

## Erie Personals

A number from te area attended the funeral of the late Mary Ellen Kindree held in Hagersville on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rynsoever of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Guley and family of Port Dover were Sunday visitors at the Rynsoever home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nie of Hagersville visited at the home of Mrs. J. W. McBurney on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Biggar of Welland spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fugler in Hamilton during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones of Port Credit spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Rynsoever.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Kopeany of Hamilton spent the weekend at the Bidic home.

At the morning service at the Stone Church, Tricia Ann infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blundell of Hamilton was baptized.

The next meeting of the Mary Edith group of the WMS will be held at the home of Mrs. J. W. McBurney on Oct. 28. This meeting is a week later than usual owing to the election being held on the regular date.

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# Friends N' Neighbors

by Jessie Miller

Douglas McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McBride has enrolled as a student of Electronic Technology at Mohawk College Hamilton.

Mrs. John Lyons is a patient in West Haldimand Hospital, Hagersville.

Mrs. John Awde, who has spent the last seven weeks with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foster at Campbellcroft, Ontario has returned home.

The Foster family drove her home, going on to St. Catharines to take Mrs. Awde's sister, Mrs. Esther Kerslake to her home there.

Ladies from Jarvis Branch Cancer Society will be in charge of the Norfolk Unit booth on Friday at Simcoe Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dashner of Fisherville, Mrs. Alta Kranch and daughter Carol of Ottawa were recent supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reichel.

Fourteen Women's Institutes placed exhibits under the heading of "An evening at Home" at the Caledonia fair last week. All Institutes received consolation prizes of \$10.

Those who won placings were: Clanbrassil 1, Caledonia 2, Hagersville 3, Riverside 4, Glanford 5, Jarvis 6, Selkirk 7, Willow Grove 8, Canfield 9, and Garnet 10.

Mr. Dave Wilson presented a film entitled "Not Enough" in which was demonstrated the imperative need for help in India, Pakistan and Thailand. No matter how much help is given to these countries it could never be sufficient to stamp out the unbelievable conditions existing there.

Lunch and a social hour were enjoyed. Mrs. Clarence Hayes extended courtesies.

## Selkirk

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Phibbs attended the annual Grape and Wine Festival at St. Catharines. About 300 families camped out at Shang-ra-la-Valley for this event.

Mr. Glen Hoover is a patient in the War Memorial Hospital, Dunnville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoover on the birth of their son David Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Cooper on the birth of their daughter, Kimberley Anne.

Mrs. Laura Johnstone of Caledonia spent a few days with Mrs. A. L. Belbeck early last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgins of Strathroy called on Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reichel one day last week.

Miss Lorraine Mitchell R.N. of Toronto spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. Wallace Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Miller and Miss Patti Miller of St. Catharines visited Mrs. R. A. Miller on Sunday.

Stanley Porritt of St. Catharines visited his grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Belbeck on Friday.

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Mrs. Myrtle Politt and Mrs. Beatrice Shannon who have been in Jarvis since the death of their brother James Lakey have returned to their homes in Toronto and Saskatoon.

The home of the late James Lakey Monson Street has been sold to Peter Fleming.

Mrs. Alex Hudson of Simcoe with her daughter Mrs. Gordon Oakes and baby of Kitchener and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Porritt of Simcoe, visited Mrs. A. L. Belbeck on Sunday.

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## Editorial Comment

### Haldimand Proud Host

Haldimand County is proud to play host to the 1971 International Plowing Match, largest competitive event of its kind in the world.

With the hope of fine crisp autumn weather, it may be expected that crowds numbering near the 100,000 mark will pay a visit to the scene of the Match southeast of Jarvis.

While Haldimand County is becoming known for its industrial development along the shore of Lake Huron, the site of this year's International will become the location of a Texaco Canada, Ltd., refinery, it has a heritage of mixed farming and dairy production. Directly south of the Plowing Match site, at Nanticoke, Ontario Hydro is nearing completion of its first of eight power generating units, which by 1978 will be pushing an additional 100 million kilowatts of power into the Ontario grid.

Right next door to Ontario Hydro is the Steel Plant of Canada's 6,600-acre tract of land, which this year is expected to become the most modern steel-making complex in the world.

Beyond the anticipation of things to come, Haldimand is proud of its fine farm homes and the barns and agricultural machinery with which its farms are equipped. Visitors coming from all over the world to the International Plowing Match will be impressed by the clean, prosperous appearance of Haldimand County farm properties.

We welcome all Plowing Match visitors and trust their stay in Haldimand County will prove an enjoyable and profitable one, they that will gain new insight into the rural economy of the county and that they will be moved to visit us again.

For our own part, the people of Haldimand County take pride and pleasure in hosting the 1971 event, for which the county committee has been working hard for more than a year. The West Haldimand Record, with this special edition, joins in expressing thanks and appreciation to all who have helped to make the event a success and in enunciating the hope that fair weather and top competition may mark the four days of the 1971 International Plowing Match.

### "Wise, Unwise And Otherwise"

by The Old Owl

### The Small Hospital

Recently, the Hamilton Spectator had an editorial on small hospitals. Here is the way it begins: "The Ontario Hospital Association will be asked to fight a task force proposal to disband small hospitals within an hour-and-a-half's travelling time of a hospital. The battle is worth fighting with resolve and vigour."

The idea seems to come from the board of the White Hospital, Paris, which the Spectator describes as being itself a repudiation of the idea. It is "in an exclusive residential neighborhood, set behind a lawn the size of a city block and flanked with trees and flower beds, it is a pleasant place to visit, and a comfortable, friendly place to stay."

The editorial goes on to say how the hospital integrates patients and staff into its own community, a humane, efficient place with spacious quiet rooms. Every patient is treated as an individual, which is said to be rare in large hospitals. The hospital is easily accessible from any point in the town and district and a removal to the hospital (the nearest large hospital) would do away with this advantage. It would also take local doctors out of town for longer periods.

Such a move would "add to the bigness of an already big hospital with the usual problems of crowding, building expansion and administrative bigness."

"Patients requiring the specialized services only the big hospitals can provide can go to the big hospitals, as they do now."

"There is no sense in tearing down useful community institutions - and hitting the public with needless expense - to satisfy the mistaken assumption that Big is Best. Unless a small hospital is proved incompetent, it should be left alone."

Anyone in this neighborhood, reading that article, would naturally think of our own local hospital, West Haldimand General. The description given of the pleasant surroundings, the friendliness of the staff, the pleasant spirit and the ease of access would apply fully to our own hospital. Easy access and courteous attention of visitors by the staff are important elements in promoting visiting by friends of the patients. No one would claim that West Haldimand is perfect - no hospital is, and the big ones can cover over their mistakes, better than the small ones can.

Truly, West Haldimand is OUR hospital and we would be well advised to be on guard against any bureaucratic attempt to take from us that which we have worked for and regard as our own.

## Act Now To Improve Your Next Year's Garden

The first killing frosts usually arrive this month in most of Canada to destroy the colorful annuals we have enjoyed all summer long. With these no longer an asset we can start by putting them on the compost heap to be followed late in October by the leaves.

Look around the garden very critically now and make a note of the areas that can be improved. Perhaps a small hedge may be used to surround the patio instead of shrubs or we might make use of more refined shrubs to replace the overgrown ones around the foundation and in the border.

Later this month is the time to renovate the perennial border. Most perennials can be dug up and moved to temporary quarters until you are ready for planting. If possible, plan to leave dictamnus, perennial alyssum, and anchusa, for these recent disturbance. Healthy peonies, too, are best left unless they are getting very old and are not flowering freely.

When most of the plants have been removed from the border, dig the vacant parts very deeply and work in lots of organic matter in the form of compost, peat moss, or dried sheep manure. Replant the plants in accordance to your prearranged plan.

Lawns are sometimes invaded by weeds that pass unseen until early spring. Chickweed is perhaps the most familiar. This is because it usually sprouts deep down in the sod in autumn and does not grow big enough to be noticed among the grass blades. The tiny plants remain static through winter and then grow rapidly in early spring, making colored, yellowish green patches in the lawn. Chickweed may flower as early as March even in eastern Canada.

One of the hidden benefits from using an all purpose weed killer in autumn is that it kills the weeds before they have a chance to set seed. This is a very good chance of the

autumn may be the elimination of chickweed without the homeowner even realizing that he had a problem. Even though the primary concern may have been dandelion, plantain, or other weeds which disfigure the lawn in autumn, control of chickweed can be just as important.

A combination of herbicides with fertilizer offered by most garden stores is an excellent means of challenging cool-weather weeds while also stimulating grass during its best growing season. You can often pick out treated areas a year later by the absence of weeds and better grass.

For fall weed control in lawns, select the proper herbicide at your local garden centre and follow closely the directions on the container. You may well be surprised next spring by the absence of weeds in your lawn.

With the exception of tulips that are perhaps better planted in October, all bulbs give the best results when they are set out as soon as they can be obtained from the dealer. It is almost vital that narcissus be planted this month particularly if we get a winter with light snowfall.

Chrysanthemums that are showing buds may be transplanted to any part of the garden as fillers in the border or to replace frozen geraniums or annuals in the window box. I usually keep a row of garden 'mums in the vegetable garden for this purpose.

Summer phlox, zinnias, iliacs and many other plants showing signs of mildew should be treated with a suitable fungicide. This will keep the disease in check and will help prevent its recurrence next year. Leaves infected with mildew should not be composted after leaf fall, as this may act as a source of infection for the following season.

If the weather is at all dry this month keep watering the foundation evergreens or any plants that are underneath the overhang of the house. If this is not carefully carried out there will be a good chance of the

plants going into the winter very dry, a condition that will leave the plant subject to winter injury.

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### Bygone School Day

A news item says that students in some Manitoba regional schools have taken to sweeping floors in the schools for want of something better to do.

It seems that requested equipment for courses in agriculture, power mechanics, industrial design, electronics and electricity has not arrived. So the students at four new regional schools sweep floors to keep busy.

But there was a time when looking after a school was more than just a matter of keeping students busy.

It wasn't so long ago, maybe only a generation, when sweeping floors was part of the duties of students in country schools. Stacking firewood, shovelling snow and keeping the stove going in cold weather were often assigned to students who were glad of the chores.

But that was before the days of buses taking pupils to big, consolidated schools. One of the affected Manitoba schools cost \$3.75 million to build.

That's a far cry from the days of the one-room school where one teacher often taught as many as six grades for as little as \$300 a year and board. And the students walked to school.

Another news item that shows how far things have gone tells the story of a school janitor in Toronto who invented a gadget for cleaning blackboards.

It seems he had to clean 100 blackboards a night and had to find a way of easing his work.

Many an old student may remember the day that the janitor - if there was one - never touched the blackboards. That was for the pupils who often were kept in after school to do it.

There are some indications that students - on the higher levels - may prefer manual labor. In the United States an educationist has noted that some students have been dropping from the professional slots for which they have been trained.

For instance, a philosophy major became a janitor, a history major became a machinist, and a man with a master's degree in engineering gave up a \$14,000-a-year job to buy a farm in Canada.

The U.S. authority says that most graduates still follow traditional career patterns, but those who have dropped out of the affluent society are being regarded as the forerunners of a significant trend.

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