

Pocrnic, Waring honoured at dinner

The annual Ladies' Night of the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening February 7th, in the Legion Hall with 136 present.

President Jim Butler presided and welcomed all and Rev. Herbert Herring returned Grace. Following a delicious dinner served by the Ladies Legion Auxiliary, the toast to the ladies was proposed by John Heleniak and responded to by Mrs. Robert Scott.

President Jim Butler introduced the head table guests, John Pocrnic, Mrs. Muriel Bishop, Mrs. Edna Dale, John Heleniak, Miss Mary Cabaj, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler, Judy Savoy, the guest speaker, Mr. and Mrs. D'Arce Corless, Mr. and Mrs. William Waring and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Parker. Also introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacPherson, who were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Mr. and Mrs. William Waring and Mr. John Pocrnic. In presenting the Award to Mr. and Mrs. Waring, Lorne Parker stated Mr. Waring was born in England and came to Norwich 71 years ago. As a young boy, he attended Barber College in United States and worked as a barber in Stratford for five years, prior to returning to Norwich where he was employed as a barber by Lou Walters for 13 years.

In 1924 he married Gladys Hammond of New Durham and in 1939 purchased a barber shop, pool room, tobacco shop and lunch counter which he operated with the help of his wife until selling the business in 1948 when he became a general insurance agent. Mrs. Waring took a course and grew and sold flowers from their home for ten years, until both retired in 1967.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Ted Vaughan, (Audrey) of Brantford who was present and introduced with her husband, three grandchildren Mrs. Gordon (Shirley) Surgeoner of Guelph, Gary of Whitby and Larry of Brantford; also one great-grandson, Aaron.

Mr. Waring is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Mrs. Waring a member of the U.C.W. and Women's Institute. Both are members of the United Church and former members of the Eastern Star.

In replying Mr. Waring stated "tonight shall always be a part of our good days in Norwich. We

would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the honor bestowed on us and we shall always remember your kindness and wish the Chamber of Norwich continued success.

Mr. Pocrnic was addressed by Mr. Butler who stated he was proud to present the Award of Merit. He was born in Yugoslavia, where he was married in 1923, and came to Canada in 1926, working at Sudbury, farming in the Vienna area and Straffordville. Prior to moving to Norwich where he purchased a pool room and tobacco shop. He had the respect of the boys who called him "Pop." Mr. Pocrnic sold his business several years ago and moved to his present home on Stover St. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Pocrnic had two sons: Dr. John Pocrnic who passed away in 1968 and Mike who resides in London. He has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of London. Mrs. Pocrnic passed away about six weeks ago.

Two grandsons were present, Dante and Steve, and introduced. On behalf of his grandfather, Dante thanked the Chamber for the honor bestowed on him.

D'Arce Corless, past president of the Chamber, introduced the guest speaker, Judy Savoy, C.F.P.L. channel 10 weather girl, who spoke on her life and work.

Miss Savoy stated she was born in New Brunswick and as a child had aspirations to be an actress. At the age of 17 she attended college in Montreal and later went to Toronto and attended Ryerson Radio and TV taking an Arts course.

Miss Savoy appeared in a movie, worked in a Crown Attorney's office, went to Theatre school and toured with a theatre company prior to going to London. Finding positions hard to find and always thinking she could do anything, she finally got started doing commercials, auditioned for a position as a weather girl in C.F.P.L. and took a crash course in meteorology, and now appears for 2½ minutes during the weekends broadcasting the weather. There are no cue cards and you are only given an hour to memorize the report of the weather.

She stated I am first a person, an individual and then a girl, I

enjoy being a woman on a team, working with the guys and ad libbing here and there. I like to do public broadcasting, travel and meet people.

Miss Savoy was thanked by Lavern Irving who wished her well in her work.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be March 6 at the Anglican Church when Chief of Police Robert Knight will be the guest speaker.



Vern Coward, 9 N. Court St. W., reconsiders that old slogan "Why wait for Spring, do it now."