

HEADS CPR DIVISION: James W. Stewart has been appointed superintendent of the Canadian Pacific's Bruce Division under a new setup whereby lines in and adjacent to Toronto are placed under a separate division headquarters. Tremendous increase of business throughout the whole territory made the separation of operating administrations necessary, in order to improve service to Ontario centres.

Dr. Mather Chief Speaker At Children's Aid Annual

The Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton held its annual meeting on May 9th in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, where nearly 100 interested people from the county and elsewhere gathered to hear a report of the year's work.

Rev. Jas. L, Blair, pastor of St. Paul's, opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by a welcome extended by president E. D. Mahon. The brief business meeting included the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the treasurer's report.

Mr. G. F. Thompson, superintendent, gave his report for the year, speaking briefly on the various departments of work handled by the Children's Aid Society. Statistics show that 297 children were involved in the 137 cases dealt with in the protection department. The Society endeavors, wherever possible. to assist in strengthening family ties, and only as a last resort are these ties broken. Low standards of living, continual drinking, quarrelling and immorality lead to the dissolution of the home. Consequently, as a result of Court action, 23 children became wards of the Society during the year.

A sincere word of appreciation was extended to the foster families who devote so much time and energy, love and understanding to the children, who through no fault of their own are deprived of their own family and home - their natural birthright.

The unmarried mother and her child are another concern, and the Society renders assistance in arranging confinement care, in obtaining financial help from the father of the child, and if the child is given up, in placement. Many of these children are eventually leg- the same was true of health serally adopted, and the supervisory probation period and the completion of final papers are a great joy to the happy parents as well as to the

Two other phases deal with the enquiry regarding spending of Family-Allowances and the investigation under the Matrimonial Causes Act. The latter is a recent addition to the responsibilities of the official guardian and his representative in the Children's Aid Society. Under this Act an attempt is made to ascertain the well-being of the children involved, but so often forgotten, in divorce actions.

The printed report of the society makes mention of others on whom the work is so dependent, and Mr. Thompson heartily thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the year's work.

A very pleasant interlude preceded the addfess of the evening, when a male quartette from the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the United Church,

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offered two selections, following which Mr. Wm. Vansickle introduced the speaker.

Dr. Jas. R. Mather, director of K. Y. Dick, Milton; J. W. Higgins, the Halton County Health Unit, Milton. very ably addressed the gathering. His topic was Health and Wenare in rural Ontario. By exemplification, the speaker made mention of the variety of meanings embodied in the word, health, to the diverse nations of the world. In 1850, when man's life expectancy was 40 years, the medical officer of health was concerned chiefly with problems of communicable disease in epidemic proportion His concern then, did not embrace problems of housing and mental health, but through continued efforts and increased medical knowledge, baby boys born today have a life expectancy of 63 years and their sisters, two years more. Epidemics of the most serious communicable diseases are almost unheard of and infant deaths have been drastically reduced.

The practice of puble health today depends on continued vigilance. Environmental factors such as sanitation and housing are now a major item of concern, but considered as, important as these in today's larger meaning of the word, health, are the social aspects of physical illness. No tuberculosis patient enters the sanitorium, neither does a person reach old age, that the social side does not almost overshadow the physical condition. Health is being cared for in rural as well as urban communities by the Health Units but there is a sad lack of trained and organized groups in rural areas to deal with such social problems as that of old age I)r Mather pointed out that up to 1944, vices and in the ensuing 6 years nearly 30 health units have been formed, making possible good preventive medical services in rural

communities. Halton County enjoys fullest cooperation between the Health Unit and the only existing welfare organization, the Children's Aid Society, both of which are working toward the same ultimate goal, the improvement or conditions in general. But the responsibility of welfare is still ill-defined. The members of the Health Unit Staff are trained to do medical work while the interest of the Children's Aid is the children. All other welfare is handled by individuals in the various municipalities, and lacks central co-ordination. At the present fine tegistation exists which would enable any group of municipalities to form an organization similar to that of the Health Unit, and right now universities are training personnel who would be qualified to assume the task of making it function. Halton County, he said, has been a leader in many things, and he concluded by challenging the thinking people of the county to consider the possibilities and benefts of organ-

zed welfare. Mr. MacKenzie Robinson in his thanks to the speaker, summed up the thoughts of many when he complimented Dr. Mather on his address and the food for thought

which he had provided. .. The report of the nominating committee was read, and the president declared as officers and directors for the year:

President, E. D. Mahon, Campbeliville; vice president, Mrs. W. A. Weaver, Burlington; secretary, C. L. Kirkness, Acton; treasurer, Wm. Deans, Georgetown; superintenSILVER-WOOD

NEW INSTITUTE PLANS **FALL FAIR EXHIBIT**

Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, 7th Line, was hostess to twenty members and three visitors of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. R. R. Corbett in giving current events told that the late Mrs. Herbert Clark had taught Mrs W. J. Roe sixty years ago when she passed her High School Entrance examinations at the Stone School. Mrs. Roe was then Susanna Stull. The motto "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever" was read, after which conference reports were given by Mrs. W. R. Norton and Mrs. Annie Stull. Members acclaimed Marilyn. Souther's efforts at the festival. A committee, was named to be in charge of Fall Fair work. This included Mrs. Horace Bell, Mrs. E. L. Miller, Mrs, Harold Campbell Mrs. T. E. Appleyard, Mrs. W. R. Norton, Mrs, R. R. Corbett and Miss Rowend Stull. Refreshments were served by Mrs. T. E. Appleyard and Mrs. Clarence Varey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Corbett visited relatives in Toronto on Sunday. Congratulations to Marilyn Souther, gold medallist in the Halton Musical Festival at Milton last Thursday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Souther, Pine Acres.

Mrs. Ellen Wiley of Toronto and Miss Kate McKay of Georgetown visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair and other relatives for the

CHIMNEY FIRE

The fire brigade was called a week ago Friday to the home of Frank Yan Wyck, who lives in an apartment in Mrs. Eleanor Stockley's house, when an overheated chimney threatened to cause a fire There was no damage reported.

spoke of his continued interest in the work Thanks to the church was extended by G. W. McKenzie, Acton. After the singing of the National Anthem, a tastefully prepared lunch served by the Couple's Club was enjoyed during the social hour which concluded the meeting.

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Milton; W. G. MacKenzie Robinson,

Lakeshore Highway East, Oakville;

Mr. W. H. Matthews Toronto, was

again appointed auditor, and an in-

vitation to the annual conference

at the Royal York Hotel on May

17th and 18th was extended to all

were brought by Warden K Y

Dick and from Hamilton Children's

Aid Society by Miss E. Duffy, now

of that staff. Mr. Arnos Mason, for-

me president of the Society also

Greetings from County Council

interested people.

Each summer the "Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies," whose world-wide membership is open to "dudes" of every race, colour and creed, gather amid the majesty of snow-capped peaks to ride the alpine trails and to camp in the valleys of one of Canada's loveliest playgrounds.

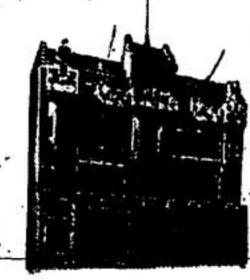


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