

NEW STATUS FOR INDIAN WOMEN, PROBLEMS OF CHURCH TOLD RALLY

The Fall Rally of the Halton Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society, was held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, Tuesday afternoon and evening, November 9. It was a gathering of more than normal importance, affording an opportunity to meet and hear Mrs. Kenneth Yohan Masih of India, who with her husband had been travelling in the United States and Canada since the World Council of Churches' gathering at Evanston, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Masih were fraternal delegates from North India to that Conference.

Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, president of the Halton Presbyterial, was in the chair, welcoming missionary members and friends, and conducting the business agenda of the afternoon session. The worship service, based on the theme, "Christ the hope of the world", was conducted by Miss Johnson of Cooksville. The devotional spirit was deepened by the solo, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer", sung by Mrs. Bond of Churchill.

Mrs. G. De Coursey, literature secretary, dealt with most interesting facts concerning good reading—missionary study helps and devotional booklets. She suggested that "money invested in books and program helps is as effectual as any gift to Christian missions." A most attractive book display had been set up which members later visited.

Mrs. Segsworth, treasurer, challenged the membership with a statement of the considerable amount of \$5,400 still to be raised on the total allocation for the Presbyterial this year.

The stewardship secretary, Miss Blanchard's message was a missionary challenge. "Carry the torch... if we break faith... some may not hear unless we tell."

Mrs. A. Harris introduced the speaker, Mrs. Masih, a charming person in green and silver banded sari, who spoke swiftly in excellent English. Mrs. Masih said she felt greatly enriched in friendship and hospitality since her six month sojourn on this continent. She brought greetings from the United church in North India—especially the women, especially, to the members of the Women's Missionary Society in Canada.

The afternoon address dealt chiefly with the evolution and new status attained by India, from hood. The evening message told more particularly about the progress of Christianity and the growth of the church in both north and south India. All was most pertinent and timely in view of the fact that missionary groups in Canada are now studying concerning the church in India.

The beginning of the missionary movement was under British rule in 1800. The development of church union came a century later in 1924 but there are still 126 Protestant denominations outside the united front. And out of ten millions of people in Northern India only two per cent. were Christian (one per cent. Roman Catholic). The union movement came to strengthen South India in 1947.

Out of such nation-shaking events as India's independence, partitioning of Pakistan, world wars, had come many contributing factors for slow but gradual emancipation of Indian womanhood. These profound changes made for great hardship, suffering, forcing women out of the home into many new and unfamiliar situations. But finally had come the female franchise and also compulsory education. Women with education and training are proving themselves most capable in many spheres of life today.

The problems of the urban and rural churches was another story. 20 per cent. of the churches are in the city, 80 per cent. in the villages and their maintenance is in exact reverse. The struggle in the village Christian communion is pathetic because of economic stringency, long hours of hard labor for women in the home and industrial enterprise luring youth to the cities. Yet there is a heroic phase of sacrificial living and giving by these Indian Christians that their church may be maintained.

The conduct of the worship service, in the evening by Hornby and Milton C.G.I.T. girls was of special interest to Mrs. Masih. Her great desire for her own people is for youth training, leadership and for co-ordination of the religious program in the Indian church.

EDEN MILLS

Works Among Jews Addresses W.M.S.

The fall Thankoffering of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian church was held in the church with a good attendance. Mrs. James and Mrs. Adie had charge of the devotions. Readings were given by Miss E. Pearen of Rockwood and Mrs. George Thomas of Campbellville, a duet by Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Slinn of Ebenezer and two numbers by our own ladies' quartette.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Miss Phoebe Taylor of Guelph, a missionary worker among the Jewish people in Canada. Her address was enlightening and interesting. Mrs. J. D. Lowrie in a very capable way thanked all who had come from other societies expressing regret that three groups were unable to attend and a special thank you to all who had taken part in the program. An enjoyable social time was held in the basement at the close. Mrs. Will Gilbertson and Mrs. Will MacLean pointing tea.

Mrs. Douglas Black of Kitchener was the speaker in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Gardiner is visiting in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Roy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bunt Perry were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. McGarh at Burlington.

Mrs. Will Mino has returned home after spending three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Sid Barnes and Mr. Barnes at Brooklyn.

Mrs. James Gilbertson has returned home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Irene Elliot at Burlington.

Mrs. James Wilson of Georgetown visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Mino.

A successful turkey supper was held last week for the local ball teams.

The ladies of the United Church also held a turkey supper in the hall. A good program was reported and the evening was a success.

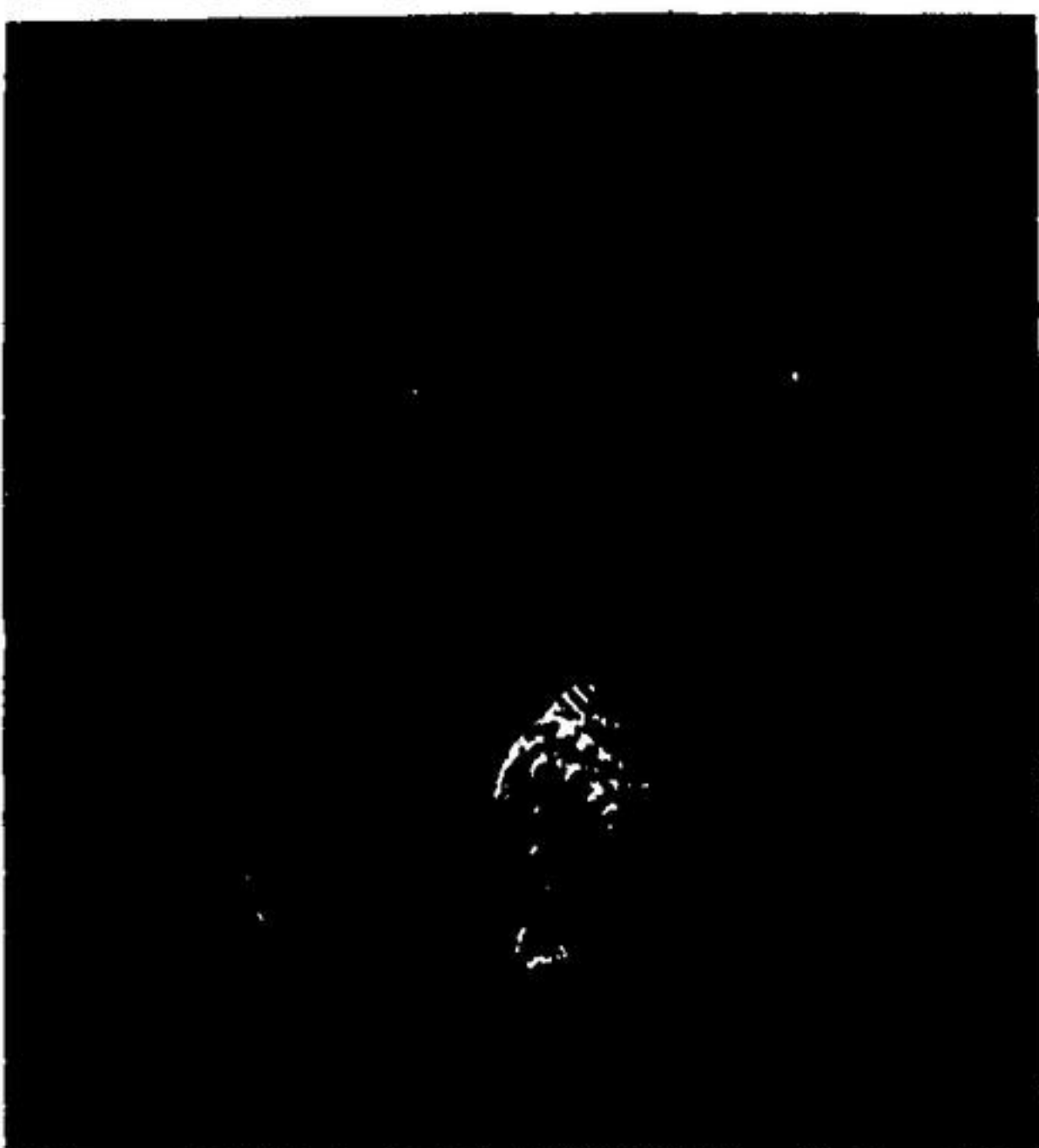
The farmers are taking advantage of the Indian summer weather to get the fall work finished.

Doctor Explains Help For Retarded

The first meeting of the Oakville and District Association for Retarded Children, following organization on September 24, was held in Oakville-Tratagar High School on Thursday, October 28. Membership stood at 22 on organization and by the close of the meeting, there were 41 members on record.

The highlight of the meeting was an address by Dr. Harry E. Amoss, Hamilton, advisor to the Ministry of Education, Ontario, on matters pertaining to the teaching of retarded children. Dr. Amoss spoke in a general way, primarily clarifying the major categories into which retarded children may be divided. As Dr. Amoss sees it, retarded children can be taught not so much as to live gainfully but at least to live happily. The parents were urged to teach perseverance, for this is the most direct route for children to obtain even a modest degree of accomplishment, self reliance and independence.

President James A. Roberts outlined what he termed "the plan". The plan's first step is to obtain the moral and material support of the community and from that point, embark on the establishing of permanent facilities for the teaching of retarded children. President Roberts terms the association a "do good" organization and that, he states, it will do.



ROCK HUDSON and Jane Wyman become the screen's most exciting new romantic team in Universal-International's "Magnificent Obsession." Barbara Rush is also starred in this Technicolor production of the celebrated love story by Lloyd C. Douglas, author of "The Robe." Ross Hunter produced "Magnificent Obsession." Starts next Monday at the Roxy Theatre, Acton.

Conduct Service In Toronto Church

The Acton Baptist Young People's Union conducted the evening service in the Annette St. Baptist Church, Toronto on Sunday.

Pastor R. H. Costerus brought the message and Clarence Reid presided for the service which included musical selection by the girls' trio, girls' duet and a mixed quartet. Words of witness were given by Bob Landsborough, Mary Reid and Clarence Reid.

SILVER-WOOD

Bake Chiffon Cake During W.I. Meet

The Silver-Wood Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. K. C. Lindsay in Georgetown on November 11. Mrs. Corbett, the president, welcomed 15 members and visitors. After the opening ceremonies, Mrs. Harry Marchington, convener for Home Economics and Health, called upon the Secretary for the demonstration, which was the making of a chiffon cake. While this was baking, the meeting proceeded, roll-call being answered by each member giving the solution to a storage problem.

Mrs. E. L. Miller gave the current events, and Mrs. Geo. Henderson had a splendid paper on the motto "Children need mode's, not critics" and Mrs. Corbett read a poem on flowers. Plans were made for a layette for Greece, and further layettes for the Children's Aid in Milton. A number of ladies are planning to attend Open House at the Campbell Soup Plant and several hope to share an extension service with Ballinacraigh Institute.

The Flood Relief Fund amounted to \$25.00 which was sent to the District Secretary, and Mrs. W. R. Norton gave a report of the last district directors' meeting. By the time the business of the afternoon was finished, the cake was baked and as each member paid her collection, a number was drawn on a raffle for the cake. Mrs. Dick Appleyard held the winning ticket No. 13. Christmas cards were looked over during a social hour and orders were taken for them.

Mrs. Miller thanked the hostesses Mrs. Lindsay and her assistants Mrs. Geo. Henderson, Mrs. Don Lindsay and Mrs. Ann Lindauer, and the demonstrator.

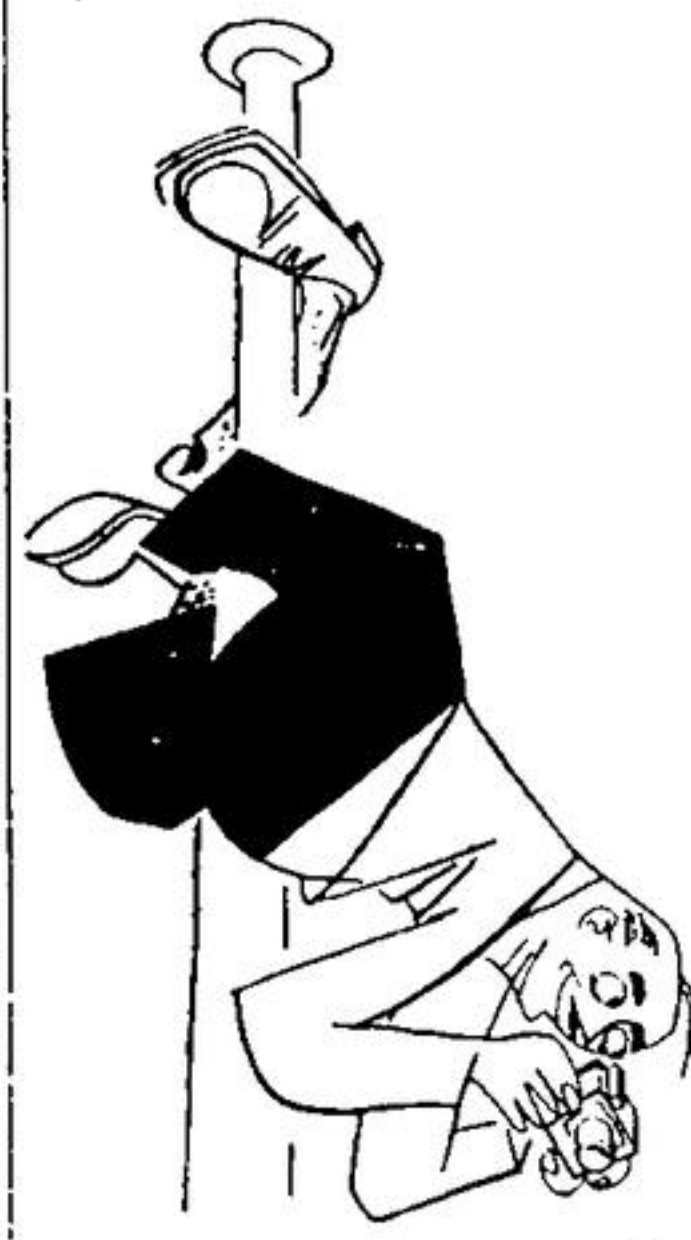
Ospringle School Addition Financed

Erin township council passed a by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$20,000 upon debentures to cover the cost of building an addition to S.S. No. 13, Ospringle. The addition will include one classroom, two washrooms, a furnace and storage room combined.

A donation of \$200 was made to the Hurricane Relief Fund. Fence viewers George Burt, Chester Burt and Arthur Rowan were paid a total of \$27.

The following accounts were passed, general, \$234.14; relief \$32.85; sheep, \$276.60; road \$900.21—a total of \$1,734.80. Rve Albert Wheeler presided, and all members were present at the meeting in Hillsburgh on November 1.

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Nearly 15,000 Claims After Flood

Fire and casualty insurance companies are in the process of paying nearly 15,000 claims in Ontario as a result of Hurricane Hazel, according to the All Canada Insurance Federation. Hardest hit, insurance-wise, is Toronto with approximately 8,000 insurance claims.

Other losses in Ontario are widely scattered. Total claims outside Toronto to date number 5,500. Leading in terms of number of claims are Hamilton, Guelph, Welland, Kingston - Brockville, Owen Sound and the Lake Simcoe-Barrie area.

Most insurance adjustment agencies report that the daily volume of new claims is still fairly high. Officials of one large adjustment firm which has handled 2,500 claims in the Toronto area since the hurricane struck said that new claims are being received at the rate of more than 150 per day.

More than 55 per cent. of the claims received by insurance companies are losses involving water and windstorm damage to buildings. About 35 per cent. are claims involving damage to contents of homes, clothing and personal possessions.



EVER OIVE a "leg up" to a knight in full armour? In a recent film about Joan of Arc the movie makers got over this weighty problem by dressing the actress who played the title part in a suit of armour made of aluminum. Result: shooting, including scenes showing Joan mounting her horse, proceeded on schedule.

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