

Records Show 64 Blind Residents in the County

John Isard, Oakville, was named to head the Halton Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at the group's annual meeting in St. Paul's United Church, Milton. He succeeds G. F. Thompson of Milton who has held the post since 1953.

Other Officers

Other officers named were H. G. McKillop, Oakville, first vice president; G. H. Riddolls, Milton, second vice president; M. Cross, Milton, treasurer; and Miss H. Tregayne, Milton, as secretary.

Milton committee members elected were K. Y. Dick, Mrs. M. E. Gowland and G. F. Thompson. Honorary members from Milton are Dr. C. A. Martin, J. E. Whitelock and G. E. Elliott.

C.N.I.B. Field Secretary Wes Stanley, in his report following dinner served by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Paul's reviewed the founding of the C.N.I.B. that is now serving over 24,000 Canadians.

Trace Found

Mr. Stanley traced the founding of the Halton organization in 1944 and noted that 1939 records showed 18 blind in Halton while the present day total is 64 with four in Acton, 24 in Burlington, eight in Georgetown, 15 in Oakville, five in Milton, three in Norval and one each in Campbellville, Glen Williams, Hornby, Palermo and Rockwood.

Six Pre-School

He explained that eight are children and six are pre-school children who receive C.N.I.B. training and assistance. Mr. Stanley reviewed the distribution of Christmas cheer cheques, the annual picnic, the facilities at Edgewood Hall and expressed thanks to all who had assisted in the work.

the problem and helping them so they may become better able to be independent. Instruction in braille, typing and crafts is also given.

Paid Tribute

K. Y. Dick on behalf of the organization paid tribute to retiring chairman G. F. Thompson, noting his genuine concern for the sightless and the conscientious exercise of his responsibilities that have been an example to all.

Mr. Thompson, acknowledging the tribute, expressed his appreciation to Harry Riddolls who had acted as secretary. "He has been a conscientious secretary over the years," Mr. Riddolls replied he had enjoyed the work over the past seven years.

Covered Work

Ontario Public Relations Officer for the C.N.I.B. Joseph Caruk, addressing the meeting outlined the four lists that covered the work of the C.N.I.B. He reviewed the rehabilitation work including home teaching and employment assistance; the recreation that saw continuation of radio and development of special games; the residential care such as that offered at the newly opened Edgewood Hall in Hamilton; and research that is the continuing battle to prevent blindness and development of the eye bank program that promises sight to 1,500 blind Canadians.

Commands Workers

Financial statements presented at the meeting indicated expenditures of approximately \$11,000 annually with an income of approximately \$9,000. The Field Secretary expressed the hope this gap could be closed in the campaigns planned in Halton for October. Warden Douglas Sargent expressed his interest in hearing of the program and commended the work of those who were carrying on the program.

Town History Highlights Given in Institute Talk

Highlights of town history from the Tweedsmuir History Book were given by Miss Luena Campbell at a meeting of the Georgetown Women's Institute on October 5th in Knox Presbyterian Church. President Mrs. Wellington Wilson conducted the meeting.

A letter of thanks was read for a layette sent to Korea and supplies were ordered for a second layette to be made up for town use. Roll call was "One thing I regret the passing of."

A visiting committee was appointed to visit sick and shut-in residents. Mrs. V. Rawson reported on the district meeting in Milton which she had attended and a splendid report on the area convention was given by Mrs. Ilev Palmer. Mrs. Abbie McClure gave a talk on the motto "Look back and give thanks; look forward and have courage."

A euchre committee was appointed to arrange a euchre party in the near future, and to have the draw on a quilt on which the W.I. has been selling tickets. The committee comprises Mrs. Kiteley, Mrs. E. R. Robinson and Miss Luena Campbell.

A report was given of the exhibit at Georgetown Fair and a vote of thanks extended to those responsible for arranging it. Mrs. Howard Wigglesworth was introduced and sang in her usual pleasing way, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. T. Paul. She sang "Old Fashioned Town," followed by "Quitting Party" and "Home on the Range" with members joining in the choruses. Lunch was

served by Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. W. G. Bell, Mrs. Dan Livingstone, Mrs. Herb Cleave and Mrs. A. Wilson.

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