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**RECORD INTEREST, ATTENDANCE REPORTED TO Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS**

A full agenda was dealt with at the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors' meeting on March 4th. It was reported that record interest and attendance was evident in most of the varied program activities operating in the building, including woodworking with about 25 active fans under Tom Ware and Lloyd Bulmer and leathercraft, featuring Mrs. E. Holmes. Plaster moulding was also mentioned as being popular.

A lengthy discourse praising the activity leaders followed this item of report. General attendance in all Y.M.C.A. classes was reported as being very good and swimming at the Guelph Y under the Y's Men's Club auspices was reported as averaging the attendance of 60 boys and girls each week.

The Nursery School's attendance and interest was reported to be at a high pitch and that dancing lessons on Saturday morning were progressing well.

The Phalanx Club, recently organized by the young men, was informed that their application for a club charter was approved at a meeting in Hamilton last Sunday and that it will be presented to the local group by the Guelph club in ceremonial fashion later this month.

The Badminton Club was reported to have several tournaments with other clubs arranged and that interest in general was very satisfactory.

Plans for a So-Ed course this spring were reported progressing and that some definite action would be decided upon at the next meeting of the planning body this Monday.

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**  
Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by  
Gwendolyn F. Clarke

How wrong can one be? To my way of reasoning everything points to an early spring. In fact we seem to be halfway there already... only a few patches of snow here and there; plenty of mud, days lengthening, crows flying and skunks on the prowl.

It is too early yet to even guess as to how the wheat and clover has survived the winter. A lot can happen to the fields — and the weather — during the next few weeks. It is an anxious time for farmers. As far as the weather is concerned, what time isn't, for that matter?

Another sign of spring is the increased number of auction sales in the country. One farmer selling out, another taking over... although it isn't always a farmer who takes over — sometimes the new owner is one who just hopes to be a farmer. And everyone in the district waits and watches for developments.

Judging by past history in a little while the new owner will reveal by his actions whether he is a practical or a theoretical farmer. The practical farmer takes his time in stocking a farm and buying implements—he doesn't try to get everything at once. The inexperienced man, who has probably spent months studying farming from books, can give you the last word on modern methods in dealing with cattle and fertilizers, and the most efficient way of handling pastures, grain and hay crops.

Sometimes this type of farmer, after a period of trial and error, makes good. In other cases he decides to cut his losses, figuring that if he is going to lose money there are less laborious ways of doing it than by farming.

So there is another auction sale. By which time our theoretical farmer has developed a certain amount of respect for his farmer-neighbours, who succeeded where he had failed.

Fortunately for agriculture as a whole, some of these book-farmers in the past had the right idea in long-range planning, but they did not last long enough to see the results—either they were too impatient or they could not afford to wait.

If a practical farmer is the next owner of the farm he benefits from his predecessor's expensive experimenting by finding some of his fields have a good stand of permanent pasture. To the dairy farmer permanent pasture is money in the bank.

Another sign of approaching spring is tired, aching feet. You hear the same complaint everywhere. "I don't know what to do with my feet—they burn and ache all the time." Well, don't blame your feet, blame the weather.

For the last few months there has been a covering of snow on the ground which acted as a sort of

shock absorber for your feet. Now the shock absorber is gone. The weather is also milder.

Rubber boots and overhoes are too hot for comfort, but yet, in the country, you definitely can't do without them. So for the present it is a case of what can't be cured must be endured. However, any kind of good skin cream applied generously to the soles of the feet at night and morning will relieve the burning quite a bit. It also helps over-tired "dogs" after a spot of housecleaning.

And speaking of remedies... I wonder how many people keep tannic-acid jelly in the house. If you don't you should—it acts like magic for burns or scalds. And I should know! One morning last week Bob left the toaster burning. An hour later I grabbed it by the metal part. The thumb and fingers of my right hand were badly burnt.

While dancing with pain I danced towards the medicine cupboard, got out a tube of tannic-acid jelly and spread it thickly over the blistered area. The pain was quickly relieved but every time it started up again I put on more jelly. The blisters disappeared leaving patches of hard dry skin which will eventually peel off. By mid-afternoon that day I was able to use my hand without too much discomfort — and without bandages, which was another distinct advantage since I had a lot of typing to do.

Had I not used the jelly I am sure a very painful hand would have resulted, with tiresome bandages adding to the misery.

It is a far cry to days of sunburn but if you buy a tube of jelly now it will do for present needs and be ready for the days when Old Sol makes life unpleasant by frying your skin like a piece of crisp bacon. And, of course, as you can readily understand, tannic-acid jelly is wonderful for children, because of its soothing qualities.

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**OBITUARY War Widow Dies Suddenly at Home**

Mrs. Nora Sweeney, who died suddenly at her home, Main St., Acton, on Monday, February 25, would have been 34 years of age on the day of her funeral. Mrs. Sweeney was the widow of Gunner John Sweeney who was killed in action overseas in 1914. She had two children, Diane, 10 and Bryan, nine.

Mrs. Sweeney, who was born in Guelph, came to Acton eight years ago.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong conducted the funeral service at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home on Thursday, February 28. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Flower bearers were Ed Hufnagel, Lorne Masters, Ed Landsborough and Sam Tennant.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder of Guelph, Mrs. Sweeney also leaves four sisters: Mrs. J. Kaphs (Margaret), Detroit; Mrs. Andy Wilson (Winnie), Acton; Mrs. Andy Buchanan (Jennie), Acton; and Mrs. A. James (Elizabeth), Atherton and three brothers, Howard Snyder, London; Terry Snyder, Guelph, and Sam Snyder, Acton.

Floral offerings were sent by the children; the family; Chick and Bertha and family; Lizzie, Aubrey and Lorraine; Mr. and Mrs. Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Masales; Madeline Vera and Charles Spier; Tinnie; Guelph Daily Mercury; Gibson Mfg. Co.; Rosy Theatre staff; United Church "C.G.I.T." teachers and pupils, grades 4 and 5, Acton Public School; Mrs. Bill Holloway; Mrs. Ernest Ingles; Neighbors; Roy and Grace; Bill and Ella; George and Nell; Ila, John and family; Falcone bowling team; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deddels; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graham and family; employees Baxter, Laborator-

**Mrs. Helwig Host To Mission Circle**

The February meeting of the Baptist Church Mission Circle was held at the home of Mrs. H. Helwig recently. Mrs. Charles Landsborough was in charge of the meeting which opened with a hymn and prayer.

Mrs. Gordon Wagner read the Scripture and the devotional reading. A season of prayer for the various missions followed. Mrs. Lloyd Bulmer read a poem and the business was conducted by the president, Mrs. Stan Cripps.

Plans were made to have Miss May Brooks of the Rural Life Mission of Northern Ontario at the March meeting in the Church.

The topic taken from the study book "Activities of the Canadian Baptists in Bolivia" was read by Mrs. Landsborough. A hymn and prayer closed the meeting and a social half hour was spent.

**'Yes', 'No' Taboo At Bowling Party**

P.Y.P.S. of St. Andrew's, Galt, were guests of P.Y.P.S. Knox, Acton on Tuesday, March 4. Bowling was the main activity, so two teams of eight each were chosen from each society. Owing to the size of the teams, only two games were completed by quitting time.

Returning to the church, a brief game conducted by Jack Davidson was enjoyed before a delicious lunch was served by Shirley Wilson and Arnie Thorarinson. Before going to the alleys each one was given ten marbles, one of which must be forfeited whenever the words "yes" or "no" were used.

After the bowling, Kae Hansen was awarded top honors, having a total of 43 marbles. Doug Davidson awarded the prizes to Kae Hansen; Jack Hibbs of Galt, with a high of 450; and Clarence Colas' team with a score of 2473. Kae Hansen, Inez McLellan, Babe Roszell, Don Davidson, Bill Bell, Bill Mainprize, Doug Bennie and Clarence Colas were the members of the winning team.

Inez McLellan conducted a worship service, assisted by Lorraine Mullin, to close the meeting.



MISS MILDRED BURNADO, staff nurse of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, makes a home visit accompanied by a local public health nurse. A check is being made on the fitting of the patient's leg brace. The 1952 Easter Seal campaign is being conducted by the local Rotary Club which will continue these services to crippled children that are so important in shaping their life. Contributions may be left at the Bank of Nova Scotia with A. Haydon. Do your share by buying Easter Seals.

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