

Around town

Mrs. Evie Bass, of Lady Lake, near Leesburg, Florida is spending several weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenza Varnes, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Richardson who have been visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Joan Telford, returned to London, England, last week.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Fralick were Mrs. Fralick's sister, Mrs. E.M. Schwaab of Elmwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Magwood of Snow Grove.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dixon, Robert and Tracey of Parkhill, Mr. and Mrs. James Clemens of Burlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pitman of Madison, Wisconsin, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clemens.

Mrs. Joseph Pierce, who suffered a fractured hip and has been in Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, came home on Saturday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson recently were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noren of Oakville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kay and Jamie of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Fralick and Miss Mary Fralick were in Wingham to visit Mr. Fralick's mother, Mrs. Margaret Fralick, on the occasion of her 95th birthday.

Mrs. Olive Paul, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Basil Howey, returned to Detroit on Sunday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Howey.

The 'Pork Barbecue party,' sponsored by the Ladies'

Auxiliary to Branch 379, Royal Canadian Legion on July 12, was a very successful event, attended by well over 300.

The 31st annual re-union of the Beupre family was held at the Forestry Farm Park on July 13 with a good attendance. Officers in charge were the same as last year - President, Sherman Beupre of St. Thomas, and Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Charles LaChapelle of Port Rowan who was in charge of the prizes awarded, as follows:

The Oldest Lady present was Mrs. Sherman Beupre, of St. Thomas; Oldest Gentleman, Charles LaChapelle, Port Rowan; Youngest Children, twins Christopher and Roxanne, children of Mr. and Mrs. McLachlin, St. Thomas; and the largest family was that of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Port Stanley. The oldest couple, and the first to arrive, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaChapelle, and their grand daughter Miss Kathleen Tormey of London traveled the greatest distance.

Others attending the reunion included Mrs. Eleanor McLachlin and Mrs. Ruth Ankenman of St. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Cook, Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tormey and Mr. and Mrs. George Irving, of Simcoe; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce LaChapelle of R.R. Port Rowan, and grandsons David and Andrew Carroll; and David Tormey and Miss Marlene Currie of Delhi.

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On your mark, get set: the tension is visible on their faces as a group of cyclists get ready for the start of a bicycle race in Delhi last Friday. The races were part of Belgian Days.

Masonic Hall auction

by Richard Houghton

A special auction sale will be held at the Norfolk Auction Centre July 26, to help fund the rebuilding of one of Port Rowan's oldest buildings.

The proceeds from the sale, which starts at 1 p.m. will help provide funds for fixing up the 115-year-old Walsingham Masonic Lodge No. 174.

All items that are donated for the sale are greatly appreciated by the Masons and may be taken to the Norfolk Auction Centre on Highway 59 near Langton where the sale will be held.

The old hall got into trouble a few years ago according to Mason Fred W. Evans, because it had no real foundation under it, and the walls were starting to rot at the bottom.

To counteract the problem,

the Masons had the entire hall jacked up and moved back from the street the length of itself. They put a concrete base underneath the building, and replaced many of the sills and joists.

"When the movers jacked up the building, just as it was raised up one of the jacks went through the rotten wood, and the whole thing came crashing down," said Mr. Evans. "Inside the building, upstairs it looked like a bomb went off."

According to Mr. Evans the rebuilding of the hall is costing between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

"First of all we must get the inside so that we can use it. This involves paneling and a new ceiling. Later we also have plans to cover the outside of the structure."

There have already been some donations and a previous auction sale held,

but the Masons are looking to raise around \$4,000 in this sale.

"We have been holding our lodge meetings in Delhi for the past four months," said Mr. Evans. "However we should be back in our own lodge by September."

The history of the old lodge is long and colorful. It was built in 1860 by Andrew McLennan who first used it as a store.

It was vacant by 1870 and was bought by the school board and used temporarily as a school while the board was building a new school.

On January 26, 1875, the hall was bought by the Masons. By coincidence this was almost 100 years to the day before the contract was signed to move the building.

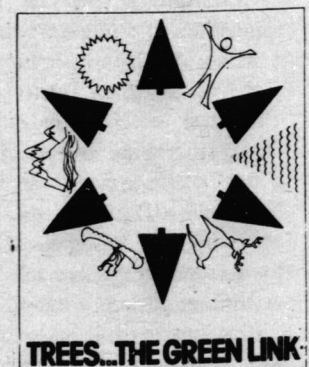
While the upper storey of the hall has always been used by the Masonic Lodge the bottom storey has seen many uses.

It was used for a time as a roller rink, as a movie theatre and even as the town hall.

For about the last 30 years however, the bottom of the hall has been used for meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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Langton personals

Fire Chief Max Moore, Training Officer Sheldon Priddle, firefighters Andre Deschamps, Victor Shinnagug and Paul Hemeryck attended the two-day Halimand Norfolk West Fire Training School at Waterford on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Brockman and family of Essex spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Curban Sinnaeve and family attend the annual Belgian Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore were Sunday night visitors of the latter's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lounsbury R.R. 1 Port Rowan.

Mrs. William Connelly of Toronto spent a week's vacation with her niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence St. Denis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forten, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Priem and family spent Friday with the former's daughter and

son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Terry Davis of Mississauga and the weekend with Mr. Forten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Forten in Brockville. They also visited Upper Canada Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore of Williamsburg, Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of Henderson N.C. have returned home after a week's holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Duke Moore, R.R. 4 Langton.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore were Wednesday night visitors of John Moore and

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and family of Clear Creek. Mr. and Mrs. James Schiedel of Ingersoll spend the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jamieson camping at the Norfolk Conservation Camp.

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The Ministry of Transportation and Communications had announced that new symbols signs indicating travel information centres operated by municipalities, chambers of commerce, or regional councils, will be installed at provincial freeway interchanges.

The signs, with a lower case letter "i" symbol and the legend "travel information," will be included on composite signs listing various services available at freeway interchanges.

The "i" symbol will indicate an official information centre approved by the Ministry of Industry and Tourism and located within three miles of a freeway and in continuous operation eight hours a day, seven days a week throughout the tourist season.

A composite sign including the "i" symbol in advance of the appropriate interchange as well as a direction marker with the "i" symbol at the freeway ramp terminal will be erected by MTC.

The first of these new signs will appear on the Queen Elizabeth Way in the Burlington-St. Catharines area this month.

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