EDEN MILLS

W.M.S., Ladies' Aid Meetings, Auction Sale in District News

Mrs. William McLean Sr. was hostess for the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Herb Gilbertson opened with the singing of hymn 587 and repeating of the Lord's Prayer in unison, followed by the Scripture reading from the eighth chapter of Acts, read alternately.

Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Roll call was answered with a verse from the Bible containing the word "Love".

Mrs. C. Lasby gave a report on the allocation and the ladies were reminded of the Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5. Those taking part in prayers are Mrs. G. MacDougall, Mrs. George Aitken and Mrs. E. Millar. Speaker will be Mrs. Dilts.

Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid was opened with a poem given by Mrs. Beryl Wright, "A Thought", followed by hymn 435. Roll call was answered with a Valentine verse.

After the minutes, Mrs. G. MacDougall read a letter received from Mrs. Dickenson, a missionary in China. A reading, "The Old Hymn" was given by Mrs. E. Miller and a duet was rendered by Mrs. N. McLean and Mrs. R. Wright. A contest was won by Mrs. G. MacDougall and Mrs. J. Taylor closed with prayer, followed with a social half hour.

Twins Celebrate

The twins' birthday was celebrated Sunday in the McLean home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis and three children, London; Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald and daughter, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Don McLean and three children, Guelph; Mr. Ogg McLean, Brantford and Mr. and Mrs. William McLean Jr. and family, Eden Mills.

The Funston family of Toronto spent the weekend at Pittscarry Farm as guests of Mrs. George Aitken.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbertson were Mr. and Mrs. T. McPhail, Burlington.

After two postponements, the auction sale under the auspices of Eden Mills Women's Institute was held Wednesday evening in the village hall and proved very profitable.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the Brinklow family in the sudden death of their son Jack in an accident, also to his bereaved wife.

Dublin W.I. Sees Prevention Display

Acton Fire Hall was the setting for the February meeting of Dublin Women's Institute when the Branch had been invited to be the Acton Firefighters' guests for the evening.

The purpose was a special fire prevention program, and films were shown by a number of firemen that were of much interest to the ladies and some of their husbands who attended. A special feature was a demonstration of first-aid on a dummy in a case of drowning, electrocution and asphyxiation. It was an enjoyable and profitable evening for everyone.

Previous to the demonstration, Mrs. Duncan Moffat, president, presided over the business meeting. After the opening excercises, Mrs. N. Douglas, the secretary called the roll, which was answered by "What I Remember About One of My Teachers."

Donations were made to the Halton Music Festival and International Scholarship. A nice sum of money was turned into the treasury by a member who had held a demonstration at her home recently. Several ladies volunteered to help with the canvas for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made for a bake sale to be held in Acton toward the end of the month. Mrs. C. Armstrong was courtesy convener.

A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. I. Winfield, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. F. McCarron and all enjoyed a social visit together.

OSPRINGE

Close School Due to Storm

The Ladies' Aid of the local Presbyterian Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

During the business session plans were made for a fowl supper to be later in the month.

Due to heavy snow storms and blocked roads, school was dismissed at noon on Thursday and remained closed on Friday.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Raynor and family, 17 Sideroad and 4th Line, in the passing on Saturday of Mr. Raynor at the Guelph hospital.

Friends were shocked to learn of the death of Jack Brinklow on Saturday in the truck-train accident at the 1st Line crossing. The deceased, since January, had been the popular milk man, through the village: sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevenson of Toronto spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McMillan, following a vacation at Miami Beach Florida.

Mr. Andrew Johnstone of Rockwood visited on Sunday with his daughter and son-in-law, Vernon and Mrs. Stewart and family.

Mrs. Wm. Milton 1st Line is visiting in Oakville with her son-in-law and family while her daughter is in hospital following recent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchilson and son of Toronto spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

CHURCHILL

Envy of Community Has Cutter in Storm

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr and Mr. Robert Kerr Sr. attended the 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 21, of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McMillan of Castor Centre.

Mr. Don Swackhamer and Bob Kerr attended a Junior Farmers Day at Orangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Mrs. Tressa Keeler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur of Erin, also Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers and family of Hillsburgh visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunderson and boys on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman on the safe arrival on Saturday, February 20, of a wee grandson Gordon John, a brother for Lyle, and children of Ted and Shirley Freeman of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and David returned home after spending the month of February in Summer clime. They report a good trip with wonderfully warm weather, a marked contrast to what we had here at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winters, R.R. 2 Acton, who are proud owners of the old-fashioned way of travelling, "The Horse and Cutter", found it came in very handy after the heavy fall of snow when Mr. Winters had chores at two barns to do. Then on Sunday afternoon several relatives and friends visiting at their home enjoyed a real old-fashioned cutter ride wrapped in a buffalo robe.

EVERTON

Sunday Morning Special Speaker

Rev. O. W. McCully, Toronto, general secretary of the All-Canada Committee of the Church of Christ Disciples, was guest speaker at the morning service of the local church.

Throughout the brotherhood, this week is known as "Week of Compassion" when the needs of the world, food, shelter and clothing and purpose in life, is stressed, and Mr. McCully's sermon, "The church and the needs of man" proved quite fitting.

The speaker spoke on the "intellectual needs of man, the emotional needs of man and the physical needs of man." In closing, Mr. McCully asked, "How well is the church meeting the needs of man?"

The junior choir under the leadership of Miss Donna Kingsbury, sang a number, with Miss Marilyn Kingsbury at the organ.

A vote was taken at the close of the service, which was unanimous, to extend a call to Rev. Russell Legg of Boston, Mass., to become minister of the local church. This is pending the vote of the Guelph congregation.

Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer service is being held in the local church on Friday afternoon at 2.30 when Rev. Rev. Leslie of Hillsburgh Christian Church will be guest speaker. Ladies of the surrounding churches will also participate and all are urged to attend.

LIMEHOUSE

Storm Necessitates Holiday for School

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Langille and Brenda have just returned from ten days at Nova Scotia to visit relatives.

Mr. J Maurer flew to Germany for the past two weeks.

The school children had a holiday on Friday owing to the heavy snow storm.

Another in the marathon series of euchres, sponsored by the W.I. was held in Limehouse memorial hall on Monday evening. Winners were Jack Roughley and Mrs. Russell Miller, seconds going to George Burt and Mrs. R. McEnery, and lone hands to Meldrum Stark. Thirteen tables were in play and the committee served lunch after.

Pentecostal Church Host Day of Prayer

It has become the custom in recent years for the wife of the minister of the host church to speak at the World Day of Prayer service. Friday afternoon Mrs. S. Thoman will give the message at the service for all women of all churches, held at 2.30 in the Pentecostal Tabernacle. Last year's speaker was Mrs. D. H. West and the year before, Mrs. D. Engel.

Acton is a "link" in the world Day of Prayer "chain" around the world.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Sir:

Your edition of July 10th in the local roundup made a brief reference to the fact that during the years 1963-64 there have been sixteen motor vehicle accidents in the eastbound lane at a curve on 403 Highway in Burlington, stating that this led to the recommendation by the Coroner's jury and to the recent inquest of Brian Craig that there should be more signs. While I agree with the jury's recommendation, I feel that your brief report on the fatality omits to state important facts which are necessary for a full appreciation of the situation.

Thus while there were sixteen motor vehicle accidents during 1963-64 at that curve, studies made by the Department of Highways indicate that twenty to twenty five thousand cars travel back and forth both ways around that curve each day. In 1964 alone, an estimated 3,280,000 vehicles passed easterly along this curve. In light of this huge flow of traffic sixteen accidents does not seem very large, and is not out of proportion with experience at other places on the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

Of even greater significance is the fact that the two fatal accidents out of the sixteen mentioned both drivers, were found to have a considerable amount of alcohol in their blood, namely 1.7 and 1.6 ppt respectively. According to an expert from the Attorney General's laboratory, a leading authority on the subject of alcohol and its effects on driving, this amount of alcohol in the bloodstream would definitely affect the ability of all drivers whatever their individual tolerance of alcohol. A level of 1.5 ppt in the blood of Brian Craig whose weight was given as 220 lbs. by his uncle indicated that he had in his bloodstream at the time of his death the equivalent of 8 bottles of beer or 12 ozs. of LCBO liquor. Presumably the consumption of liquor took place over the course of several hours and allowing for the natural elimination at the rate of .15 ppt it is evident the actual consumption must have exceeded 8 bottles of beer or 12 ozs. of liquor.

Moreover in both of the fatal accidents there was evidence of driving at extremely high speeds. In the Craig inquest, an independent witness estimated the speed of Craig's car to be 90 mph.

However safe our highways may be constructed and designed I submit that drivers who choose to drink to excess and then drive at high speeds will be involved in motor vehicle accidents and even fatalities. In 1964 in Halton County 11 of the 22 persons who were killed in motor vehicle accidents were drivers of cars involved. Of these 11, 8 or 72.7% had been drinking.

For your information, I am pleased to enclose statistics that I have compiled pertaining to fatal motor vehicle accidents reference to the part played by alcohol.

Yours truly,
P. K. McWilliams.

Crown Attorney Seeks Compulsory Blood Tests

When the Chief Justice of Ontario, J. C. McRuer held a one-day hearing in Hamilton last week for the Royal Commission on Civil Rights, one of the briefs presented came from Halton Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams of Milton.

Mr. McWilliams called for compulsory blood - alcohol tests for drinking drivers involved in motor-vehicle accident as one of the main points in his brief.

He called the problem of impaired or intoxicated drivers "a major one" and pointed out that of the 11 drivers killed among Halton's 22 highway fatalities in 1964, eight had been drinking.

Another fatality saw the death of a drunk pedestrian.

An increasing number of drivers are refusing to take sobriety tests, he suggested.

Lack of Enforcement

His 13-page brief also urged that municipal zoning by-laws be enforced fairly and uniformly. A provincial government appointee should do the enforcing to avoid local politics, the brief pointed out.

He said that municipal officials often take no steps to enforce the by-laws unless the individual happens to upset his neighbors.

He also asked for a 24-hour system of justices of the peace to allow arrested persons to arrange bail more promptly; suggested no extension of privilege on evidence be granted to doctors, clergymen or social workers; a public defender system should be attempted in the larger cities; and that more court reporters should be appointed to ease the load.

Series of Changes Beginning at Knox

Ladies from all women's groups at Knox church are meeting together this afternoon (Thursday) to accumulate suggestions for the changes and improvements which may be made to the church kitchen. Dishes and equipment will be packed and moved away.

On Monday, Len Ariss Construction Company will begin lowering the basement floor and renovations behind the gallery.

Last Friday, an oil burner was installed in the church furnace, following a breakdown in the stoker the previous Friday and was an emergency decision.

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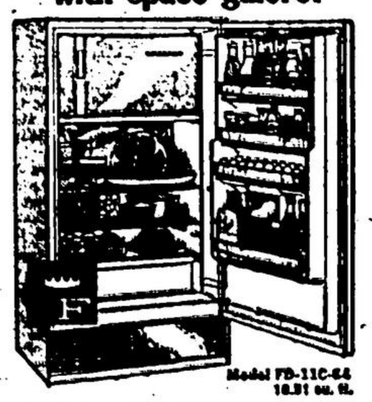

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