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OSPRINGE

History of roads, old quilts subjects at W.I. meeting

by Mrs. D.G. Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. B. Florence, 1st Line, had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Hames and family from Champion, Alta., parents of Mrs. Florence.

Julie, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archibald underwent surgery on her leg last week, at Guelph Hospital and is convalescing now at her home.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Snyder included Rev. and Mrs. Robert Snyder and David, Kapuskasing; Mrs. Len Carr, Susan and Rusty, Downers' Grove, Ill., Ken Mattison, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hope, Oshawa.

Beverly Bruce, nurse-in-training at Toronto Western Hospital is enjoying a six day vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Heeg and family, Montreal, spent New Years week end with the latters' sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Len Buck.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Tony VanManen who came from Kitchener to the house on the highway at the 1st Line which they purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Emmonds.

Rev. D. Herbison delivered a timely message at the morning service of the local Presbyterian Church; a number by the Bruce trio Mrs. Byron Bruce and daughters Brenda and Beverly "The King of Love" by Shelly was much enjoyed. Mrs. Gordon Aitken was accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Aitken of Bagotville, Que., spent a few days holiday with the formers' parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McKinnon and Karen during the holiday week included Mrs. A. McKinnon, Miss Edna McKinnon, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. D. Barbour, Gail, Joyce, Ruth, Carol and Joan; Dr. and Mrs. A. McKinnon, Christine, Catherine and Angus, Montreal; Rev. and Mrs. X. Cook, Michael and Glenn of Beamsville; Mr. and Mrs. R. Sinclair and Neil; Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McKinnon and Mr. and Mrs. L. Purdy and Tommy of Glen Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Robertson spent New Years Day with their son Ken and Mrs. Robertson and family in Oakville.

"Historical Research" was the topic of the first meeting of the new year of the Ospringe Women's Institute, when they met at the home of Mrs. George Young in Acton.

Miss Doris Fines, convener of the program gave a splendid paper on "Our Highways," relating the early roads and methods of road building up to our present super highways. As curator of the Tweedsmuir History Book which she had on display, several items needed for entering in the records were looked after by members who offered to do some research.

Mrs. H.R. Howard, in her usual very capable manner, received current events, bringing all up to date with local and world happenings; the speaker closed with the well known verse made famous by the late King George V and written by Minnie Louise Haskins, "I said to the man, who stood at the gate of the year - give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."

Mrs. D.G. Robertson, spoke on "Quilts and quilting" stressing the need to preserve this disappearing art. On exhibit were various quilt blocks - both pieced and appliqued and two finished quilts, one done by the late Mrs. G.G. Robertson of Everton - mother-in-law of the speaker and one of her own. Mrs. Robertson paid tribute to her mother-in-law and to the late Mrs. F. Brydon, as the excellent teachers of this fascinating art.

Miss Doris Fines presided and Mrs. S. Fuller read the minutes, financial statement and correspondence.

It was agreed to sponsor the Girls' 4-H Homemaking Club for the next project, "The Club Girl entertains" with Mrs. R. Ellis and Mrs. D. Milton as leaders.

Due to lack of help the euchres are to be held once a month.

Thanks were received for the cheer-boxes sent out at Christmas time.

The baking contests for the District Annual, "lemon, cheese cake" and "whole wheat rolls" were discussed and it was decided to have these at the quilting party at Mrs. E. Fisher's home later in the winter.

"Roll Call" was answered with "Place names of Indian origin and their meaning."

An amusing contest "Name the Animal" was won by Mrs. W. Milton.

Following the singing of O Canada, the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. Fisher and Mrs. D.G. Robertson, served refreshments and a social time enjoyed around the tea-table.

CHURCHILL

Card for departing member at first meeting of U.C.W.

By Mrs. R. McArthur

The first Churchill U.C.W. meeting of the year 1968 was held on Wednesday afternoon, January 3, at the home of Mrs. D. Williamson, Silvercreek. There was a fair attendance.

New president Mrs. R. Denny opened the meeting with a prayer. Calling on Mrs. A. Winter for the devotions and choosing as her topic "New Years". Scripture reading was Philippians Ch. 1, Verses 1-15.

Mrs. R. Saunders took the study period telling the story of the boyhood life of Jesus. Mrs. Freeman gave a report from the last year visiting committee. Mrs. W. Thompson, program convener, handed out the new programs for 1968.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read from last year.

A card was signed by those present and given to Mrs. V. Stephens wishing her a pleasant trip and holiday. She left by plane next morning from Malton for a visit in California.

The president closed the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Stephens, courtesy convener, thanked Mrs. Williamson for having the meeting, also the ladies who so thoughtfully presented her with the card and good wishes.

Lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. F. Thompson and Mrs. R. Denny.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bessey, Hillsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fines, Darlene and Larry of Ospringe and Mrs. John A. Maud of Guelph, were guests on New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Near, Glen and Earl.

Mr. Paul Hamilton attended the Junior Farmers Conference and dance in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Montgomery and son Ken of Mount Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. McMullen of Rexdale spent a day last week with their sister Mrs. and Mr. Albert Brooks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and Miss Jeanette Dobratz attended the Junior Farmers Provincial Conference held in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on January 6.

BALLINAFAD

Five take rabies shots after Snow pony dies

by Mrs. R. McEnery

Mr. Sam Snow lost a pony with rabies. Three of his boys, their grandfather Mr. H. Sargent, also a neighbor Jess McEnery, all of whom had been in contact, are taking rabies shots.

A dedication service for the officers of the U.C.W. of Ballinafad United church was held during the morning service on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Johnson in charge.

Mr. Sam Snow who has been a patient in Guelph Hospital was able to return home.

High scorers at the Euchre on Tuesday night in Ballinafad Community Centre were Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Britton, George Burt and Frank Robinson; consolation Mr. Wm. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family of Toronto spent the week end at their farm (formerly the Dr. Reid farm).

The children are enjoying good skating on Mr. Joe Matthews' pond.

EVERTON

First service of New Year

by Mrs. D.G. Robertson

A prelude of music by the trio, Mrs. A. Lillie organ, Miss Marilyn Kingsbury, piano and Carl Harris, violin, was an added feature at the morning service of the Christian Church the first Sunday in the New Year. They also supplied the accompaniment for the hymns.

In a challenging and thought provoking message Rev. Basil C. Metz spoke on "A new church for a new age" basing his remarks on the text Matt. 9: v. 16-17.

The speaker stated the church is the light of the world; it is God's instrument of making the world aware of the good news. The gospel of Jesus Christ is always new: we are living in a new age where the church must adjust to changes.

One's mind must be elastic and prepared to accept new challenges, even if at first they are frightening: progress comes in accepting new challenges. Resentment to these are pathetic: the Church stops growing and starts dying.

The new church will become an instrument of evangelism to present the message of Jesus Christ to all walks of life.

OSCAR FEENSTRA accepts a plaque from Mrs. M. Ellerby for his poster which was a runner-up in the poster design competition sponsored by the Wellington County unit of the Canadian Cancer Society of the Ospringe school where Oscar's a student, looks on. Principal Bruce Macpherson. (Staff Photo)

Ospringe school student poster contest winner

Oscar Feenstra of R.R. 4, Rockwood, a student at Ospringe public school, was awarded a runner up prize in the Wellington County unit Canadian Cancer Society poster contest.

The young student was presented with a handsome plaque by Mrs. M. Ellerby, Erin, at a school assembly Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ellerby is education chairman of the Erin section of the Wellington County unit of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Oscar's poster on the hazards of smoking has now proceeded into the provincial contest where it will stand on its merits with other finalists from all over Ontario.

Results of the Wellington contest were made known at Christmas time and it is expected the Ontario winners will be announced the middle of January.

There were 10 posters entered in the contest from Ospringe school and Principal Bruce Macpherson commented favorably on all of them. He was particularly proud of Oscar's poster. There were also six or seven entries from Erin public school.

At Ospringe school

Public meeting to explain proposed Everton dam

A public meeting to explain plans for a proposed dam in the Everton area has been called for Monday, January 15 by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The meeting will be held in Ospringe Public School, off Highway 24 at Ospringe, starting at 8.15 p.m.

Property owners in the area of the proposed dam have been invited to attend, along with representatives of Erin and Eramosa township councils.

The Everton dam is one of five large dams proposed by the authority in a $30,000,000 program now before the federal government for approval.

The other dams are located near West Montrose, Guelph, Hespeler and Ayr.

The provincial government has approved the project but federal approval has been awaited for several months. The authority is seeking grants from the two senior levels of government totalling 75 per cent of the cost. The remainder will be paid by the 71 municipalities in the Grand River Valley.

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