

Much Acton interest in Laboratory

There was much interest for Actonians in the official opening of the new High Point Medical Diagnostic Laboratories Ltd. in Mississauga Saturday morning. Three of the principals involved were from Acton.

Ray Evelon cut the ribbon to officially open the \$100,000 laboratory, flanked on either side by Mr. and Mrs. John Griefeneder. They are officers of the company and Mrs. (Dr. Carla) Griefeneder is technical director of the Lab which has Dr. P. F. Stuart as medical director.

The ultra-modern facility is situated on the fifth floor of the High Point Plaza on Dixie Rd., near Bloor St. It is equipped to do more than 500 blood tests to detect physiological variations in patients.

Plan two years
Two years in the planning, the aim of the laboratory is to provide an up-to-date and precise service for physicians in the area. There is no major diagnostic facility of its size in the area and it is expected to fill the need.

The lab is within easy reach of hospitals in the area and can provide services that often could be obtained only by sending samples many miles away.

Dr. Carla Griefeneder points out that much of the shiny new equipment is available in only a

few other laboratories in Canada. Technicians who hail from places as far apart as the Philippines, Indonesia, Trinidad and Bombay, India, are all part of the team which will stress quality control to ensure the highest possible degree of accuracy in tests.

Unknown to many Actonians is the fact that Dr. Griefeneder has an international reputation in the clinical field. She has represented both Canada and Austria on the International Standardization Committee for Clinical Testing since 1964. Proficient in five languages she brings immense prestige to the new laboratory which she laid out and planned.

Three months ago the laboratory was just the shell of the building, rapidly being finished so the company could set up the facility. Much work was done in the last three months, much of it volunteer.

It was also planned to have the late Mayor Robert Speck of Mississauga officially open the new laboratory but the mayor died last week and the official opening coincided with his funeral.

Despite these setbacks many attended the official opening including several from Acton. Escorted tours of the facilities were enjoyed by guests with refreshments afterwards.



CUTTING THE RIBBON that officially opens the new High Point Laboratories are an Acton threesome, left to right, Dr. Carla Griefeneder, Ray Evelon and John Griefeneder. They are principals in the company which set up the spanking new large laboratory on Dixie Road, Mississauga. — (Photo by H. Coles)



MR. AND MRS. CAM AGNEW ready to cut their 50th wedding anniversary cake at a reception for the popular Acton couple at St. Alban's hall, Sunday. —(Photo by H. Coles)

Osprings

W.I. elects officers Greek Easter celebrated

Officers for the coming year were elected at the April meeting of the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris.

Members present were: Mrs. Doris Fines, president; Mrs. Elmer Fisher, vice president; Mrs. Ed Archibald, secretary; Mrs. D. G. Robertson, district director; Doris Fines, alternate; Mrs. E. Archibald, pianist; Mrs. Gordon Aitken, assistant pianist; Doris Fines, press reporter; Doris Fines, flower and card convener; Mrs. Dan Winter and Mrs. Wm. Milton, courtesy convener; Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

A potluck lunch was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

4-H meeting
The sixth meeting of the Ospringe Bedlambs was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Ellis with nine girls present.

They cut and put the mac tac on their waste baskets and lamp shades, and worked on their dresser scarves and cushions.

How to set up the accessories for Achievement night was discussed. Record books were checked to see if they were all up to date.

Lunch was served by Doreen Van der Vlugt and Cathy Ellis. At the seventh meeting, programs for Achievement night were handed out by Mrs. Ellis, also check sheets for the accessories. The covers for the record books were given out, and each girl is to put on her own design. Work was continued on the dresser scarves and cushions.

A lovely lunch of juice, salmon buns and pickles was served by Judy Johnston and Sandra Oakes.

Easter service
The Easter service was observed at the Greek Orthodox Church in Toronto on Sunday, April 9, by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dudnik and family.

The sunrise service, beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at 9.15 a.m. includes several certainties. Following the service the congregation goes to the basement where baskets of food brought by each family are blessed by the priest.

This basket is prepared the day before, and contains Pascha bread, like a tall round fruit loaf, which is stood on end. The top of this loaf is covered with icing and decorated. The letters XV from

the Slavic alphabet, which means "Christ has risen" are formed on top.

The basket also contains colored eggs, salt, polish sausage or ham, cheese, and a candle which is lit before the blessing.

The Easter celebration lasts three days, during which time a bit of this food that has been blessed is eaten before each meal.

A smaller pascha loaf is made for each member of the family, and the table is adorned with a vase of pussy willows to represent the first signs of life.

Two showers
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Richmond of Kitchener were guests for the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archibald. They all attended the Hospitality Bouspiel at Acton.

Mrs. K. Klooster and Mrs. Jeanette Hurd attended a family shower Saturday evening for Janette Klooster, a bride-to-be of this month. Jeanette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klooster of R.R. 2 Kenilworth, formerly of Ospringe.

Mrs. Elmer Fisher was hostess Tuesday evening to relatives and friends for a shower in honor of Faye Hardwick, bride-to-be of Steven Archibald. Over 30 ladies enjoyed the evening with Faye, and she received many lovely gifts.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McKittrick and family were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Barber and West Oldrop of Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Irvine of Arthur, Miss Nancy Grundy, Miss Shirley Saunders of Guelph, George DeVries of Acton, Gordon Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy and family.

Easter seal meeting
Mrs. Murray McKittrick and Kerry attended an Easter Seal campaign meeting on April 5 at the John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph. \$11,400 had been collected for handicapped children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Woodward and family and Miss Janet Isley spent the Easter week-end in Montreal.

Mr. L. M. Arnott of Barrie visited one day this week with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howse.

Mrs. K. Klooster has sold her house in the village. It has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Van der Meulen and family of Oakville, but Mrs. Klooster will be with us until the end of June.

Mrs. Ed Archibald, Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Miss Doris Fines, of the local Women's Institute, attended the 50th anniversary of Hillsburgh W.I. on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison and family of Kemptonville, visited on the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Mr., Mrs. Agnew mark anniversary

Over 200 guests from as far as British Columbia and as near as next-door neighbors, helped Mr. and Mrs. Cam Agnew celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Alban's parish hall, Acton, Sunday afternoon, April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew live at 81 Roseford Terrace, Acton, having moved to town in 1968 after spending most of their married life farming on the Guelph Line, south of Campbellville.

Mrs. Agnew, the former Ethel May Allan, of the First Line, Esquesing, and Cam Agnew who lived over near Guelph Junction in Nassagaweya, were married in the Boston Church Manse by the Rev. McDermott in 1922. Previously, Mr. Agnew had served overseas in the First World War with the 2nd Central Ontario Regiment from Hamilton.

He bought a farm in 1921, married Ethel May in 1922, and then didn't move again until 1968 when they retired and bought a home in Acton.

Acton handy "We moved to Acton because it was central and close to everything else," Mr. Agnew told this newspaper, "and it was a good place to catch public transportation." Several other people from the same area preceded them to the town so they were never among strangers.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Agnew belong to the Golden Age Club in Acton and Mrs. Agnew is a Life Member of Acton Women's Institute and a member of Knox Church Ladies' Aid.

Mr. Agnew, who prefers to be active in retirement, works as a spare time security guard at the P.L. Robertson plant and a construction site in Milton.

Evidence of their popularity is supplied by the number of people from Lowville, Chatsworth,

Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Milton, Waterdown, Hillsburgh, Campbellville, Georgetown, Listowel and Acton who attended.

The three-tiered wedding cake was made by Mrs. Margaret Mitchell of Campbellville and Mrs. Gladys Singsby of Fulford Harbour, B.C. decorated the cake. Mrs. Agnew's stepmother, Mrs. Mae Allan, Georgetown, and an aunt, Mrs. Emily Neilson, Hillsburgh, poured tea for guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew have two daughters, Mrs. Norma Patterson of Guelph, and Mrs. Helen Brouillard of Acton, and six grandchildren, who were at Sunday's reception. After the reception 50 or 60 close friends went to the Agnew home for dinner.

Many gifts, cards of congratulations and flowers graced a table at the reception including one from M.P.P. George Kerr.

Surprise party for anniversary

A surprise party was held on Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. John Van Den Brink who were observing their 25th wedding anniversary. Their family arranged the happy event.

As well as many gifts, they were presented with a silver tea service by their family. A buffet dinner was enjoyed.

Attending were their two daughters Jacoba and Evelyn and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Near, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Near, Arthur; and son John Jr. Other guests were an aunt and uncle from Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Zoeren, Barry and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. John Mans; Mrs. Van der Veld, Fenwick; Mr. and Mrs. Morden, Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Long, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargrave and Mr. and Mrs. John Near, Acton.

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