

VIEW FROM the bottom end of the spillway at the Scotch Block dam shows the fury of dam after the sudden emergency .- (Staff water as it is released from the mile and a half Photo)

long reservoir. Things are normal again at the

# Golden Agers change nights appreciate lively Irish night

By Mrs. Elsie Reed An enthusiastic meeting of the

Golden Age Club on Tuesday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by a good turnout.

Mrs. Dittrich, secretarytreasurer of St. Alban's Anglican church was present to ask if It would be too inconvenient for the Club to change their evening meeting to Wednesday night instead of Tuesday night as they have a chance to rent the hall every Tuesday night to another organization...

After discussion it was unanimously decided it would be very unfair to deprive the Anglican Board this extra revenue and that we could quite easily change to Wednesday night as the club only uses the hall one night each month.

The afternoon meeting will still be the first Tuesday afternoon of each month and now the evening meeting will be the third Wednesday at 7,30 p.m. All members will please take note of the change in date. And be sure to come out to show we can easily adjust even at Golden Age!

Attend service As this was Holy Week it was decided the Club attend service in Knox Presbyterian church on

Tuesday night. A moment of silence was observed in tribute to Harold Bell who had been called to his eternal home. Sympathy was expressed for the family, Mr. Bell had helped many times with his music on the violin and he enjoyed a game of crokinole at the club.

lunch convener was needed, Mrs. Creasey was nominated, and agreed to take on the job. Please give her all the cooperation possible when your turn comes up. The "cuppa" tea and social hour over lunch is always enjoyed.

Books of tickets for a Centre for the United Senior Citizens to carry on the work of the organization, have arrived. Several members took books to sell as it

### Bronze medalist

A very keen young skater, Kevin Parker, 10, placed third in the juvenile division at the Ontario spring championships in North Bay on the weekend. This is his first entry in competition like this, and he was the only entrant-of 401 skaters-from this area.

With him in North Bay for the competitions were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Parker, R.R. 1, Campbellville, and his skating pro, Wilf Pocock, Kevin used to skate with the Acton Figure Skating Club but is now with the Gueloh club.

He received a bronze medal for his third place win in free skating. There were competitors from the U.S. as well as Canada.



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Showtime:

is felt this centre is badly needed. Irish flavor

As the meeting was so close to St. Patrick's Day, it was appropriate that the entertainment would have an Irish flavor. Miss Bella-Maye Rozelle sang "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms", and pleased all with "The Bells of St. Mary's" as an encore when heartily applauded.

Miss Karen O'Rourke, with her mother as accompanist, delighted all with several Irish tunes - reels, jigs, etc. on the violin. She has won many prizes and awards for her wonderful talent and certainly is worthy of

Mrs. McIntyre gave a couple of good readings.

Lively tunes

Mr. Fountain also brought along his violin and delighted the toe-tapping folk with his lively tunes. Joe Fuller also played the violin and showed that neither youth nor middle age have all the talent as he "sawed off" favorite old-time tunes, too.

Mrs. Mann was convener and M.C. for the lovely program. Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. DeVries have March birthdays and were saluted with the Happy Birthday song,

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Mason and her committee to conclude a very happy evening.

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# CAS needs more volunteers

today Mrs. Helen Ball, President of Ontario Children's Aid Society told Halton CAS members at their annual meeting held at Halton Centennial Manor Wednesday.

She told members voluntarism was the ingredient lacking today. "In the by gone days, it was all they had. How ironle it is that now it is all we lack."

"We mean well but we don't do well. Thousands of people are withholding for a multitude of reasons, the input they could and should be making to the healthy development of the current crop of future adults."

Mrs. Ball credited CAS volunteers for volunteering and taking part. "People of all ages are babysitting, because they have imagination about a mother who is never free from mothering. They are tutoring and driving. They give partles, and they dress dolls. They help with budgeting and shopping. They act as volunteer probation officers, and as aunts and uncles for trips and treats. They knot and sew ...

Huzarda "Recognizing the hazards in single parent situations, they are holding group sessions in child care, and group therapy sessions, speaking to outside groups about child abuse, youth in revolt, and such relevant topics; involving youth with youth in activities which benefit all concerned, holding career nights at schools, counselling; setting up neighborbood services."

. Listing many other activities CAS volunteers find themselves engaged in, Mrs. Ball predicted the local CAS boards will remain in control of the societies as long as they are alert to local needs and uphold their tradition as the initiator of local citizen action to meet them.

The speaker reviewed the history of Children's Aid societies and of social reform for children from the early 1900's when abandoned children had a very

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Voluntarism is the key word of rough future ahead of them, up to the current time.

Long way

While social reform has come a long way since then the provincial president indicated there was a long way to go. Quoting from a report entitled The Troubled Child, she said present facilities available to children might have been adequate 20 years ago, but now are overwhelmed and failing. Some parts of Ontario have no services whatsoever for troubled children; for treatment they fall back on the embittering techniques of punishment and

shame. "The schools, social agencies, health services and courts all are equipped to establish beyond question that the child needs help. There is no help available."

A second report "the Celdic report" says 12 per cent of the population up to 19 years of age or no less than one million children in Canada require attention, treatment and care because of emotional and learning disorders.

Fewer to adopt Mrs. Ball indicated the lack of newborn babies for adoption is a serious problem. She said the

# Vice-principals Acton schools

County Board of Education Renaud from Brookville School; Thursday the board:

-Announced the name of the new school in the Orchard Park Subdivision in Burlington would be known as the Dr. Charles Best School.

-Learned vice-principal Ron Doll will move from Mohawk elementary school to Martin St. School in Milton. Dave Ballantine will leave his post as viceprincipal at Martin St. to move to M. Z. Bennett in Acton and Mrs. Barbara Rennick will be viceprincipal at Robert Little School in Acton while Mrs. Irma Coulson has been appointed vice-principal at J. M. Denyes in Milton.

(The M.Z. Bennett school has not had sufficient enrolment to

have a vice-principal until now.) -Appointed Mrs. Roberta Herensberger to Brookville Public Scyool, Miss Janice Redeough to Brookville School and Mrs. Karen Hoogendoorn to Fairview Public School.

-Accepted resignations from Mrs. Marlene Bauman from

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At a meeting of the Halton Kilbride Public School; Mrs. D. Mrs. Carole Peddie from P.W. Merry Public School; Mrs. Jo-Anne Tregunno from Kilbride Public School and Mrs. Ruth Green from J. M. Denyes, Mrs. Elizabeth Urquhart was granted maternity leave from Martin St.

#### Easter prizes at L.O.L. euchre

School.

Winners of L.O.L. euchre Saturday April 1:

Ladles' high Debbie Dewar 138, ladies' low Irene Sanders; men's high Albert Pemberton 124, men's low, M. Fountain. Lone hands, a three way tie of

six each was won by Albert Pemberton. Door prize went to May

Swackhammer. Acton I.G.A. provided Easter novelties for high prizes, Rudolph's Bakery for door prize of Easter festive log

number of private adoptions is the convenience of the mo'ner increasing. Some unwed mothers and the adopters but noted that have their children raised by friends or relatives or arrange an the best interests of the child. adoption through doctors or lawyers. The availability of contraceptives and abortions

number of bables for adoption and the increase in the number of older children needing homes, when the mother later finds it impossible to carry out her plan noted. to raise her child alone."

In the two year period between 1968 and 1970 there was a decline of 1,377 in the number of children of unwed mothers coming into CAS care. In 1968, 30 per cent of the unwed mothers kept their bables and in 1970, 42.9 per cent

Private adoptions Mrs. Ball said private adoptions are often arranged for

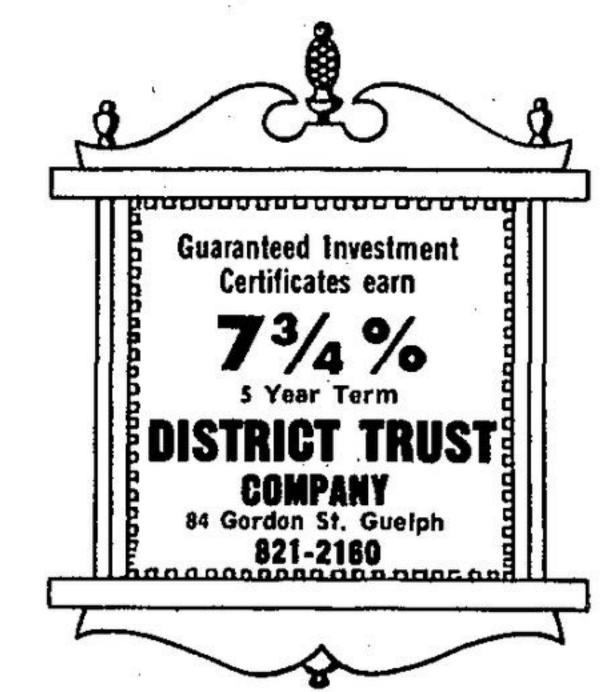
CAS boards are finding that procuring foster homes is becoming more difficult. have also contributed to the Although the once common practice of removing children in "All these factors have need of protection from their contributed to the decline in the homes is employed as a last resort, the need is increasing and availability declining. Forty-two

per cent of all children in care are

between the ages of 10 and 17, she

this does not necessarily result in

Although group homes are being opened they are limited by financial and other restraints. "Foster homes are still the backbone of a society's child care program and we must find ways to interest many more people in this vital service." In a four year period applications to become loster parents have dropped by 21.8 per cent or from 5,661 in 1967 to 4,428 in 1970.



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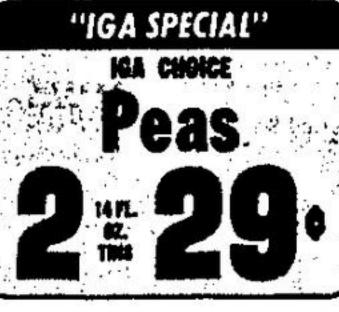
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