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**Explains Newfoundland Missions to
United Church Ladies Group**

On Tuesday, April 19th, the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Halton Presbytery of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada was held in First United Church, Port Credit. Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, Georgetown, president, opened the meeting with a word of welcome to the delegates, members and friends.

The worship service, based on the theme: "The Christian Hope" was conducted by Miss Margaret A. Geringeour, B.A., Missionary on Furlough from Trinidad. The speaker said that sometimes a challenge to the belief in the Resurrection is voiced, but that this belief matters greatly. To live a "Good life" is not enough. There must be that "extra" — the faith, the hope which the Christian has and others have not. Thus out of the Resurrection is the greatest essential, the Christian Hope.

This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting by Mrs. Faux Ball, recording secretary.

Mrs. E. M. Readhead, corresponding secretary, brought greetings from five Presbyteries, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Brantford, Haldimand - Norfolk and Bruce.

Mrs. G. DeCoursey described many books and pamphlets, for adults and children, which she felt would make interesting reading, as well as assist the members in their missionary efforts. Her attractive book display was later visited by many of those present. The Acton Auxiliary received the award of a gift book, for having read the greatest number of books, per member, of a missionary character during the year.

A solo "The Voice in the Wilderness" sung by Mrs. K. G. Partridge, was enjoyed by the audience.

Mrs. A. W. Collard, Christian Stewardship Secretary of the Hamilton Conference Branch, conducted a Christian Stewardship Workshop, dividing the gathering into small groups and giving each group a question pertaining to Christian Stewardship to answer. The duties of a Christian Stewardship Secretary were read by Miss A. Blanchard and when the answers to the questions had been given by group spokesmen, each phase of this important work was discussed.

Mrs. A. R. Stacey, president of the Port Credit Afternoon Auxiliary, welcomed the guests to the First United Church, Port Credit, and a luncheon was served by the Evening Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of that Church. Greetings were brought to the meeting from the Halton Presbytery W.A. by Mrs. Velma Norris and from the Conference Branch by Mrs. A. W. Collard.

In the afternoon, Mission Band Awards were presented to many auxiliaries by Mrs. N. McDonald, who spoke of the need for leaders to take an interest in this work and Mrs. McDonald hoped that there would be an advance in the Mission Band work this year.

The afternoon worship service was conducted by the Milton Afternoon Auxiliary. The theme was "My Responsibility." Mrs. R. B. Galbraith read several verses of injunctions or instructions, chosen at random from the Bible, to illustrate a Christian's responsibility to God, his fellowmen and to himself. This was followed with prayer by Mrs. King.

Miss A. Blanchard reported for Christian Stewardship. Last year the allocation for the Halton Presbytery was \$11,235. This was met and exceeded by \$1,438, which was given for building advance, to go to a broadcasting station in Japan.

Mrs. Ross Segsworth presented the Treasurer's Report and requested that all auxiliaries send in their reports to her on time.

The roll call was taken by Mrs. E. M. Readhead and the offering was received and dedicated by the Melville Auxiliary.

Mrs. H. W. Vrooman, Candidate Advisor, Hamilton Conference Branch, with the assistance of Mrs. G. J. Patterson, past president of the Hamilton Conference Branch and Mrs. Ross Patterson, 1st vice president of the Hamilton Conference Branch, conducted a panel discussion. Conversation and questions elicited many ways and means that had been tried, and recommended for interesting young people in full time church work. At the present time fifty women workers are needed in Canada. The panel elapsed with the Scriptural appeal "Bury the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers."

An impressive memorial service was conducted by the Burlington Auxiliary as a tribute to the members who had been called for higher service during the past year, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Gordon Kidney of Georgetown sang "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

Mrs. E. Woods introduced the guest speaker, Miss Ruth Tillman, a missionary on furlough from Bonavista Presbytery, Newfoundland. Miss Tillman's pleasing personality and the interesting story of her work and experience in Newfoundland charmed her audience. The people of Newfoundland are most appreciative and responsive when trained workers of the church go into their communities. The hardship of the mission lies in the fact that there is 6,000 miles of coastline, along which many people are scattered. Miss Tillman told of the organization of camps and the efforts of the students, who had much goodwill but who had little training to promote the work of the church. She stressed the great need for young people in church work — such as canvassing work in the summer, visiting, helping in Sunday School work, CGIT work, etc. She left the meeting with the thought that all make a constant witness to the power of the risen Lord in their lives, not just within the Christian Church but in all relationships in every day living.

After the report of the nominating committee by Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. C. J. Patterson, past president of the Hamilton Conference Branch, conducted the installation of the 1955 officers as follows:

Past president, Mrs. A. E. Pickard, Bronte, president, Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, Georgetown, 1st vice president, Mrs. E. Woods, Palermo, 2nd vice president, Mrs. A. Harris, Campbellville, R. R. 2; 3rd vice president, Mrs. A. R. Stacey, Port Credit; 4th vice president, Mrs. G. E. Gray, Puslinch, R. R. 3, corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. M. Readhead, Milton, recording secretary, Mrs. Faux Ball, Milton, R. R. 8; treasurer, Mrs. Ross Segsworth, Burlington, R. R. 2; secretary of Baby Bands, Mrs. N. B. MacRostie, Burlington; secretary of Mission Bands, Mrs. N. McDonald, Cooksville, R. R. 1; secretary of Affiliated CGIT, Mrs. R. Coulter, Campbellville, R. R. 3; secretary of Mission Circles, Mrs. R. B. Galbraith, Milton.

Departmental Secretaries — Christian Stewardship — Miss A. Blanchard, Burlington, R. R. 2; Associate Members, Mrs. L. Hamilton, Millgrove; Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Eaton, Carlisle; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. George King; Missionary Monthly and World Friends, Mrs. Clayton B. Dick, Georgetown, R. R. 2; Supply, Mrs. E. B. Clements, Milton, R. R. 2; Literature, Mrs. L. Leaver, Port Credit; R. R. 1; Press, Mrs. J. E. Whitlock, Milton.

Members without Portfolio: Mrs. A. Kerr, Acton, R. R. 2; Mrs. F. McNiven, Milton; Mrs. T. Giffen, Georgetown.

An invitation to hold the 1956 annual meeting of the Halton Presbytery of the Woman's Missionary Society at the United Church, Millgrove, was accepted.

Mrs. George Brownridge of the Bethel Auxiliary thanked Miss Tillman for her wonderful message and all those who helped in any way to make the day a success, after which the concluding hymn was sung and benediction pronounced.

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FARM NEWS

**Synthetic Conditioners
Don't Increase Yields**

These on the bus trip to Western Ontario and Michigan in 1953, which was sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, will recall the visit to the Woodslee Experimental Substation in Essex County.

They will also recall the heavy soils, and that on some of the plots treated with soil conditioners there was a marked improvement in the general tilth and friability of the soil.

It will therefore be of interest to learn that according to a release made by the Canada Department of Agriculture, synthetic oil conditioners were not effective in increasing corn or soybean yields. The report further points out that one of the synthetic materials used effectively loosened the soil, providing better soil aeration, better movement of water through the soil, and improvement in granular structure.

Earlier work reported by experiment stations in the U.S., has indicated that soil conditioning materials brought about spectacular yield increases of many crops. However, on the strength of the work at Woodslee, E. F. Bolton, Soils Specialist, states "Soil conditioners can not be recommended for use with field crops in southwestern Ontario."

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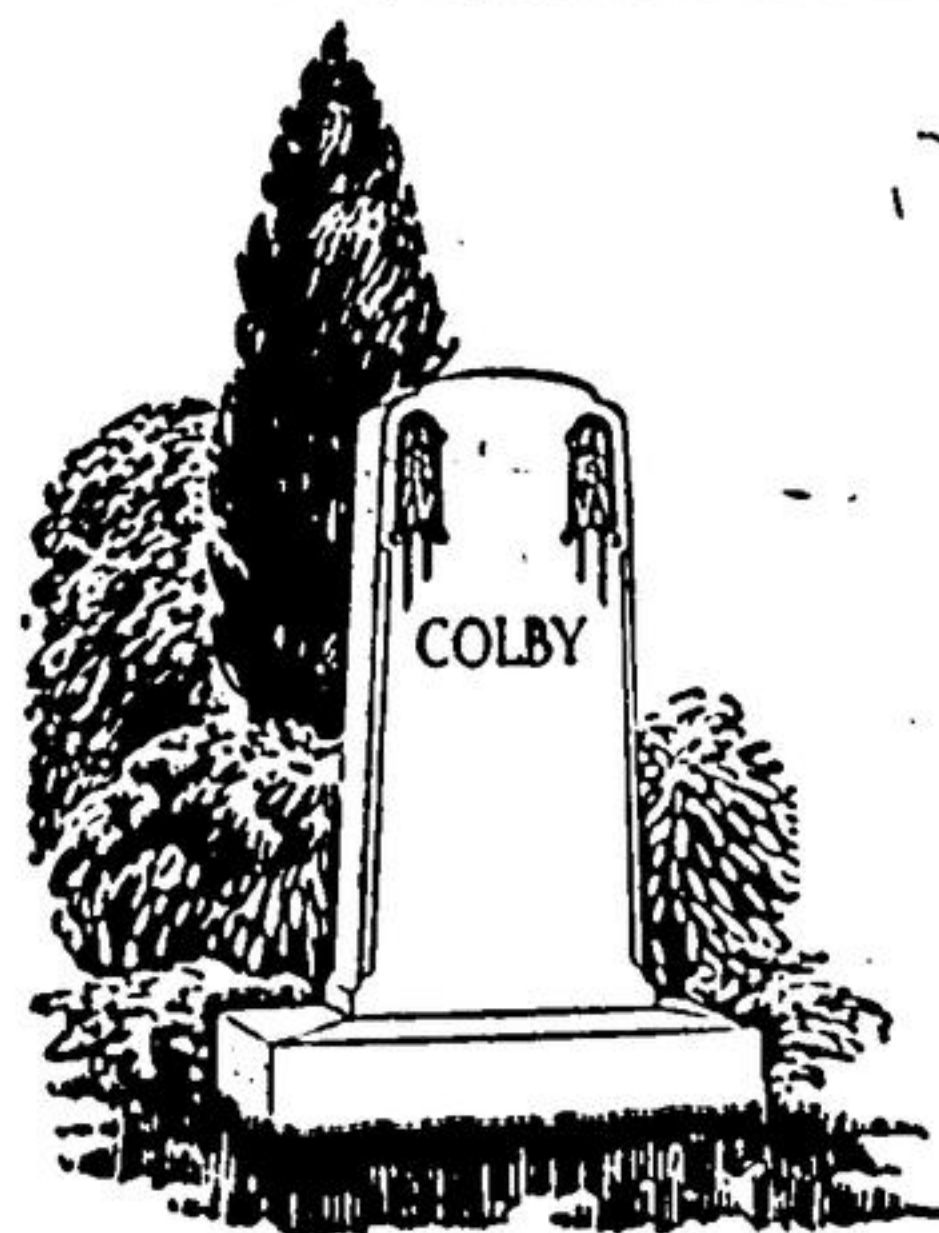
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