

ASHGROVE

The January Women's Institute meeting was held on Tuesday the 17th at the beautiful newly built home of Mrs. Wilfrid Bird with a large attendance of ladies and two visitors. The president, Mrs. Chas. Austin was in charge. Roll Call was answered with "What's Your Beef?" and brought some very amusing complaints from the members. The motto "Men build houses but women make homes" was well given by Mrs. Jack Ruddell. Mrs. Douglas Currie gave two pleasing numbers. Mrs. Cecil Wilson gave current events after

which Mrs. Fred Nurse had charge of impromptu speeches. Each lady was given a number, and when it was called she had to give a speech on a subject such as "books, flowers, trees, houses, etc." This made lots of fun as all good naturedly took their turns. A social hour followed.

The Young People held their first meeting for this year at the home of Viola and Floyd Bridges Sunday evening with Mae Wingfield and Herb Wilson in charge.

When the topic "Should tariffs be abolished?" was discussed at Ashgrove Farm Forum Monday night, the members decided that they favoured tariffs for protection, but that they should not be so high that they make trade impossible. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nurse. Next week Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nurse will be hosts for review night.

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Chatting . . .

By
M.H.B.

WHILE OUT VISITING, one evening recently, the talk turned to Christmas, naturally enough, with Christmas cards, calendars, trees and gifts all entering into the discussion. While discussing gifts, what the children received formed the main source of interest. Mrs. John Bell mentioned that their small daughter, Jocelyn had a "Barbara Ann" Scott doll, but, in spite of the popularity of the skating star dolls at present, she had been openly envying her older sister, Marilyn, who had received a beautiful "family heirloom" doll, over fifty years old and in perfect condition. "Don't think any of us really lose our interest in dolls, even after we have real live ones of our own to look after, so we asked if we could see her. So thought you might be interested in hearing . . .

She is a beauty . . . With long blonde curly hair, brown eyes that open and close much better than dolls of today. Her perfect features and peaches-and-cream complexion are moulded in china. And she is a stylishly dressed miss, judged by the standards of half a century ago. Her dress is quite long and full, made of the sheerest lawn and lace inserts and fine tucking. Underneath she wears two-pretty-fitted petticoats, a warm flannel petticoat and lace-edged pantaloons. Coming up almost to meet the pantaloons, just below the knee, were black and red wool knit socks in a small diamond pattern, and her dainty little patent slippers bore "size 8" on the soles. Mustn't forget to mention the practical long wool vest that went on first, before all the petticoats and fur-belts. The body of the lovely doll is just as beautifully made as the head and clothes, being covered with genuine white kid. And something of rarity in those days, we imagine, it was jointed at the knee being complete with kid knee-caps. The doll has been carefully kept down through the years, by an aunt of Mr. Bell's . . . She has plundered Jocelyn's clothes twice a year, except for a new wig, the doll is exactly the same as it was when she was given, fifty years ago . . .

MR. AND MRS. Frank Tighe, who have really lived the country they saw in their time-taking trip to the South-Western United States last summer,asmuch as they have decided to use Young, Alberta, their home. Mr. and Mrs. Tighe, and daughter, Diane Cameron, left last week for the States. Frank was as使劲ly with Ford at Smith and Stone Ltd., coming to Georgetown originally from Bowmanville.

They have been living in part of V-Lieut-Col. Gordon Brown's home, just outside Georgetown, on the 7th Line . . . Assisting her father, M. H. Moyer, in his motor-license bureau situated in part of the Freeman Kersey Office on Mill Street, is Miss Olive Moyer, who was formerly with Barber's Gift Shop . . . Olive has also undertaken to be the local correspondent for the Toronto Globe and Mail . . .

Seems to be plenty of enthusiasm already, for the first "Formal" of 1950 coming up in February — the Countess of Strathmore-Chapeter IODE Valentine Dance . . . The dance committee are busy working out the details, so with a little cooperation from the weather-man, it should be a success . . .

WE LIVED ACROSS the road from her, on Charles Street, for a few years, so know first-hand, what an exceptionally bright and energetic woman is Mrs. W. D. Johnston, who celebrated her 89th birthday on January 17th, and offer our sincere congratulations! . . . We hate to admit it, but there were lots of days when, our necessary work completed, we'd have a sight of relief, as we sat down for an hour or so in the afternoon. Looking idly across the street, however, often as hot, we beheld Mrs. Johnston still energetically engaged in keeping her large house and verandah spotlessly clean, or, putting happily in her flower garden. Her daughter, Mrs. Norman Snyder, tells us that her mother's recipe for good health and longevity is, "to keep busy," and it has certainly worked for Mrs. Johnston . . .

Mrs. Johnston is a very faithful member of St. John's Church of England, Stettlerstown, always interested in church work, and the Grenfell Mission. During the war, she and her sister, the late Miss Annie Thompson, did a wonderful amount of work for the Red Cross . . . Mrs. Johnston was a Thompson before her marriage, born on the old homestead at Ashgrove, the daughter of one of the pioneer families of this district. Before retiring to Georgetown, thirty-five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston owned a farm just past Stewarton . . .

Unfortunately, she has not been too well for the past few weeks, but she is steadily improving, and was able to be downstate for the

family supper-party given her in honour of her birthday . . .

Mr. and Mrs. William Broughton, of Castleford, Yorkshire, are busy getting settled in their home on Murdoch Street, where Mrs. Alex McCaig formerly lived. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton have just arrived in Canada from England, and they have two little boys, Marvyn and Garry, who will be attending Public School . . .

Mr. Broughton knew quite a lot about Canada and Canadians, before starting out to make his home here, having served as a masseur and Chiropodist in the R.A.F. where he estimates that during the war he treated over two thousand Canadian Air Force men at stations in Reykjavik, Iceland, and Marston Moor, Yorkshire, England. Mr. Broughton is a Herbalist, Masseur and Chiropodist and has purchased the business known as the Old English Herb Company, from Mrs. Elizabeth Hull of Orangeville, which he will operate from premises on Murdoch Street, here in town . . .

Reminds us of the days when Active Service Notes were a part of the Herald, to be reporting a serviceman, Pte. Len Tennant, who has been home on a month's leave, has returned to Chilliwack, B.C. . .

In telling you about Mrs. R. B. Canham's career, last week, we overlooked a page of our notes, on which we had jotted down that Mrs. Canham went back to visit in England and Holland in 1948. She was particularly taken with Holland . . . While there, visiting with friends, she was invited to see the little Dutch princesses dance in a ballet recital. The event was held in the beautiful garden of a large home, where the little girls danced against a natural setting formed by a stone wall, shrubbery and a pool . . . While the guests watched from the terrace below, Prince Bernhardt, like any other proud father, took moving pictures of his little daughters dancing . . . It was rather chilly, in the "open-air" recital. Mrs. Canham recalls, and those watching were bundled up in warm wraps because in spite of the calendar date — mid-July — the weatherman misbehaved badly, sending the temperature down to 38 degrees . . .

GLEN WILLIAMS

The annual meeting of the congregation of Glen Williams United Church was held Monday evening January 16th in the church. Rev. Alex Cowen was in the chair. The finances were reported in good standing in all departments. Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. A. Presswood, the Missionary report by Miss Olive Logan, Sunday School report by Marilyn Felker, and the Ladies Bible Class by Mrs. Fred Engleby, Messrs. William Schenk, Alf Goodwin, C. Allen, W. Wheeler, J. Wagstaffe were elected to the Board of Stewards with Mrs. A. Presswood as Treasurer and Mrs. Cecil Barth, secretary of congregation.

The minister expressed his appreciation to all for their cooperation since his arrival to this charge last July after the retirement of Rev. F. J. Dunlop.

The evening was brought to a pleasant close with an invitation to all to spend a social hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Wheeler where lunch was served.

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