

The clergy speak out



WASTE & POLLUTION
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Years ago, when I was a boy living in my parental home, I was greatly impressed by a slogan carved around the wooden butter dish, which was habitually on the dining table. The inscription ran thus, "Waste not, want not."

That proverb has left an indelible impression on my mind and has stayed with me and influenced my life throughout the intervening years. Waste in any form bothers me, even though there is undoubtedly a great deal of waste to be found in the natural order of things.

Waste in nature, of course, follows a cyclical pattern and is not, in the final analysis, waste at all. That which is "wasted" here simply serves as a means of replenishment for nature's unfolding drama of evolution.

Waste, as practised by man, is of an altogether different matter. In this case, it is sheer waste, resulting in the breaking of recycling and replenishment, and this is the basic cause of pollution. Rather than re-employing the by-products of his labours and scientific achievements toward reproductive ends, man has the habit of discarding them - of throwing them away.

Thus it is that we have widespread pollution of our lakes and rivers - even of our seas - of our air, of our land, of our ecology, and life in general. It should everlastingly be our aim to put to use all of the by-products of our labours and scientific achievements.

By way of illustration as to what I have in mind in this regard, let me cite a number of factual examples. The Berkstrom Paper Company of the state of Wisconsin operates entirely on using reclaimed paper products and saves the state some 140,000 tons of pulpwood annually. This means a corresponding saving of forest trees, which, in turn, saves precipitation run-off, retains some of nature's beauty and adds immeasurably to man's enjoyment of the out-of-doors.

Or, to bring the matter nearer home. Some years ago the Knechtel Furniture Company, located in Hanover, Ontario, imported a huge lumber reclamation machine from Germany. The odds and ends from the cutting of the lumber used by this well-known furniture concern, are fed into

this machine which grinds them up into small pieces, which, in turn are treated with a glue-like compound, rolled into lumber-like form and used in the manufacture of more furniture.

This by-product is, in many ways, preferable to the natural lumber because it is not given to warping. This same company has followed the practice of planting two trees for every tree which it cuts down in its forest reserves. It has gone even further than this; it has imported trees from other lands and experimented on the growing of a wide variety of such trees here in Canada. This represents, to me, not only conservation and reclamation on a truly grand scale, but a highly beneficial and rewarding one to the general populace and ecological situation.

This is the road which mankind, in a universal way, should be travelling and this is the ultimate answer to the problem of pollution. Every by-product can be used to man's benefit and blessing. It is his place to discover, through the use of his scientific know-how, just the way in which these by-products can be used to benefit man most.

The waste, which we bury as garbage, has, within it, the elements of the best kind of fertilizer available. Our Japanese friends are processing such garbage and paving highways with the finished product. Crushed glass, secured from non-returnable bottles and other sources, has been used successfully in our own province for the same purpose.

It has been said that our meat packing companies use every part of a pig, except the squeal, for some product or other. Of course, every housewife knows that too much fat is ground up and put into sausage casing and this fat, when friend out of the sausage, is wasted.

The company most assuredly could find some way in which this same fat might be used in a beneficial manner. And right there we have the solution to this entire problem of waste and pollution - to use every by-product in a helpful, meaningful and beneficial way.

With the knowledge he has today, man can, if he uses it wisely, find the answer to this vexing problem. Indeed, he had better do so, or there will be no tomorrow for him the world of nature. The powers he has are God-given. He should, therefore, work "together with God" in their employment.

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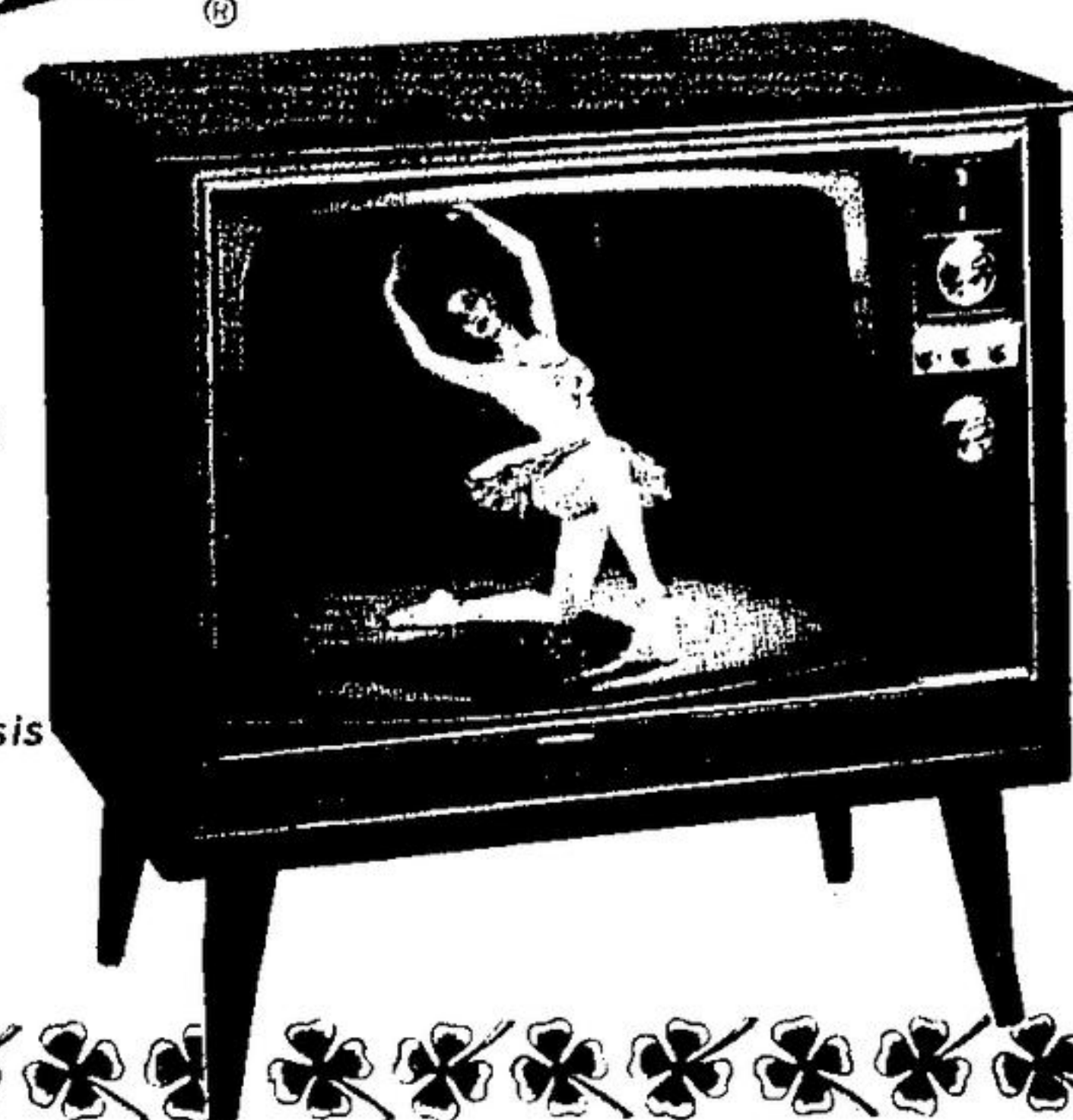


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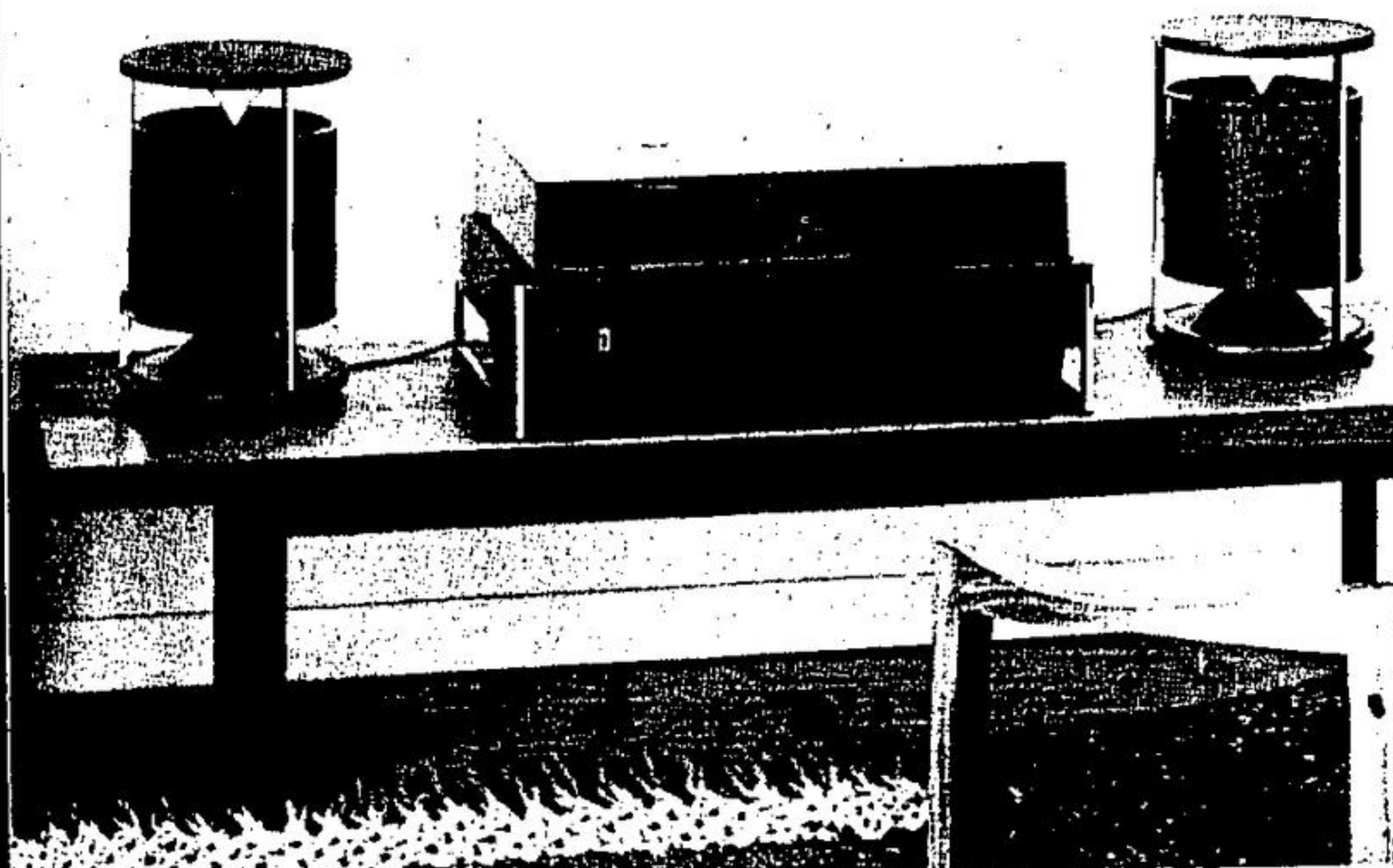
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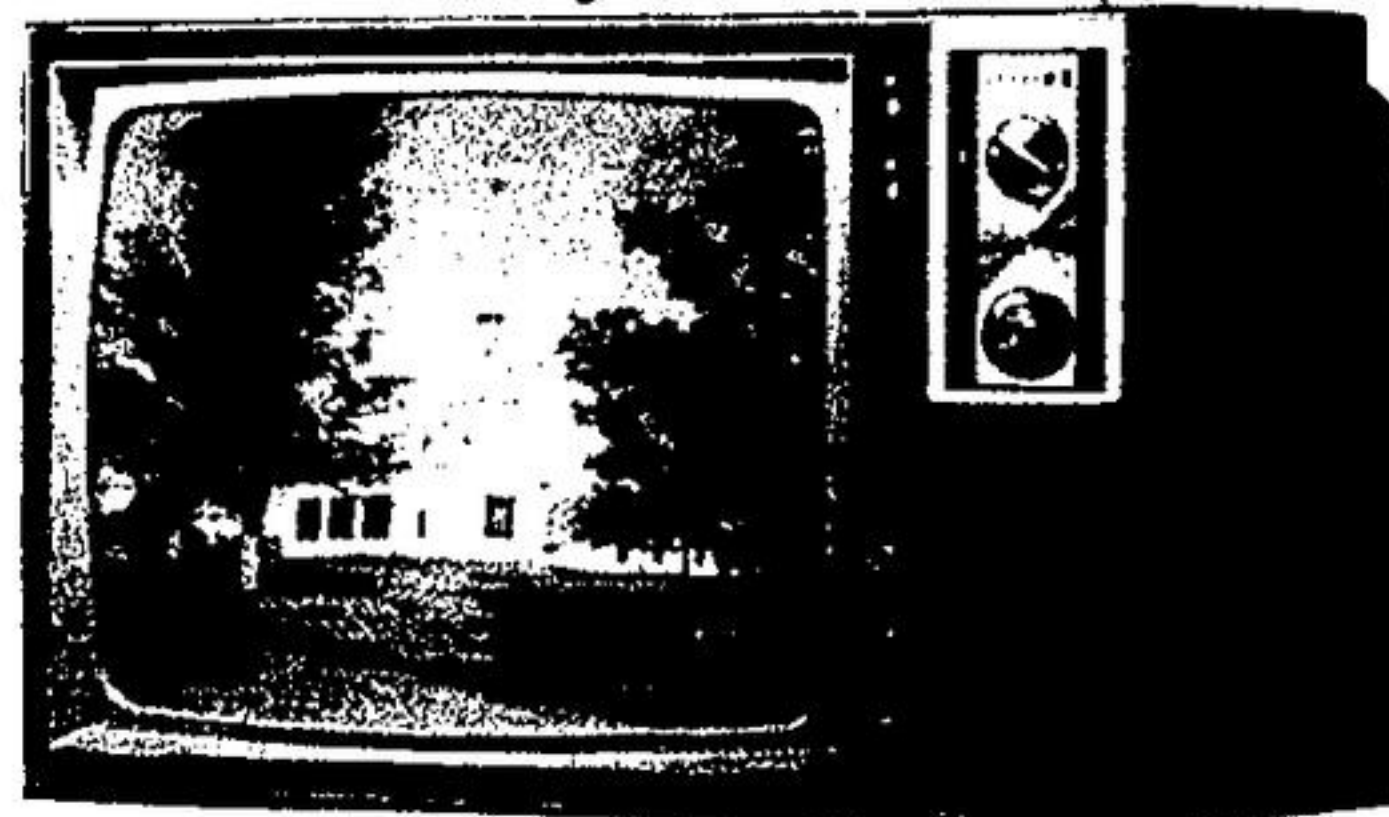
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Silverwood

Alaska trip relived at Institute meeting

By Mrs. H. Scott
Mr. and Mrs. G. Burt opened their home on Friday evening, March 11 to Silverwood W.I. and their families and friends. 14 members held their business meeting and were joined by 11 guests to enjoy a travelogue later in the evening.

The meeting opened with members singing "This Land of Ours". Minutes were read and adopted and roll call answered. Discussion took place about training school, short course and home economics and selections made.

4-H support

Mrs. Carmichael spoke about help to support the 4-H girls. Members voted \$10.00.

4-H girls from Limehouse and Silverwood attend classes at Mrs. Bruce Lindsay's on Saturday mornings.

Mrs. Frank Brown, county public relations officer, was present at the meeting.

Birthdays party

The annual birthday party came up for discussion and it was decided to hold it on April 2 at Stewarttown and everyone welcome.

Mrs. Leslie Giffen, convener of education, arranged something special, a trip to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddell took us along on their 10,000 mile trip, part of it on the Alaska highway.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches and fruit bread were served at the

conclusion of a pleasant evening.

Flower show
Several Silverwood residents attended the flower show at Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto recently.

Lots of crows around the vicinity, also piles of snow.

Eden Mills

Presentation made at hall

By Mrs. R. Wright
Friends, neighbors and relatives filled Eden Mills Community Hall Saturday evening to extend congratulations to a recently married couple, Yvonne Fillion and Bruce Blacklock. Dancing to Ken Warmington's Orchestra from Fergus was a treat.

Bruce's fellow ball players on behalf of the community presented them with a chair,

smoker and stack tables and the address was read by his coach Jack Chamberlain. Dancing was resumed until midnight when a buffet luncheon was served.

Three Eden Mills girls, Nancy Abram, Eva Stevenson and Kathy Thomlinson left last Thursday to attend the Ships School chartered flight to Rome, then board ship for a cruise on the Mediterranean. They return on March 29.

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