

# LAKESIDE

Lakeside and community would like to give a big thank-you to all the girls and owners who have worked at Medina switchboard since it started in the early 1900's.

Mr. Clem Nagle of Cherry Grove was a supper guest on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell.

Miss Marion Baker is visiting in Montreal with Mr. and Mrs. Dohn Hobbs, Paul and Brian.

Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearson who were recently married in Lakeside.

## Lakeside W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Lakeside W. I. was held on Orange Hall. The president, Mrs. Jared Vining opened the

meeting in the usual manner. The secretary Mrs. Chas. Holden read a lot of thank-you cards from persons who had received Christmas boxes from the Institute. A thank-you note was also received from a senior citizen group in Woodstock where gifts were sent. It was decided to

purchase a ticket for an A.N.I. delegate to go to Toronto, Feb. 12th. Mrs. Frank McLeod was nominated to go. Mrs. Roy McCorquodale gave a very interesting paper on Citizenship. Mrs. Cecil McCordic gave a humor-

ous reading. Mrs. Roy McCorquodale had a contest on Canada and Mrs. Risdon won the prize for the most correct answers. The meeting closed with the Queen and lunch was served by the committee and social hour was enjoyed by all.

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Mrs. Jas. Morrison, and Mrs. F. G. Risdon attended Summary Day in Woodstock. They had a display of cushions made by the Lakeside branch members who attended classes on Accessories for the Home. Summary Day department representatives were D. A. Taylor, agricultural representative, Miss Jean Armour, interior decorating specialist, and J. H. Hart, home economist. Committee in charge of the meeting were Mrs. Geo. McBurney, Embro, Mrs. Douglas McLeod, Woodstock, and Mrs. W. H. Beaty, Thamesford. The afternoon guest speaker was Mr. Glen Wood.

## 80th Birthday Celebrated

A number of old neighbors and friends from this community called on Mrs. Margaret Johnson of Lakeside at the Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon, where open house was held by the family in honor of her 80th birthday and at 6:30 p.m. the family enjoyed a turkey dinner in the Lakeside United Church served by the U.C.W. Mrs. Johnson was a resident of this community for a number of years.

Congratulations to those who were successful candidates in Monday's municipal election in East Nissouri. Our governing body for the next two years will be James Patience, Reeve; Mac Robson, Deputy Reeve; Dave Slater, Harvey Waud and George Worte, Councillors; Dr. Dingwall and Mr. McLeod will represent East Nissouri and West Zorra on the Oxford County School Board.

## Area Convention

The 57th convention of the London Area Women's Institutes is held Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st in Clinton, and several hundred ladies from the Counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Huron and Perth converged on the town to elect officers, hear reports of standing committees, and make plans for the 75th anniversary of the W. I. in 1972. The president, Mrs. Chas. Munro of Embro, presided, and the manner in which the sessions were conducted are deserving of commendation. The meeting started on time, and ended on time, with matters for discussion handled quickly and efficiently.

Among the head table guests at the noon luncheon who brought greetings, was Hon. Wm. Stewart. He congratulated the ladies for their ability to carry out their various fundraising projects on schedule, such as the \$50,000 which they have collected over the past four years for an addition to Macdonald Institute, Guelph. Mr. Stewart suggested that the Minister of Finance might like to study the methods they used to raise money, and Miss Helen McKercher, so I was told, whis-

Most of the officers were returned for a second term, and the date set for next year's convention to be held in London, was October 26th and 27th.

According to the records contained in our Tweedsmuir History, the brick building formerly known as McKim's School, is now one hundred years old, having been constructed in the year 1871. It replaced the first school which was a log structure. In 1878 the enrolment was given as 105. Who were the pupils in those early days? Well, some of them probably bore the names of McKim, Gregory, Whetstone, Harris, Sutherland and Shrubsole, since those names appear in that locality on an early map of East Nissouri Township. Today this is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith and family, and their children romp and play beneath the same majestic maples which provided shade for the school children of yesterday.

Mrs. W. R. Geddes of Embro, who loves to paint, decided to "preserve in oils" five of Oxford County's "little red school-houses". A copy of her painting of McKim's school appeared in the August 31 copy of the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

If you have been wondering about the latest skyscraper on the Uniondale horizon, we have the answer for you. It is a 265-foot communications tower at the Hutton Transport Company, used in the operation of a two-way radio system. A number of their trucks are equipped for this type of communication, and when atmospheric conditions are favorable, messages can reach trucks as far away as Bowmanville.

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## FLOWER DEMONSTRATION AT W.I.

The August meeting of the Lakeside Women's Institute was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening Aug. 2nd.

Mrs. Clayton Kew, president conducted the opening and Miss Peterson from

Peterson gave a demonstration on flower arranging which she did so beautifully.

Lunch was later served by the convenor Mrs. Geo. Holden and her committee to members and guests.

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to her seating companions. Elizabeth Waterston, Professor of English at Guelph University, was guest speaker at Thursday afternoon's session. Her topic was the convention theme: "Down the passage we've never taken, Toward the door we've never tried..." adopted from T. S. Elliot. Her message was a challenge to women to move into new fields and try new programs, at the same time keeping doors open to the past. She stressed the value of reading Canadian books, written by Canadian women, and listed twelve such books which would give a good insight into life in Canada over the past hundred years.

Institute members were encouraged to experiment with creative writing, for, as she suggested, "One door waiting to be opened is a pencil, and it is an easy one to push." As a beginning, women could keep a journal of small local events, and record the rich personalities of people they have known, so they will not be lost to the future. These items could be added to our Tweedsmuir Histories.

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