



**ALFRED BRIGDEN APPRECIATION DAY** was held at Hornby Sunday when the boys of Hornby's ball team and a group of parents and friends presented Hornby's "Mr. Park" with a scroll and a new pipe in recognition of years of work he has voluntarily contributed. Ron Leeman, Jimmy Preston, Steven St. John and Diane St. John who helped with the presentation are shown in front with Mr. Brigden, Dr. W. F. James and Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow, while Alfie's fans look on in the background. (Staff Photo)

## Boys of Hornby honor Alfie Brigden for work

The "boys" of Hornby paid tribute to a faithful servant Sunday, when they set aside the afternoon to say a warm "thank you" to Alfie Brigden.

Mr. Brigden was the main instigator of Hornby Community Park and besides helping to build the park he has worked there as custodian, groundkeeper, concession operator and clean-up man practically seven days a week ever since it opened. He plants the flowers, cuts the grass, pulls the weeds, levels the roads, paints the fences and does a million and one other chores around the 10-acre parksite.

Alfie Brigden is "Mr. Park" as far as the people of Hornby are concerned, and Sunday they showed their appreciation.

Following a ball game between two local teams, several community residents and the boys gathered around the popular park-keeper to say thanks in a tangible way for all his efforts. Dr. W. F. James of Hornby was the man behind the presentation, but as usual he stayed in the background and let the youngsters share the limelight.

Jimmy Preston read a poem, composed by Mrs. Jim McKay, outlining the many virtues of everybody's favorite "Alfie", then Ron Leeman and Diane St. John presented two gifts. One

was a framed scroll, reading "In grateful recognition of the efforts of Alfred Brigden, Esq., in providing recreational facilities for the young people and in every way making Hornby a better place in which to live." It was signed, simply, "The Boys of Hornby." The second gift was a new pipe. Steven St. John expressed everyone's thanks to Dr. James for his part in the ceremony, and

Mr. Brigden said how happy he was that the children took time to recognize his work. "It is only my duty and my life to help you," he modestly admitted.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed digging into a pile of doughnuts and chocolate milk. And here is the poem with which the boys of Hornby extended their appreciation to Mr. Brigden for a "job well done."

"ALFIE"

There's a man named Alfie, who takes care of the park,  
He comes in the morning and stays till long after dark,  
He plants the flower beds, red, yellow and blue,  
Weeds them, waters them, and cuts the grass too.  
A more beautiful park I'm sure you won't see,  
No matter where you travel in Halton County.  
He likes to chat with the folk who stop by for a spell  
To picnic, or have a cool drink from the old fashioned well.  
Do the little boys like him? I'll say they do!  
They gather around him (little girls like him, too).  
He knows them all, as well as their brother,  
He will join in their fun-to him they're no bother.  
In the store you will find him when it gets dark,  
Keeping one eye on the game, nearby in the park.  
He can tell you who's playing, and tell you the score,  
He sees it all from the little Dutch door.  
So Alfie, we have declared this your day,  
And to show our appreciation in a very small way,  
Will you please accept this, with best wishes from all,  
From your friend Dr. James, and the boys who play ball.

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### DRUMQUIN

## Urge newcomers register children for school term

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

Any public school children who have moved into this area recently and will be attending Percy W. Merry school are requested to register at the school on Thursday afternoon, August 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. The principal John Kobzey will be in his office on that day. Registering will help alleviate some of the problems for first day at school for teachers and children alike.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leslie, Donna and Keith enjoyed a camping holiday recently at Marten River, north of North Bay.

Master Bruce Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baily has been a patient in Sick Children's Hospital. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Percy Merry was hostess for the August Hornby Women's Institute meeting on Thursday afternoon August 14 with 12 ladies attending. Mrs. C. Patterson, president was in the chair. Business included making plans for Milton Fair display and preparing for a booth at a farm sale on September 14.

Home economics convener Mrs. C. Wigglesworth displayed a great many fine cook books and kitchen gadgets. She also had prepared and these were later served for lunch, ginger tarts, sliced lemon pie, chiffon cake and pound cake. All were delicious and much enjoyed by all. Mrs. H. O'Connor read a paper prepared by the convener.

September meeting will be held at home of Mrs. O'Connor on September 4, a week early because of 4-H Training school or September 10 and 11. Lunch was served by the committee, Mrs. T. Howden, Mrs. Clarence Ford and the hostess and a fine social half hour was enjoyed.

Lee Fuller is wearing a cast on his leg from foot to thigh, because of an unfortunate accident at his home while having fun with young friends. Lee will be in grade 9 at White Oaks secondary school in September. We wish him well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Price and children Lorne, Kendy, Marnie and Russ of Medicine Hat, Alberta had a ten day holiday with the Ray Fuller family.

Mrs. Helen Jessemann is camping with her Ranger group from Oakville at Camp Wyoka at

### OBITUARY

## Fawcett Eaton

Stricken with a coronary while on a train trip to Churchill on Hudson Bay, A Fawcett Eaton passed away in hospital at The Pas, Manitoba, on Tuesday, August 6. His wife was travelling with him when they were forced to leave the train and take a bus due to his sudden illness.

Family and many friends were shocked by the unexpected death of Mr. Eaton in his 73rd year. He and Mrs. Eaton had lived in Acton for the past three years.

Mr. Eaton was born at Carlisle, on December 3, 1897, on the family farm which was the first one settled in the Carlisle area. His grandparents opened their kitchen to all the neighbors for church services many years ago, and open air services were held in their bush in fine weather. His parents were Ambrose E. Eaton and Martha Ellen Dickout.

He was a farmer, but for several years fulfilled his life-long ambition to be completely involved in church work. He became a lay minister of the United Church, serving charges in Saskatchewan, eastern Ontario and Quebec.

His son Bruce became a missionary in India, and not long ago Mr. and Mrs. Eaton went to India to be with him and his family. Mr. Eaton worked closely with his son, especially in the distribution of famine relief.

Always interested in church work and missions, he was an elder of the Carlisle United Church. He took services when the regular minister was absent.

A veteran of World War I, he fought in Europe in the artillery and by the end of the war was an officer in the R.A.F.

He was married on August 29, 1922 at Ebenezer Church in Nassagaweya. They recently purchased their home at 82 Lake Ave., Acton, where Mrs. Eaton intends to remain.

Funeral service was held at the Kitching-Steepe Funeral Home, Waterdown, Saturday afternoon, August 10, conducted by the Rev. Gordon Turner. Interment was in Carlisle cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made to Carlisle United Church building fund.

Pallbearers were Charles Harper, Albert Bogle, David Tregunno of Carlisle; Austin Young, Clarence Gamble and Robert Warne of Acton.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillian McArthur; sons and daughters, John of Hamilton; Mrs. Gordon Cummings (Dora) of Ottawa; Glen of Elmwood, Mrs. Hedley Branson (Mearney) of Guelph, Rev. Bruce Eaton of Moffat; Mrs. John Massey (Isabel) of Vancouver and 25 grandchildren.

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