

New Musical Chairs At Mission Circle

The basement of the Baptist church, resplendent with Christmas tree and seasonal decorations, was the scene of the December meeting of the Ladies' Mission Circle.

With the president, Mrs. C. Landsborough in the chair, the meeting opened with a short talk and Christmas carols. After the usual business session, Mrs. Helwig led the devotional period. Scripture was read by Miss Elda Fryer, and Mrs. Helwig gave several short talks relative to the birth of Christ, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. Helen Bulmer at the piano.

Four candles representing the Spirit of Prayer were lighted and held in turn by four ladies, who led in prayer. Mrs. Landsborough praying for the home mission work, Mrs. C. Baillie for India, Mrs. W. Feltham for Africa, and Mrs. G. Harrap for Bolivia.

Social Period

In the social period which followed, one could detect the fine hand of Mrs. Margaret Cohen as M.C. By far the most exciting feature was a new version of musical chairs.

Someone with a flair for antique milinery had produced a box of odd timers. Coquettish in these, the ladies pranced about until the music stopped, when all changed hats, one hat being removed each time — also one hatless lady. By this process of elimination, the numbers were finally reduced to two; it was nip and tuck for a while, but at last Mrs. C. Baillie found herself the winner in this game of mad-hatters. From the peals of mirth, one might have supposed a teenage conclave was in session.

A festive lunch, suitable to the season, concluded a most enjoyable evening. Thanks are due to all who helped to make it a success.

St. Alban's Guild Names New Officers

The December meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held December 1 in the parish hall with the president, Mrs. G. Fountain, in the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn and the Guild prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. C. Lindsay.

The financial report was given by treasurer, Mrs. E. Pratt, showing a very good bank balance to cover some projects and start the new year.

The members decided to have their annual pot luck supper in January.

After a short business session, the meeting was turned over to the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. P. Hurley, who conducted the election of officers in the absence of the rector, the Rev. R. McMurray.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. G. Fountain; vice-president, Mrs. V. Brinkley; recording secretary, Mrs. Don Lindsay; treasurer, Mrs. D. Hunter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Nelles; flowers and gifts, Mrs. C. Lindsay; kitchen conveners, Mrs. C. Nelles and Miss Millie Rowles; press reporter, Mrs. J. Croasby Jr.

Lunch was served by the group in charge.

Legion Ladies Present \$1,000 to Men's Branch

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 197, held their November meeting in the Legion Hall, president Mrs. D. Rogers in the chair.

Two new members, Mrs. E. Allan and H. Yateman, were welcomed and initiated by second vice-president Mrs. B. Fowler.

Christmas cheques are to be sent to the 1st World War Veterans and the widows. A motion was made to purchase a new clock and new lamps for the Legion Hall.

A donation of \$1,000 was presented to the men's branch, also some money for the bowling league and the bingo convenor.

After the meeting closed a delicious lunch was served by the convenors and a social hour enjoyed.

Nine 25 Year Pins Presented To Duke of Devonshire Members

The Duke of Devonshire chapter LODGE held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Tuesday evening, December 7. A delicious dinner planned and served by convener Mrs. W. J. Beatty and Mrs. Newton sent the party off to a delightful start with emphasis on the Christmas theme.

A short business meeting was conducted by the regent, Mrs. H. R. Torrey. Donations were allotted to various LODGE and local projects.

Miss R. Clark read the story of how the beautiful Carol Silent Night had its beginning. Members were thanked by the regent for their work in canvassing for the CNIB.

Christmas Message Ladies' Aid Meeting

At the close of Knox Ladies' Aid for the year Mrs. A. M. McPherson presided; her opening thought was a Christmas message followed by a short prayer and the hymn Jesus, Name of Wonderful Love. Mrs. J. Dennis gave the financial report for the year. Important business of the past month was the lucky luncheon which was a decided success and the teachers' federation dinner.

Two dinners have been planned for early in December and the necessary arrangements were made. The secretary gave her report and read an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson for their golden anniversary.

The worship service included Scripture lesson taken from the second chapter of Luke read by Mrs. Dougald Kennedy with Mrs. A. J. Buchanan leading in prayer.

Mrs. Moran contributed a fine musical medley of Christmas carols. Mrs. F. Anderson gave a Christmas reading "A Friendly Welcome at Christmas Time."

The election of officers has been left over for the opening meeting of the year when Mrs. A. J. Buchanan will be convenor of the month. Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a festive luncheon was served by the committee. Mrs. A. J. Robinson, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Anderson.

Three Days of Prayer Mark Close of Council

A Tridium of prayer and penance in thanksgiving for blessings of the Second Vatican Council, which came to a conclusion on Wednesday, December 8, was celebrated at St. Joseph's church, Acton, by the pastor, Father V. J. Morgan, and the parishioners when three special evening Masses were offered at 7:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Pope Paul had asked for three days of special prayer to be observed. Fast and abstinence of December 7 could also be offered for the intentions of the Holy Father. These are in thanksgiving for the blessings of the Council and to ask for the continued assistance of the Holy Spirit in the inner renewal of Catholic life spelled out in the decrees and declarations of the Council.

Pope Paul recently warned against "a spirit of criticism and even of invidiousness and rebellion" which is "pulling into question norms of Christian life... that are sacrosanct." The renewal to which the Council is inviting people is not to be thought of as a blunting of the temporal moral code of the modern Catholic, but rather as something that increases his energy, makes him more aware of his duties.

Pope John admonished on the eve of the Council opening, "It is a command and a sacred duty to place boldness, both of clergy and laity, at the base of every effort to develop the energies of the church. We do not hesitate to say that all our care and zeal to make the Council productive of great results could be vain unless it is collective effort towards holiness... resolution. Nothing can further the purpose of the Council so much as the pursuit and attainment of holiness."

Two interesting contests were enjoyed by members — the first a movie guessing game with Mrs. Mowat guessing the most movies. The second contest was the making of Christmas table decorations. First prize went to Mrs. McLeod, second Mrs. Heller and third Mrs. Johnston.

The meeting was unique in the fact every member of the chapter was present.

Alter Guild Names Mrs. Winn President

The annual meeting of the Acton Guild of St. Alban's church was held Monday evening in the parish hall. The officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Winn; secretary, Mrs. H. Hinton; treasurer, Mrs. H. Dennis; convener, Mrs. C. Nelles; flowers convenor, Mrs. C. Leatherland.

The average person would be better off if spending money were as hard as earning it.

Life Memberships At Alert Auxiliary

The Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church held their Christmas meeting on Monday, December 6 in the Dr. A. T. Stewart Memorial Hall. Nineteen members were present to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs. E. Masters and her group. Following dinner the ladies gathered in the church school room.

Mrs. F. Marshall presided while Mrs. Muscalle and Mrs. Inglis gave the secretary's and treasurer's reports and several items of business were dealt with. Mrs. Ashley was called forward and Mrs. G. Young and Mrs. R. Turn

er presented her with a life membership certificate while her daughter Mrs. Marshall pinned on her life membership pin. Then Mrs. Muscalle and Mrs. Young presented Mrs. Adams with a life membership certificate in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Bennie who had been a faithful worker with the auxiliary. Miss I. Cole presented Mrs. Adams with the pin.

Each member responded to the roll call by giving a gift to be taken to a shut-in. Miss B. Rossell on the feast of Saint Nicholas distributed a Christmas gift to each member. The program concluded with a contest won by Mrs. Muscalle.

Two Ashleys

In last week's write-up of Acton W.I.'s program at the Manor just one Ashley girl was listed among the dancers. Both Kathy and Karen Ashley danced with Mrs. Carpenter's group, and she accompanied them on the guitar.

1,000 Tulips

Over 1,000 tulips have been planted at Halton County Museum in a shut-in. Miss B. Rossell on the feast of Saint Nicholas distributed a Christmas gift to each member. The program concluded with a contest won by Mrs. Muscalle.

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