

Another rewarding year reported by I.O.D.E.

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The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. has submitted its annual report for publication in the Free Press.

The following is the fifty-fourth annual report of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Acton, Ontario.

Through the year of 1970-71 there were ten regular, and three executive meetings held at the homes of members. Membership was 21. Average attendance was down due to illness in members' families. One member had perfect attendance.

Flag carried

Mrs. J. Whitham was the Standard Bearer, and in her absence a table Standard was used. Flag was carried Decoration and Remembrance Days, and on display at Anniversary Tea.

The Regent presided at all meetings during the year. A summary of the secretaries' reports are as follows:

Members are receiving Echoes magazine, reported Mrs. H. Mainprize.

Mrs. A. Newton, Flower and Gift convener, sent cards and flowers to the ill and bereaved.

Mrs. J. Reed and Mrs. B. Mowat, Educational Secretaries, reported that \$25 was presented to Joe Petric for music advancement. Pens were presented to the student in grade eight showing most progress during the year, one to Robert Little and one to M. Z. Bennett public school. Trophy was presented to North Halton Festival. \$50 was donated to Acton Centennial Library.

Questions, answers

Sheets, with questions and others with answers were passed around to members at one meeting. They concerned Prime Minister P. Trudeau and forthcoming Conference with Commonwealth leaders at Singapore. Discussion followed which proved interesting and informative. Mrs. M. Reed from Norval showed slides and gave a commentary of her world trip to England, Austria, Greece, Iran, Thailand, India and Australia.

Aware of services

Slides and remarks by Mrs. Beddome, a V.O.N. worker made us aware of the service available to Acton and area. Mrs. C. Coulter from Rockwood spoke on her work with the Children's Aid, and family counselling.

Mrs. A. Orr, Regent of Lakeside Chapter, gave a

commentary of her trip to Oberammergau, S. W. Germany, to see the Passion Play, which is shown every ten years.

N.W.T. tour

Mrs. L. Dittich showed slides and related to us some of the highlights of her visit to Inuvik, N.W.T., including close up views of the Queen and Royal family.

The programs during the year proved interesting to everyone. Mrs. D. Manning reported that notices were sent to local paper of coming events, and annual report. We take this opportunity of thanking the Acton Free Press for their coverage during the year.

Two bales

Services at Home and Abroad convener Mrs. H. Holmes shipped two bales, one with new articles including nursery bags, and another with good used clothing. Holy Week services were attended at a local church.

On Decoration Day a spruce tree was planted in honor of deceased members. Members assisted with planting of geraniums on graves.

The Standard was placed by a member.

Remembrance Day Nov. 11 a wreath was placed at Cenotaph by the Regent. Standard was carried by a member. Members assisted with the cancer drive.

Donations made

Local donations were sent to Halton Children's Aid, Decoration Day committee and Canadian Legion. Donations to Provincial and National funds were to Attawapiskat Community Hall, Lucy Morrison Scholarship fund, Korean Project, Peace Garden, Shipping, Travel and Exchange. Fund raising for the year included tag day at Acton Fall Fair, used for library and general work of the

I.O.D.E., and a bake sale.

Anniversary tea celebrating the 50th birthday of Provincial Chapter and also the 90th of a chartered member, Miss M. Z. Bennett, was held in June in the afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnston. Lakeside Chapter members were guests and 50 year members of both chapters were presented with corsages.

Flowers centering tea table in red, white and blue were donated by a member, and birthday cake decorated by the Regent.

Spoke on trip

A short program was enjoyed. Joe Petric spoke on citizenship and trip sponsored by Rotary club to Ottawa and entertained with accordion numbers.

Mrs. Ward Bruce gave several humorous monologues.

A tour of homes by a Guelph Chapter of the I.O.D.E. was

enjoyed by members of Duke of Devonshire Chapter. Members attended a tea at Parkwood Manor, Waterloo, where Miss M. Z. Bennett resides.

Same executive returned for 1971-72.

In December, Mrs. A. Newton was hostess for a delicious Christmas luncheon. Exchange of gifts ended a pleasant afternoon.

Flowers were sent to the Waidie and Kelly nursing homes at Christmas.

Thank all

We have come to the end of the year and we wish to thank the Regent and all who have helped to make this a rewarding one for us, and the Duke of Devonshire Chapter.

Regent Pearl Young
Secretary Jean Johnston

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Woman minister in Hillcrest pulpit

Hillcrest United Church, on the 7th Line of Esquesing between Ashgrove and Hornby has a woman in the pulpit.

Reverend Lynne Adams stepped into her new role as pastor of the Hillcrest-Bethel charge after two years as minister of Fairlawn United Church in North Toronto.

"In Hornby I'll be back doing what I enjoy most, being involved in the liturgy and worship areas of the ministry," she commented.

Greatest challenge

In Toronto, most of her work centred around Christian Education where she was instrumental in revamping the church school and seeing its membership more than double in the last year.

Miss Adams decided on her career at the age of 17 graduating 10 years later with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Emmanuel College in Toronto. She had already gained a BA from the U of T.

"I wanted to do something with my life," she said, "and the ministry held the greatest challenge with the prospect of greatest fulfillment."

She says she thinks she has been very fortunate in her associations in the church never feeling any discrimination in her career.

"I believe more women should be informed on the fact the

ministry can be a meaningful career for women," she stated. "It's a field where often a woman can move in more easily than a man, especially in working with children and in community visiting."

Must trust her

Looking forward to a long term in the area she says she feels the first year will be mainly spent getting to know her congregation.

"It's usually well into the second year before people really start telling you what's bothering them. They must reach a stage where they feel they can trust you. By the third year everybody feels they know everybody."

Besides a penchant for browsing in art galleries, Miss Adams enjoys cooking and interior decorating and is delighted to be in a house rather than an apartment.

"I'm just dying to start a garden," she states enthusiastically. "I've never had one before."

We goofed

A story in last week's issue about a new flag for the Esquesing township offices reported a letter was received from Mrs. Joyce Lock. It should have been Miss Joyce Lock who wrote the letter complaining of the flag's condition.

Sorry—our goof!

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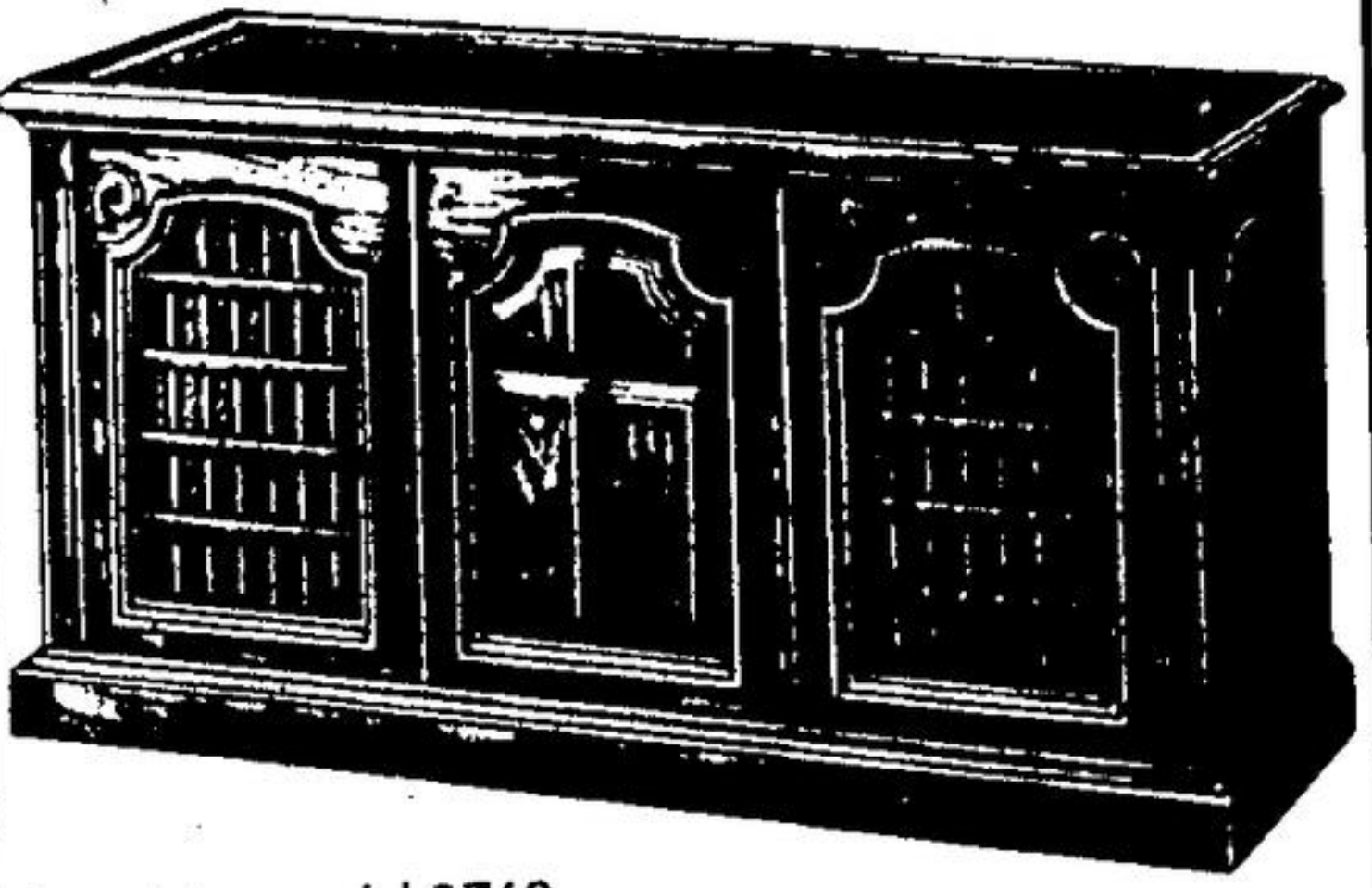
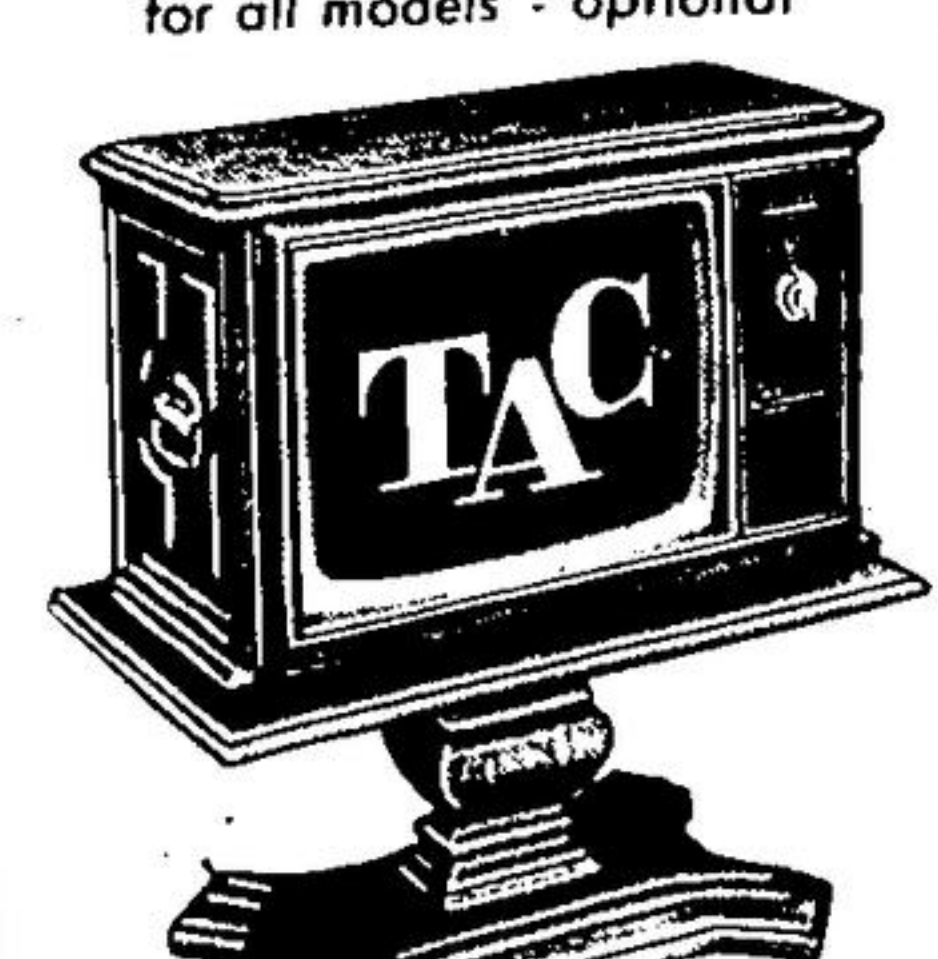
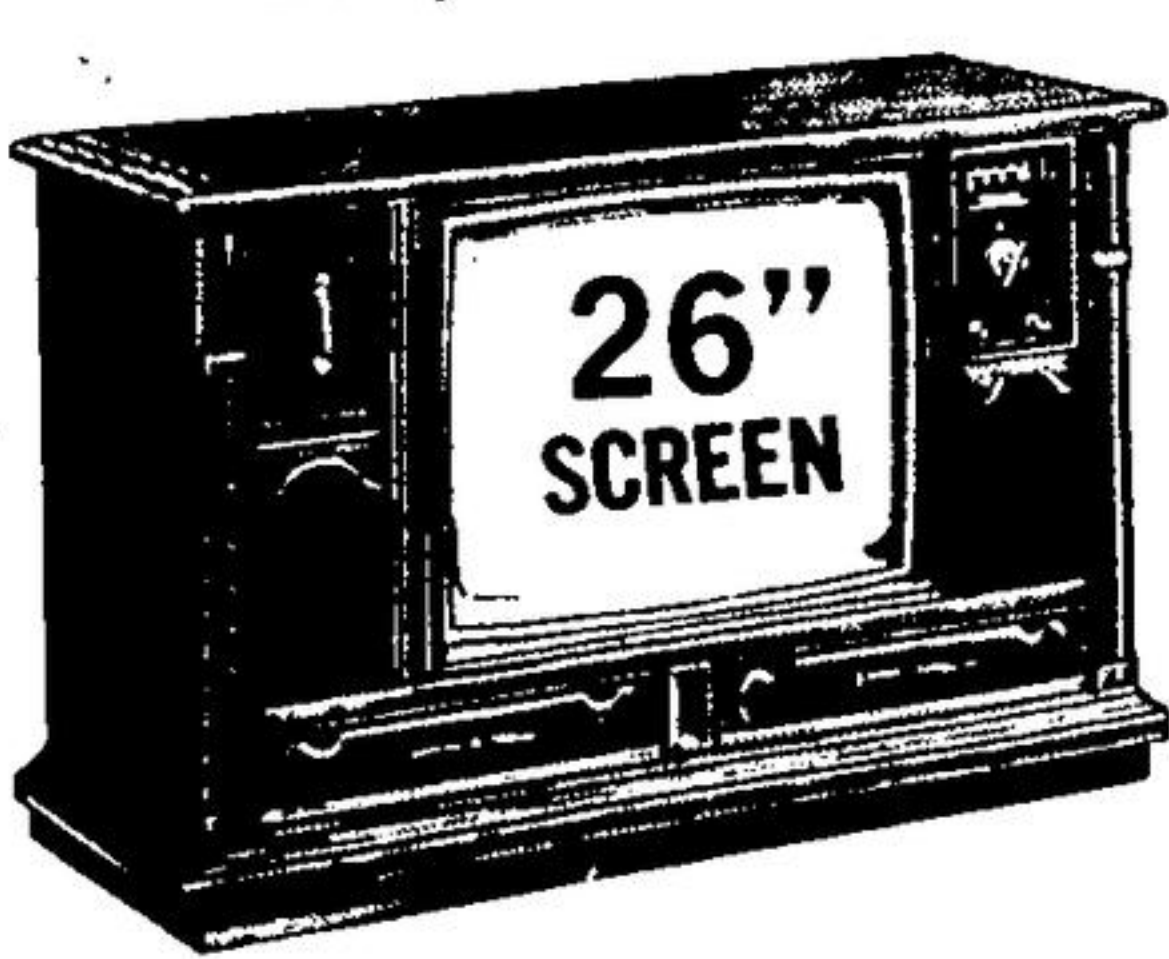
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