

The mild weather is liable to play havoc with the ice at the arena.

The health unit is starting a new series of pre-natal classes in Milton.

Miss Sandra Blyth successfully passed her Grade 5 piano with honors.

The midnet hockey team gave Acton their first championship for some time.

Wednesday rain took away a lot of snow and made the streets slippery.

High school students are looking forward to their annual At Home next week.

Bad road conditions have caused the postponement of some meetings in the country.

It's Boy Scout week. The display in the public school tomorrow night highlights the week here.

Town workmen were busy throughout the night Tuesday with the snowblower and snowplows clearing the streets.

In two other newspapers, we have read of robins being spotted already. Be sure to phone the Free Press if you see an early bird in Acton!

The Ballinafad correspondent for this paper reports that crabs have been seen in that district. "Spring must be just around the corner," she says optimistically.

LIMEHOUSE

Second W.I. Marathon Euchre Attracts 15 Tables to Hall

Fifteen tables were played in the second of a series of W.I. marathon euchre held in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday evening.

Winners were Mrs. F. T. C. Brown and Wesley Storey, second, Mrs. Tom Hamilton and Clifford McDonald and S. Robin tied and Clare Robertson won lone hands prize.

The committee served lunch after.

Celebrate Birthday Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and Peter visited his relatives at St. Catharines on Saturday where they celebrated his mother's birthday.

Achievement Day Ten 4-H club girls from Limehouse displayed their completed garments at Achievement Day at Milton on Saturday. Their skill "Cottons may be smart by the use of an iron" was introduced by Eleanor Karm and Betty Anne Brown and Gail Gilmore were commentators. Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Gisby are club leaders.

Moved to Hornby We regret the removal of the E. Askin family from the village. They now live on his late father's home east of Hornby.

I.O.D.E.s Observe 60th Anniversary Saturday, February 13, is the 60th anniversary of the I.O.D.E. The Order was founded by Mrs. Clark Murray of Montreal and the first chapter was formed in Fredericton, N.B.

There are 984 chapters of the I.O.D.E. from the Yukon in Newfoundland, with approximately 32,000 members. These members raise and disperse nearly \$1,000,000 each year.

In the field of education, over a quarter of a million dollars is spent as follows:

2,200 adopted schools which are provided with libraries and equipment. 1,168 scholarships, bursaries and awards granted to Canadian students. As a pilot project the I.O.D.E. has adopted 11 schools in the West Indies.

From the First and Second War Memorial Funds, 13 overseas post graduate scholarships of \$2,000 each and 30 Canadian university bursaries of \$1,600 were awarded last year.

In the Services at Home and Abroad Department, \$400,000 was spent in Canada on welfare work and many thousands of hours of voluntary services are given by members of the I.O.D.E. in projects in their own communities. The I.O.D.E. has sent \$100,000 of relief supplies to Europe, Africa, Korea and the West Indies. Many chapters across Canada have undertaken the sponsorship of destitute and refugee children.

There are two chapters in Acton.

—Steven Wolfe, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wolfe, has received word that he has been successful in passing with honors his grade six Royal Conservatory of Music piano examinations. He is a pupil of Mrs. C. Heard.

—Free Press subscriber Hartley Harrison of Toronto writes from Florida where he is wintering with Mrs. Harrison, to say that they get their paper down there every Monday. When they were at home in Toronto, they got it every Tuesday!

—An executive meeting of the Acton Progressive Conservatives Association was held Friday evening when president Jack Holmes was host. Sandy Best, Halton member of parliament, was a guest. The informal session was devoted to topics of local and county interest.

—The fans of Bill Smiley's "Sugar and Spice" column would expect him and his wife to turn up at the weekly editors' convention a pair of sights. Free Press representatives saw them there and we can assure you Mr. Smiley looked neat and Mrs. Smiley smart and charming.

—Oakville and Burlington newspapers took awards in the Ontario Weekly Newspapers competitions when trophies were presented at the convention in Hamilton last weekend. In case you're wondering... the Free Press wasn't entered. Entries went away this week for the Dominion-wide competitions, though.

Mrs. J. Thompson Hostess At Postponed W.I. Meeting

Mrs. Joseph Thompson was hostess for the Greenock Institute for their January meeting, and due to road conditions, this meeting was postponed until Tuesday, February 1.

The president, Mrs. Chester Allan, opened the meeting with a poem followed by the Ode and Collect. The scripture reading was read by Mrs. Calvin Aitken.

Why W.I. Member Roll call, "Why I like to be an Institute member", brought various answers from the members.

The minutes, read by the assistant secretary, Mrs. Elliot Patterson, and financial report followed and the report of a social evening in the school. Business was discussed.

Several thank you notes for flowers and Christmas donations were read. A letter from the district president was read.

Convent's Paper Mrs. T. Hemsley as convener gave an interesting paper on "Public Relations". Mrs. Ballentine gave a few current events and reminded the members of National Health Week, January 31 to February 6 stating:

(a) In Canada 14,000 babies die each year.

(b) Canadians drank nearly nine million quarts of unpasteurized milk.

(c) 25% of all Canadians receive dental care of any kind.

(d) Last year Canadians lost 154,881 years of working days, through illness which might have been prevented.

New President Mrs. Jennie McKeown read an article about the new provincial president, Mrs. Lymburner, Port Colborne.

A meeting on Parliamentary procedure, by Mrs. Arthur Hamilton from the Department last fall was reviewed by several members who had attended, the leaders being Mrs. Ballentine and Mrs. Hemsley. This proved quite helpful for those who were unable to attend that meeting.

To Judge Baking A pot luck dinner is being planned for the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom Hemsley when the baking contests for the District Annual will be judged and tested.

Pleasure was expressed by all when they learned Mrs. Ed Pearen was able to be home after spending some time in hospital with a fractured hip.

Anniversary Cake The hostess, and her assistants served lovely refreshments including ice cream and cake and each member enjoyed a piece of Mr. and Mrs. Pearen's 60th anniversary cake sent from Mr. and Mrs. Pearen.

Mrs. J. McKeown was courtesy convener. The Queen and the Institute Grace closed the meeting.

One to Go Midgets Drop Second Game To Milton 5-4 in Playoff

Acton Midgets dropped the second game of their playoff series with Milton Thursday night in Acton arena. The score was 5-4 to even the tally up at one game apiece.

The game was fast and rugged. In the first period, Ross McKersie opened up the scoring for the visitors at 5:35 on a pass from Slessor. Denis Gibbons evened the score up at 9:07 when he and Ian Jeffries broke through the Milton defense to flick the light in Acton's favor.

Milton came through at 11:54 of the first period with their second goal when Bruce McDuffie bulged the twine on a pass from Hilson, to end the scoring in the first period at 3:2 for Milton.

Penalties were shared evenly with McCrystall for Acton sitting out two minutes in the cooler for tripping and B. McDuffie receiving a penalty for Milton.

Second Period The second period opened up fast with Acton determined to overcome the one goal lead. At 7:51 Ron Mellon, carrying the puck alone, wended his way through the Milton team and shot a long one from the blue line which found a corner of the net high on the left-hand side to even the score.

Milton came back and R. Brown slipped the disc behind Leatherland in the Acton net at 10:50 on a pass from Perillo. A combined effort by Gibbons, Malcolm and Dawkins fluked a tally in the net from a scramble in the Milton end and the period ended with the score tied 3-3.

Penalties in the second period were shared evenly.

CHURCHILL Barn Collapses With Ice, Snow

Fred MacArthur had the misfortune to lose part of his barn on Wednesday last week with the weight of snow and ice. It took the north side and west end and part of the roof down.

Mr. MacArthur had been up in the barn putting hay down just 20 minutes before he had just got to the house from doing chores when it happened.

Congratulations Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson on the gift of a son.

Locals Mrs. Alfred Saunders spent the weekend with relatives in Toronto.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Walter Cole has been laid up with arthritis and wish her a speedy recovery.

Car trucks often end in a grassy slant.

Mrs. K. Knox Returned As Regent of Chapter

The annual meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. D. Bothwell last week with the regent, Mrs. K. Knox presiding.

Mrs. J. Carpenter, guest soloist, sang two numbers, "Climb Every Mountain" and "I Had a Little Talk with the Lord."

Immigrants Valuable Mrs. H. R. Force gave a talk on the value of our immigrants, pointing out that, although the popular belief is that they take jobs from Canadians, they actually are worth millions through their needs for cars, home appliances and all the other necessities of life.

New Officers The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: Honorary regent, Mrs. B. Mowat; regent, Mrs. K. Knox; first vice regent, Mrs. H. F. Holmes; second vice regent, Mrs. G. Spencer-Lee; secretary, Mrs. A. E. Newton; assistant secretary, Mrs. B. Mowat; treasurer, Mrs. C. Heller.

Educational secretary, Mrs. W. Wolfe; convener for service at home and abroad, Mrs. J. Jany; convener for Empire and World Affairs, Mrs. H. R. Force; convener for Canadianization and citizenship, Mrs. J. McGeachie; Echoes secretary, Mrs. Gordon Beatty; membership convener, Mrs. H. Mainprize; Mrs. W. J. Mackay; publicity convener, Miss M. Mainprize; standard bearer, Mrs. E. Thomas.

Councillors: Mrs. W. G. Beatty, Mrs. F. Salt, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mrs. C. Matthews, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. J. Whitlam, Mrs. D. Leslie.

Ballinafad Husbands, Guests of Institute At Pot Luck Supper Saturday

The W.I. held a pot luck supper on Saturday night with the husbands as guests when about 40 sat down to a well laden table.

Real call was answered by the men with "What my wife does to please me most" and by the ladies, "What my husband does to please me most." It proved to be quite humorous.

Leo Jamieson showed two films and the rest of the evening was spent in playing euchre.

Weekend Guests Mr. Smith and his mother of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of his brother at Silvercreek.

Community Shocked The community was saddened to learn of the train-school bus collision taking the lives of three girl students and the bus driver at Hillsburgh crossing.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 31 for Donna Jackson and Gudrun Koch, of the Monday for Karen Awev and the Tuesday for Calvin Leitch the bus driver.

Some of the students are still in hospital. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Short Meeting The W.I. held their February meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Leo Jamieson. As the ladies were busy with their sewing class project, focuses on finishing, the meeting was short. It was confined to business opening with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Hospital Support Mrs. C. E. Snow gave a splendid report on the work that is being done in aid of the new hospital in Georgetown.

There was no motto or roll call as they were to be given on Saturday night when the W.I. entertained their husbands.

Spring Coming! Spring must be just around the corner as crows have been seen in the district.

Education means developing the mind, not stuffing the memory.

High Fellowship Conducts Baptist Evening Service

The Young People of the Baptist High Fellowship conducted the evening service at the Acton Baptist church last Sunday in a very impressive and helpful manner.

Following the song service led by Ruth Landsborough, Janice Rolston took charge. The B.H.F. challenge was the call to worship and the B.H.F. prayer by Janice Wagner was the invocation prayer.

The responsive reading and the scripture lesson were conducted by Joanne Emmerson. Prayers by Thelma Phillips and Donna Pendleton were offered. Two musical numbers, one by the junior choir, and a duet by Donna Landsborough and Karen Heller, were a worthy contribution. Mark Hopper and John Timmy were ushers.

Round Table Four young people, Donna Landsborough, Sandra Cripps, Keith Brink and David Chapman, ably presented a round table discussion entitled "Where do we go from here?"

The theme, "Keep close to your guide" was continued by the minister, Rev. Gordon Holmes, in a brief address. The whole evening was decidedly profitable in the highest sense, to the large congregation of worshippers.

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