

Free Press Local News Items

—Crows keep calling for spring these days.

—The Eastern Ave. railway signal is not finished yet.

—Some bogus \$20 bills have been passed in Oakville.

—Many from this district attended the Sportsmen's Show, in Toronto.

—Starting housecleaning? Advertise unwanted articles in the classified ads.

—Fairy Lake is starting to get water over its surface. It'll soon be breaking up.

—This Sunday, Church Hill church choir and Acton United church choir are exchanging.

—Easter outfits, candies, hot cross buns and flowers are ready in local stores. Scan the ads for specials.

—There's a surprising amount of interest in our series of old pictures. We have even had orders for prints.

—Red-wing blackbirds returned to the reeds at the shores of Fairy Lake, and began their familiar calling on the weekend.

—One of Canada's oldest men is a native of Esquimaux. Weston Ostrander of Calgary, a member of a pioneer district family, recently celebrated his 106th birthday in that city. He and his wife Fanny, 91, moved to a Calgary nursing home in September.

—More and more groups are arranging trips, to Expo, Osprey and Georgetown students' excursions are reported this week.

—Spring makes its official and welcome arrival next Tuesday. Right now a mixture of mud and snow marks the division between seasons.

—Custom Cleaners has offered to clean all the Chorallers' gold jackets — free of charge before they leave to perform at Expo this summer.

—Work proceeds gradually at the Mill - Main corner where stoplights are being installed. Part of the sidewalk has been torn up.

—The official period of mourning for Governor General Vanier was over on Sunday and flags returned to the top of their masts on Sunday or Monday morning.

—Possibility of holding a centennial ball is being discussed. Many are sewing up special costumes this year, which of course could be worn to the special dance.

—The first magazines on the new shelves of the library were donated by Len Adams at the bus depot and Morris Pharmacy, with some brought by librarians and board members from home. The donations were appreciated.



THELMA COOPER, INSTRUCTOR of the slim 'n trim classes at the YMCA, reports 35 women are registered and enjoying exercising to music Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Here Thelma puts Jane Vryenhoek, Sherry Morris and Marg Ware through their paces at last Thursday's class. Although registrations exceeded expectations there is still room for women wanting to participate. (Staff Photo)

W.M.S. study given local aspect

The members of the afternoon W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church were favored with an early spring day for their March meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Griffin Sprowl, Peel St., on Thursday afternoon.

The president, Mrs. F. Anderson, presided and after the usual call to worship and prayer paid tribute to the late Governor-General and a period of silence was observed in his memory.

The ladies were welcomed, some who had recently returned from the warmer climates.

The committee of the month was introduced, with Mrs. Douglas Kennedy convener. After the singing of hymn "Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun" Mrs. Fred Cole read a portion of Scripture from the Book of Galatians, 3rd Chapter, and Mrs. A. J. Murray led in the prayer period. The continued study of "The Church grows in Canada" was presented by Mrs. Kennedy, who told the various ways the church has dealt with the ethnic groups.

The way the immigrants are met at the boat when they arrive by the appointed port workers, was presented in a double dialogue by Mrs. W. McLeod and Mrs. Fred Cole. The airports have church workers there but not definitely from the Presbyterian Church.

The names of those new Canadians are taken to their destination, and passed on to the Minister where they expect to reside, who in turn reports to the Welcome and Welfare center, who is Mrs. Oliver Morgan of this group.

The roll call was most interesting with stories of the arrival from other places dating back into early 1800's of the members' ancestors, many coming by sail boat from England, Ireland and Scotland. One related her folk had been three months crossing. Many encountered storms, illness and even death. One baby was born during one crossing.

Names of former residents who had been an example in the growth of our church were mentioned. An interesting story of one who many will remember in former years was told by Miss Anne Stalker of the late Alex Monroe, a real Scotsman who went west and later went as missionary with his wife. His daughter and her husband are still continuing in this work in India.

The last chapter to this story was told by Mrs. McKenzie who with her husband, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, sponsored and welcomed the three Chinese girls who came from India and were members of their church there. So you see it's a very small world, and Acton feels they have a definite link in this true story.

Mrs. McLeod went back many years to tell of a Rev. Norman McLeod who was a minister and read a hymn "Courage Brothers, do not Stumble", written by one Norman McLeod — ancestor of her husband. All joined to sing "O Lord Our God Arise".

Mrs. Kennedy expressed her appreciation to all for their fine co-operation and closed with prayer.

The president conducted the business of the month — Sunday evening, March 19 was chosen for both the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. to attend Holy Week Service in a group.

A Presbyterian meeting in Brampton for Saturday, March 11 was announced and the Spring Thank Offering meeting for April was discussed and planned to announce that Mrs. W. Stamford Reed of Guelph will be the guest speaker at that time.

An invitation was received from the Limehouse W.M.S. for their Thank Offering meeting in April. The repeating of the Lord's Prayer brought a splendid afternoon to a close with a period of social fellowship enjoyed during the tea hour.



Over 300 attend Micro annual dance

Last Friday night at Paradise Gardens in Guelph, Pipe and Micro Plastics Division of BP had its annual dance.

Organized by the Employees' Association, its success was nothing short of outstanding. Good food, good music and good company were the ingredients as the night's activities progressed.

Guests of honor were the general manager of the Division, Les Newton with his wife Margaret and Doug Kennedy and his wife Kay from the Toronto office.

Two birthdays were celebrated that evening by Mike McMillan and Marilyn Kingsbury. Better than 300 were in attendance at this function.

Much of the organization was done by Phil McCristall, to whom grateful appreciation was shown by everyone there.

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Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott have returned from a holiday in Florida.

Mrs. A. K. Mann has returned from a pleasant holiday in Florida.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. Charles McCreia is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Robbie Marchmont is happy to be home from Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, recuperating from a broken collarbone.

Mr. Floyd Hammond, a retired farmer, and his wife have moved to 125 Longfield Road from Campbellville, with their family.

After church on Sunday, the senior choir of Trinity United Church enjoyed lunch together and presented a centennial cup and saucer to Mrs. Dwight Engel, one of their members, who is leaving. Rev. and Mrs. Engel and their three children all joined the choir for the meal of casseroles, salads, home made rolls, cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frank and Mr. Alex Frank were in Owen Sound last Thursday attending the funeral of their aunt, the late Dr. Alice M. Kerr.

Miss Hazel Campbell and Mrs. Edna Snyder of Toronto and Mrs. R. F. Johnson of Cooksville, visited with Mrs. Marguerite Taylor on Monday.

Mrs. McMillan and her son Bill McMillan, Frederick St., are both patients in Guelph General Hospital. Mr. McMillan has a back injury.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leckie, who came to Canada from Scotland a few months ago, have moved from Milton to 247 Macdonald Blvd. They have four children. Mr. Leckie works at P. L. Robertson's, Milton.

Mrs. Frank Gibbons is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. Friends and relatives wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons' eldest son Peter will return home from England this week after completing his last contract in figure skating.

Members of the session of Churchill United church and Trinity United church met together in town on Tuesday evening and presented to the Rev. Dwight Engel a fluorescent desk lamp and brass clock. During the evening, Mrs. H. Patterson and Mrs. J. Gibson reported to the group on the conference on The New Morality at Five Oaks Training Centre, Paris.

Teacher in sari speaks on Pakistan

Mrs. Lobb, a native of Pakistan, delighted members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O. D.E. with her informative chat on her native land and India. She is now a teacher at Holy Cross school in Georgetown and was recently married. Wearing a beautiful pink and gold sari, she showed other lovely articles.

She chose the chapter's new member, Mrs. Allan Ellerby, as a model when she demonstrated how a sari is worn.

She was presented with one of the special centennial tea spoons which the chapter is selling.

A donation of \$5 was voted to the Community Services Council and the date for the Christmas bazaar was set. Tape was brought for making nursery bags and a talent table raised more money for projects.

Ladies don centennial gowns for dance at fair convention

Mrs. Walter Linham was hostess for the Acton Ladies' Fair Board meeting on Thursday evening, March 2 with 13 members present. Mrs. M. McCullough took the chair and called on Mrs. W. J. McDonald to give the minutes of the previous meeting.

A few of the ladies had their eucyre parties and reported a nice sum handed in.

Splendid reports of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Feb. 22 and 23 were given by Mrs. M. McCullough and Mrs. W. Linham, delegates from the ladies' board. Three carloads of members attended the session on the second day and fun night and dance. The ladies donned their centennial gowns and bonnets and costumes were judged. Vince Mountford, Brampton, was master of ceremonies.

After other business was dealt with the meeting adjourned and hostess and committee Mrs. Madill, Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. Calvin Aitken served a lovely lunch. Courtesy convener was Mrs. Madill. Mrs. Alex Near offered her home for next month's meeting.

Carol Wharton on Montreal TV

Dancing teacher and singer Carol Wharton is flying to Montreal Saturday morning for a noon hour television show on the C.B.C. She returns back by plane the same day.

She will be singing the four numbers she recorded in England.

Miss Wharton appeared on the TV show After Four on the last Saturday in February.

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Announce official opening for School for Deaf May 12

The new \$5,000,000 senior and vocational school addition to the Ontario School for the Deaf at Milton will be officially opened on Friday, May 12, Superintendent D. E. Kennedy told an Education Week Dinner at the school on Thursday evening. Minister of Education William G. Davis and Minister of Public Works Ray Connell will share the ribbon-cutting ceremonies, he later told The Champion.

Prior to initiating tours of the school Mr. Kennedy outlined the role of the provincial school, its services and the area it serves. He pointed out it has a present staff of approximately 250 and a student population of 394 with facilities for 516. The operating budget is close to \$2,000,000 annually, he said.

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