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**St. John's Church Holds Annual Vestry Meeting**

The annual vestry meeting was held in St. John's Church, Sunday evening, after the evening service with Rev. J. E. Maxwell, chairman. The meeting opened with prayer. Mrs. T. Clapham read the minutes of last year's meeting. There were 5 baptisms, 1 burial. The treasurer's report was discussed, it being in typed form. Mr. W. Walker reported a good year for the Sunday School. Mrs. M. Baily reported for the W.A. Thanks were tendered to the Guild for their gifts for the Church, also to Mr. Grant and to Mrs. Grant for her efficiency as treasurer and to all who helped in any way with the church. Officers elected for 1955 were: Rector's warden, Mr. S. Mileham; People's Warden Mr. W. Hulis; Lay Delegate Mr. G. English, substitute Mr. C. Blizard. Auditors, Mr. T. Clapham and Mr. C. Blizard.

Junior W.A. was held as usual last Monday Judy Walker chose the opening hymn and conducted the worship service. The hymn was "Once in Royal David's City." Thelma Evans presented prayer for the Monday pledge. The Medical Mission among the children in the houses of Honan, China. Gretha Kotslag read the minutes of the previous meeting seconded by Marilyn Murray. A story was read about St. Valentine. Sewing on the outfits was the work of the busy period.

The regular meeting of St. John's Guild was held Tuesday evening at Mrs. Jim Stadden's home with a good attendance. The members were sewing. Two new members joined. Talent money was given to the members, hoping that at a later date they may hand it back increased. More plans were made for the euchre and dance to be held in the community hall Sunday evening, February 18th. Mrs. Stadden served lunch and Rev. J. E. Maxwell closed the meeting.

**Grand Union Acquires Washington Food Chain**

The Grand Union Company, according to an announcement made by Lansing P. Shield, president, has completed negotiations for the acquisition of the Food Fair Super Markets of Washington, D.C., which are owned by The Square Deal Market Company, Inc.

The Washington company operates a chain of modern super markets in the District of Columbia, adjoining counties in Maryland and the State of Virginia. Sales of this organization were reported as \$18,263,666 for the fiscal year ended August 28, 1954.

The acquisition of the Food Fair Super Markets marks the entry of The Grand Union Company into the greater Washington area which it considers one of the fastest growing population centres in the entire country. This area recently has developed at a rate in excess of most metropolitan areas and has grown approximately 50 per cent since 1940.

Present expansion plans for this Washington operation call for six additional super markets to be opened within the current year. The affiliation of these Food Fair Super Markets with Grand Union will make possible a broad expansion programme to keep pace with the tremendous growth of the Washington metropolitan area, particularly in the suburbs. The new stores will be from 14,000 to 20,000 square feet in size and will be located principally in new shopping centres with large parking facilities.

The Grand Union Company, the second oldest American retail food chain, operates over 300 food markets in six eastern states, the southern part of which is Pennsylvania, and in Ontario, as well as home service routes in 30 states. Grand Union recently was selected for the fifth consecutive year as one of the nation's fourteen best managed companies by the American Institute of Management in its annual audit of more than 4,000 firms in the U.S. and Canada.

Grand Union has more than doubled its annual sales in the past six years. For the past 52 weeks the company recorded sales of \$216,565,294 which is 8 per cent in excess of its sales for the corresponding period of last year. The company has opened 34 new stores since March 1st, closed 31 small units, and has a substantially increased expansion program for the current year.

Mr. Shield, stated that the Washington area stores will continue to be operated under the name of Food Fair Super Markets as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Grand Union Company under the direction of its present top management.

Irvin I. Siegel has been president of the Food Fair Super Markets of Washington, D.C. since 1941 and has been associated with the food business since 1924. He is also president of the Washington Retail Food Distributors Association and a Director of the Packaging Institute of America. Bernard N. Siegel, executive vice president, has been associated with the present business and its predecessor companies since 1947. He is also a Director of the Super Market Institute.

**BILL WILSON GIVES YPU SERVICE ADDRESS**

The Young People conducted a very fine service on Sunday morning in observance of Christian Youth Week. Jean Bird presided and carried out her duties capably. Scripture from St. John was read by Norman Bird and prayer by Marion Bird. The address on "One Great Fellowship of Love," based on the hymn "In Christ there is no east nor west" was well taken by Bill Wilson. The hymn "The Church's One Foundation" and prayer by Mr. Williams closed this lovely service.

The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon at the home of Verna, Doris and Larry Pickett with 10 children present. Margaret Wade presided and Doris Pickett was accompanist. Adrienne Nurse read Scripture, Catherine Hunter gave the missionary prayer. Faye Graham and Larry Pickett took up the offering and Marilyn Wilson dedicated it. Mrs. Verna Pickett sang the offertory. Karen Brigidon favoured with a piano solo, and Verna Pickett gave the closing prayer. The new secretary and treasurer are Margaret Austin and Marilyn Wilson.

Sorry to hear that little John Nurse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nurse has been very sick and close to pneumonia, but is improving now. There are lots of bad colds going around, but cheer up, everyone, because as soon as we get this month over we can concentrate on spring.

**BALLINAFAD**

**SHOW PICTURES OF TRIP TO BRITAIN**

Max Sprowl of Acton was a special guest of the Mission Band Saturday night at their concert and showed pictures of his recent trip to the British Isles. These proved to be most entertaining and educational. Other program was given by the children under the direction of the leaders, Mrs. McEnery and Mrs. Law.

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. Ferguson for their regular meeting. The worship service was in charge of Miss B. Hills and the roll call was answered with New Year's thoughts and payment of fees. Mrs. F. W. Shortill gave the topic from the study book. Mrs. Cam McEnery is at present in Toronto hospital where she is receiving treatment.

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**HORNBY**

**St. Stephen's Church Appoints 1955 Officers**

The annual Vestry meeting of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, was held in the church hall, on Thursday evening, February 3rd.

The meeting opened with prayer following which Mrs. Glen Saunders was appointed Vestry Clerk, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following reports were presented: the Rector's report, read by the Rev. J. E. Maxwell; Church Financial report, by Mrs. John Bradley; the report of the Woman's Auxilliary, by Mrs. Foster Brain; St. Stephen's Guild report, by Mrs. William Bradley; the Sunday School report, by Mr. Arthur Johnson; the report of the Cemetery Board, by Mr. Wilfred Thompson.

Officers and Committees appointed for the year were as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. Alan Harrop; People's Warden, Mr. Cliff Hunter; Lay Delegate, Mr. T. G. Drow-Brook; Substitute Lay Delegate, Mr. Ken Pewtress; Church treasurer, Mr. Ken Ella; Sunday School superintendent, Mr. A. Johnson; Advisory Board, the Rector, warden and lay delegate, also Messrs. W. Thompson, K. Pewtress, R. Orr, Guy Bussell, Wm. Bradley, Cemetery Board: Messrs. Foster Brain (Hon.), W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer, Orville Orr, Cliff Hunter, William Robinson, John Bradley; Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Weller, I. Thompson, Orville Orr, Cliff Hunter, William Brain, John Bradley, Richard Course; Auditors: Messrs. John Bussell, Roy Bradley.

The rector thanked the officers and the organizations for the support and cooperation given to him during the past year, and pointed out that the debt incurred two years ago for the building of the church hall had been completely repaid. Plans were made for a special service to mark the burning of the mortgage.

A discussion of church business followed and the meeting closed with prayer.

Refreshments were served by the ladies.