

Chapter members in costume greet centennial tea guests

Despite persistent rain, over 100 signed the guest book at the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. centennial tea Saturday.

Almost all in costume, the members joined general convenor and hostess Mrs. W. J. Beatty in welcoming their many visitors to the special centennial year event.

Mrs. Beatty's spacious Church St. home made a most suitable setting for the flowing skirts and plumed hats of yesteryear, and for the wide-ranging display of valuable antiques shown upstairs.

Most of the chapter members had new vintage centennial gowns of brightly printed cottons or stiff new satin, the long skirts and modest necklines trimmed with lace that had had no time to yellow.

Mrs. Harry Mainprize wore an authentic dress of flowered georgette with godets of fine black lace and a big black hat trimmed with a plume, and carried a calling card case as well as her "reticule". Mrs. O. Moran had an old dress of white lace which belonged to Mrs. George Musselle's aunt, Mrs. C. Nelles, president of the sister chapter of the I.O.D.E., wore a skirt which this same aunt had worn at the opening of the Panama Canal.

Guests were directed upstairs for the fascinating display of family heirlooms from Acton homes. As well as members, others who contributed articles were Mrs. George Benton, Mrs. Bill Benson, Mrs. AIF Long, Mrs. Tom Shields,

Mrs. C. Leatherland, Mrs. E. Cooper, Mrs. W. Middleton and Mrs. J. Dills of Milton.

Among the most rare articles on display was a Westward Ho compote, and its owner was astonished to see a fellow-member of the chapter bring three matching nappies to display. The pressed glass pieces in this pattern are coveted collector's items. (No, the ladies didn't make a deal.)

As well as souvenir plates, glass and fine china, there was an interesting display of antique jewellery.

One special table showed various patterns of coveted Limoges china, owned by Mrs. Cooper.

One tea pot was brought over in a sailing vessel in 1838, on a six week journey. Another old article was a mantilla brought from Spain in 1835.

A collector herself, Mrs. R. H. Elliott was in charge of the antique display, and was relieved when everything was returned to its owner without cracks or chips.

The table was beautifully decorated for the tea with flowers, candles, parsley trees studded with appetizers, and large plates of sandwiches and cookies.

Pouring tea in the afternoon were past regent Mrs. H. R. Force and Mrs. George Young, and in the evening Mrs. C. Nelles, the regent of the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E.

Miss Ruby Clark was in charge of the guest book, while regent Mrs. E. Lidkea and hostess Mrs. Beatty received.



SIGNING GUEST BOOK at Duke of Devonshire tea is Mrs. Bob Hart, while a host of costumed members wait to welcome her. Seated are Miss Ruby Clark and Mrs. J. Whitham; standing are Mrs. A. Leslie, Mrs. E. Lidkea and Mrs. H. Mainprize.

A few of the members, like Mrs. Mainprize had assembled authentic old outfits, but most had bright copies of costumes of a century ago.

(Staff Photo)

St. John Ambulance find headquarters in community centre

Acton's St. John Ambulance brigade will use a dressing room at the community centre for storing supplies until a permanent headquarters can be built for them in the downstairs auditorium.

Bob Hart and George Hargrave, representing the Acton St. John brigade appeared before Parks and Recreation Committee Thursday to ask for use of the downstairs auditorium in its present form but after discussion and inspection the dual board agreed to go ahead with plans to make part of the large room a permanent St. John room.

Spokesman Bob Hart volunteered helpers to paint the floor as soon as new arena manager Harold Townsley gives the word. The brigade hopes to be able to move in before the fall.

Recreation committee discussed improvements at Glena park. The fence has been installed and the committee is hoping the town will get the water in. As soon as the screen is installed for the ball diamond a home plate will be purchased and installed.

In his report, arena and parks manager Harold Townsley told of plans to open the swimming pool, hold a table tennis tournament, resumption of movies on Saturdays and arrangements with the town to use the mowers.

The board made the hiring of arena and parks manager Townsley and Don Price official by passing motions.

Permission was granted Acton Firefighters to erect a platform in the area behind the community centre for practice drills so long as the area is unused.

Chairman John Goy presided at the meeting with Brendan Aherne, Earl Masses, Hugh Patterson, Harold Townsley and secretary Art Cooper in attendance.

Teacher's name omitted off list

The name of Miss Linda Braida was inadvertently omitted from the list of teachers at the M. Z. Bennett school published in the Free Press last week.

Miss Braida will start to teach in the fall term.



CONVENOR OF ANTIQUE display, Mrs. H. R. Elliott shows a valuable "Westward Ho" compote to guests Bonnie Bristow, Mrs. V. Bristow and Mrs. J. Bray at the centennial tea. Display of antique dishes and jewellery was a highlight.

Patronal festival at Anglican church

There were 45 who enjoyed lunch together at St. Alban's church at the patronal festival, last Sunday morning. Chilly weather forced the parishioners to eat their lunch in the church basement. There was recorded music.

Members of the Guild served tea and coffee.

During the service, the choir sang Send Out Thy Light.

The summer schedule of services will begin next Sunday, and Sunday School concludes with a display of scholars' work.

Hymn to Canada show favorite

When Herman Freuler's Hymn to Canada was repeated on the television show Hymn Sing on Sunday, the announcer said that of all the special centennial hymns they had received, Mr. Freuler's was their favorite. Many Acton friends enjoyed hearing the song on the program for the second time.

The Legion Choraliers will sing Hymn to Canada at Expo on the Dominion Day weekend, and Mr. Freuler is going with them on their chartered bus and will be there.



HOSTESS AT Centennial tea, Mrs. W. J. Beatty welcomes Mrs. R. Evelan while member Mrs. O. Moran, in old lace gown, watches.

In marriage like boxing, the preliminaries are often better than the main event.

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Limehouse students travel for centennial

Centennial year at Limehouse school will be remembered by the students as the year of "trips". Apart from the big trip with all the Esqueving schools to Expo, 140 Limehouse students attended the Centennial military tattoo.

Last Friday the Grade One children went to Riverdale Zoo, to see and feed the animals. On the same day Stewarttown and Limehouse schools combined to send the Grade two classes on a "transportation" trip. First they went by bus to Oakville, then took the 'Go' train to Toronto's Union Station, then took the ferry over to the island, and back again by ferry, the subway to high park then the bus back home, with a half hour stop at the airport.

This week the Limehouse grades five and six will tour the Pioneer Village at Black Creek.

Principal Eric Balkind hopes that each student will have at least one trip during centennial year.

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