

Browns UCW Study Fiji And Samoa

The February meeting of Brown's U.C.W. was held at Brown's school. Mrs. Clarence Tate, president, opened the meeting with a poem "What is a Valentine", followed by prayer.

Items of interest from the business meeting included: Mrs. Chester West is to assist Mrs. John Uren, buying flowers or gifts for sick and shut-ins.

Brown's U.C.W. is to present the World's Day of Prayer service to patients in the nursing homes in St. Marys.

On Feb. 18 there is to be a Family Party for the Brown's congregation. Mrs. Clarence Tate, Mrs. David Arthur and Mrs. John Conway will assist Rev. Phyllis Barnes in planning and

preparing for this party.

On March 4, there will be a business meeting for the U.C.W. at 11 a.m. Members are to bring their own sandwiches for lunch. Several U.C.W. members plan to attend the Presbyterial at First St. Andrew's United Church, London, beginning at 8.45 a.m.

The roll call was Greeting Cards suitable for sick or shut-in members. Mrs. Tate closed the business with a short reading - No Excuse Sunday.

The program was prepared by the church in society and social action group. Mrs. John Conway opened the program with a reading, It Is Comforting To Have God.

Everyone sang the hymn,

Hills of the North, followed by prayer. The scripture reading was Psalm 104: verses 24-30. A film was presented, entitled, Spirit of the South Seas, the name was suggested by a beautiful piece of statuary of a Spirit of the South Seas in a church in New Zealand.

The islands portrayed in the film were, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Samoa, and others. In Fiji was the meeting of the Pacific Conference of churches. Here, also is situated Methodist Theological School.

The islands are served by native preachers and missionaries, many from New Zealand. Pastors and missionaries travel by Land Rover to visit their flocks, and often on foot. Churches are filled and they have active Sunday Schools.

On Samoa is the congregation West Church 85 to 90 percent build their own churches and schools. Everything is shared and all salaries go into a common fund.

The pastor's house, is a huge cement block building with a very large central hall and kitchen.

If there is a hurricane or tornado, the houses of the village people may be des-

troys but they can all sleep and be fed in this hall and kitchen in the pastor's house. The people of the South Sea Islands respect the Bible and the preachers and missionaries who teach them.

Following the film, Mrs. Calvin McKay and Mrs. Chester West gave readings entitled "Paradise Poluted".

These were concerned with the testing of nuclear weapons in the vicinity of the Marshall Islands and others. As a result food was contaminated, fish killed, which the islanders depended on for protein, a greater evidence of cancer and deformed

babies.

Both the United States and Great Britain are guilty of this thoughtless attitude. The Japanese have been using the waters near these islands as a dumping ground for nuclear waste. The Island churches are greatly concerned by these appalling conditions and are leading protests against them.

Everyone sang, Let all the Islands Sing. Mrs. Conway led in prayer. Mrs. Tate closed the meeting with a Benediction.

The group in charge served a delicious lunch including a special South Sea Islands dessert. A fine time of friendliness and good fellowship was enjoyed.

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Browns UCW Catering Plans

The April meeting of Brown's United Church Women was held on April 5 at Brown's school.

Mrs. Clarence Tate, president, was in charge of the business meeting.

Points of interest arising from this business, included: Donations are to be sent to the Dr. Graham Homes, India, and to the James Purdue Centre, St. Marys; Catering plans were finalized for a wedding anniversary celebration coming up shortly.

The Christian Development Group with Mrs. George Towle as convener was in charge of the special Easter program. The roll call was answered by an Easter thought.

The hymn, Rejoice The Lord Is King, was sung and scripture readings depicting the events of Holy Week and the Easter story were given by Mrs. Mervyn Beavers. Mrs. Hubert Uren, Mrs. Clarence Darling, and Mrs. K. Munro.

Mrs. Towle presented meditations on these readings and Mrs. Clarence Tate lead in prayer.

The hymn, The Day Of Resurrection, was sung.

As an expression and renewal of faith, everyone repeated The Apostles' Creed, in unison and Mrs. Towle gave a fine, inspirational Easter message, closing with the poem, It's Easter Now.

The hymn, I've Found A Friend, O Such A Friend, was sung and Mrs. Towle pronounced the benediction, and showed slides from the Passion Play at Oberammergau, showing vividly and beautifully the last days of Jesus' life and his ultimate triumph over death, in the Resurrection.

These scenes brought the reality of the Easter experience very close.

Mrs. John Conway gave courtesy remarks and announced the Mother and Child Banquet on May 6 at 7 p.m. An interesting program is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dailley and family, from the London Branch of the Salvation Army, will show puppets.

Following the singing of Grace, a special Easter lunch was served by the group in charge. A happy time of friendliness and fellowship followed.

Browns Corners Personals

Congratulations to Mr. George S. Towle, who was recently installed as Rt. Ex Companion Grand Superintendent of Huron District No. 6 of Royal Arch Masons, at Grand Chapter Sessions at Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wakem held an open house last Sunday in honour of their daughter Christine. Pouring tea in the afternoon, were Christine and Rob's grandmothers, Mrs. Ruth Fewster and Mrs. Ruth Peckham, and in the evening, Mrs. Wilma Clark and Miss Joyce Burgess.

Mrs. John Conway held an executive meeting at her home, last Wednesday night, when the meetings for this year were planned.

Congratulations to the ladies from this area, who took part in the Ride For Cancer, last Sunday. All completed the 14 miles which started at the Anglican Church in Thamesford up the 9th, to the Kintore side-road, across to Kintore, and down Highway 19 to Thamesford.

Taking part were: Joyce Tate, Janine Taylor, Cathy Adams, Kathy Bleiker, Marcie Daniel, Gabrielle Peteriet and Hazel Hunter.

Brown's Corners

Brown's W.I. held a euchre on April 14. Prize winners were: lady's high - Allan Sims - playing for a lady; men's high - Bert Butcher; lone hands - Joyce West and Robert Burgess; low - Carman Prince and Bill Switzer. The last euchre for the season will be on April 28.

The euchre committee is asking people to please bring sandwiches or relishes and the members of the committee will supply dessert.

Relatives of Mrs. Edith Sprecher (Harris) were shocked to learn of her sudden passing, last Sunday in Cremona, Alberta. The community extends their sincere sympathy to her family.

Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Darling, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

with an open house in Brown's United Church, last Sunday.

Warmest wishes to you Harry and Doris from your many friends and neighbours. May Good Health and Happiness be with you both, for many more years.

Miss Christine Wakem was honoured at a community shower at Brown's School last Monday night. A few games of euchre were played with Dorothy McEvoy and Agnes Harkes winning prizes. Twyla Pearson won the prize for the lucky chair. Mrs. Fred Arthur acted as M.C.

Mrs. Helen Conway and Mrs. Annie Uren were in charge of a sing song. Terri-Lynn McKay read the address to Christine, who thanked the group and invited everyone to her open house this Sunday, in the afternoon and evening.

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