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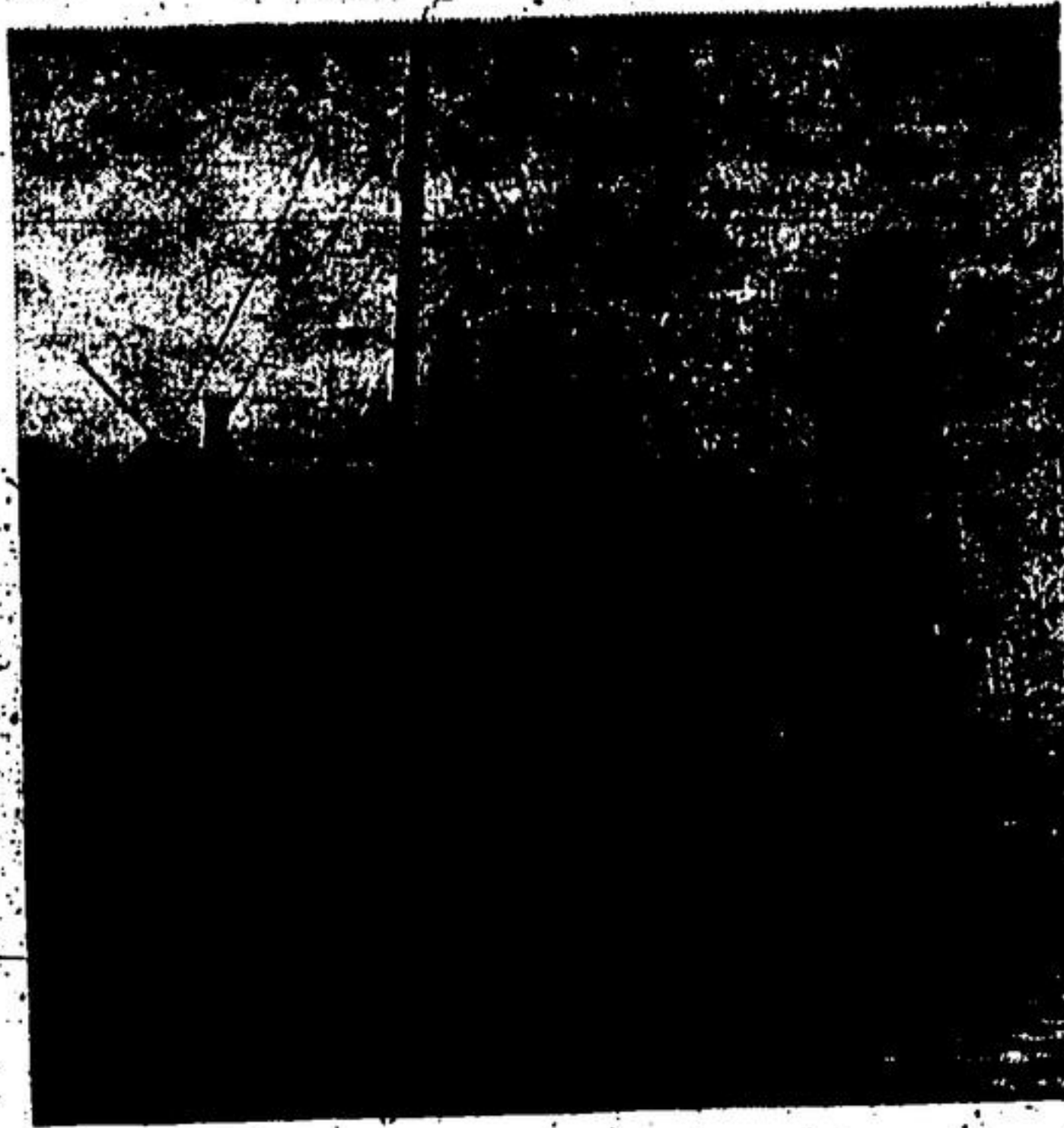
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NORVAL

On Wednesday, March 15th, the WA of Union Presbyterian Church held a very successful St. Patrick's Tea in the Manse at Norval, when Miss Edna Jacques of Toronto was the guest speaker. The programme opened with a welcome to the many visitors from Mrs. Hoare, president of the group, following which Mrs. John Harston of Norval sang two pleasing numbers, "How Ireland Got Its Name", and "Bless This House". Mrs. Oliver Hunter accompanying her. The theme of Miss Jacques' talk was on finding beauty and unexpected pleasures in our common, everyday chores, and she ably illustrated her suggestions with poems or quotations taken from one of her own books. Miss Jacques also spoke of her girlhood in the West and of the days when they were snowbound for months at a time and when company and new faces were a rarity, and compared her life then with her many adventures since she now covers approximately ten thousand miles a year on her lecture tours, her travels including every Province in the Dominion much of the United States, and even as far north as Yellowknife in the Yukon.

At the conclusion of this refreshing and informal "lecture" a chicken supper was served by the committee in charge, including Mrs. Lloyd Crichton, Mrs. Fred Lyons, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. Wilfred Leslie, Mrs. Clarence Lyons, Mrs. Vern Thompson, Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. Hoare and Mrs. Horne.

The spring meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held on Sunday evening in St. Paul's Anglican Church when after the Church service the Rev. Mr. Moore, Field

secretary for the Society, spoke of the great need for more and more copies of the Bible in all parts of the world, particularly in China and Japan. He mentioned that when the Bible Society was first formed copies were made available in fifty languages and today the translations cover nearly eleven hundred languages, with nine hundred as yet untouched. Even in Ontario, forty-nine languages and Indian dialects are spoken, not counting English or Braille. Mr. Moore said too that it has been estimated that seven million copies is the quota this year for China alone, with an equally vast number needed in Japan.

The Bible Society film this year is "The House of the Book", and it was screened in London, England, and pictured the headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society which was founded in 1804, and depicted some of the varied activities of the Society.

Following this, Mrs. Guy Wilson, president of the local branch of the Bible Society, thanked Mr. Moore and called upon Mrs. J. Maxwell to read the minutes of the last meeting and asked Mr. Sam McClure to give the Treasurer's report. Mr. McClure stated that the annual appeal had met with a splendid response and that \$159.00 had been collected for the Bible Society in 1949 as compared with a total of \$63.00 in 1948. In the election of officers which followed Mrs. Wilson, president; Mrs. J. Maxwell, secretary; and Mr. Sam McClure, treasurer, were reelected by acclamation.

Rev. J. L. Self closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Despite last Friday's storm, Esqueving Agricultural Society held a most successful euchre and dance in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Over thirty tables of cards were played, the winners being Mrs. A. S. Wilson, Georgetown; and Mrs. George Brown, Norval, for the ladies, and Mr. Herb Cleave and Mr. Hazen Graham, Georgetown, for the men. Following a good supper, dancing was enjoyed to Doris Hulls' Orchestra.

By way of celebrating her eighth birthday on Saturday, Joyce McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McLenn, invited twelve of her little friends to a theatre party, after which they enjoyed a birthday supper at her home.

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