

Across the Kitchen Table

By MRS. MAC

At a recent Women's Institute meeting in New Liskeard, Mrs. W. C. Barrett showed movies taken on a recent trip through England and a number of other countries in Europe. One of the interesting things she told us was that in one city in Holland, their flag is flown at half mast in the public square every time there is a traffic accident inside the city limits.

If that plan followed in this country, I am afraid that the flag would be at half mast very often.

By the time this appears in print the area convention for the combined district Women's Institutes of North and South Cochrane and South Temiskaming will have become history. Reservations have come in from members as far away as Island Falls, which, incidentally, is the farthest north of any Institute branch in Ontario.

The North Cobalt Branch is the hostess branch this year, the convention will be held in the Parish Hall there and we will tell you all about it in our next issue.

I wonder how many housewives feel provoked when they purchase a box of detergent or rolled oats or cereal and find a good part of the space in the box taken up by a so-called premium for which they have no use?

I firmly believe that the packaged products of this type that do NOT either contain an article of small value, or have a coupon on the outside to be sent in, plus "a few cents", could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Most people prefer that their kitchen dishes match or at least contrast agreeably, and dislike a hodge-podge of design and quality, and as for the toys, masks and other junk that can be obtained by sending in coupons or box-tops, plus, of course, a certain amount of cash "for mailing charges", they are, to my mind, nothing but a mother's nightmare.

I think it is about time that we all waken up and send letters of protest to the companies involved and also to the Canadian Association of Consumers, rather than grumble to ourselves and our neighbors, and put up with it.

It is said that the weather is always a safe topic of conversation, but this last week or so, it has not only been a safe topic, but a delightful one as well. During the week-end I fair revelled in my garden, getting old blooms pulled, admiring the dozens of roses that are having their last fling before frost arrives and in between times, gazing in admiration at the vista colors on the hills across the lake. I also planted four different varieties of peonies and four of phlox, all of them given to me by Canon Sims in exchange for a few iris roots. This fall, too, I got some new iris roots, including several pink and red shades so I am rather anxious to see how they turn out.

Something new in the way of student nurses uniforms are being

CNIB Committee Meet At Liskeard

A regular meeting of the Temiskaming South Advisory Committee for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind was held on September 12 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Sumbler, New Lis-

used in the South Waterloo Memorial Hospital, they are a decided change from the old familiar blue and white pinstriped ones usually seen in hospitals. The Waterloo nurses in training are wearing vivid red, full-skirted dresses, that form a delightful contrast to their white caps, collars and aprons.

heard. Mrs. R. D. Cumming of Haileybury chaired the meeting at which besides the usual administration of blind services, two visitors from Provincial headquarters presented short talks.

Mr. Hugh Gillespie, Industrial Placement Officer, and Mr. Stewart Hayter-Farm Counsellor told of their departments' work for blind persons returning to gainful employment in competitive society. These men were introduced by Mr. Leslie Jones, Field Secretary after his report on current services to the local blind.

The report of Treasurer D. Wall showed the sum of \$3,129 collected during the spring funds campaign. Appreciation for this was extended to the Lions Clubs and citizen canvassers in the towns of the area.

In the 1956-57 school year there were 3,297,450 students enrolled in Canada's publicly - controlled schools.

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Home and School

COBALT — The regular monthly meeting of the Cobalt-Coleman Home and School Association was held at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 22 at the Public School with Mrs. A. Todd, vice president, presiding.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" played by Mrs. Reise. The minutes were read and approved by Mrs. Wallman, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Dunn. Room count was taken and the banner went to Miss Jewell's

class. The attendance draw was won by Mrs. H. Whitham. Installation of new executive was made by Rev. G. S. Johnston. Mr. D. McGugan then showed two films. The remainder of the meeting was presided over by the new president, Mrs. Stan Miller. Mr. McGugan introduced the teachers to the parents and welcomed new members. He also extended a vote of thanks to the Home and School Association for Grade 8 party in June.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen". Refreshments were served by the committee.

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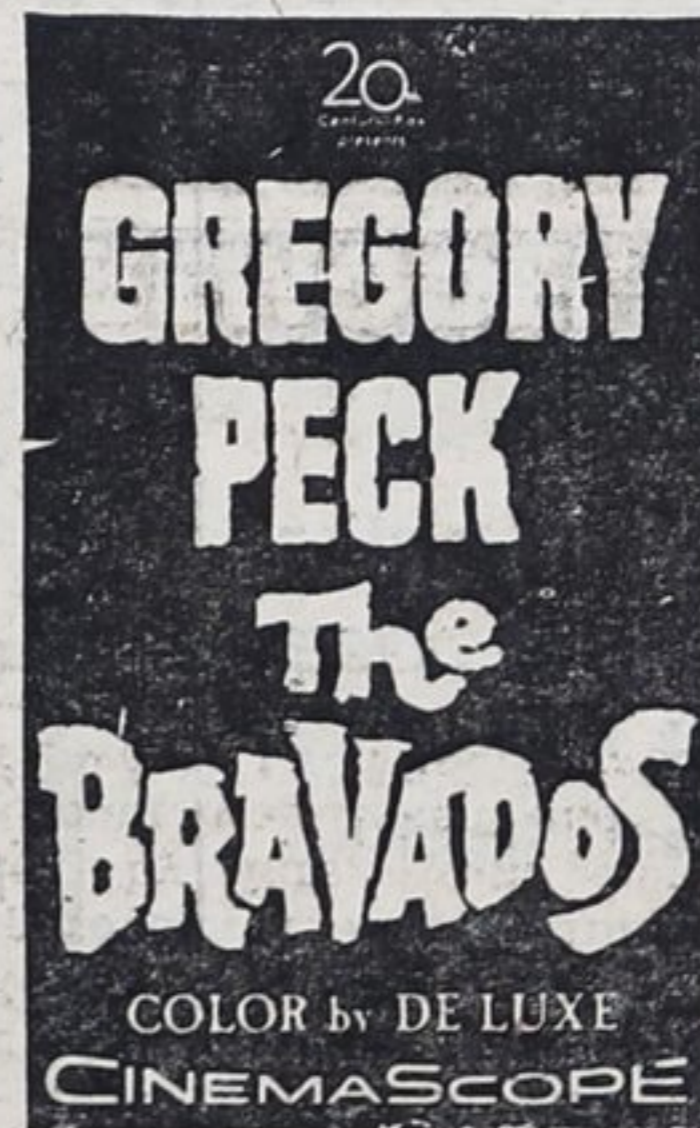
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