

Wilson MacDonald Birthplace

Jessie Miller

On Sunday afternoon approximately 200 gathered at the birthplace of the Poet Wilson MacDonald in Cheapside when a plaque was unveiled in honor of this native poet.

Erected by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board, Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario. The immediate arrangements were made by the Museum Board of Haldimand County which includes Rev. and Mrs. Earl Sider, also the local women's institutes at Selkirk and Lamb's Corners, which sponsored the Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum as their centennial project in 1967. The local W.I. members provided refreshments at the museum after the unveiling program.

Mrs. Edwin Parsons of Kohler acted as chairman for the Ceremony calling on the Rev. Mr. Sider to lead in prayer. Mr. Hugh Greenfield Reeve of Walpole welcomed those present emphasizing the need for expression of pride in achievement in one's own locality.

Others who were called upon to speak were Mr. Clare Kindy Warden of Haldimand County, Hon. Wm. Knowles of Langton member of the House of Commons for Haldimand-Norfolk and the Hon. J. N. Allen of Dunnville M.P.P. for Norfolk-Haldimand.

A Historical Resume of the life and achievements of the late poet was given by Mr. W. H. Cranston, Chairman of Historic Sites Board of Ontario. He

recited several short poems which he considered appropriate to the occasion.

Noting that he, as well as Wilson MacDonald, had their roots in Haldimand County, a now discontinued and almost forgotten Post Office having been named for his family. He noted the bitter disappointments in Canada and Britain when MacDonald's writing were overlooked. It remained for the Russians to make and use the first translations to bring him full recognition.

Langford Dixon, the President of Poetic Society read several selections paying tribute to the noted author saying "The real judge of poetry is made by the people who now appreciate the poetic works which are universally acclaimed." A letter from Ellis Havelock Robb received by Mrs. Sider was read as was other correspondence received by Mrs. Sider which she shared by reading at this time.

Members of the Wilson MacDonald Poetic Society were introduced as were several of the MacDonald Family. Regret was expressed that the sister living in Vienna, Ontario was not well enough to come. Mr. George James of the poetic society recited several poems.

At this time Mrs. Wilson MacDonald of Willowdale, the poet's widow unveiled the plaque stating that he would have wanted his birth place to be marked and she expressed her gratification that this was now accomplished.

The inscription on the plaque read as follows:-

Wilson Pugsley MacDonald, 1880-1967. Wilson MacDonald, born here at Cheapside, established his reputation as a poet with the publication, in 1926, of "Out of the Wilderness", a collection of poems which received wide acclaim. This success followed many years of struggling for recognition and had been preceded by two anthologies, "The Song of the Prairie Land" (1918) and "The Miracle Songs of Jesus", (1921). Among his many later works are "A Flagon of Beauty" and "Caw Caw Ballads." Although he wrote both satirical and religious poetry, he was primarily a lyric poet whose concern for unspoiled nature led to a strong, condemnation of industrialization and other aspects of modern life. He was buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna, Ontario.

The chairman thanked the McKenzies who occupy the house for permission to hold the ceremony on their well kept lawn, also noting permission from Mr. Weaver owner of the property.

At this time, Mr. Walter Hill a talented artist in oils whose family have been pioneers in the district for over a century presented to the Museum a painting of the Wilson MacDonald birthplace. This was accepted to be hung in the museum by Rev. Sider who expressed the appreciation

of all present to Mr. Hill for his gracious gift.

The chairman added her thanks to Mr. Hill and noted the many hours of work put in by the curators, Rev. and Mrs. Sider, and directed the visitors to the Museum where all were welcome to view "A school in the early days." The Women's Institute served a tasty lunch as a closing feature of this beautiful afternoon.

Federation News

By Roy Hagan

The Haldimand Federation of Agriculture is urging farmers to take advantage of every opportunity to gather as much information on farming as possible. This will enable them to be well informed on the latest techniques and methods in the agricultural industry. If there is a chance to see some new methods now being used it would be to the farmers best interest to take time to go to see and evaluate them, says the federation.

One such opportunity would be the provincial drainage day on July 15. This will be hosted this year by the Haldimand Crop Improvement Association. It will be held on the farm of Ruigrok Brothers, which is about two miles north west of Canboro.

Neal and Frank have tile drained most of their farm. They are aware of the advantages and limitations of the system. Their experience with this type of drainage has taught them many of details need to be known to make tile drainage work effectively.

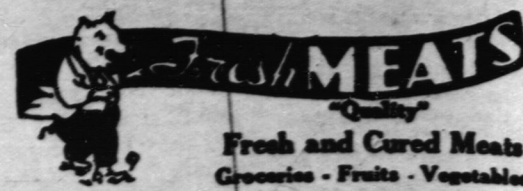
Drainage day will enable farmers to see different kinds of drainage machines at work as well as different types of tile being used.

At the same time if any Haldimand farmers have any questions regarding the activities of the Federation and its services, there will be members of the executive on hand as well as myself, to give you the latest information on such matters as the O.F.A. stand regarding school tax.

A recent O.F.A. news release stated Ontario members of the National Farmers Union will join the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in a fight for a fairer tax system.

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The Weeklies Say . . .

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With Canadians spending more than \$1,000,000 a day for aid to underdeveloped parts of the world, (especially French-speaking areas) it seems to us the residents of the Whitehorse Indian Village would be wise to approach the CIDA for a grant of several of those millions. — Whitehorse (Y.T.) Star

WORLDLY CANADIANS

British Columbians often complain about the influence of outside capital — usually American — on their autonomy and economy. But the Calgary Chamber of Commerce . . . defines a Canadian this way: "One who drives home from a Swedish movie in a German automobile, slips out of his Hong Kong suit and Italian shoes, puts on his Japanese robe and Mexican slippers and sips Brazilian coffee from English china while he takes his American pen to his member of Parliament to demand Ottawa do something about the imbalance of payments." — West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gates Times

DOLLAR CONFIDENCE

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the free dollar decision is that it indicates outside confidence in Canada's economy. The last decade was a particularly arduous one for Canadian finance ministers when practically nobody showed any confidence in our economic approach. For the first time in years, Canada can hold its head up with pride that at least foreign governments think our economy is on a solid platform. — Vernon (B.C.) News

DANGEROUS TALK

If a society is to remain free it must do so within a system of law. If democracy is to work, then all men must obey the law. If they disagree with it, then the way to change the law must be by parliamentary process, not by blaring defiance and demanding immunity from the process of law. — Chilliwack (B.C.) Progress

SPEAK UP

Strong opinions voiced responsibly never hurt anyone and never will. — Campbell River (B.C.) Upper Islander

FLOATING DOLLAR

On an overall basis, the finance minister was probably right when he set the buck free. One can only wonder though, in the light of the present labor crisis in our province, if Mr. Benson would have unpegged the dollar if the same situation existed in Quebec. — Cariboo (B.C.) Observer

Sandusk

Cheapside young people led 6-6 with Springvale last week.

The U.C.W. of Cheapside United Church had charge of the service on Sunday and the men of the church will have it next Sunday as the minister's holidays are in the month of July.

There was a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lefler (nee Deanna Nie) in Cheapside Community Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Bill Werner spent the long weekend with his parents.

Sanduck W.I. held their meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bray.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cooper and girls of Burlington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bray. Mr. and Mrs. Les Burton and family were also their guests on Saturday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bray and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Hewitt were their guests on Sunday.

Mr. Lorne and Sanford Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sternaman and David, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Werner and family all attended the shower Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lefler.

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THE JARVIS RECORD, JARVIS, ONTARIO

Nanticoke News

Mr. and Mrs. Eli McDonald of R.R.2, Nanticoke recently arrived home from a boat trip to England and Scotland on Empress of Canada and returned by Air Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Thomson and Dennis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. James McAlpine and Allison to Sudbury on the weekend.

The Young Peoples won their fourth game out of five played when Rockford came to Nanticoke and were defeated 14-2.

The men's team (Erie League) played in Hagersville and were beat 3-2.

Mrs. Monte Catherwood is in Hagersville General Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hedges spent Wednesday in Port Rowan with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vokes. Miss Penny Vokes is spending this week with her grandparents in Port Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Crone from Hagersville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Maas. Mrs. Maas' brother and family from Peterborough spent Wednesday at the Maas'.

Mrs. Arnold Evans is visiting a few days with her brother in Detroit.

Debbie Vokes, a grade eight pupil won a silver cup for sportsmanship.

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Friends N' Neighbors

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The Rev. H. G. Zurbrigg Secretary of Canadian Bible Society, Hamilton District was in Jarvis on Tuesday last contacting Jarvis Branch Officers newly elected for 1970-71.

Mr. Walter Davis of Mt. Elgin and Mrs. S. Phillips of Ingersoll visited over the Dominion Day holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lysch.

The Rev. K. W. Brueton returned to his home in Jarvis after spending a week with his son and family in Markham.

Among those from a distance who enjoyed the strawberry festival served at the Anglican Church, were Mrs. Pauline Yallop, and her

daughter Mrs. Gordon Bates, both of Blackheath. Mrs. Vincent Columbus entertained a few at a luncheon on Thursday last in honor of Mrs. F. W. Reicheld's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lindsay have returned from their honeymoon and are residing in their apartment on Mary St., Jarvis.

Jarvis ladies who attended the unveiling of the Wilson MacDonald Memorial Plaque in Cheapside on Sunday were Mrs. Allen Lundy, Mrs. Myrtle Grace and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. A. S. Blight has returned home after two weeks in West Haldimand Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dashner were Sunday Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reicheld.

Among those from Jarvis who attended the unveiling of the Wilson MacDonald Plaque at Cheapside were Mr. Charles Brown, Rev. K. N. Brueton, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harrop of Garnet.

Miss Shelley Spillett of Port Credit is spending this week with her Uncle and Aunt Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pond.

Jack Lloyd and Mac Feeney were guests at Gary Mitchell's apartment in London while attending the Canadian Open Golf Championship.

Renton Personals

Mrs. Max Bowyer spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bowyer in London.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee are spending several weeks holidaying to the West Coast as far as B.C.

Mrs. Lewis Bliffe is confined to Norfolk General hospital at time of writing.

Wedding bells rang in this vicinity on Friday night for the marriage of Miss Jean Lloyd and Mr. Bingham Lundy held in Alymer by the Rev. Logan a former pastor of Jarvis United Church.

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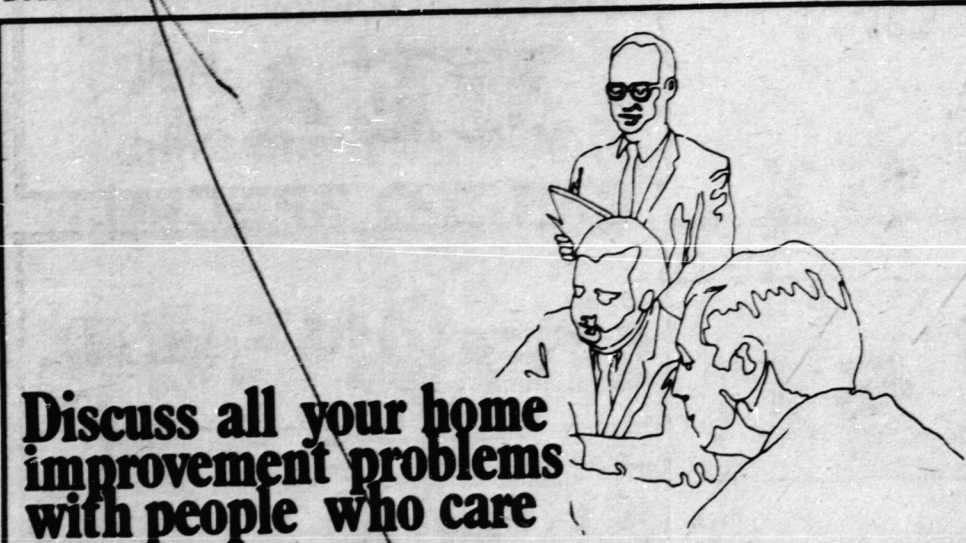
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