

Christine Sinclair winner Eramosa public speaking

Rockwood—Mrs. John Gooyers was hostess for the January meeting of Rockwood and Ouellet Catholic Women's League. The president, Mrs. W. Gilliland, opened the meeting with the League Prayers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to resume the caucuses held at the Parish House on Friday, February 24, if the weather permits. Centennial spoons are to be ordered which will be sold by the ladies. A spiritual reading was

given by Mrs. R. Dupuis. Once more the travelling basket will go the rounds with the ladies being reminded of the worthy cause. The money gained by this venture is for St. Martin's Manor. The director, Father Ryan was present and spoke on the Vatican Council and reminded the ladies of the Holy Season of Lent. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Holman. After the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Gooyers served refreshments during the social time enjoyed.

Our Readers Write

REMINISCING ABOUT EARLY CANADA

Dear Sirs,
As this is Canada's year and for this St. Patrick's Day I shall reminisce about Canada and the many changes I have seen taking place in the few short years we have been here. When we came here this was then a remote area. There was no electricity in the area, which meant few accommodations — pumping water by hand, lighting the oil lamps, ironing with the crude coal stove irons, was the way of life. As living goes today with all our modern conveniences, this would have been classed a very severe, complicated, and impossible road to travel, but people were used to it and in spite of the drawbacks it had its rewards in that overhead expenditure was low.

Horses were still in use on most of the farms and it was a pleasant sight to watch a team of horses work, whether they were on the plough or wagon. The winters seemed to be more severe in those days, but I suppose not really, as they are better equipped today to handle conditions. Indeed horses were a very useful and convenient animal to have around for emergencies, such as helping to start the old car, or bringing in supplies and necessities when the roads were snowed in.

The little red school house was part of the rural scene. These small schools had their merits in their day in that the children were happy attending them and seemed to do well in their studies. This was due to the fact that a home-like atmosphere prevailed.

My fondest recollections of the "Stone School" were the annual "field days" and the "Christmas Concerts" — nothing elaborate about this entertainment, just local talent, but we all looked forward and enjoyed them immensely. Nothing remains but the happy memories. Of course we realize these school would not accommodate today, and we are proud of the many beautiful schools that dot our landscape. Strange as it may seem, there was more time to visit our neighbors in those days. This is hard to explain in this modern day and age, but I suppose we will just have to blame TV.

These are a few of the many changes I have seen since residing here. It is hard to envision what the future will bring, but we hope Canada remains a prosperous nation. Happy Centennial Year.

Sincerely,
Catherine Graham,
R.R. 1—Litchhouse.

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Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats
It isn't very often that a hand occurs in a bridge match that requires special handling. Many coups occur only once a year. But when a hand does come up that requires special techniques, it's a thrill to see the play work. Such a hand came up the other night at a friendly rubber bridge match. South was the dealer.

North
S-K J 8 6 3
H-A 7 4
D-K 6
C-A 9 5

West East
S-7 4 S-10
H-10 9 6 2 H-8 5 3
D-Q J 9 5 3 D-10 8 4 2
C-K 7 C-Q J 10 8 2

South
S-A Q 9 5 2
H-K Q J
D-A 7
C-6 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 3S Pass
4S Pass 5C Pass
5D Pass 5H Pass
6S All Pass

North has a very difficult problem on his first call. The only reasonable bid is three spades but this is an underbid. A jump response in a major should show 13-15 points. North's hand is worth more than 15 points. The bids after four spades are ace showing. Blackwood would have discovered the same information. North and South are indeed unfortunate. Their hands are identical in distribution. If either had one less club and one more diamond, or even if one had one more heart, there would be no problem. However, with this distribution, it looks like two club losers for sure.

West leads the queen of diamonds and dummy goes down. Declarer must plan his play. It never pays to give up, so declarer should look for an alternative to giving up two club tricks.

There is one hope. If either East or West have exactly two clubs and can be persuaded to win the second club, then maybe declarer can get a ruff and sluff.

Declarer should win the diamond with the ace and im-

Speaker stresses early treatment essential to recovery from cancer

Rockwood—Mrs. John Benham presided at the March meeting of unit three Rockwood United Church Women. Several appropriate poems were read to open the meeting followed by a hymn and prayer. The minutes were read by Mrs. D. Brace who also read an invitation from Everton Church to attend a film "Vietnam Profile" to be held in the Rockwood Town Hall on March 3.

There was a good attendance to answer the roll call and also present were members of the other two units who had been invited for the occasion. Program convener, Mrs. B. Richardson, favored with a poem. The Scripture reading by Mrs. R. Leslie was taken from portions of St. Luke 22, 23 and 24.

Following a hymn and prayer, Mrs. Fulford, a volunteer worker of long standing from the Guelph Branch of the Cancer Society, gave a most interesting and informative talk. The speaker pointed out that the Society was nationwide in scope with the Wellington

diately lead a club. West may not be aware of the danger of his club holding and will probably play low. Declarer wins the club ace, draws trump, takes all his hearts and diamonds and leads a club.

West now has the lead and has nothing left but red cards. Whichever he leads, declarer can ruff in one hand and discard his losing club from the other.

If declarer does not lead clubs right away, but draws trump and takes his red card winners, then West should be alert to the end play possibilities. He should play his king on the first club lead and avoid being placed on the lead.

Although plays of this kind don't occur very often, they should be learned for they are a joy to use when required.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Bill and Gloria Coats; second, Cam Sinclair and Bob Dickson; third, Harry Frogg and Ralph Barber.

County centre in Guelph. The welfare of the cancer patient is its main concern at all times. They feel it is most important that everyone be educated to the symptoms and insure early treatment, for this is most essential to a complete recovery.

Dressings are supplied free of charge to cancer patients. Last year 12,689 dressings were made up and over 10,000 distributed from the local centre. Transportation to clinic centres for patients needing such treatment is also supplied. Their drivers totalled over 18,000 miles last year. A gift cupboard is kept and when visiting a patient often a small token is taken by the volunteer worker to help brighten their day. A loan cupboard is also kept where articles needed by certain patients can be loaned for a period of time.

In some cases drugs are also paid for by the Society under doctor's orders. If a V.O.N. is needed to visit a patient, the first call is paid for by the Cancer Society and these nurses report the needs of the patient. If there are financial problems, the Society may pay for future calls by the nurse.

Mrs. H. Bayne speaks on church in western Canada

Rockwood—Mrs. George Day was hostess to the February meeting of unit two Rockwood United Church Women. The unit leader, Miss G. Hanna, opened with an article on Canada's growth and accomplishments. A prayer for the New Year was read and a hymn sung.

The thirteen members present answered the roll call with the floral emblem of one of the Canadian provinces. Following the minutes and treasurer's report a discussion took place regarding the purchase of artificial ferns for the front of the Church. It was decided to let Mrs. E. Johnston inquire into prices.

Miss Hanna stated that an invitation had been received from unit three to attend a meeting on March 11 when a film would be shown from the Cancer Society. Mrs. D. McPhedran favored with a Centennial reading.

Mrs. Harvey Bayne the program convener, gave a most interesting talk on missionaries and the history of the Church in Canada's western provinces. This was based on the study book, "The Church grows in Canada" by D. Wilson. An inspiring article was read on being faithful from the book "The Wonders of His Grace."

The Scripture lesson was taken from St. Luke 16. Mrs. Bayne read Canada's Centennial Hymn and the group joined in singing hymn 519. The meeting closed with the benediction in unison.

During the social time following, a lovely lunch was served by Mrs. E. Johnston, Mrs. G. Selway and Mrs. G. Day.

Mrs. Fulford was most interesting and certainly gave a great deal of information and timely warning. An appeal was made to the ladies to offer their help where needed in the future campaign.

The dedication of those who volunteer their services: that others might live is a real inspiration, but funds are vitally needed to carry on these free services.

Mrs. Pfaff showed the new film "Investment in Life" with much of the location being at the Strang Clinic in New York. This showed the detection of cancer cells and the many experiments being used to combat this dread disease.

Mrs. G. Ostrander thanked Mrs. Fulford and Mrs. Pfaff for coming and giving such a full account of the work of the Cancer Society.

During the social half hour a lovely lunch was served by the committee.

Father Ryan speaks to C.W.L. on Vatican council, Lent

Rockwood—Mr. Ron Marion the principal of Eramosa Public School welcomed everyone who had come to take part in the annual Eramosa Public Speaking contest and gave all the contestants his best wishes.

Eight participated, four from Rockwood Public School and four from Eramosa Township school. The judges were Mrs. W. Oakes, Rev. G. Dunlop and Mrs. F. Taylor. Following the judges' decision, Mrs. Taylor, acting as chairman, spoke briefly on points in good public speaking and congratulated all for their fine effort.

Christine Sinclair, with her topic, the Yukon, won first prize and a close second for Christine Landoni speaking on the qualities of a good housewife. Wenda Gray took third place with her talk on Canada's early settlers. Others taking part were Brenda Ingle, Jerry DeGroot, Larry Robinson, Shirley Robertson and Mary Sobol.

Mr. Duncan McPhedran donated prizes to the winners and all who participated, congratulating them and stating the necessity of being able to express yourself in public. The first place winner Christine Sinclair will represent Eramosa Township at the Wellington County finals to be held on Monday, March 6 in Eramosa Township School. The best wishes of all go with Christine.

Room available for art group

If an oil painting group can be formed, accommodation is available. The library board has agreed that the painters could use the unfinished storage room in the basement of the new library free of charge.

The oil painting group lapsed this year, and their previous room on the third floor of the Free Press building has been taken over as Free Press offices.

Mrs. Laura Dittrich inquired if the library room could be used and learned this week that the board was willing. Now she would like to hear from former or new amateur painters who would like to join the informal group. An instructor can be arranged for.

She asks anyone interested to phone her at 853-0805.

P.C. candidate

William B. Sargent, one of three candidates for the Halton East Progressive Conservative nomination, has been actively seeking the support of probable P.C. delegates.

Friday March 17 has been set as the date of the nomination convention and so far Mr. Sargent, a 22-year-old university student, James Snow, an Oakville contractor and William Bateman, business administrator for the Oakville Board of Parks Management, have declared themselves as candidates.

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