

# Greenock W.I. tours pottery

The highlight of the March meeting of the Greenock W. I. was a visit to a local industry, "The White Oak Pottery", R.R. 3, Acton.

J. W. Secord welcomed the ladies and in a very informal way revealed to them the different steps in the making of beautiful pottery from the clay to the finished product.

From a small beginning to a gradually increasing sale of his individual articles, he is making for himself a name in the art of fine pottery-making.

**Two hour visit**  
After a very interesting two hour visit the ladies thanked Mr. Secord and journeyed to the home of Mrs. G. Leslie for the remainder of the evening.

Coffee and a delicious lunch prepared by Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. R. Sinclair was served, following which the ladies remained at the table to conduct a short business program.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and correspondence dealt with.

**Dozen attend**  
Mrs. C. Allan, convener for Agriculture and Canadian Industry was in charge of this meeting. The roll call was answered by 12 members with the "giving of a quotation or poem pertaining to agriculture." The motto prepared by Mrs. K. Eckertick and read by Mrs. J. McCulloch was "Success Comes in Cans and failure in Cans."

**Annual meeting**  
The annual meeting of the group will be held at the home of Miss E. Pearen April 13. Conveners are asked to have reports ready to be read and handed in at this time. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the National Anthem. Mrs. Gordon Johnston was courtesy convener.



**by Wendy Thomson**  
A family came, a few weeks ago, to pick up a cat. (Much rejoicing from Gord.) They had chosen one beforehand, a beautiful little orange one with a white bib and appealing face, called Puff. She was already in kitten by our Thomas-cat, and would have made an excellent mother, judging by her disposition. But that day, we couldn't find her anywhere.

Through-out the week, I called and watched for her, expecting to find her down at the barn one day, full of mice, stretching and walking so far on tiptoe that she'd almost fall over.

**Wire across paths**  
It was son Jim who found her up the road a bit, run down by a snowmobile. (And they wonder why other people do "vicious" things like stretching wire across snowmobile paths.)

I was miserable that day. We've always given our cats and kittens lots of love and fuss. They're like children in that the more attention they get, the more of a personality they develop. Dozens of times, we've heard from the new owners of our offspring (if you can own a cat) who are absolutely delighted with the wit, wisdom, and affection that their cat has displayed. "We've never HAD a cat like this before, - even my husband likes it!"

I couldn't get Puff out of mind; Puff, who was already charming and affectionate and waiting for her family. A loss like that hurts enough to make one think of giving them all away.

## "Dairy Fairies"

I know they make me quite indignant at times. Once, after months of cursing my family for dipping into my meager supply of elastic bands, I saw Puff grab a band by the scruff of the neck and drag it off behind the couch to finish it off by eating the middle out.

Countless times I've found a muddy footed cat cleaning itself on top of a pile of ironing; and the sound of a marble travelling up and down the hallway at night isn't unusual.

Lately, while I'm trying to follow Karen Zebrowski's yoga on TV, one cat insists on joining in. It waits out of sight till my bare feet touch the floor over my head in "The Flow", then attacks them ferociously.

But I take such a delight in the comfort of a cat, - the warm, soft, foot-pumping being in my lap, emanating love and contentment, or the rumble presence by my feet, - that my peeve never lasts.

## Udder Gals plan skit

On Tuesday March 30 the Dublin Udder Gals held their fifth meeting. They opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. The roll call was answered by all present.

They decided to change the books to black covers with yellow centres. Next meeting is to be held on Mon. April 5 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lasby.

They discussed the skit and gave suggestions. The collection was collected. Mrs. Douglas read notes on meal planning.

In the kitchen Marilyn Barber and Gail Douglas made chicken a la king. Laurene Reznick made the white sauce. Karen Pierce and Bonnie Armstrong made cheese drop biscuits and Cathy Lasby made a lemon chiffon. Everyone enjoyed the dishes made.



STORY HOUR AT Acton public library attracts many moppets who hear tales read by local librarians. Miss Esther Taylor, assistant librarian, takes the children here for one of the sessions while mothers browse through books. The story hours are a very popular feature, says Head Librarian Mrs. Watson.—(Staff Photo)

## Swap shop has sale

The swap shop had a special sale Tuesday a result of young boys getting into the Y and making a tangled mess of the stock.

Police have been alerted. Locks have been replaced and windows repaired but some determined youngsters find ways to squeeze in when the building is not in use.

There was a good deal of swapping Tuesday, as well as sales.

The swap shop also brings in people who sit and have a cup of coffee and visit for a while, the organizers are pleased to see.

## 93rd birthday Mrs. McCutcheon

Congratulations to Mrs. Albert McCutcheon, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on Friday, April 2. A long-time resident, she lives at 77 Young St. with her daughter Mrs. W. Struthers and Mr. Struthers.

She was born in Everton on the Jackson Century farm where a nephew still lives. She came to Acton in 1942.

Another daughter, Mrs. Lila Sinclair, also lives in Acton.

## Closing meeting for 4-H group

The seventh and last 4-H meeting was held at the home of Sharon Ellerby. The Bannockburn Curds and Why opened their meeting with the pledge, collection, and roll call which was "my favorite recipe in the 4-H pamphlet."

After the note "Gourmet in Dairyland", Lois, Sharon, and Susan began preparation for a delicious lunch of eclairs filled with whipped cream and cheese filling. This was a very good closing meeting.

The new leader is Mrs. Joe Ferrier and the new members are Denise McLarty, Tina Kennedy, Kathy Paul and Darlene Snyder. Other members are Irene and Susa Kidd and Lila Dennis.

The roll call for meeting two was a popular dairy food in the home. Members discussed milk's many values, yogurt and skim milk powder. All the members took part in the making of corn chowder.

## Free Press Personals

Cons. Roy Wood is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. G.S. Matthews has been in the Maritimes the past three weeks on business. Mrs. Matthews accompanied him.

Mrs. W.T.A. Bell of Toronto, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. R.M. MacDonal.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold B. Marshall, of Guelph, visited on Sunday with Mrs. J.C. Dennis.

Mrs. Zeda Misztur of Winnipeg, Man., spent almost a week visiting with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gordon and family of Agnes St., Acton.

## New members for Auxiliary

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary held their monthly meeting April 1 with 28 members present. Three ladies became members, Jessie Price, Doris Bell and Crystal Davis.

They had a draw which will be a regular event each month at the meeting. Ruth Findley's name was drawn but she wasn't there to collect. A member must attend the meeting to win. They hope that more members will try to make a point of coming out.

Next month's meeting will be election of officers.

## Bake sale

Last Saturday the Scout and Guide Mothers of Acton held a fairly successful bake sale in the Y.M.C.A. The winner of the bathroom set was Marnie Schonnop and the winning ticket was drawn by Jeanie Le Blanc.

## 20 years' service recognized

At the regular meeting of the Scout and Guide Mothers last Tuesday, March 30, Mrs. Laura McEachern was presented with a silver pin to thank her for her 20 years' service and help with the Association.

Plans were made for the bowling banquets for May 5 and May 10, for which the mothers are catering.

The Y's Men held a successful dance Saturday night in the music centre. Among those attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeachie of Milton.

A former Actonian, Sergt. Bill Patterson of the Milton O.P.P. detachment, has been transferred from Milton hospital to Hamilton. Friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy has been enjoying a holiday with her nephew, Mr. Fyfe Matheson and family in Kirkland Lake. While away, she also visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. (Dr.) William Somerville and niece, Miss Cecilia Somerville in Haileybury.

Mrs. Anna Smith and Miss Wanetta Smith attended the funeral of their late brother and uncle Roy Wansbrough in Toronto last week. Omitted from last week's list of names of relatives who attended the graveside service were Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, Erin; Mrs. H.B. Ramsden, Erin; Miss Elva Pearen, Erin; Mr. David Williamson, Silvercreek; Mrs. George Young and Mr. Fred Anderson, Acton and Mr. Roy Day, Toronto.

## Quilt class plan for next fall fair

Mrs. W. Thompson was hostess for the ladies' fair board meeting Thursday, April 1. Mrs. E. Archibald the president was in the chair. Mrs. Isabel McDonald, secretary treasurer gave the minutes of the last meeting and the financial report. 14 ladies answered the roll call.

Committees for 1971 fair are to be the same as last year. A demonstration for the fair was discussed.

## Easter theme for meeting

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian Church met in the A. C. Stewart hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 30. The president opened the meeting with a poem Plenty to Give. The hymn In the Cross, was sung and Mrs. McIntyre led in prayer.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Mann read the minutes of the last meeting, after which the treasurer gave her report. A roll call was answered by each member present naming her favorite flower.

After a very brief business period, Mrs. M. McCulloch read the scripture, St. John, Chapter 20, 1-10 and Mrs. Van Fleet led in prayer. The offering was taken followed by prayer by the president.

Mrs. McCulloch gave a reading Easter is Coming and Mrs. Mann played a piano solo in the Spring Songs. The meeting closed with the hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

A social half-hour was spent over lunch.

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