



BY DOROTHY BARKER

As the crow flies, the distance from St. Catharines, Ont., to Hamilton looks on a railroad map as though two wing flaps and a glide would cover the miles. I was glad I wasn't a crow for I enjoyed this tail end of my weekend journey by train across the fruit belt of the Niagara Peninsula. My stopover in the port city had been deliberately planned for the return trip.

Hamilton, breathing down the neck of Toronto in its plans for supremacy as a sea port, has always fascinated me. Suffering as it does from narrow streets and bad planning in its early days, the glow of the steel company's furnaces on low lying clouds at night belies the mid-Victorian atmosphere of its market place and many old-fashioned brownstone buildings.

This city is a thriving metropolis, marching to the beat of industry, caught up in the dramatic expansion of post war days. It is a city where business tycoons can gaze from their modern office windows and catch a glimpse of a "mountain." I have memories of that mountain.

There is an institution in Canada that has survived war and depression and annually, like a magnet, gathers a populace together from many miles around. It is the Santa Claus parade of a famous department store. When No. 1 son was a toddler and too young to be confused by more than one St. Nick, we lived in London, Ont. His father, who had never outgrown his boyish enthusiasm for the holiday season, thought his firstborn should be exposed to all things Christ-massy, from tinsel to the old Saint's snowy white beard.

In those days, there were no weathermen predicting tomorrow's storms on radio and TV and no heaters in automobiles. But we were young and it took only an hour to heat bricks and bundle ourselves up in blankets, our fists clutching the hot potatoes and our feet perched on half a dozen hot bricks. At least they were hot when we left London, on a dark and ominous morning in early November.

As we chugged along in our car of the late '20's, snow beat against the windshield and froze in a silver thaw, obliterating all visibility. We were in a fool's paradise of anticipation and continued blindly on our way until we hit the top of Hamilton mountain. With the car out of control on the ice-clad hill, our hearts beat us to the bottom of the meander-cut and caught up with us only when we were safely ensconced in a warm railway coach, minus the bricks, potatoes and, of course, the car. We parked that in a garage where it sat out the duration of one of the worst early blizzards in Ontario's history. But, thanks to the CNR, we saw Santa Claus in Toronto. Even today that same little boy braves the caprice of winter every year, to hold his own youngsters on his shoulder for a better view of Santa Claus, and his retinue of fairy tale floats.

Hamilton has other memories for me too. These were saddened a bit in my recent visit there when I walked the length of St. James Street to where I knew "The Castle" stood.

On frequent visits to Hamilton, the children and I used to play Knights of the Round Table in its shadow on the spacious grounds that surround-

FWIO Board Appoints Committee Will Study Drop in Membership

The opening sessions of the annual board meeting of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, held last week at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, were presided over by Mrs. James Haggerty of Napanee president.

After introducing 15 new board members, Mrs. Haggerty presented her last report as president of the FWIO, and gave a review of her work during the past year.

"This will be my last board meeting as president," she said, "I have enjoyed each one and have gained a great deal of knowledge and experience."

She thanked the board members for their co-operation during her term as president and urged them to give their best to the meeting so that the newly-elected president - I may pick up the reins with as little difficulty as possible.

"I am not going to give up my office on a sad note, for I have enjoyed great happiness and can be glad that this experience came my way," stated the president.

Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, of Unionville, secretary-treasurer, of the FWIO presented her final reports in this capacity. During her report, it was pointed out that membership has been decreasing and a small committee, consisting of Mrs. P. Y. McCandless, Dundas, public relations convener; Mrs. H. A. Dickenson, of Mount Hope; and Mrs. A. F. Merrett Alliston, was appointed to make a survey of this subject.

A new member, Mrs. Edward Brown, Kitchener, was appointed to the scholarship committee.

A resolutions committee was appointed to consist of the past president, Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Owen Sound; Mrs. E. W. Briese, Utterson; Mrs. E. W. Cameron, Walkerton and Mrs. Bruce Connell, Prescott.

Mrs. Maynard, presented the report of the Royal Winter Fair Board, as prepared by Mrs. C. Agnew. The report on the Royal Winter Fair booth, presented by Mrs. McCandless, showed that great interest is displayed by the public, in the work of the FWIO.

A report on the Ontario Folk School Council was presented by Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Bernard Brooks of Cherry Valley presented her report on the Ontario Historical Society

Mrs. James Seddon Lancashire Native

A Georgetown resident since 1925, Ellen Tabernacle Seddon, died on Monday November 23rd at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maynard, as prepared by Mrs. E. V. Thompson, Ariss, conference and holiday secretary.

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She reviewed resolutions which the WI, some 38,000 women, have been given particular credit.

As a result of a resolution which asked for a change in the Criminal Code to better care for sex perverts, the WI was asked to take part in the Royal Commission set up to study the problem of sexual psychopaths. Many other organizations were given the same opportunity—and the result is a tightening in legislation where these unfortunate people are concerned. A resolution drawing attention to the high mortality birth rate in Ontario resulted in a symposium being held at provincial level a year ago. The subject aroused so much interest that it was asked for by doctors to be carefully discussed at the Canadian Conference on Children in 1960.

Many resolutions have been sustained regarding Women's Rights, with particular thought being given to Succession Duties. FWIO was asked this year to appoint one member to help make up a team with other prominent organizations, to present the whole problem to Government personnel.

"Remember a resolution can at times pack as big a wallop as a revolution."

ceased in 1910 by infant daughter Edna.

She is survived by a son, Frank, of 18 Academy Rd. and a daughter Alice (Mrs. MacDonald) 15 John St. E., three grandchildren, Donald and Carol Seddon and Jim Potts and one great-grandchild Ricky Donald.

Rev. Morgan McFarlane conducted the funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, on Wednesday November 25th, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery Georgetown. The pallbearers were Donald Seddon, Allan Teeter, Kenneth Hulme, Ronald Hulme, John Hulme and Francis Hulme.

In her 78th year she was predeceased by her husband, James Seddon in February.

She was born in Leigh Lancashire, England, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tabernacle and received her schooling there. It was there she married James Seddon.

After moving to Canada she lived for one year in Guelph before coming to town.

Two brothers, Jacob Tabernacle and James Tabernacle both of Lancashire, England, and a sister Mrs. Richard Ditchfield of Georgetown predeceased her. She was also prede-

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We regret that Mr. Joe Scott is still confined to hospital in Kitchener, and Mr. Janssen in St. Joseph's, Guelph where he is slightly improved.

Mr. Douglas Scott left on Friday for the Subury district, where he will be trucking logs for mine work.

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