

# HALF-PAST TEEN



## BALSAM & MT. ZION

Mrs. B. Jamieson

The W.A. met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. F. Disney. The meeting opened with hymn 504 and prayer by Mrs. Lewis Jones, and the Scripture (John 1:16) was read by Mrs. B. Jamieson. Nine members answered the roll with a "New Year's item." Lesson thoughts on "The Door" were taken by the president. The theme, song was sung followed by a paper of "New Year's thoughts" by Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and two readings by Mrs. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Cecil Disney. Minutes were read and business discussed. Rev. Fleetham installed the officers and the meeting closed with hymn 493 and benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pagan and Miss Anita Troop of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones.

The Merry Homemakers' club met for their 8th and final meeting in the course "Meat in the Menu," at the home of Mrs. Joe Empringham. Anna Wilson presided over the meeting. The 4-H pledge was repeated in unison. Work was begun on our project for Achievement Day on Feb. 7. Mrs. Disney and Mrs. Carson gave more tests on both meat charts for some extra review.

## ALTONA

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. B. Reesor who is in the Brierbush Hospital at the present time. Also our thoughts are with the Hulshof family, whose little daughter, Mary Anne is very ill in the Sick Children's Hospital. She had an operation on her kidneys several weeks ago.

Last week, Don Goudie, accompanied by his brother-in-law Clayton Giberson and Bill Barry and a cousin Willard Giberson from Gordonsville, New Brunswick, visited for a couple of days at his home here.

Rev. D. Sargeant attended the Ministerial Retreat at Collingwood last week, where he was the speaker at the Tuesday morning session. The retreat is for all United Missionary ministers of Ontario.

This Sunday evening Rev. C. Bell of Markham will be exchanging pulpits with our pastor and will be speaking on Home Missions. A special offering will be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Goudie visited on Sunday with Mrs. Mabel Hoover and her daughter Jean at Kitchener.

On Saturday evening, a number of local couples enjoyed skating at Cedarena.

# 93-Yr.-Old Native Writes Interesting Sketch on District Boyhood Days

Mr. E. A. Quantz, 93 years young, remarks, "My doctor has retired me, and time hangs rather heavily on my hands." This native-born son now living at Innisfail, Alta., has given an interesting sketch of his boyhood days around Church Hill, Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake.

## Boyhood Days on the Farm at Church Hill — 1870-1882

This should interest "old timers" of Church Hill, Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake.

I was born in Markham Twp. on March 10th, 1866. Father and mother were born and raised in Markham. Father bought a farm at Church Hill about 1870. Lot 21, near 8th concession, the N.W. corner at Church Hill. The name was given it when the first church was built on the farm of William Hill on the south-east corner. This church was there when father moved onto his farm.

There was an old log school on the old logging road that ran down to the lake from the side road running across from Church Hill to Ballantrae. This old school was replaced by a new one built on the south-west corner of father's farm, about the time father moved onto the farm. I and two brothers got all our public schooling at this new school. The school was burned down years ago. It was replaced by a fine brick house. This school was just half-way between Church Hill and Ballantrae corners.

In 1872 the Christian Church was built on the N.E. corner of father's farm. These two churches prospered for years, with good congregations and good Sunday Schools. Now the Methodist church is gone, moved, taken away. The Christian Church has been closed for years. It still stands, and is opened for service when there is a funeral in the old cemetery.

At the west end of the lake, Appleton and Sons operated a sawmill. It did a good, thriving business for years. It furnished the lumber for many of the houses and barns of that day. No signs of it left. Byron Appleton was one of my school mates. He was the last of the old family and has been long gone to the Better Country.

The hamlet of Ballantrae had one general store, a post office, Robert Hill was the owner of the store. Some years later Geo. Johnson built a second store. There were two blacksmiths. A weaver, Sammy Johnson, did quite a business until his death. A wheelwright, Chas. Andrews; a shoemaker, Mr. Brown; a hotel, by Mr. Simpson.

There were two churches, a Methodist, and later the Presbyterian. A branch line of the railroad was built in the eighties, from Stouffville to Sutton, on Lake Simcoe. This rail line did a thriving business for years. The last time I visited Ballantrae, the railway, both blacksmiths, the wheelwright, one store, the shoemaker and the weaver were all gone. Only one church was open.

## CEDAR GROVE

Probably the most active Friday Nighter in our village is Arthur Gaston. He is the benevolent supporter of sundry Atoms, Pee Wees, Bantams and Miggets whom he picks up all along the route on his Friday bus service to the hockey rink in Unionville. By the time he reaches his destination, Arthur has a lively, excited carload of boys eagerly anticipating a hockey practice. Did you happen to notice in last week's paper the announcement of a special Young Canada Night in which all these young sportsmen will participate? It's Friday, Jan. 30th and the program begins with the Atoms at 7 p.m. This is the Minor League's way of showing their parents what young Richards looks like in action and at the same time helping to raise the \$1800 it takes to rent the ice for a season. Better circle that date on your calendar if you happen to have one of the Atoms or Pee Wees or Bantams or Miggets in the family — or even if you don't. Your support will be appreciated by both the boys and their silent partner.

The Community Club will hold its January meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie on Jan. 26th.

A few of the prizes at Monday night's Euchre stayed near home. Mrs. Geo. Carr, Mrs. A. Brooks and Mrs. Howard Le-Rose won in the ladies' circle and the men's prizes went to Alvin Klink, Charlie Booth and Bill Hollinger.

Notes about Neighbours— Sorry to have to report an ice accident to Mrs. Lloyd Armstrong this week. Mrs. Armstrong fractured her back in a fall. She has our sympathy and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Danny Offen is on the fractured list, too, with a broken collarbone picked up in a tumbling feat at school.

Anne Milroy has an appointment to lose her tonsils this week. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Sr. came over from Beamsville last Friday to help their granddaughter, Jud, celebrate her sixth birthday.

That was a big day for another little girl, too. On Friday the 16th a daughter arrived to Evelyn and Gibb Whitmore. Welcome and congratulations!

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## GLEN MAJOR

(Jan. 22nd)

Mrs. Charles Fiss spent a couple days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Third and family, Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones and Judy of Newmarket spent Sunday at the Jones'.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson

visited Mrs. Wm. Hopkins and family on Sunday. We are glad to hear Mrs. Hopkins and Hilda are home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Holman, Brooklin, visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson. Allan and Eleanor are sporting a 1959 Chev.

Several people in our community have colds.

Mrs. George Pickett spent

Monday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson spent Saturday evening with the Jones'.

Mr. George Gibson spent the weekend at his cottage.

Mrs. Gowan Ferguson and Mr. R. G. Ferguson spent the weekend at "Glen-Gowan."

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## York County 4-H Club Achievement Day

Wool skirts took the spotlight on Saturday, January 17, when over one hundred York County 4-H Homemaking Club girls gathered together for their "Working With Wool" Achievement Day. The program was held in the Town Hall, Newmarket, under the supervision of York County Home Economist, Miss Wilda Gordon. Each girl judged wool skirts for workmanship, fabric, and appearance, and then gave oral reasons to support her choice. She also selected suitable wool fabrics for a given skirt; blouse styles and fabrics.

Miss Gordon was assisted by Home Economists Mrs. Grover Smith of Prince Edward and Northumberland Counties; Miss Beverly Duncan, Middlesex and Elgin Counties and Mrs. Marion Montgomery, Nobleton.

During the project, each girl made a wool skirt or jumper for herself and completed a Record Book. These were displayed at the Achievement Day.

The afternoon program was well attended by parents and friends and Women's Institute members. In the fashion parade of skirts, each girl modelled her own. Exhibits on the topic, "A Wool Skirt and Its Companions," were presented by the "Purpleville Pixies" of Vellore, "The Merrydale Club" of South Vaughan and the "Laskay Learners." A three-minute comment was given by a representative of each club, Miss Helen Klassen, Marlene Foster and Margaret Finch, respectively.

Demonstrations and Skits completed the afternoon program. "New Life for the Old Skirt" was the title selected by "Bogartown Wool Wizards," "Nobleton Woolettes," "Snowball Snowbelles," "Temperanceville Happy Gang," and "Agin-court Wee Weavers." "Wool, the Fibre and the Fabric," was presented by the "Edgeley Economists" and "Wardon Busy Bees." "Vellore Happy Home-makers" gave a skit on "The Hows and Whys of Pressing Wool," as did "Buttonville Club 15".

Forty-one girls received Certificates of achievement for having completed two more projects successfully.

A County Honour Certificate and pin was presented to Carol Mortonson of Buttonville Club 15, and Janice Boake, Karen Bodker, Margaret, Ethel and Dorothy Jackson of the Edgeley Economists. These girls have com-

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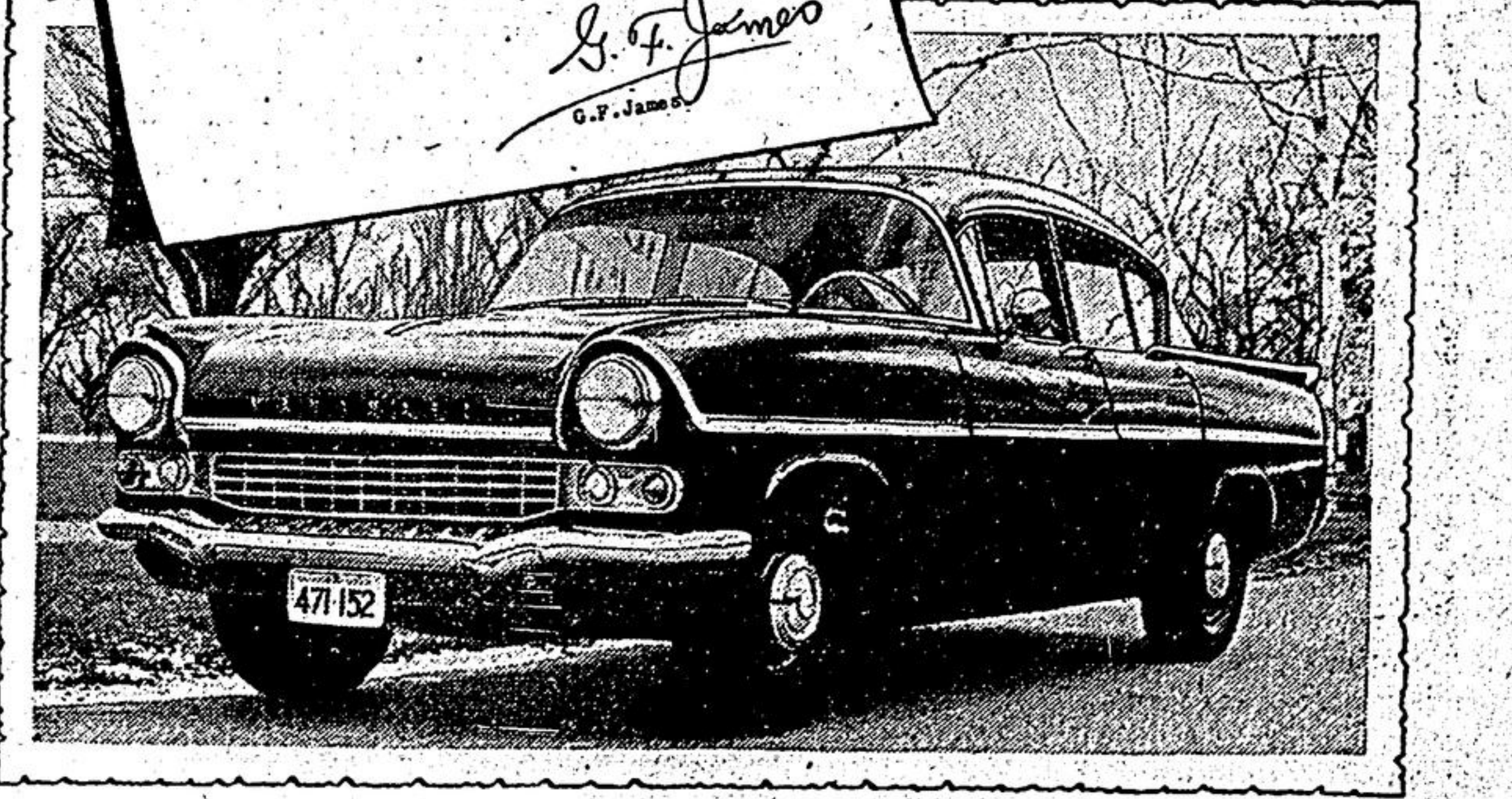
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