

Free Press Women's Page

Halton Presbyterial meeting looks to past, present and future

Past, Present, Future, was the Centennial Theme for the fifth annual meeting of Halton Presbyterial, United Church Women, held Thursday, February 16, in St. Paul's United Church, Oakville.

Mrs. H. R. Parker, president, welcomed the guests and delegates, and Mrs. M. Harper extended a warm welcome.

Mrs. Martin Jones, vice-president Hamilton Conference U.C.W., had charge of the worship period. In her opening remarks the speaker said, "In thinking of the Past, the Present and the Future, it seems that change is the keyword, but the underlying strength in times of change as far as the Christians are concerned is God who is unchanging."

The treasurer's report by Mrs. L. B. King showed that financially 1966 had been a good year. The sum of \$101,350.54 had been raised for all purposes by the Women of Halton Presbyterial. Their commitment of \$27,000 to the United Budget Fund of the church had been met and they gave an additional sum of \$2,233.36 towards the over and above projects for which the United Church Women assumed responsibility. In addition they supported generously a number of United Church projects as well as meeting their share of the cost of upkeep of the local church and the manse.

The U.C.W. proposed Budget for 1967 was presented by Mrs. E. S. Leaker and was accepted. It is as follows: Allocation for share of Unified Budget Fund as received from Conference U.C.W. \$28,000; share of Hamilton conference U.C.W. expenses \$245; Presbyterial U.C.W. expenses \$950, making a total of \$29,195.

Since the morning session was to deal with the past, a skit entitled "Beginnings" had been prepared by Mrs. N. K. Campbell. The players were from East Plains and wore costumes of pioneer days.

In 1816 at Halifax, a Methodist Benevolent Society was formed. Five years later at Halifax, a Female Benevolent Society for home missions was formed.

In 1825 in a little village in Princetown, P.E.I., four women gathered to organize a society for helping others, a Female Society for the propagation of the gospel and other religious purposes. The membership was one penny.

Fifty years later three Women's Missionary boards were organized, Presbyterian, Me-

thodist and Congregational. In 1925 came union and the work of the women progressed to new heights. The Ladies' Aid or W.A. were later in organizing than were the W.M.S.

Mrs. Gordon Lapp had the literature presentation and after recommending several books for reading she reviewed "The Clear Spirit". Mrs. Peter Zaharak reviewed "A New Look at Television" while William Bird from the Ryerson bookstore reviewed "The Big Change" by Rev. D. Dolan. There was an excellent selection of books on display and for sale.

Mrs. Martin Johns brought greetings from Hamilton Conference and presided for the election of officers. The slate of officers was presented by Mrs. Lindsay Cummins in the absence of Mrs. E. R. Whitfield. These officers were installed in the afternoon session by the Rev. M. J. Parr.

The slate of officers for 1967 is as follows—president, Mrs. H. R. Parker; Port Credit; past president, Mrs. E. Sovereign, Burlington; exec. vice president, Mrs. W. D. Stainton, Oakville.

Area presidents are—Mrs. R. E. Halward, R.R. Hamilton; Mrs. D. MacLaren, Georgetown; Mrs. Roy Coulter, Campbellville; Mrs. W. F. Carroll, Cooksville; Mrs. C. Hawke, Clarkson; Recording secretary, Mrs. S. J. Hershey, Oakville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. Riva, Cooksville; treasurer, Mrs. L. B. King, Waterdown.

Committee chairman—Citizenship and Social Action, Mrs. E. M. Flowers, Meadowvale; Chaplain, C.P. & M.E., Mrs. N. McDonald, Cooksville; finance, Mrs. E. S. Leaker, Cooksville; nominations, Mrs. E. Sovereign, Burlington.

Portfolio secretaries, Community Friendship and Visiting, Mrs. K. O. Foster, Milton; Literature and Communications, Mrs. N. K. Campbell, Burlington; press and publicity, Miss Myrtle Blanshard, Burlington; assistant, Mrs. E. M. Tritton, Burlington; program secretary, Mrs. H. L. Shepherd, Burlington, assistants, Mrs. G. W. Cushnie, Oakville, and Mrs. C. C. Smith, Waterdown; stewardship and recruiting, Mrs. L. Shaw, Clarkson; supply and social assistance, Mrs. E. C. Tombs, Port Credit; archivist, Mrs. H. B. Monaghan, Burlington; members without portfolio, Mrs. Lindsay Cummins, Millgrove; Mrs. Byrnes Fleuty, Cooksville; Mrs. Keith McMillan,

Burlington; Mrs. E. R. Whitfield, Cooksville.

Bread, Laughter and Dignity was the film strip depicting the work of the church at home and abroad.

The Centennial Hymn by Kenneth A. Moyer and Rev. Le Lacheur was used as an opening for the afternoon session. The guest speaker was Rev. L. A. Purdy, Planning-Associate for the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation. He is probably best known as the creator of the clever cartoons in the "Observer". The topic of his address was "The Church in the Future Change and Challenge".

Mrs. W. D. Stainton was chairman of the committee who planned the annual meeting.

Missionary theme at Evangel church

The Women's Missionary Council of Evangel Tabernacle took the opportunity Sunday night to share the themes of their missionary work for 1967 Centennial Year.

The president, Mrs. Arlene Kingwell, acted as chairman and guided the ladies through a very interesting participation relative to National and District "W.M.C. Day" activities.

Mrs. Kay Bailey acted as song leader; Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. B. Feltham, Mrs. G. Bowen, Mrs. L. Kingwell rendered special numbers in music and song.

The evening was interspersed with a missionary skit, a poem "Offering Reminiscing", and gifted speakers. The theme, "Go and Tell" was ably given by Mrs. L. MacMurdo, Mrs. B. Kabelka, Mrs. R. Hodder, Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. E. Pasmore and Mrs. B. Feltham.

Others taking part were Mrs. P. Barker, Mrs. E. Hawes, Mrs. V. Norton, Mrs. G. Stewart, Mrs. L. Fletcher and Mrs. H. Scanda. Absent was Mrs. P. Binnie, W.M.C. secretary.

Mrs. H. Norton was organist. An offering was taken for administration for the National and District W.M.C. work conducted at P.A.O.C. offices in Toronto and Hamilton respectively.

Canadian Indians assisted by church W.M.S. study shows

The Afternoon Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church, Acton, held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. A. M. MacPherson.

The president, after a call to worship and prayer, welcomed members and guests and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. O. Moran and her committee for the worship service which included the study and the devotional period, which was taken by Mrs. C. Hansen and Mrs. O. Moran.

Concluding the study from Douglas O. Wilson's book "The Church Grows in Canada", the convener introduced the chapter "The Church and the First Canadians", by asking "The Indian Canadian — who is he?"

Explorers found scattered bands of reddish skinned people having difficult times to find food and shelter. The treatment of these people since that time is a part of history that is now resulting in a difficult situation for our government. For a time the only help they received was from the churches that opened schools and brought teachers to the reserves.

Mrs. Moran, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. MacPherson gave a most interesting history from the time the first white men found them to the present time when we find many educated ones are holding important positions and are working to place their people in better homes and helping to get better education for all. For years the churches were the only ones who built schools.

The Presbyterian Church has supervision under the government of two schools they built, one at Birtle and the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Kenora where a graduate of Birtle is now principal.

The roll call was answered by information regarding the work of Indians to show their value to our country.

A solo, "I Am A Child of the King", by Miss Bella-Mae Roszell was enjoyed by all.

Reports were read and received. Miss Isobel Anderson read a letter from Miss Ramsay of Guiana and Mrs. Sprawl one from Mrs. E. W. Smith, a former member who is now convalescing after a serious illness.

Before closing the meeting the president gave the challenge of doing more to bring happiness to others in this Centennial Year.

During the social hour they enjoyed meeting a new member and a guest from Lethbridge United Church.



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for secondary school students

"MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A CANADIAN"

Attention Secondary School Students

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There is no more important group to whom the nation should listen than to its youth. It is her young people who will decide what kind of country this Canada of ours will be in the years to come.

As a prominent statesman told the people not long ago: "As citizens of this democracy, you are the rulers and the ruled, the law-givers and the law-abiding, the beginning and the end."

Because of your importance to the nation's future, we feel it is appropriate in this centennial year, that you have the opportunity to express your views on what you think your responsibilities are to your country.

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Here are the Rules:

1. You must be attending a high school at the time the essay is submitted.
2. You may not be a member of the immediate family of an employee of your newspaper.
3. Your essay shouldn't be more than 750 words long. It would be helpful if it were typed or at least written legibly.
4. Essays must be received by The Acton Free Press not later than March 31, 1967.

Furnishing Manor room, pageant planned by W.I.

Reminiscences of a holiday spent last year abroad were shared with Dublin Women's Institute members last Thursday evening at their regular monthly meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCullough showed pictures of their trip. It was a delightful sojourn to the British Isles, Jersey and Guernsey Islands, and all enjoyed the pictures very much. Slides were also shown of a previous trip to Florida showing the beauty down there.

Some local pictures were also shown, one of special interest being the change of location of the old Bethel Hall at Knatchbull. This building for many years was used as a Sunday School, and also an election poll when required. It had been sold and the purchasers had dismantled the building, which was of log construction, and moved it carefully to the Collingwood district. It has been rebuilt and some changes made, and now serves as a ski lodge. Several of the Institute members and their families had seen the building last summer in its new location.

Mrs. W. McIntyre thanked Mr. and Mrs. McCullough for their enjoyable pictures.

Presiding over the meeting hosted by Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Blue Springs Road, Nassagaweya, was Mrs. C. Britton, president, who conducted the opening exercises. Mrs. E. Norton, Secretary, read the minutes and called the roll which was answered by "My favorite superstition".

Final plans were made for the Quilt Forum to be held on March 7 and 8 at the Acton Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A list of articles required was given. Ladies attending will

bring box lunches, and coffee will be served by the hosting Institute.

The quilt committee reviewed what they had been doing this month. One quilt which had been just completed at the home of Mrs. Charles Thompson, Churchill Road S., was shown to the ladies. Another one is in the frames, partially completed at the home of Mrs. George Robertson.

Mrs. W. Britton again handed in a nice sum of money from the efforts of herself and her committee at an auction sale at Stewarttown recently.

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An invitation was accepted to assist the Nassagaweya Women's Institute in producing a Centennial Pageant in Brookville Hall on June 20.

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A WEDDING OF LOCAL INTEREST will be solemnized at the Queensway Cathedral, Toronto, March 25, 1967, when Miss Jean-Marie McDonald, a teacher at the M. Z. Bennett school, becomes the bride of John M. Anderson, Toronto. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McDonald of Scarborough. Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson of South Porcupine, Ont.

Legion Ladies from district entertained by Acton group

A very enjoyable evening was held in the Legion Hall when the Ladies' Legion Auxiliaries from Georgetown, Erin, Bronte, Milton, Port Credit, Oakville, Cooksville, Brampton and Streetsville.

Mrs. Isabelle Moore, Charlie Rocher and E. Zions played and sang western music. Ten year old Ricky Rocher played two selections on the accordion.

Everyone enjoyed very much Com. J. Higgins' two solos and John McHugh sang Galway Bay and an encore.

George Musselle entertained the ladies with a solo also. Four members of the Choral

