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Reports Heard, Installation of Officers At Halton Presbyterial WMS Annual

The 25th Annual Meeting of **Halton Presbyterial of the Women's** Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada was held in Trinity United Church, Burlington, last Thursday with the President, Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, in the chair.

Mrs. O. G. Bush welcomed the visitors to the Trinity United church and Miss B. Hilts of Bronte replied on behalf of the delegates.

The Worship Services for the morning and afternoon sessions conducted by the Bethesada Dixie and the Carlisle Auxiliaries were both thought provoking and inspiring.

Mrs. G. DeCoursey's book corner was a popular niche She had on display many books suitable for adults and for children Ballinafad received the award of a gift book for having, as an auxiliary, read the greatest number of books of a missionary character during the year.

Reports Presented

During the day the secretaries of the various departments presented their reports and Mission Band Awards were made by Miss B. Hilts who spoke of the need of leaders to take an interest in Mission Band work. The problems pertaining to the various departments were discussed in group conference.

At the enjoyable luncheon, served by the women of the Trinity United church, Burlington, Rev. K Love brought greetings from the Presbytery; Mrs Velma Norris from Halton Presbytery W.A. Miss Dorothy M. Young from the Dominion Board and Mrs. C. C. Ramage from the Conference Branch.

Following the afternoon worship period, an impressive memorial service was conducted by the Carlisle Auxiliary as a tribute to the 17 members of the Auxiliaries who had been called to higher service during the past year. Mrs. Lorne Alderson's solo "Beyond the Sunset" added gratly to the solemnity of this service.

Hear Guest Speaker

Musical numbers by the Lorne Park Glee Club and the Burlington Auxiliary were enjoyed by all present.

The allocation for 1954 was announced as being $11,235. Anything in excess of this amount will go towards a Christian broadcasting station in Japan.

The guest speaker was Miss Dorothy M. Young, Home Organization Executive Secretary, Toronto. She pointed out that the sudy book used by he Auxiliaries during the year has given new understanding of the varied services rendered by the Church. Miss Young emphasized that although methods are different, the results are the same the Church is fulfilling its purpose. Today the missionary attitude should be not so much one of giving as one of sharing

After the report of the Nominating committee had been heard Mrs C. C. Ramage conducted the installation of the 1954 officers as follows:

Past President Mrs A. F. Pickard, Bronte; President, Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, Georgetown, 1st Vice-President Mrs. F. Beaumont, Carlisle; 2nd Vice-President Mrs. E. Woods, Palermo; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. A. Harris, Campbellville, R.R. 2, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fax Ball, Milton, R.R. 6; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs E. M. Readhead, Box 412, Milton, Treasurer, Mrs Ross Segsworth Burlington, R.R. 2.

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Christian Stewardship, Miss A Blanchard, Burlington, R.R. 2; Mission Circles, Mrs. W. R. G. Johnson, Milton, R.R. 6; Affiliated C.G.I.T., Mrs. R. Coulter, Campbellville, R.R. 3; Mission Bands Mrs. Norman McDonald, Cooksville, R.R. 1; Baby Bands, Mrs John Drummond, Milgrove; Associate Members, Mrs L. Hamilton, Milgrove; Supply, Mrs. E B Clements, Milton, R.R. 2; Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Eaton Carlisle; Literature, Mrs. G DeCoursey, 72 Allan St. N., Oakville; Missionary Monthly and World Friends, Mrs. Clayton B Dick, Georgetown, R.R. 2; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. G King, Milton; Press, Mrs. J. E. Whitelock, Milton;

Members without portfolio, Mrs. F. McNiven, Milton; Mrs. R B. Gilbraith, Milton.

Mrs. F. McNiven issued an invitation to the Halton Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church to meet in St. Paul's United Church, Milton for the annual meeting in 1955. Rev. H. E. Boyd closed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

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(Intended for last week)

Mrs. George Inglis was hostess to the annual meeting of the Campbellville W.I. on Wednesday evening and despite the electrical storm 28 ladies attended and answered the roll call with their name in full and the payment of fees. The Institute Ode was sung in unison and Mary Sewart Collect repeated.

Mrs Kay Parker gave the secretary's annual report, Mrs A. T Moore the treasurer's report for the year, Mrs Buck the Cheer report and reports for the standing committees as follows, home economics, Mrs. Philips, agriculture and Canadian industries read by the president and prepared by Mrs Robert Elliot, historical research by Mrs McLaren, health by Mrs Purdy.

A get-well card was signed by the members and forwarded to Mrs. Howson Lash a former president.

A short discussion followed on the best program of the year. It was decided to have about half the meetings in the coming year in the evening. Mrs. N. Walton was thanked for auditing the books. Plans were made to entertain Badenoch W.I. on April 23 and their husbands in the school.

A donation of warm clothing is to be brought to the May meeting for Korea. At this meeting a cancer film will be shown.

It was decided to help with the Blind canvas for Halton county, *where 35 blind folks live*.

Mrs. J. K. Mahon was elected chairlady for the election of officers which resulted with ease and a slate of officers was read and is as follows:

Honorary president, Mrs. George Inglis; president, Mrs. George Black, first vice-president, Mrs. Sid Hartley; second vice-president, Mrs Harry Philips; secretary, Mrs. Roy Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Lennard Andrews; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Murray McPhail

District director, Mrs. George Inglis, branch directors Mrs. Wm. Buck, Mrs. Frank Wheelihan, Mrs. R. C. Menzies, Cheer committee, Mrs. William Buck, Mrs Hardy Purdy, finance committee Mrs J. K. Mahon, Mrs. L. Crawford Mrs. A Turner and Mrs Walton; press reporter, Mrs George Inglis; pianists, Mrs Wm. Coulter Mrs. L. Crawford; auditor Mrs. N Walton.

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford was presented with a complimentary ticket to the TB Chest X-ray banquet in April.

Miss Lois Inglis favored with accordion selections. Fun was enjoyed when the ladies wrote false columns for the Canadian Champion. Mrs. Len Andrews won a contest naming white foods or articles used in the kitchen.

Mrs William Buck presented on behalf of the W.I. a cup and saucer each to Mrs. Henry Kelly and Mrs. Kelly Sr. who are moving to a farm near Acton. They both suitably replied.

The president thanked all for their co-operation during her term of service and read two poems. "The duties of a farmer's wife" and "Success." The meeting closed with the Queen and W.I. Grace, after which a social cup of coffee was enjoyed by all

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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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

It is Easter Sunday. All day long there has been a strange haziness in the air and we have yet to hear the reason for it. It cannot be fog for there is a stiff breeze blowing. It cannot be dust not after all the rain we had on Good Friday! It could be smoke but why and where does it come from? But still, haze, smoke, or what have we, it makes no difference we can still "Sing the joy of Easter Day, the Easter triumph tell."

Easter is such a wonderful season. Personally I like it better than Christmas. For one thing it is not so blatantly commercialized. And I always feel that in spite of the calendar, the year begins with Easter. No matter on what date it falls we always think of events as being before Easter or after Easter.

First thing this morning I stepped outside and to greet the day I heard an oriole, a robin and bobolink. There were also two double daffodils, near enough to blooming for me to pick them for the house. In a sunny window and with their stems in warm water they soon began to open up. Always at Easter we seem to have the first spring flowers, the song birds and the reawakening of dormant growth and the beautiful Easter music.

The underlying Easter message is full of promise and hope—so different from the everyday news items in this fast-moving atomic age. And yet I don't think the Easter week-end is observed as much in Canada as it is in England where there are many customs quite apart from the religious observance.

In the Old Country Good Friday starts with Hot Cross buns for breakfast. "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns." It is also the traditional time for planting potatoes. In small gardens in every district, providing the weather is fine, the home gardener will be hard at it with his spuds and spade.

On Easter Sunday there would be morning and evening attendance at church and in the afternoon a tramp through the woods in search of primroses and sweet-scented violets. The womenfolk liked a new hat and suit for Easter but I don't remember any actual dress parade.

Easter Monday was (and I suppose still is) a bank and business holiday and was given over almost entirely to pleasure. Following hard on the heels of Lent and the solemnity of Good Friday Easter Monday had a carefree atmosphere all its own, different from any other holiday during the year. And of course there were plenty of family gatherings.

But back to Ginger Farm. We didn't have any visitors or callers at all on Easter Sunday. Not even our grandson. For a little while it will be impossible for Dee and Arthur to come out as they have entirely new roomers right through the house which means Daughter has been very busy. But her main worry yesterday when she phoned was that one of the kittens had been mauled by a big police dog.

We did have one nice wee fellow visiting here on Good Friday just old enough for us to realize what our David will be like a year from now. Bob and Joy were here also and what a day it was! However after dinner nothing would do but we just all pay a visit to a big stone quarry that has recently been opened up a few miles from here. It is the most up-to-date quarry in all Ontario.

Bob of course was showing us around. At least he was showing his Dad around. It was pouring with rain, so Joy and I sat in the car most of the time but even from here we managed to see plenty of activity. Bob drove us down to the pit where a big power shovel was loading the rock after it had been by dynamite broken from the mass. Filled to capacity the truck would drive off to dump its load. [illegible] 45 feet deep and 50 feet wide.

The amazing thing about the work at this quarry is the fact that it is never touched by human hands. The rock is divided by machines loosed by dynamite loaded by electric shovels, trucks carried by a crane to the crusher, screens and from there to more conveyor belts to the stone piles. From there by pipe [illegible] reaches the loading platform [illegible] to the purchaser.

We left on Easter Monday [illegible] The pit is still shrouded by a quiet haze but the mystery has been explained. It is dust driven by high winds from North Dakota. Now how did it get by the customs? Maybe someone [illegible] up the bright idea that the dust may be radioactive.

What a world this is [illegible] about two years ago everyone was seeing Flying Saucers. Now the Saucer scare is practically forgotten and radioactivity has taken its place. In the meantime the grim Reaper takes its toll on the highways and [illegible] are personally concerned we accept it all as a matter of course.

Receives Diploma

D. G. A. Johnson, Milton, was one of 61 students of the two-year associate course at the Ontario Agricultural College to receive diplomas at the commencement exercises to be held tonight.

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