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Robert Little School Wins Pennant Tops Four Competitors in Ice Carnival

Robert Little public school will display the large pennant presented by the Recreation Committee Wednesday night when they placed first among five of eight schools scheduled to compete in the first public school ice carnival held at the arena. Close to 1,000 people including children taking part paid admission to the arena.

Pupils from the winning school racked up a total of 95 points when they competed in individual and relay races on skates. Receiving the pennant were vice-principal Doug Copeland and teacher Keith Martin. The pennant, donated by the Recreation Committee, was presented by chairman Jack Bullough.

Taking part in the evening's program were schools from Speyside, Limehouse, Rockwood and the two Acton schools, Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett. Second place winners of the night's competition was M. Z. Bennett school, with Speyside third, Limehouse fourth and Rockwood fifth.

Relay Races
In the junior relay races, the M. Z. Bennett school won first place with the following contestants, Denise Drinkwater, Lynda Fisher, Cathy Peschu, Jennifer Fisher, Gordon Williams, Ted Raitz, Mike Field and Howard Coultrap.

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Newell and George McPhail.

In the intermediate relay race, Speyside copped first spot with Martha Kroppl, Linda Wood, Bonnie Overland, Johanna Jensen, Jimmy Watson, David Hargett, Glen Yallifer and Mike Frame. Second, M. Z. Bennett, with Lynne Dunn, Kathy Cook, Joan Gibbins, Charlene Higgins, Paul Cooper, John Mason, Cassey Harkley and John Vlasira. Robert Little, third, with Cathy Krul, Brenda Henry, Sharon White, Jackie Palmer, Doug Casburn, Len Vander Polder, Robert Waller and Brent Marshall.



MINIATURE CAMPFIRE was one of the displays staged by Ballinlath Boy Scouts Friday evening during their annual Father and Son banquet. Ladies of the United Church catered for the event which attracted a large crowd. Left to right are Scoutmaster Fred Roden and Scout Bob Black as they set up the display.

Costume Contest
First on the program was the costume contest, which was divided into four divisions. In the comic class, Terry Coles, Bruce Gaskle and Peter Masales from the Robert Little school took first prize, with Corie Maxwell of the Robert Little school second and Karen Van Sickle, Melissa, third. For the best original costume, Olive and Ona Marshall of the M. Z. Bennett school won first place ribbons, Sandra Patterson, Robert Little, took second and Kathy Cook of M. Z. Bennett, third.

Best national costume award went to Anita Braids, M. Z. Bennett, second to Sandra Patterson, Robert Little, and third, Kathy Cook, M. Z. Bennett. For the top pairs costume, Debby Drinkwater and Jean Elliott, first, M. Z. Bennett; Debbie Sausfield and Peter Dwan, second, Robert Little; Cathy Ashley and John Ashley, third, Robert Little.

Race Events
The following are the winners in the racing events: RL stands for Robert Little, MZB for M. Z. Bennett, S for Speyside, L for Limehouse and R for Rockwood.

Girls, 7 years and under: Janet Allen RL, Laurie Hansen RL, Sherrie Livermore RL.

Boys, 7 and under: Billy McGilgouway RL, Bernie Taylor RL, Willie Steinko L, Variations MZB, 8 and 9: Lynne Frame S, Kathy Prystaz MZB, Cathy Ashley RL.

Boys, 8 and 9: George McPhail S, Peter Morrison RL, Gary Masters MZB.

Girls, 10 and 11: Lynne Dunn MZB, Karen Townsley RL, Joanne Casburn RL.

Boys, 10 and 11: Jim Stevenson MZB, Michael Frame S, Kenny Marshall RL.

Girls, 12 and 13: Ann Quinn

Two Day Festival for North Halton Will Attract 1500 from 14 Schools

Nearly 1,500 North Halton youngsters will jam Robert Little School in Acton on March 24 and 25 for the annual North Halton Music Festival. Students from 14 schools in North Halton will participate in the festival which will run all day March 24 and in the evening of March 25.

The 14 schools participating, three from Milton, two from Acton, and Speyside, Norway, Glen Hilda, Song of the Eagle, When All the World is Young Lad, To a

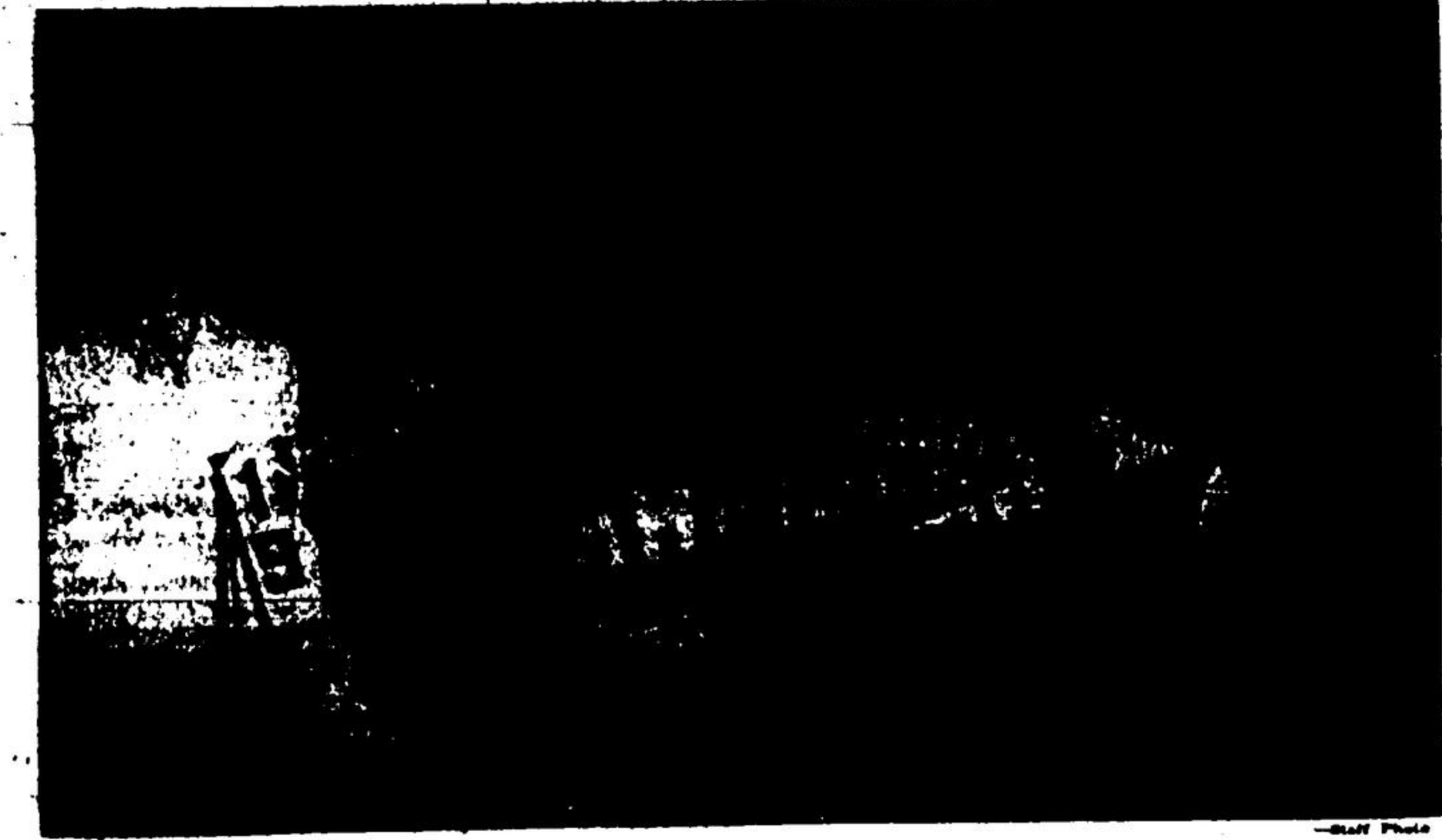
ville, Kelsa, Milton Heights, Limehouse and Pineview are divided into three classes, seven rooms and over, six rooms and under and three rooms and under.

Variety of Songs
The youngsters will sing songs such as Aurora, The Shepherd, Maga in the Raindrops, Someday, Song of the Eagle, When All the World is Young Lad, To a

Lamhkin, The Trout and Song of Gladness.

Besides primary, junior and senior choirs performing, there will be triple duets for Grades 5 and 6 students and triple trios for Grades 7 and 8 pupils.

The festival is sponsored annually by the Halton County Music Festival Association. Mrs. Aileen Martin of Milton is secretary-treasurer of the Association.



ROBERT LITTLE SCHOOL pupils placed first Wednesday night in the public school ice carnival and were presented with a large pennant by Jack Bullough, chairman of the Recreation Committee. The pennant was made by Larry Taillefer, Crews Corner, who is an employee at the arena. Left to right are Brenda

Committee Seeks \$20,000 Budget Also \$5,000 for New Arena Floor

Acton Recreation Commission took a calculating look at their 1964 budget at the regular meeting in the community centre on Thursday evening.

Presented by finance committee chairman Hugh Patterson, the budget took up most of the commission's time. Tentative estimates indicated a \$20,000 budget which the finance chairman and commission chairman Jack Bullough will present to council for approval.

Need Floor
Vice-chairman John Gov pointed out the commission should ask council for \$5,000 for an arena floor. "We can't effectively operate the arena program without a floor in it," he declared.

The finance chairman, anticipating the request, tabled his recommendations which included the proposed \$5,000 floor. It also included the following recommendations:

1. An expansion of the summer program which would enable the committee to apply for a bigger grant.
 2. Set fees for rental of all premises under the jurisdiction of the commission.
 3. The building committee look into the possibility of a cooling tank and return system which would effect a considerable saving.
- Value for Money**
The budget came in for some criticism from vice-chairman John Gov who took issue with the transfer of \$260 in funds from maintenance to the administration account. The money is ticketed for an increase in the recreation director's salary.
- Asking for a more realistic look at maintenance problems the ex-chairman also cautioned members about administration. Mr. Gov reported he had received numerous phone calls complain-

ing about administration in the community centre. We are spending public money, he declared, let's make sure we get full value for it.

Pledging to vote for the increase in salary this time, Mr. Gov said he wanted to see \$260 worth of better administration. He pointed out the size of the community rules out a full time recreation director so duties include the additional responsibilities of arena manager.

Mr. Gov also was critical of curling conditions at the community centre. "We have some of the best equipment in Canada but not enough time to use it," he declared.

Given Certificate
Earlier in the meeting recreation director Jim Casburn was presented with his Interim 'B' Municipal Recreation Director's certificate by J. Douglas Paton, district representative for the

community programs branch of the Department of Education. Mr. Paton congratulated the Acton recreation director and mentioned he would be eligible for his Interim 'A' certificate soon.

Applicants for the certificate were the subject of rigid scrutiny and they must pass a difficult course said Mr. Paton. He also outlined several seminars committee members might be interested in.

Repairs High
Members objected to paying repair bills to the community centre sprinkler system. They felt the \$50 to \$60 paid to a repairman for repairs was exorbitant and questioned whether the system had no warranty to cover it from the contractors who installed it.

The commission advised bill board space was available at the community centre for interested advertisers.

A letter from the Acton intermediate hockey club asking consideration of a \$30 practice bill in November was received. Secretary J. Hurst was advised to answer, citing reasons for the charge.

Members present included the chairman Jack Bullough, J. Gov, Mrs. H. Otterbier, Mrs. B. Keates, Dr. F. J. Oakes, C. Cook, H. Patterson, I. Lovell, recreation director J. Casburn and secretary J. Hurst.

Newspaperman, Wife Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Many fond memories were recalled by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pringle, R.R. 1, Acton, a bride and groom of 50 years, when they held an anniversary party at their home Saturday afternoon.

The former Norma Evelyn Campbell, daughter of the late Captain Neil Campbell and Mrs.

Campbell and Alex Pringle of Acton, were united in marriage in Owen Sound February 25, 1914 and of the 40 original guests present only survive. Two of these, Mrs. W. C. Carrie, Toronto, a sister of the groom, and Mrs. Fraser Thomson, sister-in-law of Tom Thomson, the famous Canadian artist, attended the celebration.

Mr. Pringle is well known in the newspaper trade and spent 43 years in this line of work. He received congratulations from many top Canadian Press men who couldn't attend the anniversary gathering because they were at a press dinner at Ottawa. The couple also received a framed certificate signed by provincial secretary John Yaremko and George Kerr, M.P.P. Nearby the couple with an electric wall clock. They also received many flowers, cards and gifts.

Moved in 1947
The couple purchased their present home in 1942 and after his retirement moved to the farm in 1947. It was here he took a keen interest in his hobby of painting and many in this area have seen Mr. Pringle sitting by the side of the road. He continued this hobby up until two years ago when he was forced to discontinue on account of ill health.

He holds an enviable record in the newspaper business, he was with several newspapers across Canada and in the old country and was with Canadian Press for 25 years.

He was also president of the Conservative Association for Nasagawewa. Both have been members of the farm forum and active in church organization.

One of the treats enjoyed by the couple was shortbread sent from a cousin in England. They also received gifts from Vancouver relatives.

The couple have five children and 12 grandchildren. Children are Alex of Downsview, Catherine (Mrs. Fred Parsons) Beeton, Donald, Ashcroft and Vancouver. Mrs. R. D. Kenyon of Connecticut, U.S.A. and John of Port Arthur.

A three-tiered wedding cake made by their daughter Catherine was enjoyed by the couple and many guests.

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Dale Wood's Piano Pupils Present Recital at School

A recital by piano pupils of Dale Wood was enjoyed by parents and friends Tuesday evening at the Robert Little School auditorium. Mr. Wood, who is still taking Conservatory lessons himself and lives in Toronto, teaches Mondays in Rockwood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waddell and Tuesdays in Acton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cripps.

Although he has taught lessons in Toronto, Mr. Wood said this was the first recital for his pupils.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Mr. Waddell from Rockwood. The program, which opened with God Save the Queen played by Marilyn Cripps, was divided into three sections with beginners, elementary pupils and advanced pupils.

Refreshments were served to the children and guests afterwards.

Beginners included, from Acton, Wendy Knappton, Doree Rochetter, Mary Watson, Johnny Rochester and from Rockwood, Roger McGillivray, Janice Osborne, Gail Nichol and Johnny Kneigt. Mr. Wood played duets with Janice Osborne and Johnny Rochester.

Elementary students, from grades one to five, are from Acton, Linda Perry, Paul Youngblut, Heather McCutcheon, Jane Watson, Diane Frank, Carol McCutcheon and Anpe Watson; from Rockwood, Kathy Nesbitt, Corrine Kneigt, Johnny Nesbitt, Paul Raddell, Kathy Osborne, Jack MacDonald, Mary Anne Waddell, Elza Kneigt, Gretis McPherson and Doris Tubman; from Eden Mills, Cameron Gibson and Nancy Gibson.

Three girls played in the advanced section. Anne Shortill of Limehouse played Alumbblatt for Elise; Sandra Binnie played Waltz in A Flat and Marilyn Cripps played Tambourin Chinolo and Menuet with Variations.

Marilyn Cripps and Dale Wood played a duet, the theme from the motion picture Exodus.

A grade eight student, Marion Bayne of Rockwood, was unable to attend.

In the recent Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto exams, three of Mr. Wood's students were successful: Marion Bayne grade eight; Marilyn Cripps grade eight and Jack MacDonald grade four.

20 Per Cent Still Without Licenses

Deadline for using 1963 license plates in midnight tomorrow (Friday) are according to local issuer Jack Hargrave about 20 per cent of district drivers haven't purchased new plates to date.

Mr. Hargrave expects to be quite busy up until his closing hour at 6 p.m. Friday and urges motorists to get in as soon as possible. He also warns drivers not in receipt of their 1964 driver's permit, that they will not be able according to law to drive Saturday with the 1963 permit.

Village Small but Hearts Big \$77 Goes to Crippled Children



CRIPPLED CHILDREN in the Guelph area, received a \$77.20 donation from Rockwood citizens during a community soiree Monday evening in St. John's Parish Hall. Receiving the money (left) is Dr. J. D. Schroder, president of the Guelph and Wellington Society for Crippled Children, as Mrs. Fred Lambert makes the presentation. Proceeds came from donations as well as the euchre.

The village of Rockwood may be small but citizens' hearts are big when it comes to helping crippled children. Monday evening \$77.20 was handed to the Guelph and Wellington Branch of the Crippled Children's Society during a community soiree.

Mrs. Fred Lambert headed a group of interested citizens in raising the money as they staged a euchre in St. John's parish hall and canvassed for donations. On hand to receive the money and acquaint citizens with the society's operation was Dr. J. D. Schroder of Guelph.

Geoph Facilities
Dr. Schroder told the group at the euchre their donation would be used entirely by the Geoph Branch. He outlined facilities to Geoph and said at present there are 10 handicapped children receiving treatment and care in the in-patient and therapy rooms.

The Geoph president told his interested audience the Crippled Children's organization first began with 10 service clubs and 250 interested people and today (40 years later) there are over 500 service clubs and 10,000 interested volunteers helping to maintain facilities. He said there are five camps for children, of all ages to attend and nurses make frequent visits to homes where their services are required as needed.

Others on the committee with Mrs. Lambert included Mrs. Ed Thatcher, George Brown, Mrs. and Mrs. Norman Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. Mendon, Mrs. Arthur Highgate, Mrs. Elwood Nelson and Mrs. Bert Polson.