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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR WOMAN'S MISSIONS

The first WMS meeting for 1958 was held on Monday evening, Jan. 13th at the home of Mrs. Wilfrid Bird with Mrs. Leslie Giffen presiding and opening with a hymn and prayer. Roll Call was answered with a verse or prayer that God's Kingdom may be extended through us. Devotional was taken by Mrs. Ward Brownridge and the Scripture read from

Philippians by Mrs. Bruce Briden. Mrs. Vern Picket gave the Study Chapter and told of education in Japan. The prayer for our chosen missionary, Rev. Hilda Johnson, Indore, India, was given by Mrs. Harvey Nurse, after which Mrs. C. B. Dick installed the new officers and then the new president, Mrs. T. Blackett took charge. A vote of thanks was moved to the retiring officers, the offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. John Bellbody. Meeting closed followed by a social hour.

On Wednesday afternoon a WA meeting was held at Mrs. R. Cunningham's home with a nice turnout of ladies and Mrs. Thos. Giffen presiding and opening with some lovely New Year's thoughts and all sang "Standing at the Portal of Another Year." Psalm 103 was read by Mrs. F. Wilson. Treasurer Mrs. Horace Barnes reported a very successful year, with a nice bank balance. Mrs. Giffen thanked everyone for their help and cooperation while she was the president and then Mrs. Arthur Ruddle took over for the election

of officers which are: President, Mrs. James Carney, 1st vice Mrs. Vern Picket, 2nd vice Mrs. Lloyd Sweetie, secretary, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, treasurer Mrs. Horace Barnes, assistant Mrs. Len Cox, parsonage committee, Mrs. M. Bridgen, Mrs. C. Picket, flower committee, Mrs. C. Austin, Mrs. T. Giffen, Mrs. A. Ruddle, auditors, Mrs. C. B. Dick, and Mrs. Fred Nurse, cleaning committee, Mrs. W. Bird and Mrs. Clayton Wilson, dish committee, Mrs. Tom Brownridge and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

The Women's Institute held a social evening last Friday night in Stewarttown Hall. Twenty three tables of euchre were played winners being for the ladies - Mrs. Walters of Toronto and Mrs. A. Wilson of Georgetown, and the men, George Burt and T. J. Brownridge. Lunch and dancing to Hulls' Orchestra concluded the evening.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wickson on the birth of their baby daughter.

Happy birthday wishes to Mrs. Horace Barnes whose birthday is January 23rd and congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wigglesworth who celebrate their fifty third wedding anniversary on January 25th.

Challenging Speech By Ont. Probation Director

The third meeting of the men's club of St. John's United Church was held on January 13th. A small turnout, due to several conflicting meetings in town that night did not lessen the success of the evening for those attending. Another delightful and elegantly served dinner by the W.A. ladies and a hearty sing-song led by Jim Turnbull with Alex MacLaren at the piano, was enjoyed by all.

Doug Latimer introduced the speaker, W. D. Caughlin, director of probation for Ontario. Born in England, Mr. Caughlin came to Welland at the age of nine, returned overseas when 14 and after serving in both the British Royal and merchant navies, returned again to Canada. After graduating from Trinity College and serving three years as an Anglican clergyman, he joined the Canadian navy in 1941 as an intelligence officer. After navy duty, he studied social work at the University of Toronto, moved to Guelph where he became deputy judge in the family court, and finally was appointed Ontario's first probation director.

Rather than an atmosphere of men having a good time together Monday's meeting was almost one of a serious court trial. With Canada and Canadians on trial, his listeners were the jury and he was prosecuting attorney. He called witness from the standards and behaviour of almost all the other civilized countries of the world, from several accepted great thinkers and authorities, from extensive American and British studies and findings and from democratic and Christian common sense and principals.

The crime: (1) Failure of Canada to have one single course on crime and penology. (2) Failure to learn from or adopt systems found to be the best by the biggest majority of the civilized world. (3) Failure to be concerned that of our 15 1/2 million people, 100,000 went to prison last year, compared with 33,000 of Britain's 42 1/2 million population. (4) The almost complete ignoring of two expensive and exhaustive 10 year studies of the causes and remedies of crime, made in America and Britain. (5) Lack of literature in libraries etc. (6) Varying and conflicting opinions given by judges and courts, with an air of authority rather than by a studied and conclusive authority. (7) Lastly, the apathy of all of us to be concerned with the facts around us, juvenile delinquency, its causes from homes and from our type of society. A society where we think our governments should do many things for us but don't want to provide the taxes necessary. Where we deplore the way young people behave, but mother must go out to work to get the extra money for payments on the new car, the recreation room, club membership, holidays trips and liquor for our house parties.

Mr. Caughlin suggested that people should pay more attention to church groups, to boys' work and Sunday Schools, taking the family to concerts and lectures. They should be interested in attending council meetings and educational gatherings... should take time now and then to write to their members of parliament, thanking them for what is being done and suggesting what they would like to take place in this country.

We don't take the time out from making money and getting things, he said, to see worthwhile things and this is the crime. The verdict, guilty.



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National House Builders Elect Heslop Vice-Pres.

Rex Heslop, president of Delrex Developments was elected 1st vice president of the National House Builders Association at their convention last week in Toronto.

The Builders elected Maurice Joubert, mayor of Duvernay, a Montreal suburb as their president and Fragam Lount, Winnipeg as 2nd vice president. C. C. Holmes, Toronto is treasurer and A. R. Bennett, Calgary, secretary.

Regional directors are: British Columbia, R. A. Ford; prairies, D. J. Cairns; Ontario, H. S. Muroff; Windsor; Quebec, Irving Magill; and maritimes, Ernest Sutherland.

Speaking to delegates at a banquet on Thursday, Minister of Public Works Howard Green said that builders can expect little additional mortgage money from the federal government in future.

"We have to encourage the regular mortgage lending business. After all we are not a socialistic state," was his phrasing as he warned that government cannot continue to take over the mortgage financing for new homes. Sixty-five percent of Canadians own their own homes, he said, and it is of utmost importance that all Canadians should do so.

During the last 18 weeks, Mr. Green said mortgage loans approved totalled \$163,671,000 which accounted for 17,137 housing units which have been started. In 1957 122,000 houses had been built either by an agency or other loans and the government hopes to boost this to 140,000 this year.

LOAN FILMS POPULAR SERVICE AT LIBRARY
For the past year, Georgetown Public Library has been part of the West Central Ontario film federation. Through membership in this, the library obtains one unit of 18 films for each two month period.
Films may be rented for a nominal charge and in addition to those on hand, orders may be taken for securing films on special topics. Many organizations and individuals in town and district have already made use of this extra library service. An open invitation is extended to everyone to use them whenever they wish.
Following is the January and February list of films available. In colour: Jelly and Jam Ses-

ion: Land of the Long Day; Trooping the Colour; Spinning for Silver and Steelheads; Why Won't Tommy Eat?
In black and white: Everybody's Handicapped; New Zealand; Around the Table; Grey Owl and Little Brother; The Honest Truth; Introducing Denmark; Magic Man; Mastery of the Air; Peoples of the Sheena; Pole Barns and Milking Parlours; The Story of Oil; To Serve the Mind; Indian Whoopee.
A 16 mm projector and screen is also available for rental from the librarian, Miss Rosemary Jordan.

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