

Dance, U.C.W. meeting, visitors Palm Sunday service in report

By Mrs. R. Shortill

The U.C.W. meeting was held on Tuesday evening, March 25, at the home of Mrs. Bud Snow. Mrs. Elwood Snow gave the topic on China, which had been prepared by Mrs. Rick Sales. Several readers assisted. The topic dealt with the life and goals of the working man in New China.

Mrs. Don Brown had charge of the devotional period. The Roll Call was answered by a Bible verse beginning with the letter "B".

Several items of business were dealt with, including the catering for the spring months ahead.

Mrs. Norm Sinclair had charge of the program and gave an amusing reading. Each member contributed an Irish joke. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Fred J. Shortill and Mrs. Ray Swindlehurst.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Morris Geeter whose death occurred recently. Her friendly personality will be missed by all of us, who knew her.

The Sunday service was well attended. The choir rendered the anthem "Were you there when they crucified my Lord."

The sermon was along the Palm Sunday theme. It emphasized the thought that decisions of our life must be made sooner or later. On this day in Christ's ministry he openly rode into the city once and for all deciding that he must inevitably bear what his enemies would do. He knew that his forerunner John the Baptist had been seized, and his fate was also in their hands.

Plans were discussed for the young people to attend the Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday Morn. — on the Farm Hill of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kidney.

Mrs. Richard Shortill spent part of the week in Mimico visiting her daughter Lillian and sister Ione Oakes.

Mr. Russell Snider is still in Guelph Hospital recovering from surgery.

The dance on Friday night was well attended and a nice crowd enjoyed dancing the "light fantastic" to MacDougal's music.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements of Alton visited the Pattersons one day this week.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Stanley Sinclair was well enough to return home from hospital where he has been for some weeks recovering from surgery.

Mr. Michael Buston was in a Toronto Hospital last week undergoing dental surgery.

The Brownie Pack met in the church basement with their leader "Brown Owl" after school, on Wednesday as usual.

EDEN MILLS

Father, Son banquet 20-mile hike in news

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Thankoffering meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. McLennan on Monday afternoon with a good attendance. Mrs. G. MacDougal opened the W.M.S. with a poem, followed by a hymn. Roll call was answered with a verse from the Bible containing Crucifixion.

A report on the work shop staged at Knox Presbytery, Guelph, recently was given by Mrs. G. MacDougal and Mrs. H. Gilbertson gave a report of the meeting in Waterloo.

The hymn "There is a Green Hill Far Away" was sung and Mrs. Lasby read about the author who composed it. A Mrs. Anderson born in Ireland, the

died in 1895 at the age of 72. She had written over 400 hymns and poems in her lifetime and the "Green Hill" was her favorite. Mrs. Beryl Wright closed with prayer.

The Ladies' Aid was conducted by Beryl Wright, opening with a poem "The Miracle of Spring". Reports of minutes of the last meeting were heard and treasurer's report was increased by a good margin after the successful rummage sale recently.

The ladies were asked to help supply refreshments for the walk on Sunday by our young people and this was met with a good response.

Roll call was answered with an Irish reading.

Mrs. J. Gilbertson thanked the

hostess for her hospitality and lunch committee, closing with the Lord's prayer in union.

The U.C.W. of Eden Mills United Church held a rummage sale and baking table on Thursday evening in the Education Room. Mrs. John Turner was the capable auctioneer. The ladies served refreshments at the close of the evening.

The first Eden Mills Scout, Cub and Venturer's father and son banquet was held Saturday evening in the community hall. Head table guests were Mr. Petrie, guest-speaker, Divisional Commissioner, District Cub Master Mrs. Haydon; Mr. Pinson, District Commissioner, Jack Bould, Howard James, Travis Clifford, chairman, Rev. R. Sinclair, Robert Gilbertson, Jim Cann, George Bruce, Glen Stevenson, Mrs. H. Thomlinson, Mrs. Norma Marshall and Mrs. Travis Clifford. About 125 attended, making it a very pleasant evening.

About 64 people young and old went on a 20 mile hike Sunday afternoon from Rockwood and Eden Mills churches. They attended service first in Rockwood Church and were taken by cars to Lowville to start the march back to Rockwood Church.

The route was patrolled with cars supplying hot drinks and snacks. Some of the younger ones gave up part way.

The group had sponsors and the money would go to a good cause.



DISTRICT CUBMASTER Mrs. P. Hadden makes a presentation to Mrs. B. Marshall at the Eden Mills Scout banquet. — (Jim Jennings Photo)



JACK BOULD, a Scouter with many years' service with Eden Mills troops receives a gift of appreciation from Jim Cann. — (Jim Jennings Photo)



TRAV CLIFFORD, chairman of the Scout father and son banquet at Eden Mills, kept the program moving. — (Jim Jennings Photo)

Count 3,640 people in twp.

Population figures for Wellington county released recently revealed Erin township has the largest head count among the 12 townships.

Figures were as follows: Arthur, 1,680; Eramosa, 1,327; Garafraxa, 1,557; Guelph, 2,390; Luther, 1,127; Maryborough, 2,160; Minto, 1,996; Nichol, 2,103; Peel, 3,299; Pilkington, 1,419; Erin, 3,640 and Puslinch, 3,286.

The number of residents in the four town comes to 11,111 with Fergus on top with 5,098 residents; Harriston, 1,640; Mount Forest, 2,084 and Palmerston, 1,659.

Another 5,432 persons reside in the five villages, with Elora having the greatest number 1,684; Arthur, 1,271; Erin, 1,259; Drayton at 686; and Clifford 532.

The official head count now stands at 44,527 and when combined with the city's population figure of 53,682 makes the total residency in the county 98,209 persons.

Tree size is a poor indicator of age because the competition for light, space and soil moisture can produce wide variation in size for trees of similar ages.

Assess Erin twp. at \$4,040,315

Eleven municipalities recorded assessment increases in Wellington county during 1968.

Erin township's assessment was \$4,040,315. Eramosa was \$3,477,750 and the other 10 townships were as follows: Arthur \$2,595,070; Garafraxa \$2,453,400; Guelph \$3,102,045; Luther \$1,622,455; Maryborough \$3,435,820; Minto \$3,233,935; Nichol \$2,172,450; Peel \$4,418,315; Pilkington \$1,833,640 and Puslinch \$4,166,995.

Ian W. McClung reported equalized assessment for the 21 municipalities, totalling \$57,618,605. This is broken down at \$15,570,865 for the four towns; Fergus \$8,031,485; Harriston \$2,044,485; Mount Forest \$3,438,145; and Palmerston \$2,056,750.

Five villages have \$4,445,550 in assessment as follows: Arthur \$1,332,790; Clifford \$618,960; Drayton \$663,630; Elora \$1,677,265 and Erin \$1,141,905.

HALTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — BRIEFS —

During the regular meeting of the Halton County Board of Education on Thursday evening, in the County Council Chambers at Milton, members:

• Approved a donation of \$600 to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto for student visits from Halton County during 1969.

• Expressed support for legislation that would permit establishment of Advisory Consultative Committees that would involve staff, citizens and board members.

• Agreed to become sustaining members in the Ontario Educational Research Council at an expenditure of \$500.

• Agreed to offer co-operation to the Home and School Council if they decide to implement the Block Parent Plan in the county.

• Approved payment of accounts for February totalling \$2,979,474.68.

• Appointed Miss Dorothy Powell of Burlington as a consultant in music. Miss Powell has been a consultant in music in Burlington where she has served for 15 years.

• Approved the transfer of a proposed addition to the Gordon E. Perdue High School from the 1970 capital budget to the 1969 capital budget. Cost of the music room and library resource centre with other areas is estimated at \$190,650.

• Named Ivan Armstrong, Milton to the Vocational Advisory Committee. Mr. Armstrong is the appointment recommended by the Oakville District Labor Council.

• Learned boundary changes will be proposed for all secondary schools at an April meeting. Assistant Superintendent D. Lawless indicated the change would be of a gradual nature.

• Named Chairman F. Armitage and Trustees D. Wood, E. F. Sovereign, and J. C. Blakelock as a committee on the selection of architects which will form a list from which a selection will be made on various projects. Trustee J. C. Ronson emphasized the list of architects would be subject to annual review and firms whether large or small would be considered.

• Heard a suggestion from Trustee B. Edwards that the Easter Monday holiday should be deleted. He noted introduction of the winter vacation resulted in an extra day holiday and objected to another "bite into the school year".

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