

Empire Theme For Meeting

Empire Day was the theme for the meeting of the Friendly Circle held Wednesday evening, May 16, in the Sunday school room of the United Church.

Miss Clara Grindley, a past president of the Circle, was a special guest. She showed colored slides of Canada that she had taken on her travels from coast to coast.

The devotions were conducted by the minister, Rev. Gordon Adams, who spoke on the theme, Empire Day. The Empire is really a sisterhood of nations which consist of every race, color and creed, he said. Despite differences and the strains of growing to maturity, the ideal of sisterhood dedicated to a common cause to be pursued in peace and harmony was never lost.

We see in this a lesson for each member and the Friendly Circle itself, he pointed out. There can be success and joy only if we look with respect to the ideals and sacrifices of our founders, if we see ourselves as a sisterhood in the great cause of Christ and his Kingdom, and only if we remain firmly grounded on the foundations of honor to God, love to the sisterhood and loyalty to Christ our King.

Mrs. Irma Nesset led in prayer. Mrs. Hazel Orr carried on the theme of Empire Day telling the origin of the Union Jack, which dates back to the year 1607.

During the business period, plans were made for a wiener roast to take place in June, replacing the usual picnic, concluding the meetings until after summer. Husbands of members were to be invited.

The meeting was under the direction of group four, headed by Mrs. Irma Nesset and Mrs. Glenna Fryer. The president, Mrs. Verna Bean, presided.

A lovely buffet lunch prepared by the group was enjoyed.

HALTON MANOR

Hold Inspiring Church Services

(Intended for last week)

Two very inspiring church services have taken place at the Manor recently.

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, Rev. J. L. Blair was unable to be present to conduct the service but he sent three very talented ladies who are members of his church, St. Paul's United Church, Milton, to take the service. These ladies were Mrs. D. Lawrence, who conducted the service and Mrs. M. Hayward and Mrs. T. Stover, who provided the music. Mrs. Hayward accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Stover, sang a solo, You Must Open the Door, which was enjoyed and admired very much by the residents.

Mrs. Lawrence read as her scripture lesson part of chapter five of the First Epistle of John and then delivered a very earnest and convincing address on this lesson.

Mrs. Lawrence pointed out that the centre of our lives must be faith in God and that we must not allow belief in good works or the struggle for material security to come ahead of this faith in God. This faith in God has been exemplified in the lives of Noah, Abraham, Paul and many other Biblical characters whose faith in God helped them to find their way out of difficult situations.

On Sunday afternoon, May 13, Rev. R. F. Snyder, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Milton, came to the Manor to conduct the church service. He was accompanied by a very talented young girl, 12-year-old Susan Draper, who played the accompaniments for the hymns. The praise that Susan displayed while playing these accompaniments and the faultless manner in which she played them aroused the warm admiration of the residents.

After reading the sixth chapter of Daniel as his scripture lesson, Mr. Snyder based his interesting sermon on this Bible story. Before delivering his sermon, however, he paid a tribute to Mothers everywhere on the occasion of Mother's Day.

Mr. Snyder began his sermon by saying that when our own beloved mothers pass on, we still have a friend and companion in God, who never forsakes us. This is illustrated in the sixth chapter of Daniel. God saved Daniel from a terrible death and he can deliver us out of difficult situations and give us aid and fellowship.

Cake, Roses

At supper time on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, the residents enjoyed a very delicious and beautifully decorated cake sent to them with the good wishes of the Brownies and Girl Guides of East Oakville District. These good wishes were sent on behalf of the Guides and Brownies by Mrs. G. Broadbent, East Oakville District Commissioner.

At breakfast time on Mother's Day, each mother among the residents of the Manor received a lovely yellow rose in honor of the day, a gift from the Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke.

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Georgetown Lacrosse In Brampton Arena

Extensive remodelling is being planned for Georgetown arena. The Georgetown N and G lacrosse team will be playing the first part of their season in Brampton arena since they won't be able to use the arena for a while.

The N and G's, twice Ontario champions in three seasons, are grouped with Lewiston, N.Y., Dundas and Streetsville from last year's league, plus Fergus and Owen Sound. These two teams are replacing Oshweken and Burlington, who have dropped out.

Home games are being planned for Wednesday night and likely Acton fans will be down to see some of them.

St. Peter's Church Has First Wedding In Past 50 Years

The first wedding to be held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, on the ninth line of Trafalgar, for 50 years was performed there on Saturday, May 5 when Johanna Maria (Ann) Vanden Boom of R.R. 4, Milton, became the bride of John Francis (Frank) McCarron of R.R. 2, Hornby. White and pink snapdragons were placed in the church for the double-ring ceremony, performed by Rev. J. D. Lardie.

A Sister from Emmanuel school played the organ and seven girls from Holy Rosary school sang.

Guests were present from Toronto, Port Credit, New Toronto, Guelph, Strathroy, Brampton, Bronte, Acton, Milton and Hornby.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with flowered white net and a lace bolero. She carried a bouquet of red carnations.

The attendants, Mrs. Shirley Baker as bridesmaid and Miss Carol McCarron as junior bridesmaid, wore white dotted nylon frocks and carried yellow mums.

The flower girl, Miss Rose Marie McCarron, also wore white and carried white carnations.

Joe Shea was groomsman and ushers were Ray Plant and Jack O'Connor.

Friends and relatives gathered after the ceremony at the home of the bride's father, R.R. 4, Milton. The bride's mother wore for the occasion a navy blue dress with pink and white accessories and flowers. The groom's mother chose a dress of rosewood crepe with blond accessories and pink carnations.

Leaving on the wedding trip with her husband, the bride wore a blue dress with blue shortie coat. Her corsage was of pink and white carnations.

The couple both work at the Ford plant at Oakville at present, but they have a farm at R.R. 1, Acton, which they hope to work shortly.

An Optometrist Speaks
By E. L. Buchner, R.O.
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Allow me to introduce myself. I am your Acton optometrist, and I intend to discuss various aspects of vision, from time to time, in this column. To be strictly accurate, I should state that my main office is in Waterloo. However, I do come to Acton at least once each week, so I consider myself to be a part of Acton.

It seems to me that John Q. Public could, with profit, learn a great deal about his own eyes and vision in general. Writers in the popular press discuss every other subject under the sun, from kangaroos to bakumquats, but this priceless possession, human eyesight, is either utterly ignored by the popular writer, or else written about very superficially. Perhaps this is only to be expected of the popular writer, since he is not generally speaking, a specialist in vision.

Looking back, before my five years of practice in the field of optometry, and even before that, when I commenced my five years of study at university and optometry college, I can remember a time when I, too, had only a hazy idea of the mechanism of vision. However, there are so many interesting facets of vision and the human eye to be examined that we really should investigate this vast and wonderful subject together.

A philosopher once said, "Man may look with his eyes, but he sees with his brain." "Sees with his brain" — but we see with our eyes — or do we? I shall attempt to answer this in later articles. Next month, look for "The Mystery of Light."

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Retiring President Made Life Member

The Women's Mission Circle of the Acton Baptist church held their May meeting at Mrs. L. McCutcheon's home on Mill St. The meeting took the form of a birthday supper which all enjoyed.

Mrs. H. C. Helwig opened the regular meeting with prayer and a hymn. Mrs. R. Costerus presided at the installation of officers for this coming year. Mrs. Dunk and Mrs. Costerus brought the devotional. Mrs. Dunk read the scripture from Philippians.

Mrs. Costerus read a paper on What Religions Offer to Women, taking each country in turn with their customs and different religions.

Mrs. C. Landsborough presented the retiring president, Mrs. Helwig, with a life membership certificate and pin, in the Baptist Women's Mission Circle of Ontario and Quebec. Mrs. Costerus conducted a Bible contest and after roll call by Mrs. C. Landsborough, the meeting adjourned.

Miss J. Coles thanked Mrs. McCutcheon for the use of her home.

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have to be built next year owing to the steady increase in population. There are churches of six denominations — Anglican, United, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist and Dutch Reformed — the history of some of which extends back for well over a century; retail stores of all kinds, and two hotels.

In addition to having two provincial highways, the town is on the Toronto-Sarnia line of the Canadian National Railways.

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In addition to Prospect Park, this board will look after the park at Fairy Lake, a particularly interesting spot where residents and visitors may fish to their heart's content.

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