

Of Interest to Women

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, September 16th, 1897

Much interest is manifested in the opening of the Methodist Church after extensive improvements, which have been in progress the past three months.

Messrs. Lawson and McPhail, two practical glove makers from Acton are now in charge of the glove shop in Georgetown.

Mr. Howard Masche, who has been in Indiana and Michigan since last spring, has returned home.

The plates of the Jubilee stamps were destroyed last Friday morning at the American Bank Note Company's building in the presence of Postmaster General Hon. Wm. Mulock.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Easton, Thursday. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Thomas Easton; Vice Pres., Mrs. J. S. Coleman and Mrs. J. C. Young; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. M. A. Christie; Treas., Mrs. A. Stephenson.

Esquimaux Fall Fair, September 23rd and 24th.

DIED

KENNEDY—At the old homestead, Acton, on Wednesday afternoon, September 15, Margaret, daughter of the late Malcolm Kennedy.

BACK IN 1927

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Messrs. Erwin B. Wilson and Reg. Finney, of Nassagaweya left Monday to enter Toronto Normal School.

On Saturday afternoon Acton Band fulfilled an engagement at Caledon Fair.

Following up their win over the Kodaks of last week the Acton Ladies' Ball Team defeated the New Toronto Girls' Ball Club by a score of 15-14 in Toronto.

Sad news came to-day to friends that Mr. Joseph Gowdy of Guelph, brother of Mr. William Gowdy, of Limehouse, had passed away during the night.

The Acton Fall Fair of 1927 made a record hard to equal. Exhibits in all classes were good and the program provided a good time for all.

DIED

SPEIGHT—Accidentally at Bowmanville, on Sunday, September 18, 1927, Jessie Perkins, wife of W. H. Speight, of Toronto, formerly of Acton, aged 62 years.

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Area Convention Of Women's Institute At O.A.C. Guelph

Women's Institutes from this Area Gather in Memorial Hall for 50th Anniversary

Area Chairman Mrs. J. H. Speir of Brussels presided for the Guelph Area Women's Institute convention held in Memorial Hall, O.A.C. last Thursday and Friday. She announced the theme "Our Responsibility for the Home-Life of Rural Ontario" and went on to enumerate a few of the problems facing homemakers in rural communities. She advised all to read Miss Lewis' address on June 18 as printed in the Farmer's Magazine. Her talk ended with the reading of "Are you an active member?"

Devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. A. W. Milligan of Burlington who asked those present to observe a

few minutes of silence for the fellow members who had passed on, and read a short passage from Proverbs 22.

As usual, the girls' session was an important part of the morning's program. Home economics coach, Miss Humphreys, introduced Miss Marjorie Ford of Galt who presided for the demonstrations: (1) cotton accessories for the club girl's bedroom; (2) the making of a housecoat. This demonstration took third prize at the C.N.E. and while one girl modelled the housecoat another explained its making from a commercial pattern with necessary adjustments, using a bright cardboard pattern on wallpaper material; (3) a paper on Garden Club work.

Miss Flora Durnan, a home economics coach, explained relations between Senior and Junior Institutes. The Junior government has changed with the other changing times, hoping to lead to better reports and closer unity with the Senior. Junior girls on the Provincial W. I. board at present were Misses Betty Ruddell from Halton and Marjorie Mitchell of Wentworth. One girl is changed each year.

Miss O. P. Lewis, director of Women's Institute Branches sent greetings and best wishes from Scotland, while on her way to the convention of the Country Women of the World in the Netherlands.

In her report on Historical Research Miss Gladys Parke of Warrton, convenor, advised a cement vault near at hand for important historical documents. She claimed that the county buildings, though safe, were usually too far away. She advocated a library project for Women's Institutes to put the right books before our young folk.

In her Home Economics report, Miss Anne Dickin of Galt gave a recipe for making silk hosiery hose-proof: 2 quarts water, preferably soft; 2 tablespoons alum; 1 teaspoon vinegar. Let silk hose remain covered in the solution overnight. Rinse well. Repeat after every ten washings.

"Canada's richest deposits are not her radium or her gold mine, but her children" was a quotation from the report of the citizenship convention, Mrs. C. A. Vance of Chesley. All convenors stated that a fairly high percentage of reports had been received. Other reports given included: "Agriculture and Canadian Industries" by Mrs. T. Watson of Galt and "Publicity" by Mrs. D. S. McNaughton of Bluevale.

Lively community singing conducted by Dr. G. E. Reaman of the O.A.C. opened Thursday afternoon's session. Minutes of the 1946 convention executive meeting and treasurer and auditor's reports were then heard.

Dr. Flora Little's talk on "Growing Up" was a highlight of the afternoon. She advised regular habits for children, also that a happy home life was a protection for health and progress in school. Parents making close friends of their children can discuss adolescent problems freely with them later on. She spoke of cancer and heart diseases of later life which should not be feared but with regular physical examinations and early diagnosis could often be cured. By beginning to train for old age at forty, one could grow old gracefully but few do so.

She advised parents to discipline their children firmly but at the same time keep their affection so that they will want them when they are old though they do not need them.

Miss A. Spencer, field assistant in Handicrafts, W. I. Branch, Toronto, had a fine display of leatherwork, weaving, etc. in the room and in a short address stated that the handicrafts once done in the home are now done in factories. A busy countrywoman should have time to do something she liked and suggested her taking up handicraft work.

Mrs. Ford Sudden obliged with one of her much enjoyed readings "Mrs. Brown Drives."

In the absence of Mrs. Hugh Summers, provincial president, who is attending a conference at Amsterdam, Mrs. E. A. Duke represented the Federated W. I. of Ontario. She stated the following facts: the marked increase in membership was partly due to Red Cross and other war working groups forming W. I. branches

rather than disbanding when their original work ended; that each branch should fulfill financial obligations by sending to the district secretary 5c per member for Federated W. I. of Canada, 1c per member for Associated Countrywomen of the World and 15c per member for the provincial federation. Still more donations are needed for the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund to establish a scholarship for a deserving girl at McDonald Institute, Guelph. A booklet commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the W. I. will be published at a set price.

In her address to follow, Mrs. Duke said that the theme also meant home security and went on to define it in religion, education, financial security, municipal security and security in the home. She said that rural communities are more stable than urban. Parents develop a sense of inner security in their children by letting them rely on their own ability somewhat, by giving them a job to do and seeing that they do it, by letting them have a little daring in work or in play and by adding a little praise once in a while, too.

Decorations in the dining hall for

followed the W. I. color scheme of cornflower blue and gold and the head table was centred by a three-tier fiftieth anniversary cake with the same colors in the icing. Mrs. J. H. Speir, chairman for the evening, led over four hundred persons attending the banquet in a toast to the King.

The president of the O.A.C., Mr. W. R. Reek welcomed the guests and invited them back for further conventions. He said that theirs was a work to be proud of in hard times or otherwise. Miss Celia Synott, vice-chairman of the area, responded to the address of welcome.

Mrs. J. R. White of Ripley proposed a toast to the past chairmen of the area. Since it is but a few years since this area was reorganized from parts of Toronto and London areas, there are but three past chairmen, Miss Crozier of Walkerton, Mrs. P. Merry of Hornby and Mrs. J. H. Speir of Brussels. Each responded to the toast. Mrs. Crozier briefly outlined her reasons for organizing this area and giving a few highlights of its doings since.

Entertainment for the evening included accordion numbers by Mr. Antonelli of Guelph and Messrs. R. B. Murdoch and W. J. McFayden of Galt with Scotch songs and piano. Mr. McFayden took the audience for a world trip with his folk songs of different lands, while Mr. Murdoch was recalled again and again.

The special speaker for the evening was Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health, who paid tribute to Britain in the last war and asked all to contribute to another relief shipment for her in the near future. She deserved all and more than the nearly \$100,000,000 worth of goods collected in the last shipment. He stated that the farm youth are the hope of that occupation. He called on them to do a better job than their ancestors who kept boarder cows and left the farm implements in the orchard from year to year. The speaker then went on to his own subject, health. He did not advise closing small hospitals in preference for the large urban ones. He claimed that the smaller hospitals close to those needing them can take care of eighty per cent. of all illnesses. He said that \$18,500,000 of the budget is set aside for health with many more thousands being spent through illness. He outlined eight points for keeping well: diet, posture, rest, not overeating, medical check-ups while well, regular care of teeth, care of eyes and most important, be cheerful. Mr. Kelley closed his talk with the reciting of "The Lifters and the Loaders."

Mrs. Speir proposed a toast to Mrs. Ford Sudden, retiring secretary who was responsible for the banquet arrangements and table settings. The Friday morning session, presided over by Miss Celia Synott of Rockwood opened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of the Institute Ode. The chief speaker on Friday was Miss Irene H. McBride of the W. I. Branch, Toronto who addressed the convention on "Family Relations." She again said the hope of stabilization rested on the rural communities since cities were always changing. In these rural districts forty per cent. of Ontario's population is found. She stated that anything unused for long is lost and if we do not shoulder our responsibilities, our chance to do so will be lost too. She quoted from an article by Prof. Morgan who said "The rural communities are the best place to bring up the next generation."

Only one resolution was read and the original mover from Millcreek Women's Institute, Mrs. T. D. Cowan of Galt, spoke on its behalf. The resolution which had already been forwarded to the Attorney-General was accepted as read by the Guelph Convention Area. It is as follows: Whereas as a manslaughter trial for the death of an infant has been in the courts of our province at a regrettably late date, the members of Millcreek W.I. urge the Attorney-General to take immediate steps to (1) establish a centre for the training of police women; (2) inaugurate legislation requiring municipalities in which there are women's beverage rooms and cocktail lounges to maintain as part

of their regular forces a number of trained "policewomen," the number to bear definite relationship to the number of women's beverage rooms and cocktail lounges within the municipality.

A debator "Resolved that the parents of the past generation did more to prevent juvenile delinquency than the parents of to-day," was judged in favor of the affirmative by Dr. Reaman and Mrs. (Prof.) Moffat, both of O.A.C. In announcing the judge's decision, Dr. Reaman stated that it was a vital problem interestingly presented. The affirmative was upheld by Mrs. C. D. Fogarty and Mrs. Francis Krugor of Galt and the negative by Mrs. E. H. Marston of Elora and Mrs. Lorne Gull of Rockwood.

Mrs. Duke presided for the reading of questions from the box provided for them.

"There'll Always be an Egglund" was sung in honor of a visitor from Sussex and an English war bride now living at Purple Valley near Winton.

Mrs. Robert Fowler of Moorefield in her report of the courtesy committee thanked the staff at O.A.C. including the dining hall staff, the officers and executive of the area and all others who contributed to the success of the convention.

The election of officers for 1947-48 was conducted by Miss Irene McBride. It was noteworthy that the names selected by the nominating committee were all accepted and elected by ballot.

Past chairman, Mrs. J. H. Speir, R. R. 3, Brussels; Chairman, Miss C. Synott, R. R. 4, Rockwood; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. J. R. White, Ripley; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Ford Sudden, R. R. 4, Galt; area Secretary, Mrs. L. Gull, Rockwood; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Roy Mackenzie, Ripley; executive, Mrs. J. Peasey, R. R. 1, Kitchener; Mrs. Wilbert Cormie, Ferguson and Mrs. A. Darrock, Clifford; Junior area convenor, Miss Marjorie Ford, Galt; auditors, Mrs. F. Rinehart, R. R. 1, Campbellville and Mrs. H. Hanlon, R. R. 6, Guelph; Press Correspondent, Mrs. D. S. McNaughton, Bluevale.

Convenors of Standing Committees: historical research, Miss Gladys Parke, R. R. 6, Warrton; home economics, Mrs. J. J. McKinnon, Chesley; social welfare, Miss L. Dempsey, 108 Erie St., Stratford; citizenship, Mrs. A. R. Matthews, R. R. 1, Preston; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Wood, Ferguson; publicity, Mrs. Stanley Wheeler, Ethel P.O.; pianist, Mrs. D. Hume, Arkell; federated board members, Mrs. M. Weber, R. R. 2, Mountrose and Mrs. A. Hamilton, Attwood.

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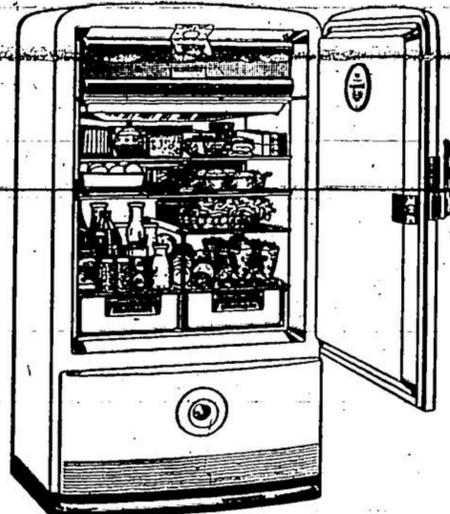
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