

Buttonville News

Neighbourhood Notes—

Well, spring at last, complete with robins, blackbirds, meadow larks, song sparrows and even an oriole heard on Monday morning. Gardeners had better get their equipment ready, for even with all the snow and mud, the few plants showing life look ready to spring into action at a moment's notice.

The Waltons are back in their own home again after a winter in Florida and a visit with their daughter in Port Credit before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Jr., who occupied the house while the Waltons were away, are now at the Champion apartments.

John and Margaret Brumwell are happy to be in their new home on 16th Avenue. They moved from their apartment at Champions last week.

Has anyone in the neighbourhood a sump pump around the house which doesn't belong to them? Last December 28, during the ice storm, someone from Buttonville area borrowed one of these from Jim Powell and forgot to return it.

And speaking of articles lost;

someone left a shoe box containing a pair of black suede pumps at Buttonville Hall. Owner may contact George Hooper who has a Unionville telephone number.

The concert sponsored by the Unionville Junior Farmers and held in Buttonville Hall Saturday evening was quite successful. The musical group was from Ontario County. Now the Unionville club plans another show of their own, we're happy to hear. Their presentations have always been a bright spot on the year's entertainment calendar.

Recent vacationers returning from the sunny south were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Morley of Arrleigh Heights; and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller who arrived home Saturday night after 3 weeks in Florida with Mr. and Mrs. J. Symonds of Uxbridge.

Pralets' Land Flooded—
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pralet were breathing easier Monday morning of this week when flood waters receded from their lovely farm lands and showed signs of abating. With the melting of the snow early last week, water channelled to that point



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from road ditches which slant from Jones' Store (both sides of the road) south, and from the gravel pit north, found no outlet but the Pralets' fields and greenhouses. A ditch dug by Miller Paving when that firm raised the field they own to the south of the Pralet line was snow plugged and all the water from the road culvert was thrown onto this low spot.
Mr. and Mrs. Pralet grow flowers and vegetables. Their greenhouses and root cellar were flooded and they are hoping their pansy beds are not ruined. A good pansy crop means ready cash early in the spring after a winter with no income.
Mr. and Mrs. Pralet contacted the Municipality and Miller Paving, and it is to be hoped that proper provision for drainage may be made, so that the recent high water level will be avoided in the future.
Euchre at Buttonville Hall—
At the Euchre held in Buttonville Hall on Friday evening of last week it was announced that the next game will be played on Thursday evening, April 14, as Good Friday is the regular date.

There were 11 tables of players present, and prizes went to Bert Nichols, E. Hill, Mr. Powell; Mrs. Mona Burr, Mrs. Wardle and Miss Dell Stephenson. Mr. Vandergurg won the lucky draw—a chicken. The freezeout was won by Mr. Tom Wilcox and Mrs. Norman Denby against Mr. Don Brodie and Mrs. Russell Boyington.
Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Charles Hooper, Mrs. Don Arnott, Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson and Mrs. A. Robinson.
Benefit for Timmy—
Each year the Buttonville W.I. holds an afternoon benefit for the Society for Crippled Children, and this year the date is Monday, April 25.
The work committee is making arrangements for an interesting afternoon for bridge and euchre players, and members met at the home of the president, Mrs. John Wilkins, on Monday evening of this week to finalize plans.
To strengthen your will power to the point that you can quit smoking, three times daily for a month eat only six salted peanuts from a plentiful supply.

For Parents - Only

EASTER CUSTOMS
"See the land, her Easter keeping
Rises as her maker rose,
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices,
Fields and gardens hail the Spring;
Groves and woodland ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing."
—Charles Kingsley.

What ever is the weather for Easter if there are little folk in the home, they will be full of questions about Easter Customs. Mother will explain to them that the date of Easter changes each year because it depends on the movements of the moon. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon of the Spring Equinox.
The egg is symbolic of life and to the early Christians it represented the Resurrection, or Jesus rising from the dead. People of many lands, Egyptians, Romans, Persians and Greeks for centuries have enjoyed coloring egg shells. When boys and girls use their paint boxes or buy dye powder to paint Easter Eggs and decorate them with pretty designs, they are following an old, old custom.
The legend of the Easter Rabbit may be traced to an old German superstition that White Hares laid eggs on Easter Eve, and from that has come the hope that the Easter Rabbits may leave colored eggs and candies at the homes of good children.
New clothes for Easter is another custom which goes back

to the reign of Emperor Constantine in Rome. He declared that at Easter everyone should join in the religious processions and should dress in new garments. With the high cost of living, and the amount of money which must be spent to buy even a small child's outfit, this "new clothes for Easter" custom is an embarrassing one in many homes.
Parents do well to be frank with their children and tell them honestly that there is only a certain amount for clothes in the family budget and this must be spread over the whole family as fairly as possible. If a son or daughter can catch a glimpse of the necessary planning for clothes for everyone in the family, they are not so likely to be so demanding about new things—and they will be most willing when they are able, to help with this expenditure.
Many people joke about a child's "Sunday best," but a child should be encouraged to take a pride in his appearance especially when he attends church. Sunday should be a special day—and good clothes are part of "day set apart" feeling.
Every child should have the privilege of attending church with his parents on Easter Sunday. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart."
Easter is the time when the heart rejoices at the return of Spring and the glad certainty that even as Christ rose again from the dead on that first Easter morning, we too and those we love, will live on after this life on earth is over.

GREENWOOD NEWS

The afternoon W.A. will meet at the parsonage on April 14 at 2 o'clock. Group 2 has charge of the worship service and the Roll Call is an item on Easter.
The Evening W.A. are holding their meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Moore on Wednesday evening at 8.15.
The Evening W.A. are sponsoring a Western Round-up show put on by the Fairbanks United 3-F Club of Toronto. This show consists of skits, plays, stunts in Western style and a Buffet lunch, all in the basement of the church at 8.15 this Saturday night, the 9th. Admission \$1.00 a person and 50 cents for children.
The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Closson. Miss Edith Ormerod, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Closson took charge of the worship service, and the program entitled Racial Prejudice. Roll Call was answered by the members on Christian Citizenship. Several offered to knit for the Supply Allocation. The April meeting will be held at Mrs. Edna Clarke's with the west group in charge. Mrs. Closson served lunch. They have been invited to Brougham WMS on Thursday of this week, to hear a returned missionary.
Mrs. Crossman was a visitor with Mrs. Clarke on the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilkie were visitors at Milton Pegg's last Sunday afternoon. Sorry to hear that Miss Ina Wilkie is not in very good health; she is at present in a Rest Home, but hopes to be home soon.
Rev. T. Fleetham's sister visited with him a few days last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brooks and daughter returned to their home last Thursday, at Scarborough.
Mrs. F. Webb, Miss E. Ormerod and Mrs. M. Pegg went to Mt. Zion last Sunday afternoon to see pictures of Africa shown by Miss Jean Linton.
Les and Mrs. Wilson and girls and Mrs. P. Wilson were callers on Gordon Wilson's at Goodwood last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley and baby, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. Pegg last Sunday.
The snow is gradually disappearing, with not too many washouts in the roads.
Sorry to report that Mrs. A. Morden is quite critically ill at present in the Pickering-Ajax hospital.
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We Must Hold The Line

It is gratifying to read that where the new driver examination centres have been established in this province, there has been an improvement in traffic safety. At the same time a report from Manitoba where these driver examinations are widespread and noted for their strictness, leaves us fearful. Officials in Winnipeg are considering the establishment of 70 mile per hour speed limits on some sections of the highways.
It is fair to question whether, regardless of how efficient drivers' tests may become, it is safe to allow speeds as high as this. Speed limits are not, as we have often said, inherently correct. They can be, and often are, altered at the suggestion of the legislators. As the Highway Safety Conference stresses, driving at the maximum limit when conditions are abnormal may not be breaking the law but can still be an irresponsible act.
A speed of 70 miles per hour under any conditions is difficult to justify. Driver error is something that no government has been able to legislate out of existence. As long as figures such as those recently released by Mr. Yaremko, the minister of transport, can be quoted (fatalities rose by 6.7 per cent last year) it is hoped that Ontario will refuse to entertain an increase in its present limits—on any highway.
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