DISTRICT NEWS

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

LIMEHOUSE

Sixteen attended the January W.I. meeting at the home of Mrs. A Spitzer last Thursday, when Mrs. Batkin, convenor of Home Economics, demonstrated weaving on a portable loom. She recited a poem "Weaving" during her program. The motto, "The eye of the housewife can save more than her hands", was taken by Mrs Wright.

Roll call was answered by Apple Suggestions. Acknowledgements of donations were received from the Scott Mission and the Halton Children's Aid Society and thank yous from those remembered through sickness bereavement.

In answer to pleas from Save the Children Fund and the Hospital for Sick Children, $5 was voted to each.

A representative of Health Cooking Services outlined a plan of hot dinners available to organizations and a date for Limehouse was set. The proceeds are to be divided equally between the Old Folks Home at Brampton and the flower and fruit fund of the WI

It was decided to buy a copy of "Fifty Years of Achievements" for the branch and orders were taken for member's copies.

Mrs. Roughley and Mrs. Noble were appointed to look after gathering a layette for Save the Children Fund

After discussion it was decided that names be drawn from the membership list for providing lunch for this winter's socials.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

Communion services were observed in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday last.

We regret that in last week's news we missed reporting the presentation of salad forks to Mrs. J E. Ellerby by Jas. Noble on behalf of the Hall Board in appreciation of her work while a member of the board for several years.

The commonly held theory that oysters are poisonous in any month that isn't spelt with an 'R' is false, but no doubt the oysters enjoyed the mistake.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. James Deforest entertained a number of friends and neighbors on Friday evening at their home Progressive euchre was enjoyed and prize winners were, Mrs. Donald Martin, Mrs. Neil Martin, Mr. Wilfred Greenlees and Mr George Harris.

A birthday celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott on Saturday evening in honor of three who had birthdays last week, Mrs. Thomas McPhail and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott Progressive euchre was enjoyed and prize winners were Mrs. George Inglis, Miss Della VanSickle, Mr. W. King and Mr. Robt. Inglis; 28 were present for the social hour which followed.

Mr. and Mrs Roy Roberts of Barrie spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts.

Friends of Mrs. Gordon McPhail are sorry to hear of her illness and that she is in Milton Hospital. Friends and neighbors wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr and Mrs. James Mahon motored to Windsor on Tuesday to see their son David who is in the hospital there suffering from a serious illness.

Friends of Miss Anna Gilmour are sorry to hear she suffered a heart attack last week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Elsie Cairns and Mr. Jack Nicholson were Sunday guests with Miss Eleanor Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bousfield and family, R.R. 2, Milton, and Mrs. Bousfield Sr. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laking and family.

Mr and Mrs. O Nixon and Mrs. A. Stevenson of Ancaster were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cairns.

About 21 met at No. 1 School Farm Forum on Monday evening to discuss "Fire, Automobile and life insurance". All agreed it was worth having but felt the premiums were too high.

Progressive euchre followed with prize winners as follows: Mrs. G. Inglis, Mrs. Albert Stewart, Mr. Donald Small, Mr. Edgar Cairns.

Mr. Edgar Cairns was chairman and Mr. Claude Inglis and Mr. R. Laking were group leaders, Mr. and Mrs. William Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Inglis and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart were lunch convenors.

Mrs. Wm. Cowper and Joyce of Guelph Junction arrived home by C.P.R. on Sunday evening after spending Christmas and New Year's with Mrs. Cowper's sister in the West. They reported severe snow storms there.

ROCKWOOD

Those who figured in the bus mishap last Wednesday morning on the highway below the village, are making some progress toward recovery. Mr Fred Lambert, one of the passengers on the bus, was more fortunate and was noticed on the street Friday afternoon, but still complaining of the crash.

Mrs. W. Gardiner was able to return home Sunday afternoon from the hospital in Guelph where she has been since Christmas time.

Mrs. C. O. Plank is also somewhat improved since being confined to bed the past fortnight.

Annual meetings are coming in for attention since the opening of the New Year. Following their weekly practice last week, the United Church choir held their annual meeting and officers elected for the ensuing year.

During the service at St. John's Church Sunday morning, Holy Communion was observed, with the Rector officiating.

The mild weather of the past few days has been much appreciated and also easy on the fuel situation.

As a result of the quick freeze-up during the past week, sidewalks presented a slippery problem, but a timely application of sand soon remedied the situation.

Canada got her first national park when, in 1885, ten square miles around Banff's hot mineral springs were set aside for public use.

NASSAGAWEYA

R. R. No 7

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coxe entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Miss Mary Holmes, Toronto for Christmas.

Master Joe Roger, Toronto was the guest of Master Bobby Coxe for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Allan McCrae, Guelph, was a holiday guest of the above home.

Mr and Mrs. David Henderson entertained Mr and Mrs. J. J. Donaghy, Eden Mills, Mr Delbert Henderson, London, and Mr. Joe Henderson, R. R. 1, Acton for Christmas day.

Mr. J. J Henderson spent Christmas and New Year's with his son, Rev. Charles and Mrs. Henderson, Montague, P.E.I.

Those entertained and entertaining at New Year's were:

Mr and Mrs. C. E. Davenport and Martin; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennedy; Mr. Tom Kennedy and Miss Hazel Kennedy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fatt, Knatchbull.

Mr and Mrs. David Henderson with Mr and Mrs. Donaghy, Eden Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank, Jim and Mr. Howard Frank with Mr. and Mrs. Bud James, Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Locker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coxe, St. Helena; Mr. and Mrs. B. Wright and family, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lambert and baby, Acton.

Mrs. Norman Barlow spent last week-end at Mt. Dennis visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coxe gave their home for Farm Forum when 24 attended. Euchre was enjoyed and Mrs. Coxe served a lovely lunch. Members of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. of Nassagaweya Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Bud Fraser, Moffat. Mrs W. Kennedy conducted the W.M.S. meeting and Mrs. David Henderson the Ladies' Aid. The officers for the new year were installed by Rev. Mr. MacNeill. He also gave an address that told of many facts concerning our mission work on foreign and home fields that showed a big job being done and he spoke words that were encouraging and helpful in their work in the coming year. The ladies donated $25.00 to the church budget and planned to have cupboards started this week.

No. 7 school registered a new scholar in the person of George Harris, ward of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Locker. He is a grade one pupil.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Kennedy upon attaining their 54th Wedding Anniversary on January 1st.

Mr and Mrs W. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davenport attended the funeral of the ladies' uncle, the late Mr. Francis Hill, Guelph on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Frank enjoyed a visit from their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Ramsay Hopkins and baby Helen, Chapleau.

Master Martin Davenport celebrated his 12th birthday on Saturday by giving a skating party for his friends. Those attending were Bruce Richardson, Jimmie Frank, Gedrge Robinson, Allen, Tom and George Harris, Donald McLean, Marshall Paul and Jimmie Davenport.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Mrs. Cramp and daughters Joan and Helen were hostesses to the Grace Mission Band on Saturday afternoon. Miss Norma Brown had charge of the meeting for the opening exercises. The Scripture Lesson was read by Marilyn Moore and prayer offered by Jane Smith. Virginia Mitchell read the annual report which was interesting.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Menzies. This report was most encouraging as the M.B. raised fifty-six dollars to send to the Guelph Presbyterial Treasurer. Judging from the reports read the Mission Band had a very active year with lots of variety and the study period was well looked after. The members were all very faithful and always willing to take part.

After the reports were given, the officers for 1949 were installed by the Leader. The new President, Miss Ann Parker then presided and arrangements were made for the next meeting. A short list of resolutions for 1949 was accepted. A short story on Daniel was read by Ruth Roberts. Lois Inglis played a piano solo and Lois Campbell gave a recitation. Mrs Menzies gave the Topic from the study book—subject: "The Bible with Legs".

This is the very nice story of Razaka, a young man whose father's home was in Madagascar and who suffered much persecution in order to save his Bible. At one time he hid for two years in a cave with his Bible. He was called a walking Bible. The roll call was answered by the payment of Membership fees. The birthday song was sung for Joan and Audrey Early and Donna Mitchell. The new president thanked the hostess. The meeting was closed with prayer by Anna Hurren. The hostess assisted by one of the members served a lovely lunch and twenty-four girls and three ladies had a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs Hardy Purdy was hostess to the Campbellville Women's Institute January meeting on Wednesday afternoon, when in spite of rainy weather 24 ladies were present.

Mrs Frank Quinlan presided. The secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, gave the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report which related a bank account of $571.00. It was moved and seconded that we buy a $500.00 Victory Bond. The finance convenor handed the treasurer the $50.00 cleared on the doll draw.

It was decided to have moving pictures and a local entertainment at No. 10 School. Mrs Robt. Inglis donated crocheted lace for pillow slips and a draw was held at the meeting with Mrs. George Inglis being the winner. The standing committees reported: Social Welfare, Mrs. Wm. McLaren; Historical Research, Mrs Robt. Menzies; Agricultural Industries, Mrs. J. K. Mahon; Citizenship, Mrs. Howson Lush.

The roll call was answered with a news item from Halton County. Letters of thanks were read from several shut-ins who received fruit at Christmas. Mrs. George Inglis, publicity convenor, then took the chair. Mrs. Howson Lush gave current events in rhyme. Mrs. A. T. Moore gave the motto on "Know the past so to make better builders for the future." Miss Jane Reid gave a paper on "What good does the Institute do in the Community". This was followed by a public speaking contest in which every lady participated. Each lady spoke one minute on a given subject. Mrs Lloyd Crawford was time keeper, Mrs. A. T. Moore and Miss Jane Reid the judges, who awarded prize to Mrs J. K. Mahon who spoke on flowers.

The meeting closed with the King followed by a social hour.

At a village trustee meeting at No. 10 School on Tuesday evening, Mr Robt. Elliott was elected new trustee to replace Mr Howard Lush who has moved to Lowville. Mr. Frank Quinlan, and Mr. Geo Inglis are the remaining two.

BALLINAFAD

Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. The discussion was "A Matter of Policy". Mr. Smith as convenor, Mrs Porte and Mr. Smith for recreation.

The annual meeting of the Ballinafad United Church was held on Monday with good reports from all the different societies.

The boys made a good showing in Hillsburg on Friday night in the Junior Farmer's Hockey League winning 7 to 3 over Shiloh. They play Cedar Valley on Friday night in the second game. North Erin and Shiloh in the first.

We are pleased to know Mr. J. F. Sinclair was able to leave the hospital and is convalescing at his daughter's, Mrs Jas Crimbles.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Elwood Snow on the arrival of a baby daughter.

EVERTON

Misses Muriel and Barbara Benham, Guelph, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham.

Sunday visitors with Miss Kate Reid were Mr and Mrs. Wilfred Stinson and twin sons, Toronto.

Sunday Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Alton were Mr and Mrs. Robert Patten and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton, Guelph.

Friends of Mrs. Will Robertson are sorry to hear she is in the hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

Mr and Mrs. Walter Couling, Orangeville, called on several in the village on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palframan, Guelph Road, visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs W. H. Hortop.

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

1948 A GOOD FARM YEAR

The past year was a boom one for Canadian farmers. Their cash income was well over $2,000,000,000 the highest in the Dominion's history. Production too was at a high level. According to latest estimates, the rye yield zoomed up 92 per cent above that of 1947; mixed grains 77 per cent above; corn 71 per cent; fall wheat 44 per cent and spring wheat 15 per cent.

All this was achieved despite the several dark clouds on the horizon. A grasshopper plague reduced the wheat crop in the prairie provinces. Nova Scotia's apple growers were faced again with marketing their crop without a market in the United Kingdom. A record harvest of potatoes combined with curtailment of purchases by South American countries created a surplus. British purchases of pork products fell off. But most of these were caused by normal adjustments from wartime production and monetary exchange difficulties.

A number of circumstances combined to make 1948 a banner year. Weather conditions generally were highly favourable for crop production. Prices of produce were maintained at a fairly stable level and markets for most products were wide open. A more widespread acceptance of scientific farming practices was another contributing factor.

Mechanization greatly increased with the introduction of many new types of machines to speed up and lighten farm work. Fertilizer consumption was boosted over that of 1947. New insecticides, fungicides, weedkillers and a host of other chemicals proved potent weapons in the constant war against pests.

All in all the past year was highly gratifying, not only to farmers but to agricultural scientists whose successes can be measured only by the good their discoveries have done their country.

Canada has eleven lakes exceeding 1000 square miles in area.

Halton Forum On Broadcast Tuesday Evening

By Lillian C Gray

Seventeen forums reported meetings on January 3rd, when the topic for discussion was, "A Cushion for Disaster." On the whole, Halton farmers considered themselves fairly fortunate regarding major non-preventable disaster. Since the majority of forum people reporting are engaged in mixed farming, disaster affecting one crop does not necessarily mean economic ruin. As Appleby says, "We consider a well-balanced mixed farming program to be sufficient crop insurance in itself."

The disasters reported by the forums were mainly: wind (for which there is insurance), hail and drought. Frosts have damaged some fruit crops; and grubs are also a menace. The loss of cattle through T.B. tests mean financial loss to a good many farmers, because the compensation is not adequate. Most forums thought, concerning a general crop insurance, the same as Limestone," the insurance premium on such a policy would be so high as to be prohibitive under our present insurance set-up."

This forum thought, however, "that there should be various means of reducing unnecessary governmental expense, and the saving thereby could be used for starting an insurance fund for the purpose of providing farmers with crop insurance." Darbyville suggested," All the money the farmers pay out in income tax should be put into a fund to aid in an insurance when disaster strikes, and the government should add to this when needed.

"Town Line forum pointed out," If we had insurance against price reductions in a good year, it would help us to come through the lean years easier." Check Line was of the opinion that "There should be a Co-operative Insurance Co. formed" for crop insurance and that this should be provincial in scope and should cover every farmer in that territory. Kilbride thought a reserve fund which would be used for grants to farmers whose crops have been a total ruin would be a help.

Halton Farm Forum went on the air again on Tuesday, January 11 at 9.3 p.m. over CHML. The discussion on "In Time of Need" was dramatized the script being prepared by the writer of this column and R. S. Heatherington. Those participating in the broadcast were Mr and Mrs. Roy Ellenton, of Limestone Forum, R. S. Heatherington and Mrs. L. C. Gray. Listen each Tuesday night at the same time for other forums in Zone 3.

CORN SYRUPS TAKE A DECLINE

Corn starches and syrups took another decline lately and it has left the trade in a state of speculation, according to the Canadian Grocer. They wonder if it's the beginning of a general levelling off in the food field as some have predicted.

Main reason for the drop in these products is the huge, barn-busting U.S. crop of corn, a record 3,600,000,000 bushels. December corn prices in Chicago have gone as low as $1 under this time last year but some feel bottom has been reached.

Canadian breakfast foods, made of corn, however, will not likely be affected, says the publication. This because corn flakes and the like are made from white hybrid corn and only about four per cent of the U.S. crop is said to be of this variety. The bulk of the crop, some 3,000,000,000 bushels, is grain corn.

CHOOSEY?

Some people who don't smile may be akin to the hired girl on the farm who was sent to the brook to fetch a pail of water. After half an hour the farmer's wife looked out to see what had become of her and found her staring into the stream.

"Wonder what's the matter with her," she asked her husband.

"Hanged if I know," he replied. "Maybe she hasn't seen a pailful she likes the looks of yet."

TRAINING TEXTILE WORKERS IN SCOTLAND

Production of woolen materials is a traditional industry in Scotland, where it is regarded as both an art and a science. The Scottish Woolen Technical College in Galashiels has already done much in training technicians, but until recently there has been no opportunity in Scotland for training ordinary textile workers. Recently the management of the college decided to extend to workers the same educational opportunities as it extended to technicians; and textile workers from all over Scotland can now profit by them. Employers say they are prepared to grant workers three months or longer (if necessary) on full pay, for the necessary training. The College should provide training for 200 to 300 workers each year.

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