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March Means a Month of Hope For 10,500 Crippled Children

To more than 10,500 children and teen-agers in Ontario, afflicted by accident, disease or from birth, by crippling conditions that usually mean despair and dependence on others, March is the month of hope.

Easter Seals go on sale this month, through the members of more than 211 service clubs, as the means by which the people of Ontario join in the vast task of making life better for youngsters who would otherwise find it harder, if not impossible, to become self-reliant, self-dependent young citizens. This year the service clubs have set an objective of \$625,000 from the sale of Easter Seals.

The purchases of Easter Seals mean treatment and training, vacations in specially equipped summer camps and all the other benefits that the 32 year old Ontario

Society for Crippled Children has developed over its history of service to children. They mean a chance for kids to take courses at the internationally known Variety Village, the school sponsored and supported by the entertainment profession, where trades are taught boys unable to work at manual tasks.

Service to Children
Down through the years, Easter Seals have paved the way for a program which now provides 21 specially-trained nurses who serve as liaison with the service clubs across the province, seeking out crippled children and directing them to treatment centres, providing them with home nursing skills and teaching parents what to do to help their handicapped little ones take advantage of medically-prescribed plans of rehabilitation.

In five camps, unlike any other camps in the country, hundreds of youngsters will have a chance at summer vacations, barred to them otherwise because they can't play exactly as other children do. In these camps, counsellors with knowledge of what to do, teach the kids to enjoy life, to learn how to care for themselves and give many of them hope which their conditions, or even their overprotective parents, had not aroused.

Treatment and Therapy
Easter Seals, too, enroll the services of leading physicians and surgeons, who give freely of their time and skills at the clinics which the Society organizes at strategic centres in Ontario, where local doctors may bring their young patients for examination and recommended treatment. From the clinics the children go to hospital, if necessary, or back to their homes for a program of planned therapy or training supervised by the Society's nurses.

Purchases of Easter Seals mean membership for the buyers in a crusade of mercy and service to children who, through no fault of their own, bear enormous burdens of affliction but who need only a little help to carry those burdens much more lightly.



MORE THAN 211 EASTER SEAL Clubs located throughout the entire province join hands with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children in once again sponsoring the Annual Easter Seal Campaign to help crippled children. The Campaign, which opens March 1 and closes April 1 has a provincial objective of \$625,000. In all, more than a million and a half sheets of Easter Seals will be mailed.

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Church Groups Active, Partake In World Day of Prayer Services

(Intended for Last Week)

The February meeting of the Grace Mission Band was held in the Sunday school room on Saturday afternoon with the primary group in charge of Mrs. Parker. The study book used was, The Singing Secret.

Mrs. Greenlees had charge of the junior group and used the study book, Bright Pathways. Janet Mitchell called the meeting to order

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with the call to worship. The Bible lesson was read by Shirley Ella and Mrs. Greenlees gave a talk on the Ten Commandments, with special emphasis on the first two.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Margaret McPhail and the leader gave the treasurer's report. The roll call was answered by 21 members.

The offering was received and dedicated. Betty Jeffares played a piano solo. The birthday song was sung for Bonnie Inglis, Margaret Black and Carol Ann Smith. A hymn was sung and the meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Grace was said and all enjoyed the lunch provided by Betty Jeffares and Linda Smith.

Mrs. Baulch was hostess to the Blair Evening Auxiliary on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hamby opened the meeting with the call to worship. A hymn was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Ramshaw led in a special prayer and Mrs. Webb led in the reading of the scripture lesson.

Mrs. James Robertson had charge of the study book, They Reach for

Life. Mrs. T. Mitchell, Mrs. S. Cramp, Mrs. Wm. Mahon and Mrs. D. Martin assisted in the panel discussion, which was interesting. The task of winning the world for Christ is the mission of the church.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. D. Inglis gave the secretary's report, also the financial report. Mrs. S. Cramp gave the cheer report. The welcome and welfare report was given by Mrs. Ramshaw. Several items of business were discussed.

The offering was received and dedicated by the president, Mrs. Fanny Linn closed the meeting with prayer. A social half hour was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. A. T. Moore was hostess to the Women's Missionary Society on Friday afternoon. The president, Miss Simpson, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Parker read a psalm.

The departmental reports were received. The Home Helpers report two new members. All the reports were encouraging. The roll call was answered with the text word, Prayer. The offering was received and dedicated with the Doxology.

The service for the World Day of Prayer followed, with Miss Simpson in charge of the first theme, Praise. Mrs. Elliot had charge of the theme, Penitence. Mrs. Halstead was leader in the prayer of thanksgiving. Mrs. Mathies had charge of the theme.

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