areas would attend Georgetown and those from Ballinafad would attend Acton. This was altered by an arbitrary Georgetown Board ruling in 1961 that required all pupils in the Georgetown area to attend the Georgetown school. This meant the Ballinafad pupils had to attend the Georgetown school.

Acton now has no non-resident students from Georgetown area attending their school and will be faced with payment of non-resident fees to Georgetown far in excess of what they will receive in return.

Transfer Acreage
Under the redistribution of the area Milton will transfer 1,200 acres to the Georgetown district, Acton will transfer 2,400 acres to the Georgetown district, and Georgetown will transfer 3,400 acres to the Acton district.

J. E. Snow, spokesman for a delegation from the Ballinafad district, objected to directing pupils from that area to Acton while they were presently attending Georgetown.

Mr. Snow suggested the Georgetown District High School was one of the best in the province and the parents were happy to have their pupils attend there.

Six Charges
Tracing the education of the 15 students affected by the suggested amendment to the district, Mr. Snow noted they began their education at Blue Mountain, were moved to Stewartown, then to Public school in Acton, then back to Stewartown as crowded conditions developed. They began high school in Acton, then went to Georgetown, and will now be forced to return to Acton.

He urged the county council to give the matter serious consideration before reaching a conclusion.

Move it West
Roger Vincent representing a group from the Check line west of Georgetown noted the present boundary is seven-eighths of a mile from Georgetown and pupils beyond that would have to go to Acton. He supported moving the boundary further west to take in the students in that area. He suggested it was more convenient and would cost less for transportation if they were permitted to attend Georgetown.

Col. G. O. Brown, former secretary treasurer of the North Halton District, then the Georgetown District and now a trustee on the Georgetown District Board, told county councillors no revision in the boundaries had been necessary while the boards co-operated. He noted Georgetown decided the students in the Ballinafad area would go

to Georgetown while Acton had permitted the students on the check line to continue at Georgetown.

Will be Compelled

"If the change in boundaries is not permitted now, Acton will be compelled to take the students on the check line to Acton", Col. Brown noted.

He suggested students in the Ballinafad area have attended Acton High School since 1948-49 with the exception of last year when Georgetown required them to attend that school.

Reeve A. Phillips of Oakville wondered if a child located on a boundary would have a choice of school. Col. Brown suggested that would depend on the good sense of the Boards. "I feel the Boards would agree to a reasonable choice", he suggested.

Reford Gardhouse, past chairman of the Milton District High School Board, noted his board had agreed to the redistribution resolution although it was with some reservations. He suggested the Milton district was losing some pupils and not gaining new ones, which made it difficult to broaden the base of subjects to be offered in the Milton school.

"We hate to give up something and not pick up something to reduce our per pupil cost," Mr Gardhouse concluded.

During consideration by county council Warden C. A. Martin suggested the matter should receive more study and perhaps the approval of the Minister of Education before the next meeting at which action could be taken.

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, pressed for a vote on the resolution that was tabled and it was approved.



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Green was the predominant color Friday night, as North Milton Residents Association staged their third successful dance at Peru Park. The proximity to St. Patrick's Day accounted for the "green" evening.

This was the Association's most successful dance to date, as evidenced by the "green" on the table of treasurer Mrs. Dorothy Brown. Colorful Irish costumes were worn by many of the dancers — ranging from green ties to vests, blouses, sweaters, dresses, aprons, hats and socks.

At midnight four charming ladies wearing appropriate Irish costumes wheeled in the refreshments — sandwiches, coffee, cheese and crackers — appropriately bedecked in green wrappings. They rolled the packages in green crepe paper-covered wheelbarrows, to the tune of a

similarly appropriate tune "Cocks and Mussels." A committee of Mrs. Brown, Mary Ferguson, Don Graham, Dick Cairns, Duane Hackenbrook, Dorothy Sampson, Bill Ferguson and Brian Best convened the dance. Another is being considered for sometime in May.

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—Mumps and flue have been making the rounds and affecting school attendances this past few weeks.

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