

Free Press Women's Page



OLD-FASHIONED QUILTING BEE was recreated at the United Church Women's Thankoffering meeting last week. In the amusing skit were Mrs. E. Lidkea, Mrs. J. Gibson, Mrs. G. W.

McKenzie, Mrs. C. L. Rognvaldson, Mrs. T. Shields and Mrs. H. R. Force, with Mrs. H. Patterson (standing) as narrator. (Staff Photo)



EARLY ORIGINS of women's organizations in the church in Canada were related by participants in a short play at the U.C.W. Thankoffering Wednesday of last week. Portraying

a doctor and nurse (front) are Mrs. A. Long and Mrs. W. Coats. In old-fashioned costume are Mrs. K. Allen, Mrs. G. Musselle, Mrs. C. Timbers and Mrs. C. Griese. (Staff Photo)

Two short skits highlight U.C.W. Thankoffering meeting

The Thankoffering meeting of the United Church Women was well attended by about 140 in the church Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Tom Shields, the U.C.W. president, welcomed church members and guests from other churches in Acton and Georgetown.

Two church choirs, seated in the gallery, sang Canada Dear Home and Hosanna to the Son of David. The brass quartette from the Citizens' band played several selections. Both the choir and quartet are under the direction of the church organist, Dr. George Elliott.

The evening's program was highlighted by two short plays. One told of the beginnings of women's work in the church, beginning in 1816 with the Methodist Halifax Benevolent society followed by the Methodist Female Society in 1821.

The date was 1863 for the amusing quilting bee skit. Mrs. H. Patterson led in a responsive prayer of thanksgiving.

Refreshments were served in the church basement to the large group.

Duke of Devonshire Christmas supper

Mrs. R.H. Elliott opened her home for the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the L.O.D.E. for the Christmas party.

A delicious turkey supper was served smorgasbord style from the dining room which was allight with candles and lively with Christmas decorations. A short business meeting was conducted by the regent, Mrs. Lidkea who welcomed the members and noted only four were unable to attend. Mrs. Young reported there were 15 vases donated to the Manor by members. At the close of the meeting slides were shown which had been taken at the 50th

anniversary of the chapter, the centennial tea and other functions where members had assisted. Mrs. McLeod showed slides of interest from their trip to Scotland this year. Mrs. Young showed slides of Italy, Portugal and other European countries from their trip last April. The evening closed with a gift exchange.

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Reception in Acton follows Murray-Braida city wedding

In a double ring ceremony in St. Peter's church, Toronto, Mary Braida of Acton became the bride of Francis William Murray of Point Edward.

The bride is with the Department of Public Health of the borough of York, and the groom is employed by the combined separate school board of Cooksville. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida, 173 Main St. S., Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Murray, 307N Arthur St., Point Edward.

The couple are living in Toronto. Rev. Father R. Troy officiated

Marquis-Passmor wedding in-Acton

White chrysanthemums and candleabra decorated Acton Evangel Tabernacle for the wedding of Mary Catherine Passmor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robert Passmor of Rockwood and James Thomas Marquis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Valentine Marquis of Hespeler.

Rev. S.M. Thomas conducted the ceremony.

Entering the church with her father, the bride wore a coat and dress ensemble of white peau de sole. Her headdress, a peau-de-sole bow, held a shoulder-length illusion veil. She carried three long-stemmed tallisman roses with white streamers and stephanotis.

Mrs. Kay Whitaker of Truro, N.S. was matron of honor for her sister. Mrs. Janice Sparrow of Penticton, B.C. was bridesmaid. They were gowned alike in emerald green floor-length dresses. They wore above-the-elbow white gloves and velvet hair bows. Their bouquets consisted of one long-stemmed tallisman rose with trailing white ribbons and stephanotis.

Robert Marquis of Hamilton was best man; Robert Hodges of Hespeler and Alan Passmor of Rockwood, brother of the bride, ushered.

For the reception at the town hall, Rockwood, the bride's mother wore a two-piece turquoise ensemble, brown accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a chocolate brown sheath, brown accessories and a yellow rose corsage.

For a honeymoon to Florida, the bride wore tangerine and brown figured dress with a matching hat, chocolate brown accessories and a corsage of white gardenias.

The newlyweds reside at Paisley Blvd., W., Cooksville.

at the afternoon ceremony on October 14, and H. O'Grady was organist.

The bride wore a floor length gown of peau de sole with finger tip sleeves and A line skirt, the bodice adorned with lace. A train fell the length of the gown. Her shoulder length illusion veil was held by a peau de sole satin flower. She carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias and orchids.

Her attendants were her sister-in-law Mrs. Patricia Braida, friend Mrs. Ruth Currie, and sister-in-law Miss Wendy Murray as bridesmaids. They wore floor length gowns of peacock blue peau de sole with bell sleeves and A-line skirts. Their headdresses were of matching rosebuds, and they carried nosegays of pink carnations and white daisies.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsman was Thomas Murray, brother of the groom, and ushers Aldo Braida, brother of the bride, Gary O'Brien, friend of the groom and William Murray, brother of the groom.

The 64th Scout Troup of St. Peter's parish formed a guard of honor. Guests came to Acton for the

reception in the Music Centre, when a dinner was followed by a late evening buffet. Guests were welcomed from Toronto, Barrie, Point Edward, Sarnia, Cooksville, Oakville, Port Credit, Kingston and Clarkson.

Mrs. Braida chose aqua crepe and lace dress with white carnations and red roses. The groom's mother wore a dress of yellow topped with a chocolate brown coat, brown accessories and a matching corsage.

The couple left on a trip to the Laurentians and points in Quebec, the bride wearing a Kelly green suit with matching hat and black accessories.

Before the wedding there were several gatherings in honor of the bride. Showers were held by former nursing classmates at St. Michael's hospital, Toronto; Mrs. Anthony Canzano, Mrs. Keith Currie and Mrs. William Tاجر; the nursing staff of the Borough of York Department of Health; Mrs. Raymond Arbc and Miss Elma Braida; Mrs. Ollwyn Butchart, and the secretarial and teaching staff of Runnymede Collegiate.

A party for the bridal party was given by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Braida, Toronto.



MARY BRAIDA and Francis William Murray were married October 14 in St. Peter's Church, Toronto. They are making their home in Toronto.

HALTON MANOR

Acton W.I. has special program by Mrs. M. Warbanks

On Friday, Nov. 17 another enjoyable evening was spent in the auditorium when the Women's Institute from Acton entertained. The president Mrs. Lindsay gave a short address of welcome and then the program was handed over to Mrs. Fryer. Pictures of Lake Louise, Banff, the Rockies and Expo were shown by Mr. Heeley.

C. Landsborough played two coronet solos, then the Golden Age Club entered the auditorium dressed in Centennial costumes. Forming on stage, all eighteen of them, they played and sang some old favorites.

The Carpenter Tap Dancers and duets sung by Miss Simmons and Mrs. Velchus followed. After the concert a delightful lunch was served by the Institute.

Miss L. Moore gave a vote of appreciation to the visitors on behalf of the residents with an invitation to return at a future date.

The president thanked all those taking part in the program and in the serving of the supper.

Groups combine Christmas meeting

The Ladies' Aid and the afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church combined in their presentation of a very pleasant and inspiring Christmas meeting in the church hall. Mrs. Wm. McIntyre President of the Ladies' Aid presided.

The Christmas Story was the theme of the service of worship, led by Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. R.M. MacDonald, with Miss B. Roszell contributing a solo. A most delightful story "The Christmas Pageant" was read by Miss Isobel Anderson. In this story a group of children, unaccustomed to the mysteries of the Christmas story for the first time, participated in the pageant and sensed the universal wonder that Christmas brings.

In an atmosphere of seasonal festivities, white gifts were presented and personal gifts exchanged. A special gift, from the members of the Home Helper Department, was presented by Mrs. C. Hansen, retiring after many years as their secretary. A festive lunch was served by the committee in charge.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Basil Johnston was charter member of Institute

After two weeks illness, Catharine Jane (Gray) Johnston passed away in Guelph General Hospital in her 79th year. She lived for about 30 years on the farm at R.R. 3, Acton, for 11 years with her daughter and her family at Georgetown and for the past nine years at 3 Mill St. W., Acton.

Mrs. Johnston was born October 14, 1889, at Guelph, daughter of Isabella Orr and W.Y. Gray. She married Basil C. Johnston on June 24, 1914, at Erin, and he died in 1939.

She was a charter member and the first secretary of the Greenock Women's Institute. A member of the Golden Age Club, she was pianist for the rhythm band. She was also a member of the U. C.W.

She is survived by daughter Laura (Mrs. G.R. Graham) Williamstown, Ontario and Etwood, R.R. 3, Acton.

A brother Wes Gray predeceased her.

Funeral service on November 11 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home was conducted by the Rev. Gordon Turner and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were four nephews, Harold Reed, Oak Ridge; Clarence Gamble, Acton; Orwell Johnston, Acton; Alan Gray, Del-

hi; and two former neighbors Kerwin McPhail, Acton and Roy McKeown, Nelson.

Nine grandchildren acted as flower bearers, Kent, Hugh, Faye, Sylvia and Neil Graham, Marjorie, Barbara, Doreen and Keith Johnston.

Band ladies enjoy dinner and court whist

Acton Citizens' Band ladies were treated to a delicious chicken and chinese food dinner at the music centre last Friday night. Twenty-three ladies attended and enjoyed the dinner to recorded music.

Men of the band were invited as guests later and couples played court whist. Winners were Ab Irwin and Gord Gibbons.

In keeping with the location a musical background for the court whist was supplied by Ted Tyler Jr.'s tape recorder.

Heather Buchanan looked after the recorded music for dinner and she and Patricia Sampson gave the ladies a real night out by cleaning up.

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