

Dublin membership up by 20 per cent

Mrs. M. Hunter, Blue Springs Road, Nassagaweya, hosted the regular meeting of Dublin Women's Institute last Thursday evening.

After the opening exercises presided over by Mrs. H. Blyth, the roll was called by Mrs. M. Hunter. Interesting responses were given to the theme "A Canadian Law pertaining to Women," which revealed a great many of the laws affect women either directly or indirectly.

Many thank-you notes and other correspondence was dealt with.

The 4-H Achievement Day will be on December 2 at the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton.

Mrs. W. Britton turned in the proceeds from a booth at a successful auction sale at Stewarttown recently.

Mention was made of the F.W.I.C. Convention in Banff next June.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Hunter which showed a very fine balance.

District day

Mrs. W. J. McIntyre reported on the District Day held at Lowville United Church at which eight ladies of the branch had attended recently. It had been a very worthwhile and enjoyable evening, and all had enjoyed the talk of Mrs. Austin Zoeller, of New Hamburg, the former president of the F.W.I.O.

Mrs. W. Lasby attended the

Guelph Area Women's Institute Convention in Stratford recently and gave a full and interesting account of the two-day session. There were 342 members in attendance, and all enjoyed the speakers very much. One recommendation was that two minute talks would be given at the Branch meetings each month by the Standing Committees to keep the members updated on any new issues. A request some months ago from the Provincial Board asked the branches to endeavour to increase their membership by twenty per cent. Dublin Branch with two other branches in the Guelph Area obtained this increase in membership.

Plans for the Family Night in Brookville Hall on Saturday, December 9, were outlined by Mrs. E. Norton.

Bake sale

A very successful annual bake sale was conducted by Mrs. D. Hunter, the versatile auctioneer, who, traditional to auctioneers, kept the ladies in a good purchasing mood. A fine array of fruit, vegetables, preserves, pickles, baking etc. was offered for sale.

A social time was spent over the teacups while the social committee comprised of Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. W. Pierce and Mrs. D. McKnight, assisted by the hostess, served a delicious lunch. Mrs. W. Frank was courtesy convener.

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Six more months of it

Will distribute Christmas gifts

The November meeting of the Y's Menettes was held at the home of Pat Nellis on Monday, November 13. The roll call was answered rather differently yet a lot of fun "paying a penny for every inch of your waist". A few members also exchanged their

favorite Christmas Recipes. Lynn Robertson, club president, gave a full report on the regional convention held in Hamilton October 20, 21, 22. The ladies program included a tour of Dundurn Castle and a special Y's Menettes breakfast on Sunday

morning, Saturday evening was spent dining and dancing. Next years convention will take place in Kingston and the 1974 convention in Kitchener.

Christmas Gifts
Plans are being made to distribute the Christmas Napkin rings made by the Y's Men's Grey Cup Dance on December 2. The next meeting is a Christmas dinner party to be attended by the husbands as well. Dessert and coffee concluded the pleasant evening.

Presentation made to Mrs. C. Mason

A poem Autumn Snowfall aptly opened the meeting of the U.C.W. Unit 2, held the day of the first snowfall. The meeting was in the church with Mrs. Lidkea in the chair.

with a few words on behalf of the unit, presented her with a lovely silver pin. Mrs. Mason is leaving Acton to make her home at The Elliott Home in Guelph and all assured her they will miss her. She has been a member of the Ladies' Aid and later the U.C.W. since 1920.

A social half hour was spent, provided by Mrs. Harris and her group.

Parcel to Angola
Mrs. Force was to look after curtains for the ministers study. Mrs. Eaton read a letter thanking the unit for parcels sent to Angola.

Miss Simmons gave a good quilt report and said many cards had been sent to bereaved families. Mrs. Shoemaker gave her usual report on sick and shut-ins.

A pot luck dinner is to be arranged for next month's meeting. Christmas baskets will be packed Dec. 19.

There were 32 home calls and 27 hospital calls.

Leaving town
Mrs. Charles Mason was called to the front and Mrs. Wilderspin

Just wait

A month till Christmas - and just six months till the 24th of May and good weather.



by Wendy Thomson

There is another type of Passport to Halton that not too many people know about, but I tried it a week or so ago and was astounded at the many beauty spots in Esqueusing we came across.

My un-official "Official Guide" on this tour was Councillor Dick Howitt, who pointed out such interesting spots as the quarries and the dump and so on.

Seriously, though, fourteen of us made a four hour tour of Esqueusing countryside, covering somewhere between 20 and 25 miles, as near as I can figure. We all had the same type of passport. Some were of different sizes and colors, but all had the necessary requisites - four long legs and a strong back. Yes, we went by horse.

It was supposed to be only a two hour jaunt, organized by Steve Lister and leaving from Mountainview Farm on the Fourth line. However, we just sort of got carried away (in my case, with my mare Black Velvet, quite literally) and continued on till I, at least, was exhausted.

On the Trail

I'd never been on any part of the Bruce Trail before, and our first stretch of riding was along the Trail between the Fourth and Third lines. Even without the leaves, the woods were beautiful. Most of the rocks were covered by fallen leaves, but what showed were a bright green with moss. I didn't get much of a chance to look around, as Velvet was doing some odd thing with her feet, (the girl behind said it looked like a trot on the front and a canter on the hind) and I was busy trying to hold her back.

When we reached the Third Line at the dead-end, we turned north, cutting off into fields for a fairly brisk canter, - at least mine was. Everybody always arrived at the end of the field looking calm cool and collected, while I got there hanging on for dear life. Velvet cannot stand to hear hooves drumming up behind her. It's like sticking a long pin in her, and she takes off in all directions.

Further up the line, we had a good look at the quarries and decided (I think it was Dick Howitt who had the original idea) that an excellent use for them would be to have them as a horse arena for all kinds of shows, -Trail horse trials, jumping, racing, and whatever.

Steve Lister suggested putting spectators all around the rim, and my suggestion was to put in outdoor lighting, piped-in music and a plex-glass roof.

Now THAT would be something! "I'll bet there wouldn't be one like it anywhere. I know that the quarries are situated outside of Acton, but wouldn't it be a tremendous Centennial Project?"

Next, we took the horses (or they took us) up and down those nobly hills across the Esqueusing dump, and THAT was exhilarating! Then across to the Fourth Line, cross country to the Fifth, marvelling all the while at the beauty of these little seen trails.

Rubbing jumpers' shoulders

Then I found out that Velvet, after rubbing shoulders with these jumpers for the past few months, had decided that she too jumped. I went along for the ride, but that was about all. A western saddle is not the most comfortable thing to jump in.

A huge circle through farm land brought us back to the Fifth line, down which we went, to the lime kilns at Limehouse. I hadn't been there before, either, and I couldn't help but think again of how little I actually knew my own area, and realized why these people are always fighting for preservation of their land against infringement of "civilization."

By then, three hours had passed, all of which Velvet did at a jog, trot, or odd-ball gait, and I was wishing hopefully that she'd tire down a bit so I could relax, but off she headed again, across the 25 side road and down the fourth line, landing in at Listers' about a mile based of the rest.

I got home, dead-tired, jeans torn from getting on, jacket torn from getting off, and happy as I don't know what. I'll be sitting crookedly for a few days, and walking oddly, but it was well worth it.

Bishop retired

Bishop Walter E. Bagnall of the Niagara Diocese has announced his retirement. He will be succeeded by the present coadjutor bishop, John C. Bothwell, as cousin of Mrs. Ted Hansen of town.

Bishop Bagnall announced his impending retirement at the Synod of Diocese in Hamilton. He has been bishop of the diocese, which includes St. Albans's church, for 34 years in June.

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75th anniversary founding of Institute

Lowville was the setting for the Halton District celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute. On Tuesday, October 24 at 8 p.m., 110 ladies gathered at Lowville United church. District president, Mrs. M. Nellis expressed her welcome to members and honored guests and opened the meeting with a poem "A W. I. Member". She said she hoped there would be more of them, as constant as the northern star.

Music was provided by members of the Milton Senior Citizens Band and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. George Henderson, board member for Halton, introduced Mrs. Austin Zoeller, chairman of the 75th anniversary celebration committee for Ontario and past president of the F.W.I.O. Mrs. Zoeller said she was glad to be given the opportunity to meet with and get to know more Institute members.

Reviews years
Mrs. Zoeller reviewed the last 75 years, starting with the struggle against heavy opposition to women speaking out and trying to further education for girls.

Assess need for day care

Questionnaire on the need for a day care centre in Acton went out in the mail this week. Council is asking for replies, to assess the need for such a service in Acton. The forms were sent to all householders through the post office.

making health and nutrition part of the planned curriculum in homes and in schools.

We have a lot to look back on with pride but we must create a better world to live in: fighting drugs, pollution, being able to tell of all the things we do and that need to be done in our homes, families and in our communities. Mrs. Zoeller went on to urge members to put their best talents and energy into Women's Institute work and reminded everyone that our goal for 1973 is to get 20 per cent more members into each and every Branch Institute in Ontario.

Scholarship
Mrs. John Bird, chairman of the Bursary Committee for Halton, introduced Dr. Ethel Chapman who in turn presented the Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship to Miss Sheila Jamieson of Ballinacree. Sheila expressed her thanks to the W.I. members and to her mother in particular for her encouragement and leadership in 4-H.

Sheila has completed 13 clubs and hopes to further her career in Medical Technology.

Dr. Ethel Chapman said she felt honored to have a scholarship in her name and with the

Donations

Christmas Seal donations are on their way to Oakville from all over the county now.

Holiday parties

Christmas parties are being arranged by offices, clubs and groups. Let the Free Press know about them.

assistance of Mrs. A. Zoeller officially cut the anniversary cake.

Guests included Mrs. Howard Wecker, president of the Guelph Area and Mrs. Doreen Bannister, Home Economist for Halton.

Mrs. Glen Campbell gave the courtesies. Lowville and Zimmerman U.C.W. ladies provided an excellent banquet.

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