



Mayor, mule ball partners

Donkey Baseball returned to Goodwood, Friday night and attracted a record crowd. Two of the participants in the contest were Mayor Bill Ballinger (left) of Uxbridge Township and Brian

Plewes, President of Goodwood Lions Club. While the majority of onlookers lost track of the score, officials ruled it a tie.

—Jim Holt

In 173rd year

Church celebrates

UXBRIDGE — A service, marking the 173rd anniversary of Friends' Meeting House, will be held this Sunday (June 13), at the Quaker Hill site, Conc. 5, Uxbridge.

Time of worship is 2:30 p.m. Rev. Michael Locke of Trinity United Church, Uxbridge, will be in charge. The guest speaker is Kathleen Hertzberg. Music for the occasion will be provided by soloist Jean Parrott, accompanied by Janice Stone at the organ.

Of special interest will be the baptism of Steven Robert Hartrick, son of Ronald and Norma

Hartrick and great-grandson of Mrs. Nellie Byam.

Friends' Meeting House was the first church built in Uxbridge. The year was 1809. The timber used was all hand-hewn. The little country chapel is excellently maintained.

History records the name of Alma (Gould) Dale as the first minister. She also headed up the Sunday School. In the 1900's, Mrs. Wm. Ball and Mrs. John Alfred James went together and purchased an organ. Regular services concluded in the 1920's. A remembrance worship, once a

year, has continued since.

A board of directors takes care of the property. Members are: Mrs. Wm. Stearman and Jim Tompkins, honorary presidents; Alan Wells, chairman; Bob Hartrick, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Clark, secretary and directors: Jack Symes, Joyce Huntington, Ross Byam, Elva Kerry, Turner Forsythe and Gordon Ewen.

Celebrate silver

AUDLEY — The congregation of Audley United Church celebrated their Silver Anniversary with a special service, May 30. Many former members attended.

Rev. Frank VanVeen conducted the worship with Dr. Melville J. Butters bringing the message. Dr. Butters was the pastor at Audley during the building and dedication of the church 25 years ago.

Special music for the anniversary occasion was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Out-house of Greenwood. They were

accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Eileen Waltham.

In the prayer of commemoration led by Rev. VanVeen, the congregation remembered those who laid the foundation for the church, dating back to around 1863. It was then a Methodist congregation, part of the Pickering branch of the Markham circuit. The organization of women's groups has a history from 1908.

It truly a day of celebration for "the little white church" on Taunton Road, east of Audley Corners.

Happy 80th!

It was indeed a happy birthday, Saturday, for Pearl (Mrs. Frank) Gostick, formerly of R.R. 2, Claremont.

An "ope house" was held in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Prince Albert Community Centre near Port Perry. Mrs. Gostick is 80 years young.

Her family includes one son, Gordon, Toronto and one daughter, Eileen Pugh of Prince Albert.

The Tribune joins with others in wishing Mrs. Gostick many more years of health and happiness.



Prize-winning crocheter, Nancy Miller, displays one of her winners. The Goodwood housewife has lots like it, and a few more besides, on the go.

Hooked on rugs

Prize winner

GOODWOOD — If this is a world for right-handed people only, don't tell Nancy Miller of Goodwood.

At least, not any more. While she might have felt that way at one time in her life, Nancy no longer feels that viewing life from the port side is all that much different. Certainly not in the matter of hooking prize-winning rugs, and shaggy mushroom sculptures in between.

For Nancy is hooked on crocheting, as it were, and because of it, the right hand very much knows what the left hand is doing, and, in fact, may be just a bit envious by now.

"Being left handed always stopped me," the young mother of three recalled; "no one could ever teach me how to knit."

However, it didn't stop her completely, and when she was 18, she got one of those do-it-yourself books and learned how to use the needles accordingly.

When her daughter, Alysson, was born four years ago, she took up crocheting and learned how to "reverse" the diagrams.

That she learned well, is obvious from the skilful, imaginative and beautiful works she has on display around her Tindall Lane home, one of which, a small, patterned wool rug, took first prize in the Beginners' Competition Rugs, sponsored by Ontario Hooking Craft Guild.

The competition, held at Toronto's Skyline Hotel, April 24, was for first efforts only.

Nancy's children, Alysson, Bradley, 10; and Craig, 8; "were more excited than I was," she says. "It took awhile to sink in."

Just as excited, she says, were her fellow members of Markham Craft Guild, where she studies under the guidance of Leslie Wootton; "just a wonderful teacher."

The fact that she labored over the rug for 11 months, a couple of hours every night — except during the long, hot summer — may have something to do with the fact that it hasn't all quite taken hold as yet.

It may also account for the fact that Nancy, who made the rug for the living room, finds that "I hate to put in on the floor now."

So, for the time being, it's rolled up into a plastic bag and stored away for the Markham Fair in the fall.

And, should it turn out to be top rug in its class, it shouldn't be all that surprising. Nancy's already won firsts there for two of her C's — Christmas wreaths and cookies.

It's only fitting that another C-crocheting should be next.

Longtime area teacher

Bids school adieu

BROOKLIN — The end of the month will mark the end of a career for Nellie Hopkins of Ashburn, a career that has spanned 32 years.

Mrs. Hopkins, a teacher on the staff of Meadowcrest Public School, Brooklin, will retire at the conclusion of the June term. A tea in her honor will be held Thursday, (to-morrow), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The profession has been kind to Mrs. Hopkins. She admits this. However, those closest to her in the classroom claim she's returned those benefits ten-fold.

Born at R.R. 2, Claremont, Nellie (Gostick) received her elementary education at Mount Pleasant (S.S. No. 12), Pickering. Following graduation from Claremont Continuation School, Stouffville High School and Toronto Normal School, she returned to Mount Pleasant as a teacher and remained there three years. Other teaching positions have included Chalk Lake, Locust Hill, Claremont and Brooklin.

Mrs. Hopkins admits she enjoyed the rural atmosphere of "the little red brick school-

house" but, at the same time, knew of associated hardships.

Like walking 2 1/2 miles to and from her boarding house (Howard Hagerman's) at Locust Hill every day and handling a roomful of 38 children; or arriving early on cold winter

mornings at Chalk Lake and stoking up the furnace.

"You never worried about those kind of things," she said, "resources were always limited."

Discipline was never a problem; on the contrary, the children always seemed anxious to help, she said. "We were much like a family," she explained, with reference to schools in the country.

On occasions, Nellie meets former pupils with the resultant query "remember me?" Usually she does, despite the fact hundreds have passed through her hands.

Mrs. Hopkins was twelve years

at Claremont, coming to Meadowcrest School in 1968.

She recalls Claremont's Della Moore as "a terrific principal".

Mrs. Hopkins says it's hard to believe she'll no longer be involved in education after June 30. However, the work at Burns Presbyterian Church is important also and she hopes to give this more time. She wants to do some travelling and maybe provide a tutoring service for children confined to hospitals. Then, there's the chance too, she may write a book. Whatever the future holds, Nellie Hopkins will use her time to good advantage, more for others than for herself.



NELLIE HOPKINS no more red school-house.

Arena rouser

UXBRIDGE — The pledges are still coming in, but it looks as if the town's big week-end-long, fund-raising program for the new arena, is going to do the trick.

The trick, in this case, being the \$20,000 sought to clear the deficit in the \$1,220,000 enterprise, which was built in 1979-80.

This spring, the arena well intact, Mayor Bill Ballinger got the idea that, perhaps, as it was to be a community focal point, the citizens themselves, might raise some of the needed capital. The week-end session, preceded by a series of raffles and door-to-door sales of chocolate bars, was the result.

Mayor Ballinger and his committee had set June 5 as the deadline, so rain or shine there was lots to be done.

"And it was, with the arena,

itself, the scene for many of the activities. These included a monster flea market, bingo and a big dance Saturday night.

In the meantime, money was also rolling in from the streets, via a car wash and the Lions Club food fair.

Township administrator, Ron Kester, said that approximately \$25,000 was raised from the week-end outing. The amount covered expenses and took care of the deficit, too.

He said, also, that Wintario, the government lottery, matched each dollar raised with \$1.69 from the fund. So far, grants from Wintario, since the start of the arena project, had totalled \$600,066, with another \$150,000 from the provincial Ministry of Culture and Recreation, he said.

"Aunt Edna" reminisces

PICKERING — Never underestimate the skills of a senior citizen, not one with the talents of Edna Mutch, 29 Kingston Road East, Pickering.

At the urgings of her niece, Marion (Gostick) Haddow of Bolton, Mrs. Mutch began putting personal momentos down on paper about two years ago. At a family gathering, Sunday, a 60-page book was unveiled

containing more than 100 anecdotes.

It's entitled simply "Reminiscing With Aunt Edna".

Mrs. Mutch, the former Edna Kayes, resided at the 4th Concession family homestead before moving to Pickering Village. Her only brother, Alfred, still resides there. A sister, Mrs. Hugh Michell, lives in Stouffville.



"Blue" fills big void in life.

Back in December, "BJ", a Golden Lab owned by Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Davidge, R.R. 3, Claremont, met a tragic death when caught in the jaws of a trap on their property. The couple was heartbroken. Two weeks ago, the void in their

lives was filled when Mr. Davidge acquired "Blue", a Black Lab that was to be put to sleep. "The way he can jump, I think he's part grasshopper," Mr. Davidge told The Tribune.

—Jim Thomas