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### GLEN MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langille and David spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett.

Misses June and Betty Fiss and Eleanor Johnson, Toronto, spent the weekend at their homes.

Mr. Murray Fraser spent Sunday in Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner visited Sunday at the Jones home.

Mr. Joe Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and family.

Miss Margaret Winter and

Mr. Allen Jones of Newmarket spent the weekend at the Jones home.

Miss Hazel Jones spent Sunday at her home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones who were married 51 years on April 8.

Miss Annetta Carpentier returned to White Clouds on Monday after spending the winter in Montreal.

There must be umpteen million ways to achieve happiness. A faculty member of Cornell University is as happy as a lark over having finally succeeded in recording the whoop of a whooping crane.

## REPORT FROM OTTAWA

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

Speculations as to the identity of Mr. Abbott's successor are picking up again. Revenue Minister McCann, who has an established reputation as a hard-boiled fiscal realist, has drawn honourable mention. Justice Minister Garson, who has a more academic mind, doesn't lack for qualifications and it says here aspirations. As Premier of Manitoba he was provincial treasurer and — interestingly enough — minister of Dominion-Provincial relations. Two of Mr. Abbott's former parliamentary assistants are well up on the list of his possible successors. Fisheries Minister Sinclair whose personality is not unlike that of his ex-chief, insists that he couldn't be drafted for the post. But old-timers take that with a grain of salt. Resources Minister Lesage, who also understudied Mr. Abbott and his budgetary methods, might well get the nod from Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The newcomer, whoever he may be, won't lack for problems. The present minister has budgeted, in a prudent estimate, for a surplus of \$4,400,000 in 1954-55. This estimate assumes an upward trend in business conditions in the last half of this fiscal year. If it comes as expected, the prudent estimate won't be far out. But if it doesn't, the tiny surplus may be converted into a deficit of \$100,000,000 or \$125,000,000. That's the difference which two or three percentage points in gross national product make in dollars and cents.

We have been informed recently that the number of unemployed in Canada who are drawing supplementary benefits number somewhere in the neighbourhood of seventy-five thousand. On a question asked the Labour Minister, as to whether the supplementary benefits would be cut off as of April 15th, we were informed that they will not be continued, which means that those who were receiving these benefits are not now receiving any aid from the Government whatever.

The Criminal Code has now been given Third Reading and I wish to refer particularly to clauses 365 and 372, with which labour generally was most concerned. These clauses refer to breach of contract and mischief. The Conservative Party moved an amendment in respect to clause 365, asking that it be deleted and the old

clause, 499, be substituted. We were supported in this by the C.C.F. but were defeated. On the Third Reading of the Criminal Code, the C.C.F. brought in an amendment that both of these clauses be referred back to the Committee for further study and we again met with defeat. There is a saving clause in section 365 which has been approved by all labour bodies and accepted as second and third choices.

On Monday, April 12th, four new Members took their seats in the House of Commons and these were the Members who recently won the four by-elections, two in the Province of Ontario and two in the Province of Quebec. Two Conservatives and two Liberals were successful, which did not change the standing of the two parties.

It was a terrible shock to the Conservative Members when we lost Rodney Adamson, Member for York West. Both he and Mrs. Adamson were held in very high respect by all who knew them. The Conservative Party here in Ottawa will particularly miss Rodney Adamson because of his capabilities and his knowledge of particular subjects. He served his constituency well since 1940 and because of that he was returned election after election to represent the people of his Riding.

The Budget debate was launched on Monday, April 12th, and we will continue it after the Easter Recess. We expect that this debate will take at least ten days. Because of the Government's neglect to alleviate taxation, it has given members in the Opposition a great deal of material for debate purposes.

On Wednesday evening, April 14th, we adjourned for the Easter Recess and will reassemble on April 26th.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to the people of Ontario Riding my sincere wish that they have a very Happy and Joyous Easter. The time of Easter is a very important one and should make us contemplate its meaning. The condition of the world today, faced with continued wars, disturbances and unsettlement, is real reason for us to do so. Christ gave His life for us and was resurrected in order to create a better world in which to live; but as we look upon conditions as they exist today, where strife, suspicion and distrust prevail, it seems as though His supreme sacri-

## PINE ORCHARD

Mr. and Mrs. Rae McClure, Myrna and Danny were Toronto visitors Saturday, Miss Myrna remaining until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Johnston attended the party last week in honour of Mrs. Johnston's aunt who celebrated her 90th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. Harper.

Rev. Norman Rowan was a dinner guest with Mr. and Mrs. Baker on Wednesday.

Miss Beth Johnston, nurse in training at Western Hospital, Toronto, was a week-end visitor at her home here.

The Willing Workers met at Mrs. Chapman's home Wed. with over twenty present. Mrs. Mullen gave a splendid paper on Easter Meditations.

The Jr. room had two student teachers last week.

Mrs. Wm. Galley spent the week-end with Mrs. Wesley Lundy.

face was in vain. We in Ontario Riding should endeavour to promote peace and understanding amongst ourselves, amongst our neighbours and our friends in our communities. This endeavour to promote understanding should spread throughout our country and the world. If we were successful in doing this, then I am sure a great deal would be done to prevent conditions such as we have today.

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The Square Dance to be held on Friday, April 23rd in Cedar Grove schoolhouse is shaping up very well. Just a few notes to be added to last week's notice. The committee will provide the cool or hot drinks during the evening but the ladies attending are asked to bring light lunch and cookies. You know Roy Clifton will be calling but did you know that members of the Colman Dance Group are expected to join us? Keep the date circled, April 23rd.

The spring waste paper drive sponsored by the W.M.S. is underway again. Will you please bring all your waste paper, tied in neat bundles, to Zion Church any time within the next two weeks.

Because there is always a good deal of visiting both into and out of Cedar Grove over Easter, we have decided to skip this week's Play Reading group and carry on as usual two weeks from Sunday—at the McClennans'.

Monday night's Euchre results brought some new winners into the limelight. For the ladies: Mrs. Albert Booth, Mrs. Connor, Box Grove and Mrs. Hill, Altona. For the men: Alvin Klink, Stouffville, Mr. Ledger, West Hill and Howard Plaxton, Brock Rd.

The Easter Thankoffering meeting of Zion W.M.S. was held at the Church on Wed., April 7th, Locust Hill, Cherrywood, Centennial and Kew Beach were visitors for the morning. Mrs. A. G. Little opened the meeting with the poem, "If Easter Be Not True", followed by a hymn and prayer. After the reading of the minutes Mrs. L. Gates of Cherrywood announced the Rural Gathering of the W.M.S. to be held at Unionville on June 9th.

The wife of the minister of Kew Beach Church, Mrs. Bruce Grey spoke on the Gardens. Mrs. Little was in charge of the worship period and Mrs. Robert Lapp had the Scripture reading. Mrs. Gordon Hagemann followed the theme with a beautiful solo, "In The Garden". The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction and group 3 served lunch.

NOTES ABOUT NEIGHBOURS  
With the buds and the robins and all the usual signs of spring our wanderers returned from the south. Nellie Lapp and the Offens will now receive their mail at home. Welcome back, we missed you all.

George Offen has been in bed for some time suffering from a bad disc condition in his back. It might be a long session, so a note from a few old friends would not go amiss.

Joyce Beare is in Atlantic City this week, one of a chosen few to attend a convention there.

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