

## ROSSPORT

## TOWN TOPICS

Harry Bain of Pinewood Court arrived Saturday for a visit at his home.

Douglas Ray spent the weekend at Thunder Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Molinski and son Gregory of Manitowadge were weekend visitors renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenney left Sunday for Ottawa and Quebec City.

T.F. Seppala was a business visitor to Nipigon during the week.

Mrs. Jack Campbell and son Danny have left to reside in Port Arthur.

Peter Legault was home over the weekend from Thunder Bay.

Visiting with the Todesco's over the weekend were Miss Camilla Todesco of Windsor; Misses Rosanne Biouki and Clare Anne McFarling of Sault Ste. Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bertin, Mrs. Rose Chisholm of Marathon, Manlio Todesco of Manitowadge, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Cathy and Scott of Beardmore.

The Curling Club held a successful bingo Monday, to raise funds to pay insurance, taxes and hydro on the rink. Winners of the Curling Championship the past season were Peter Mushquash, Hilda Mushquash, Prina Gerow and Ann Wilde. Presentation of the Curling Trophy and miniature trophies were made by Ronald Lanigan, president of the club, during the bingo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kenney entertained Friday evening in an "At Home" for near relatives and close friends of their son Eddie, honouring him and his bride Betty (nee St. Don). They were married April 16th and have just returned from a Honeymoon in the Bahamas, Miami, Florida and Virginia.

A buffet dinner was enjoyed at midnight following cocktails and entertainment. The young couple will take up residence in Quebec City where Mr. Kenney has a position at Centre de Readaptation in physiotherapy. Mr. Kenney graduated from the University of Ottawa this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Todesco held open house, Saturday, May 15th, from 2:30 to 9 P.M. The occasion being Mr. Todesco's 80th birthday.

Many guests from Rossport, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Manitowadge, Sault Ste. Marie, Beardmore and Windsor called to bring birthday greetings. The former Kiwanis club, Knights of Columbus and Moose Lodge were represented.

Mr. Todesco, "Charlie" to everyone, arrived from Belluno, Italy in his early teens and was employed by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railroads until he decided in 1925 to open a general store in Rossport and be his own boss.

At that time it was at the height of Commercial fishing and involved long hours of work. His day usually started at 6 a.m. and ended at 11 or 12 midnight during the fishing season. Several fishermen resided upshore only coming in town in the late fall, so their grocery and oil, gas or dry good orders had to be filled and packed to be hauled or transported to them usually by Captain Fred Gerown on his tug "Rossport".

In 1928 he married Anne Douglas, a district school teacher who assisted him in the store. They have a son Jack who is on the staff of the Confederation College (Lambton) at Sarnia and a daughter Camilla employed at Maryville, Windsor as a social worker, who was home for her father's birthday celebrations.

Mr. Todesco retired from his business in 1968 owing to being tired and the changes in the business world. Until a few years ago credit was a way of business but as he grew older found that it was too heavy a load to carry and involved more work. A few years before retirement he renovated the store and turned it over to a Cash and Carry self serve system. Mr. Todesco has time now for fishing and

hunting which he missed in his years of being tied to a store which is truly being married to the business in a small community. He enjoys working in his small garden.

Mrs. Douglas was dining room hostess for the occasion. Miss Camilla Todesco presided at the silver tea and coffee equipages while Clare Anne McFarling, Rosanne Biouki, Deanna Douglas served the many guests, and Arthur Douglas served the punch.

The tea table was covered with an ecru Swiss Lace cloth centered with a silver bowl of bronze and yellow mums offset by bronze candles in silver holders.

Mrs. Anne Needham made and decorated the birthday cake. Mrs. Ida Krause of Schreiber made a surprise presentation to Charlie of a miniature grocery store placed around a large white cake made in the shape of the figures "80". Other gifts included a .410 shot gun from Mrs. Todesco and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, a money tree presented by Ray Kenney and Camilla Legault on behalf of Rossport and Schreiber friends.

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of some of the dolls and other toys.

The figure in foreground is not a child but a very large doll on the trike! Photo by I. McCuaig.



## THE ANGEL'S HARP

We were pleased to host two students from Lakehead University recently. Pictured on page 20 are Miss Muriel Holmes, Kindergarten teacher at Holy Angels, Miss Elizabeth Dobush, Miss Brenda Lalonde (student teachers) and Sister Marvel Belfrey, principal.

Miss Holmes offered much assistance and many worthwhile ideas to the two aspirant teachers.

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Mrs. Barbara O'Brien is pictured (2nd pic page 20) here with a group of children who benefit from a special program in Remedial Education.

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