



A DISTRICT CUBOREE is planned for this area by cub leaders from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Hillsburg and Erin. Arrangements continued at a meeting last week when scout and cub leaders from the area towns gathered for a social evening in Georgetown. Acton cub leaders, shown in this group photo taken at a recent meeting, are Cubmaster Murray Scoyne, extreme left, and Mrs. E. Wensley. At extreme right is Miss Doris Allen. The district leaders meet monthly to discuss Cub programs and activities.

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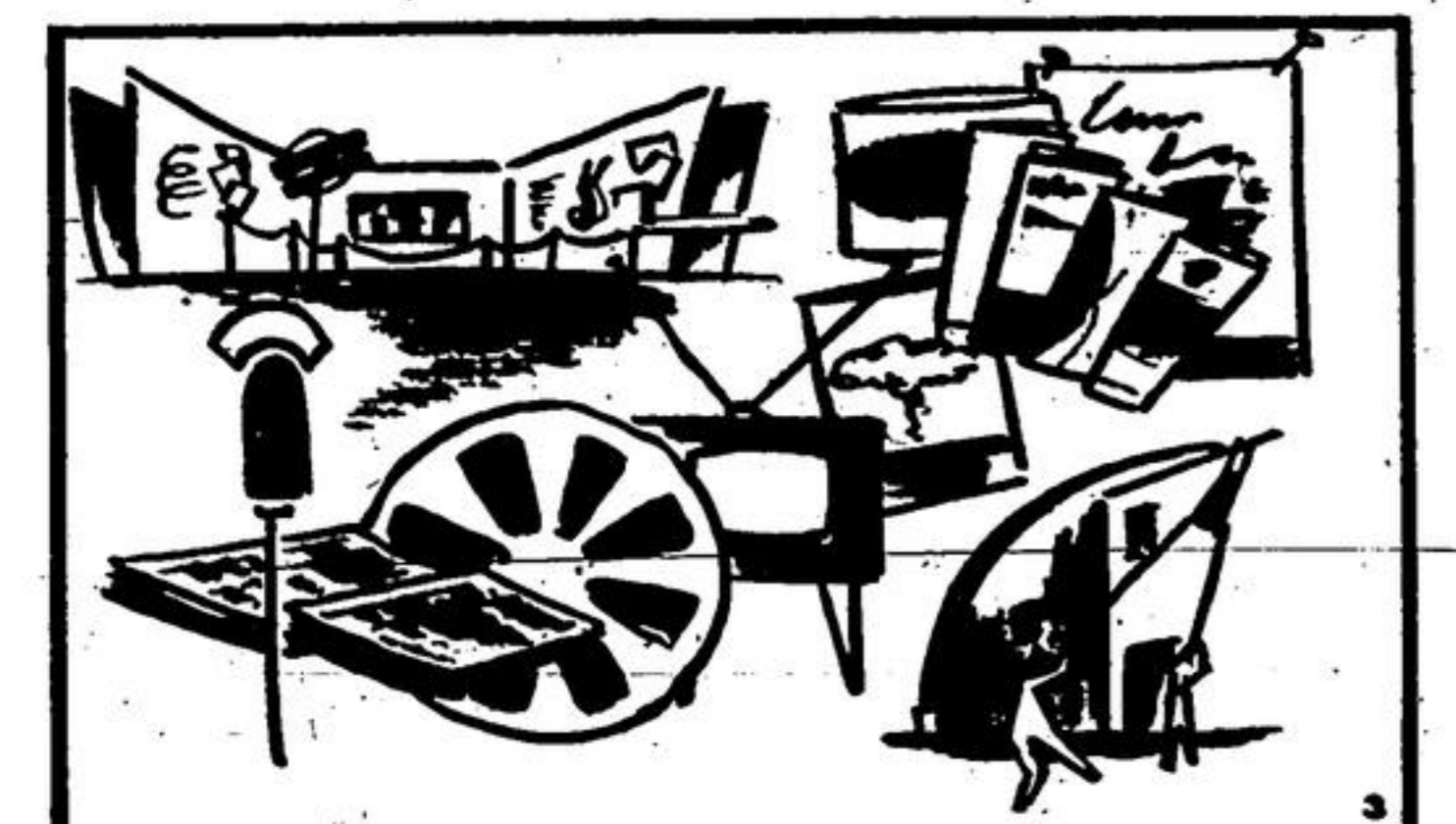
Civil Defence - its organization

Third of a series of 24 articles.

The federal government's part in civil defence is mainly to co-ordinate provincial plans with the over-all plan of the country in the event of an enemy attack. It must provide direction, assistance, training. But, as Health Minister Paul Martin has said, "civil defence cannot be imposed from the top."

"No government—not even the federal government—can do this job alone," he said in a recent speech. Under Canada's constitutional set-up, the job of organizing the civilian population so that it can protect itself in event of a disaster such as nuclear war, falls to each level of government—federal, provincial, municipal.

The federal government recognized the need for civil defence in Canada as far back as 1948 when it appointed F. F. Worthington as federal civil defence co-ordinator. At that time civil defence came under jurisdiction of the Department of National Defence. It was switched to the Department of Health and Welfare, with Mr. Martin as the responsible cabinet minister, in 1951. A federal-provincial



conference of civil defence officials agreed on which governments would share what responsibilities.

It was agreed that the Federal government would operate a central training school for civil defence specialists. The Canadian Civil Defence College was established at Arnprior, Ont., 40 miles north-west of Ottawa. More than 7,000 persons have been trained by the federal civil defence organization so far and Canada now has some 72,000 full-time C.D. workers including firemen, policemen, etc. where normal jobs fulfill a C.D. function and 107,000 volunteers.

Courses are held at the college continuously except for the month of August, when it closes for vacation. Its staff of about 20 has given courses to police chiefs, fire chiefs, doctors, industrial personnel and many other groups from across Canada.

Through the Health Department's information services the federal C.D. organization also has carried on an intensive educational campaign to acquaint Canadians with the importance and function of civil defence.

The federal government is responsible for co-operation with United States C.D. planners and establishment of a warning system to tip the country of any possible enemy attack. It stocks strategic medical supplies at strategic points across Canada. It has provided essential C.D. equipment, training manuals and publications.

It agreed to carry out research on civil defence through government research establishments and to help the provinces by paying one-third the cost to standardize fire hose couplings Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia are the only provinces so far to take advantage of this arrangement which makes it possible for fire equipment from one town to be used in any other town in the province.

These are the chief functions of

Top Shorthorn Bull

Of more than 200 bulls auctioned by the Ontario Beef Improvement Association this week, top price was made on a Shorthorn consigned by S. G. Bennett, president of Beardmore and Co. of Acton. W. H. Merry, Milton district Shorthorn breeder, paid \$2,400 for the animal.

United W.A. Urges Membership Drive

The Women's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. D. Lindsay Tuesday. Mrs. H. Burns presided. The devotional period was led by Mrs. E. Lambert. A recreation period was directed by Mrs. Lambert, followed with contest winners. Miss E. Hawthorne and Mrs. J. Denny. A reading was given by Mrs. J. Pope, True Friendship. Two new members, Mrs. J. Pope and Mrs. E. Higgins, were welcomed.

Mrs. M. Walker, Mrs. Everdell and Mrs. Miller, who had met with accidents, are reported improving. The Society was divided, each collector to have a captain and try to get new members and add interest to the meetings.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Reed on their 63rd wedding anniversary. The ladies are catering to the dinner for the presbytery meeting.

Mrs. Lindsay, assisted by Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. C. W. Mason, Mrs. H. Burns and Mrs. Shoemaker, served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Lindsay for her home and helpers.

Limehouse W.I. Votes Donation to Festival

The regular meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. S. Gishby last week. Mrs. E. Sanford presided. There were 14 members and one visitor present.

Roll call was answered by naming a Canadian apple. The announcement of the Halton Musical Festival was read by the secretary and the usual donation voted to this project.

Mrs. Harry Brown, convener of citizenship and education, asked for reports by each convener. Mrs. S. Gishby gave current events. The motto, "If it were not for winter we would never have spring" was well prepared and read by Mrs. Sanford.

Mrs. George Leslie demonstrated rug making which proved to be both helpful and interesting. She had some beautiful finished rugs on display.

A piano selection by Mrs. G. Mulder, a former member recently returned from England, was enjoyed. A social half hour was enjoyed with lunch served by the hostess and her assistants.

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Knox W.M.S. Studies Sick World's Needs

In the absence of Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. H. L. Egan presided at the March meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian church last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Moran.

The study topic, The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World, dealt with the remedies being offered to a sick world and how the various solutions have appealed to the people of the world. Nationalism as a solution was presented by Mrs. R. N. Brown, Communism by Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Secularism by Mrs. John Allan and Christianity by Mrs. Fred Anderson.

The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. John Allan and Mrs. R. R. Farker.

Arrangements were made for the spring thanksgiving meeting and the visit to Georgetown Auxiliary.

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