

Free Press Women's Page

Centennial tea, flag donation highlights of chapter's year

The following is the annual report of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Acton, Ontario.

Through the year 1967-68 there were ten regular and three executive meetings held at the homes of members. The membership is 26, average attendance 16 and five members with perfect attendance.

The Standard was carried at all regular meetings, Decoration Day, and on display at Centennial tea.

The regent Mrs. E. Lidka presided at all the meetings.

The following is a summary of the secretaries' reports.

Echoes reported all members receiving magazine.

Flowers and cards were sent to the ill and bereaved.

Topics given by secretary of Empire and World affairs were Governor General Vanier's New Years message, papers on Canada, National scholarships given

by I.O.D.E. to students, and also on the Maritimes.

Education report included speaker Mrs. G. White on Trent University, plaque presented at Music Festival, books and film presented to public schools at Empire Day, and a display of children's work viewed and then placed at a local store. Centennial prints were presented to public and high schools. Fees were given at grade eight graduation to the two students (one from each school) making the most progress during the year. A scholarship was given to the high school student with the highest standing.

The film, press and public relations secretary reported slides were shown of Canada at Niagara Falls, Europe, and West Coast of Canada, also some of local interest including Centennial tea.

Notices were sent to local paper of coming events and annual

report. The Press was generous with pictures of members in their Centennial gowns who assisted with the team.

Services at home and abroad included Holy week attendance at Trinity United Church, Remembrance day services and wreath placed at Cenotaph.

Two trees were planted at cemetery for Decoration day in memory of deceased members, also chapter assisted with planting of flowers. Several attended the opening of Centennial library.

Large hats were sent to headquarters, wrapped gifts to Eskimo children and vases to Halton Manor.

Four members assisted the community survey addressing invitations for the Centennial Fair, also contacted donors for blood clinic, canvassed for C.N.L.B. and Cancer drive.

Local donations were sent to Halton Children's Aid, Music Festival, Decoration day committee and Canadian Legion.

Donations to National Headquarters were sent to Lucy Morrison, Commonwealth, Korean, Shipping, Peace Garden and second War Memorial funds.

Money-making projects included Tag day at local Centennial Fair used for educational purposes, and a Centennial tea. Proceeds from tickets sold on a decorated fruit cake by one of the members provided two flags, pole and plaque suitably inscribed. These were presented from the Chapter to the Centennial Library in June.

A Centennial tea was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. H. R. Elliot was in charge of old china and jewellery display. Floral arrangement was donated by one of the members. In spite of a rainy day a good crowd attended.

In December a Christmas buffet dinner was held at the home of one of the members.

We have come to the close of Centennial year and are now on our second century. We hope and pray we will go forward with the same purposes, aims as we have held in the past.

Daughters of Knox hold Day of Prayer service

On Sunday evening the Daughters of Knox held their annual World Day of Prayer service, using the service prepared for girls. About 50 attended the service, held in the evening so it would be possible for working people to join in the special world-wide program.

The group president, Mrs. Diane Spielvogel gave the call to worship and members who participated in the prepared readings were Mrs. Kay Hanson, Mrs. Betty Ashley and Miss Donna Riseborough. Fawcett Eaton, who with his wife visited recently in India with their missionary son, spoke on India's problems in a most interesting manner. He was introduced by Mrs. Rene Watson.

Ted Hansen played the organ and a quartet of young girls sang, Valerie Coles, Caroline

Coles, Jessie Ann Davidson and Karen O'Rourke.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie closed the service with prayer.

Divide proceeds of rummage sale

Members of the Baptist Mission Circle had many items of business to discuss when they met at the home of Jessie Coles for their March meeting. Plans were made for the Easter Thanksgiving to be held April 1 in the church with Miss Karen Tucker of Eastwood Centre, Hamilton, as the speaker. She will also show slides.

Also it was decided that the money that was realized at the rummage sale would be divided between Operation Eyesight and Leper Work in India, help for Bolivian missionaries and youth work in Grande Ligne, Quebec.

A nominating committee was also appointed for the business meeting to be held in April.

The president Jessie Coles chaired the meeting. Edna Gordon and Alice Pilkington planned the program. Detailed prayers were given for mission fields by Norma Baillie, Frances Feltham and Marg Baillie. Edna Gordon and Edna Fryer read poems, Ten Missionaries and Do Not Put off till Tomorrow.

Alice Pilkington read two thought-provoking articles entitled Walkie-Talkie Operators and Making Prayer Work. Elsie Queo and Norma Baillie assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch. Marg Baillie was courtesy convener.

Bacon drippings in oven? Turn off the pilot light, place a bowl of ammonia inside the oven, and close the door. The ammonia fumes will loosen the charred drippings and make the oven easy to clean.

Stephen Van Fleet gives top speech to Knox Daughters

The Daughters of Knox held their regular meeting on Monday evening in the Mary Ellen Anderson room. The meeting was opened by singing Living for Jesus and the mottoes were repeated in unison.

The president Mrs. Diane Spielvogel conducted the business and the roll call was answered with suggestions for a social evening for the June meeting.

Mrs. Swallow introduced Stephen Van Fleet who gave an excellent speech entitled War No More. The very interesting study which was in charge of Mrs. Vivian Swallow and her group have an idea of life in Japan today. The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of Hymn 554.

A delicious lunch was served by the group in charge.

Liberals organize for women

As a result of interest shown at a meeting early in February, a group of women have gone ahead to form a Liberal Women's Association for the Halton East riding.

Twenty-six women heard Mrs. W. B. Davidson, Past President of the Ontario Liberal Women's Association and Mrs. L. Hassman, President of the Toronto and District Women's Association speak.

At a meeting in February Mrs. Irene Krepulic of Oakville was named president-elect until an executive is elected.

The founding meeting for the association is to be held March 14 and the women hope to have Mrs. Robert Nixon as a guest speaker.

Those interested in joining should contact Mrs. Irene Krepulic at 845-6769, Oakville.

Parish gathering for the McMurrays on final Sunday

This is Rev. Ritchie McMurray's last Sunday at St. Alban's church, and after the 10:30 a.m. service there will be a get-together with all parishioners welcome.

He has been appointed full-time chaplain at the University of Guelph and the family will be moving from the rectory to Guelph soon.

It's expected a new rector for St. Alban's will take over soon.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service in Knox church Friday was conducted by women from six Acton churches. Circling guest speaker Harold Swallow are Mrs. C. Pauw, Miss Isabel Anderson, Mrs. P. Barker, Mrs. D. Van Stralen, Mrs. N. Feltham, Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. E. Pratt. Over 100 attended the specially-prepared service, followed in 126 countries. (Staff Photo)

Over 100 women join in Day of Prayer service

"Take from the world all injustices, illiteracy and poverty" over 100 women prayed together Friday afternoon. From Acton and district churches, women gathered in Knox church on the World Day of Prayer to join women in 126 countries in repeating the same words.

The theme was "Bear One Another's Burdens" and the service this year was prepared by Mrs. Rathio Solvaratnam, chairman of the Asian Church Women's conference. The readers asked the age-old question "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and the congregation joined in the prepared responses.

Miss Isabel Anderson, acting for Mrs. Fred Anderson, was chairman for the service in her own church. Others seated with her, representing participating churches, were Mrs. E. Pratt of St. Alban's church, Mrs. G. W. McKenzie of Trinity United, Mrs. G. Feltham of Acton Baptist church, Mrs. P. Barker of Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle, Mrs. Pauw and Mrs. Van Stralen of Bath-El Christian Reformed church.

Accompanied by organist Mrs. M. McCullough, Mrs. A. H. McKenzie sang a solo.

In welcoming the many women present Miss Anderson remarked "It is a thrilling thought that we are linked in a great chain of Christian women in 126 countries."

She introduced the guest speaker, Harold Swallow, history teacher at Acton high school, and adult Bible study class leader at Knox.

Mr. Swallow began with a sharp criticism of the praying of pious prayer, accompanied by a profound neglect of the needs of the world. This kind of meaningless prayer has long plagued the church, he declared.

He presented, with specific examples and figures, a picture of India today, with its appalling poverty and suffering.

People talk as if the burden of the world is theirs, but very seldom is anything specific done about it. In fact, giving a few dollars is no solution to the problems of this giant land.

The religious problem involves the Hindu attitude that the world is a favored dance, just an illusion. They have no desire for progress.

"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers few," he quoted.

Let us pray for the spread of the gospel and missions, and be interested in their spiritual as well as material welfare.

Mrs. H. Mainprize and Mrs. W. McLeod welcomed the congregation at the church door; Mrs. J. Inglis and Mrs. E. Masters took the offering to be forwarded to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Each year the women from six Acton churches gather together for the World Day of Prayer service, each year in a different church. Mrs. Fred Anderson,

chairlady of the committee for this year, was unable to attend as she had been in hospital. The date has now been firmly set at the first Friday in March.

Seven baptized Evangel Tabernacle

Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle was the scene of a beautiful Baptismal Service Sunday night, March 3, when seven young people followed the example and command of our Lord in water baptism.

"We are happy to see the young converts obey this most important and sacred ordinance of the church," commented the Rev. Thoman.

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