

CAMPBELLVILLE

Birthday Cakes Served Auxiliary

(Intended for last week)
The March meeting of the Blair Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. L. Andrews on Monday evening. The president, Mrs. Robertson, opened the meeting with a poem "I am the Light" and prayer. Mrs. W. Mahon read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. Inglis, cheer secretary, reported sending one card. Six ladies offered to make dresses for the sale. Phyllis Coulter gave the good thought, "A sense of humour."
Mrs. D. Inglis had charge of the topic, "Cheer along the Way" with Mrs. R. Mahon, Mrs. S. Crump and Phyllis Coulter assisting and dramatizing the story of the hospital visitors of whom there are six. The question, "Why have hospital visitors?" was answered by reading an article from a Glad Tidings. This method of studying the topic is proving quite interesting. "Holy" was the word chosen for answering the roll call.

The president dedicated the offering and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Evans, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and social committee. This included birthday cakes, and birthday song was sung for two of the members.

Stories on Program

The Grace Mission Band held their March meeting at the home of Fern Ramshaw on Saturday afternoon with 23 members present. Gloria Purdy opened the meeting with the call to worship. The opening prayer was given by Carol Walton and Sandra Turner gave the Bible reading. The birthday song was sung for Jean Ella.
The story for the young children, "The Round Window" was read by Mrs. Ramshaw. The story for the Junior children taken from study book "Many hands in many lands" was given by Mrs. Greenlee. Sandra Black played a nice piano solo.
The meeting was closed with a prayer by Betty Lou Turner after which lunch was served and needless to say, was much enjoyed by all.

Acton Industry Is Sole Canadian Producer of Novel Plastic Sheet

If your new refrigerator is manufactured in Canada, chances are high the plastic lining on the door may have its origin right here in Acton.

Micro Plastics Limited, eight years old here and steadily expanding during that period, is the sole Canadian producer of a new tough, flexible type of plastic sheet which is ticketed for a bright future in the stretching horizons of applied plastics.

The material, called high impact styrene by the industry, was first developed in the United States five years ago, on a commercial basis. Rights of process are held by Dow Chemical, the American Dow, but are licensed out to plastics producers; and Acton's Micro Plastics are the only producers in Canada to hold such an arrangement with Dow.

Beatty summarized the industry's immensity in this way:

"There are 15 to 20 plastic families in each of the two basic types. The two basic types are thermosetting and thermoplastic. But it doesn't stop at 30 to 40 families, because in each family there are hundreds of offspring."

"To ask a producer for 'some plastic' is like going into a drug store and asking for 'some medicine,'" he remarked.

Moulded in Vacuum
Getting back to the new plastic produced here, Mr. Beatty pointed out that high impact styrene belongs to the polystyrene family. The material is a smooth, glossy substance. Micro turn it out in widths of up to 42 inches and up to one-eighth of an inch thick.

These dimensions are required for the refrigerator door linings, he added, but explained that thickness, length and width can be controlled within limits to suit the application.

High impact styrene is supplied to the fabricators, who mould it over forms by heating, then sucking it over the mould at the bottom of a vacuum chamber. It costs the fabricators about 20 to 30 cents per square foot.

"The low cost of the material is one of its most important features," Mr. Beatty said, and indicated this factor could be significantly responsible for the popularity of high impact styrene sheet in the future.

While production figures and in-

formation about capital cost in connection with Micro's new plastic are confidential, there's no secret about its manufacture.

Like Chicken Mash

The components, in a granular state that looks like white chicken mash, are shovelled into a hopper which feeds a long metal barrel. This barrel, lying on its side, houses a powerful screw which further mashes the mash as it is heated and passed through.

Squeezed out the other end of the barrel, the plastic is a lumpy-like goo. Nonetheless, it is sufficiently processed to hold present dimensions as it comes oozing out the form at the end of the barrel.

From here it is picked up by a series of rollers, pressed, smoother, polished, cooled, cut and . . . and 'that's all'.

The whole operation, for any particular quantity, takes about two to three minutes. Two men are all that are required to operate the major stage in the production of high impact styrene.

While manufacture of this new plastic is an exciting aspect of Micro's production, it is by no means the only phase of endeavour carried on by the 50 men employed there.

Conglomeration of Pieces

The firm produces carbon pipe, distributed solely by another Acton industry; it makes translucent panels of the kind encasing fluorescent light tubes; there's plastic shoe swelling tubing to bind booklets and catalogues, plastic belting with a host of uses, trim strips, made to order, and a myriad of attachments and parts for household fixtures, appliances and gadgets, not to mention the same for industrial and commercial use.

As he rained on his desk from drawers, corners and niches a conglomeration of plastic pieces all shapes, all sizes and all colors, Gordon Beatty explained:

"You know, the average housewife has little idea there are dozens of items in her own home that, in one form or another, con-



Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolyn P. Clarke

There has to be a first time for anything that happens and last Monday we certainly had it. We had ghostly visitations at Ginger Farm. I had just come back from town. Everything was in order and I was preparing to make a cup of tea. Partner was in the sitting room. I heard a queer rumbling noise and then Partner's voice. "What on earth was that?" he exclaimed.

He went first to the window and then to the front door. Not a thing in sight, not in the air, on the road or in our lane. And yet it had sounded as if a heavy transport had been heading straight for the house. We were completely mystified. However, the kettle was boiling and a cup of tea helps any situation.

As we sat enjoying our tea I turned on the radio for the news. But the radio was dead power off. Just a minor interruption we thought, it will probably come on again in a few minutes, it being a perfect day and no high winds to disrupt the service.

We waited about 30 minutes, then Partner began to think about chores and no power for the milking machine. So I tried to phone the hydro office. But the phone was dead as the hydro.

"What in heck is going on around here?" said Partner. "I don't know," I answered, "but I guess it's time we found out." I got in the car and headed for town. But I didn't get very far. What I saw in the lane made me go back for Partner in a hurry. Right down the lane was a fantastic tangle of wires, hanging in loops and strings from the hydro poles and wires clear to the ground. We went down to the road. There we found the source of the trouble.

Our telephone wires cross to the far side of the road. Normally there are two wires, now there was only one. The mystery was partly explained. It was evident some vehicle, with a high projection, had gone along the road, caught the telephone wire with such force that the wire had snapped back, broken in three places up our lane and twisted itself around the hydro poles and wires. No wonder we were without power or telephone. In fact the hydro was off right up the line. I went on my way down town and a service man was out in short order and soon had the mess of wires untangled. Then the telephone man came out, looked at the damage and decided nothing could be done that night as it would be necessary to put in a whole new line right from the house to the road.

So that was that. It explained the ghostly rumblings we had heard. It was also tangible evidence that too little attention is paid to the height of loaded vehicles travelling the highways as this was the third time our telephone line had been broken where it crosses the road. We don't know what did it last week but the time before it was the beam on a well-drilling machine. So we have reached the stage where anything can happen on the road or 20 feet above it. But I was glad it happened Monday and not Tuesday, as that day I had to go to Toronto again.

Tuesday made up for Monday. Business over I had a very nice little visit with Daughter and our

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Ladies' Aid Topic Apostle Andrew

(Intended for last week)
Mrs. William Coulter was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of St. David's church on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Simpson presided and opened the meeting with a poem "The Recipe for a Happy Life." Mrs. E. Cairns read the 34th psalm and Mrs. Coulter led in prayer. Mrs. M. McPhail gave the secretary's report and Mrs. Allan Moore gave the financial report.
Final arrangements were made for the St. Patrick's supper. A letter from the Children's Aid Society was read, expressing appreciation for gifts received at the Christmas season.

"Meekness" was the word used to answer the roll call. Mrs. W. Greenlee gave the topic "The Apostle Andrew" taken from the book "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master." It is the Andrew who carry on the work of the nation and of the church. Each time Andrew appears on the New Testament scene he is introducing someone to Jesus. Andrew was interested in people. Only as the church today is interested in people and will bring them to Christ can the work go forward.
The birthday song was sung for two of the members. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. G. Harris. A social period followed, which all enjoyed.

On Thursday the ladies quilted a very nice quilt at the home of Mrs. A. T. Moore.

grandson. Nearly five months old now, so he gets more interesting all the time and everyone says he looks like grandpa!

Wednesday there was that awful accident near Cooksville involving a cement truck, a freight train and a Diesel passenger. We listened to the details on the radio and although the name was not mentioned we had an idea the truck involved belonged to the construction company Bob works for. However, we did not think he was connected with it in any way. Nor was he . . . before the accident. But yesterday Bob and Joy were up for a visit and we learnt that Bob and two other men had been sent to the scene of the accident and had been busy all the day clearing away the wreckage of the cement-mixing truck. It was not a pretty job. But it could have been so much worse. With one freight car loaded with dynamite it doesn't take much imagination to figure what could have happened.

In between these out of the ordinary events I managed to get an extra big washing and ironing done, also went to a quilting party. Another day Partner cleaned the kitchen stove pipes and I cleaned the flues the same day as another house burnt to the ground in this district. We also got in another ton of coal and that really hurt. But with spring still hiding behind that mythical ruler we thought we had better be prepared.
And then came the first day of spring and what a day! I literally slid into town to get my shopping done early before the weather and crowds get too bad. I might better have waited, everyone else had the same idea. But then who's to know. No one can tell anything about the weather anymore.

MEMBERSHIP UP
Canada's Boy Scout membership increased by 11,754 in 1953. Census figures for the year ending December 31st show a total membership of 157,843 compared with 146,089 at the end of 1952. The new total is the highest in Canadian Scouting history.

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