

DISTRICT NEWS

Various Items Concerning Activities in Communities Nearby Where Many of Our Readers are Interested

BALLINAFAD

Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith with a good attendance. The discussion was "Do We Need a National Marketing Act?"

Mrs. Dampier, we are sorry to know is still confined to bed. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mission Band was held at Mrs. Flindall's on Sunday.

The annual meeting of the United Church was held on Monday with splendid reports from all the different societies all showing a nice balance to begin another year. The W. A. met at the manse on Tuesday. The president, Mrs. Smith was in charge. Roll call was answered by eleven members by paying fees. Mrs. Marshall had charge of the program and several items of business were discussed. The meeting closed with the Benediction after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Snow.

The Farm Forum held a euchre in the hall on Tuesday night when a good crowd attended. The highest scores were made by Mrs. Edmunds and Robt. McEnery.

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. Alex. Wright was home over the week-end.

Mrs. Ted Morrow of Toronto spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Lane.

Congratulations to Messrs. John and James Nickell, the Sixth Line twins, who celebrated their eightieth birthday January 12th.

The Latimer family of Georgetown visited Mr. and Mrs. Ron Latimer here on Sunday.

An afternoon euchre held at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick last week Mrs. Ellerby and Mrs. Compton were highest scorers. Mrs. A. W. Norton winning the consolation prize.

The W.M.S. held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Rougley presided. Roll call was answered by an item of missionary interest. Afterwards the hostess served lunch.

EDEN MILLS

Mr. Claude Brinklow and Mr. Gordon McPhail attended the Halton Jersey meeting held in Hornby last week.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Head were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, Guelph.

Mrs. Walter Couling, Orangeville visited on Sunday with Miss Kate Reed and Mrs. Harvey Jestin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Couling, Sixth Line, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Levin Hamilton.

Mr. Harvey Smith, Toronto University, spent the week-end with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin.

Friends of Mr. Will Robertson are glad to hear he is making good recovery after his operation.

The condition of Mr. Geo. Jestin, who was taken suddenly ill a week ago and is in Guelph hospital shows slow improvement.

Miss Jean Weatherston has taken a position at Tutton's factory, Guelph.

Mr. Harold Wright spent the week-end in Toronto visiting a sick friend in Christie Hospital.

Mrs. Alf. Boles attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Turner at Chesley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Stan McKay, Guelph.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and family were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young and Marilyn, Townline.

OSPRINGE

Mr. Gordon Fisher of Rouyn, Que., has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher's many friends will be pleased to learn there is a decided improvement in her condition.

Mrs. Mary Aitken underwent an operation last Wednesday morning at the Guelph Hospital and is now progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sauter and children of Niagara Falls visited on Sunday with Mrs. G. Sauter.

Mr. Austin McCutcheon left on Monday for Toronto where he intends staying with relatives for the balance of the winter.

Mr. Josiah Stewart is visiting with his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. King, near Richmond Hill.

Friends of Mrs. Alvin Fisher will be sorry to learn she underwent an operation at the Guelph Hospital on Monday for the removal of a plate that was inserted in her leg when she broke it in an accident last March.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Beamish and children visited on Sunday with Mrs. A. Beamish and Nina at Rockwood.

Farm Forum was held on Monday night, January 12th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy with 17 present. Miss Dorla Fines was leader for the discussion on "The World is our Market." Prizes for progressive euchre were won by Mrs. Gordon Aitken and Gordon Robertson. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

Kenneth Robertson attended the Binal Breth sports banquet on Monday evening at Guelph. This banquet is in honor of Guelph's football teams, the G.C.V.I. seniors and juniors and the O.A.C. O.V.C. Aggies.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fines were hosts for Farm Forum on Monday night. Due to the stormy weather, only nine were present. Mrs. Gordon Aitken lead the discussion on "Do We Need a National Marketing Act?" Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baplle received prizes for high scores at euchre. Plans were made for review night, when two other Forums are to be entertained.

CAMPBELLVILLE

On Monday evening a large crowd attended a presentation at Christie Hall for Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennis, newly-weds, the latter was formerly Miss Mae Stokes. Progressive euchre was enjoyed by all and prize winners were Miss Dorson Walton, Mrs. Howard Lush, Mr. James Breckon, Mr. C. McDoagall.

The presentation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phamore and Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson of a set of dishes, set of enamelware, flannellette blanket and a wool throw, satin bound. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis each thanked those present for the lovely gifts and after a beautiful lunch each and everyone adjourned over the icy roads home.

Mrs. William Hunter of Toronto spent last week with Miss Rita Hubbert.

On Sunday evening, St. David's Young People's met in the church basement. Ronald McPhail presided and opened the meeting and Kenneth Moore read the Bible reading. Mr. Robert Elliot, devotional leader then took charge.

A quartet consisting of Robert Elliot, Robert Romple and Peter McPhail, accompanied by Mrs. G. Goldstraw rendered several selections. Mr. George Goldstraw played a violin solo. Guest speaker was Rev. Mr. Hodder from the Anglican Church who conducted a quiz on our "everyday lives", which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingshott and son have purchased the store occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cantelon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cantelon and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford left for Florida this week for six weeks' vacation.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ware on the arrival of a baby girl.

It is rumored Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris have sold their farm and will vacate early in April.

Mrs. C. Roberts was hostess for the Grace Mission Band on Saturday afternoon. The retiring president, Joan King took the chair for the first part of the meeting. Norma Brown led in the reading of the 23rd Psalm. The retiring Secretary Norma Brown, gave the Society's annual report. The annual report of the treasurer was given by Mrs. Menzies. Both reports were very encouraging and showed what can be done by a Mission Band.

At this point the new President, Norma took the chair and the officers were installed by Mrs. Menzies who spoke to the girls on the duties and privileges of each officer. The following members then took part in the program: Recitation by Helen Agnew, the Junior Story by Joan King, piano solos by Norma Brown and Ruth Roberts. Mrs. Roberts read the final chapter in the study book. The birthday song was sung for Ruth Roberts and the roll call was answered by paying the membership fee. After singing a hymn, the meeting was closed with prayer by Ruth. Mrs. Roberts served a lovely lunch which everyone enjoyed.

The first meeting in the New Year of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Easley with a good attendance. The president was in charge of the meeting. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Martin. The secretary gave a fine report of the activities of the society for the past year. The treasurer in her report, showed how these activities had proved financially. Both reports were most gratifying and the society is off to a good start with plans already on the way for St. Patrick's Day.

The choir secretary had an equally fine report showing thirty-five boxes of fruit and two other gifts, also cards, had been sent to sick and shut-ins during the year. The quilt committee reported thirteen quilts quilted, two of these were for Overseas.

After the business was concluded Rev. Mr. MacNeil installed the officers with prayer. A poem "Who is My Neighbor" was read by Mrs. Mahon. The roll call was answered by payment of fees. Mrs. A. T. Meery and Mrs. G. Inglis favored with a very nice duet accompanied by Mrs. H. Lush.

Rev. Mr. MacNeil gave a splendid address based on part of the 90th Psalm. A thought brought out was "The brevity of Life." Another thought, God accepts our service and beautifies it, and if we help those who need our help, we will be pleasing Him. A very short article giving the definitions of the Executive was read by Mrs. Menzies. The meeting was closed with a hymn and prayer by Mr. MacNeil.

The hostess assisted by the committee served dainty refreshments and an enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. R. C. Menzies was hostess for the Blair Y. W. Auxiliary on Thursday evening. The retiring president, Mrs. Wm. Mahon, occupied the chair for the first part of the meeting. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Jas. Robertson. The secretary and treasurer gave their annual reports which showed faithful service given by this small group. The allocation was exceeded. A slight change was made in some of the officers. Miss Jean Cramp is the newly appointed secretary and Miss Della

Vandekle and Mrs. W. Mahon the pianists. The officers were installed by Rev. Mr. MacNeil. The new president, Mrs. J. Robertson took the chair and spoke a few words of encouragement to the members. Mr. MacNeil spoke of the great amount of work which has been and still is being done by small groups. He mentioned the eleven Disciples as an example. This meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. MacNeil. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Encouraging Year Reported at Annual of United Church

Over a hundred members of the United Church sat down to a beautiful supper in the school rooms of the church on Wednesday, January 14th on the occasion of the gathering of the congregation for the annual business meeting at which reports for the past year's life and work of the church were given and the officers appointed for the year 1948. The ladies of the Women's Association arranged for the supper and the tables were served by the young people of the "Onwego."

The study secretariat and financial reports presented by the various societies and organizations of the church indicated a year of initiative and accomplishment in the interests of the church at home and overseas. Some of the church's challenges and responsibilities for the future were outlined to the people and a note of keen interest

and urgency was sounded for the year which has just commenced. New elders and stewards were appointed for a three year period to fill the vacancies made at the close of 1947. Mr. Maxwell Nella was appointed superintendent of the church school succeeding Mr. A. T. Brown, who had been superintendent of the school for thirty years. The meeting went on, record as appreciating the long years of faithful and loyal service rendered by Mr. Brown during his extended years of Christian service.

At the close of the meeting a beautiful bouquet of "mums" was presented to Mrs. Pickering and a cheque to Mr. Pickering in appreciation of their leadership and service since moving to Acton last July. Mr. Pickering thanked the congregation for their co-operation and loyalty and expressed the confidence that "our labors together" will bear much fruit in the service of the church. The Rev. Louis Pickering presided during the evening and Mr. R. F. Henn was appointed secretary for the meeting. Immediately following the supper hour a period was reserved for music, song and hearty good fellowship.

BANK LOANS AT NEW PEAK

Current bank loans in Canada rose \$125 millions in November, states The Financial Post. This was a new high of \$1,985 millions. Total represents an increase of \$554 millions in a year, and reflects increased demand for loans, due to larger inventories, higher prices and increased industrial operations.

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