



ENJOYING A CUP OF TEA as they attended the buffet dinner held in the honor of New Canadians living in Acton and district are, Mrs. T. Hanka, left and Mrs. J. Kospatsky, right, chatting with Mrs. C. Heller, member of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. which sponsored the get-together. Over 45 New Canadians were in attendance with about 30 members of the I.O.D.E. assisting with the delicious meal.

Most Farm Forums Approve Average Cost of Production

Farmers of Ontario have apparently arrived at the point where they are quite willing even anxious in some cases to have established for them an average cost of production for the purpose of price bargaining.

Reports from the farm forum groups across the province on the discussions following the December 1st broadcast on the cost of production were almost unanimous in deploring the establishment of an average cost. However, opinion was almost equally divided among the groups as to what authority should have the responsibility of establishing the average cost about half the groups going for a board of agriculture and the other half deciding that farm organizations should take on the job. Criteria desired for a committee to set the cost included representation of the two principal cooperative farm organizations.

Most groups pointed out that since costs varied between farms, the only logical thing was to have an average cost established. A few groups said it was impossible to standardize costs.

A valid point regarding establishment of an average cost was emphasized by the Dawn Valley Farm of Lambton County, which reported feeling a strong agent's contribution of mass production of live livestock as a cost and price factor was prevalent by large concerns today. The cost of production could not be based on figures from such sources. Small farms cannot keep their costs of production as low.

One Forum group was definitely opposed to having an average cost, most saying poorer farmers would then have an advantage over aggressive farmers.

The few groups who opposed the idea of an established average cost had various other ideas for price establishment, including controlled production law of supply and demand, floor prices on a quota basis, putting floor prices low enough to prevent incentives to produce heavily.

Bottle Drive Raises \$125

Net receipts from the bottle drive of \$125.10 were reported by the treasurer at the regular meeting of the scout group committee on Tuesday, December 2nd. Also received were \$50 from Anna Mason and \$15 for use of the hall. Disbursements amounted to \$55.16.

Another bottle drive will be held on January 10 and Clark Paul was again appointed chairman. A scrap paper drive will be held on January 24.

The scout hall is to be returned to 40 per cent contribution to placement value.

The treasurer was instructed to forward a pack and a troop registration for 1959.

Letters Delivered

The committee was pleased to learn that letters concerning the Association for Retarded Children had been delivered to every home in Acton by Scouts and Cubs.

Three Browne packs, one Guide troop, three Cub packs and two Scout troops now use the scout hall, members heard.

A social get-together of members of the Ladies Auxiliary leaders group committee members, their wives and husbands was planned for the end of December.

There were eight members present at the meeting with chairman George Haggitt presiding.

To Hire Crossing Guard For Mill, Willow Corner

Since traffic control for school children by the police will terminate on December 31, the school board faced the problem of safety at their meeting on Thursday of last week. It was agreed to engage a crossing guard to protect the school children at the main intersection Mill and Willow Sts.

The secretary was instructed to place an advertisement in the Free Press inviting application for this important duty.

Mrs. Aylene Bruce was engaged as a teacher from January to June 1959 replacing Mrs. J. P. Smith who has resigned. Mrs. Irma Gathorn has been engaged for the same term, replacing Mrs. M. Gordon who has resigned.

Grade One Books

Purchase of books for grade one pupils was approved. All other classes attend the library.

The board directed that the survey report be directed to Inspector Robert Birchfield. A survey has been taken of all pre-school children to determine future enrollment.

The financial statement of \$1,271.62 was presented and payment authorized. The secretary reported.

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J. McGEACHIE

LEGION NEWS

The Legion ladies held their annual meeting and election of officers last week. Mrs. Elsie Johnston was returned as president.

Other officers elected include first vice-president Phyllis Angell, second vice-president Mrs. W. Coley, secretary Lal Bradshaw, treasurer Joyce Buchanan, sergeant-at-arms Kay James and standard bearer Joan Ford.

The ladies received an invitation to attend the annual ladies night sponsored by Legion members on December 19 in the auditorium.

Plans were finalized to cater for the Mason knot banquet and assist with the Y's Men's lounge in the auditorium.

The treasurer was instructed to have the books ready for audit later in the month.

From all reports the ladies are looking forward to their annual banquet when the gentlemen of the Legion serve the meal. A most deserving group of hard workers will never be served by the Legionaries.

Table play was excellent last Friday in the games room with Bill Taylor romping home with No. 1 brand steak when he scored a 69. Neville pulled No. 2 steak with a 60 and M. Jordan thumped on little brother No. 3 when he hit 50. Two, Holmes took the family home a string of bogalga when his score added up to 29.

In the dart tournament on Tuesday evening, skunk games were in order for some of the teams, leaving three tied for first place. Play went as follows: Steve Bess whitewashed the Leftovers 5-0, Drifters edged out the Aviators 3-2, Choppers blanked Spunkies 5-0 and Stomachions defeated Heaters 3-2.

Team standings to date are: Heaters 25, Drifters 23, Screw Boys 25, Choppers 24, Aviators 19, Stomachions 12, Spunkies 16, Leftovers 9.

Darts will be played next Tuesday but will be cancelled after that date until Tuesday, January 6 in order to give the competitors a chance to buy their Christmas presents.

Sallyline Glance seems as though the heifers were without their captain. Today's night. Wonder if that accounted for their loss? Although Leftovers are only sitting in the cellar position, we predict they will be in the play-offs. Go-go-go, follows.

Don't forget to bring the kiddies to the Santa Claus Christmas party on December 20. Starts at 1:30.

The power break on Wednesday evening was a nuisance, occurring when most families were preparing their evening meal.

Santa Visits United W.A.

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Association of the United church was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty with the president, Mrs. A. Shoemaker, presiding. The meeting opened with the Lord's prayer and the devotional period was taken by Mrs. C. W. Mason. Roll call was answered by a Christmas message.

In charge of the Christmas program were Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. F. Claver, Mrs. G. Adams, Mrs. H. West, Mrs. C. Pickett and Mrs. Wm. Hallowell. A short was sung by Mrs. Veldhuis and Mrs. D. Simmons. A reading from the First Peter by Mrs. A. Shoemaker followed. Christmas in different countries was presented by Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. C. Heller and Mrs. Marisak.

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Santa Visits Knox Meeting Buffet Supper Features Turkey

Miss Helen Holmes was hostess to the December meeting of the Daughters of Knox in her home which had been beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

At the outset of the evening, each of the large number of members in attendance was called upon to display her vocal ability by singing the first line of her favorite Christmas carol. The roll call was taken by Mrs. Wm. Hallowell. A short was sung by Mrs. Veldhuis and Mrs. D. Simmons. A reading from the First Peter by Mrs. A. Shoemaker followed. Christmas in different countries was presented by Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. C. Heller and Mrs. Marisak.

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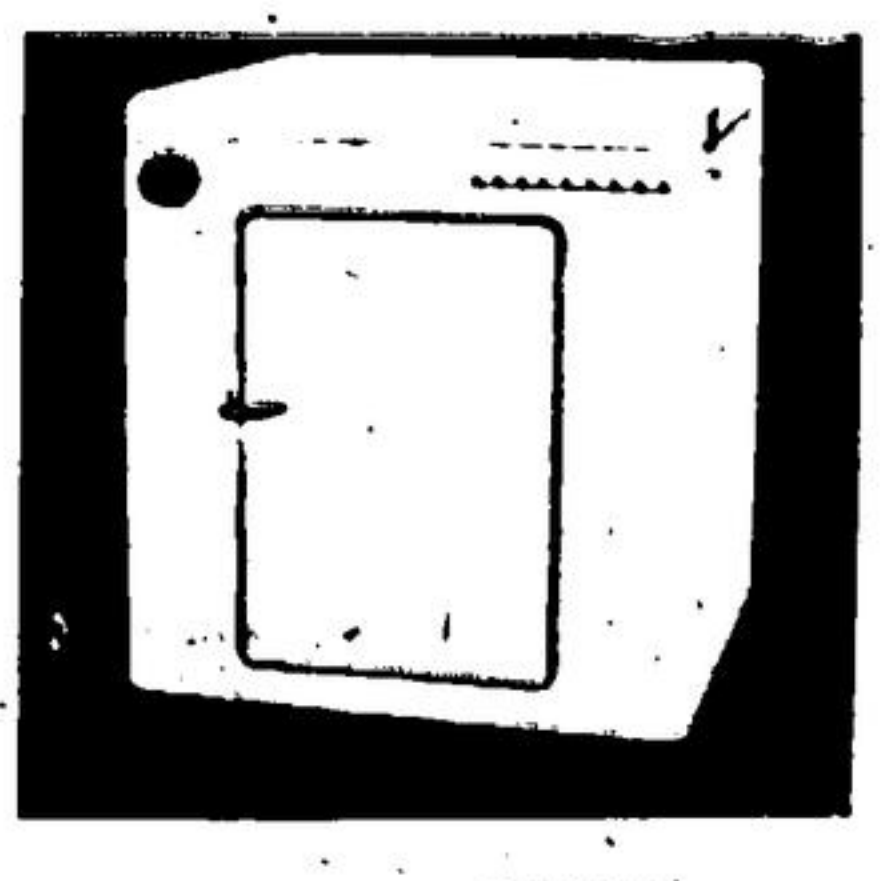
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