

Community action aim of group from Trinity

A tentative name, "T.A.G." (Trinity Activity Group) has been given to the group of women from Trinity United Church who have been meeting for over a year now in one another's homes and who are a church-affiliated group, unrelated to the U.C.W. The main interest of this group is community action where there is a need as well as providing for mission work—for example sending bags of good used children's clothing to Allen

Lauder's people out west. Refurbish nursery The project at the moment is to refurbish the church nursery and the group has purchased a very attractive multi-colored carpet for this room and has plans to make the nursery of the church more child-proof as well as more attractive. This group is active with the Anglican Church Women in re-establishing the Coffee Hour in town which has proven so popular

In the past. They meet every third Wednesday and the February meeting had a program on Shopping at the home of Mrs. H. Patterson. The discussion that followed this interesting topic proved very stimulating and enlightening to everyone. See films The march meeting will be a trip to Holy Cross Church in Georgetown for the Cancer Society's films and presentation of their educational program. Families are encouraged to attend this very worthwhile evening as well.

"There is a wide scope of interest within this group and it promises to be an interesting evening once a month. We all enjoy the fellowship that these women have to offer very much and would be happy to welcome any one who is interested in meeting with us," Mrs. Marion Patterson reports.



GUEST SPEAKER Mrs. Frank Byrne addresses women from six congregations at the Women's World Day of Prayer service Friday. From the left are representatives Mrs. Charles Landsborough, Mrs. H. R. Force, Mrs. Vic Bristow, Mrs. J. Hofstede and Mrs. Peter Binnie. (Photo by J. Jennings)

Reports, elections, awards for district Red Cross

Another full and active year was reviewed when Georgetown and District Red Cross Society held its annual meeting at North Hailton Golf & Country Club. Acton is included in this district.

Retiring president, Mrs. Elaine Sales R.N., of Ballinfad, indicated the scope of work in her report.

Blood donor clinics were well attended. The \$6,000 financial campaign goal was exceeded, and there were speaking engagements and attendance at conventions and workshops.

A new homemakers' service doubled last year, and is expanding at a rapid rate.

The services for seniors department was active, home nursing courses were offered, and the Red Cross was active also with its loan cupboard, water safety program and emergency aid.

Mrs. Sales has been named regional vice-president for the Hamilton-Niagara region this year.

Past president's pins were given to her and to Mrs. Geraldine Walsh by Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof.

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regional government on health services.

He paid tribute to Dr. C. V. Williams, who was local health officer before the county unit was established in 1947.

He credited Dr. Williams with instigating pasteurization of milk here, the first Ontario community to have it, and with promoting the town's sanitary sewage system.

Under regional government, the county will receive a 75 per cent provincial grant, rather than the present 50 per cent, he said. A district health council will possibly be a development, he said, with an area co-ordinator.

He followed his talk with slides showing various facets of the county's health service.

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Day of Prayer attendance down

Attendance was disappointing this year at the annual World Day of Prayer service. About 35 participated in the Baptist church last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Byrne was the speaker; she is the wife of the pastor of the Baptist church. Her topic was prayer and she emphasized we should not pray for anything unless we intend to be willing to work for it.

Dorothy Simmons sang a solo Beautiful Garden of Prayer and Mrs. Ralph Denny played the organ.

Representatives Participating were Mrs. Charles Landsborough for the host Baptist church, Mrs. Vic Bristow from the Anglican church, Mrs. A. K. Mann from the Presbyterian church, Mrs. J. Hofstede from the Christian Reformed church, Mrs. H. R. Force from the United church, and Mrs. Peter Binnie from the Pentecostal church.

Attendance has been larger in past years and organizers were at a loss to explain the drop this year.

Legion ladies make donation

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Branch 197 held their monthly meeting Thursday with pres. Ruth Courtney in the chair.

A donation of \$50 was given to the cancer fund. Hazel Cripps had her name picked for the draw of 23 but was not present.

There is to be a social in Bronte Apr. 26, zone entertainment in

Erlin May 2 and a euchre April 14.

New member Jean Binden of Westcott Rd. was accepted in the Legion.

Each member was asked to bring or send a tea towel for next meeting. Zone Commander is making her yearly round so members hope to make it as large a meeting as possible.

Continue study book

Daughters of Knox held their March meeting on Monday evening in the Miss Ellen Anderson Room.

Mrs. Tom Watson, the president, led in the call to worship and Living For Jesus and the mottoes were repeated in unison. Roll call was answered by 15 members and one guest.

Study book Mrs. Harold Swallow and her group conducted the study book on The Women and Youth in India. The worship service was opened with the hymn Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life. Scripture was read. Following the offertory prayer, the meditation on The Fruits of a Prayer Life was read. The hymn

O Master let me walk with Thee was sung.

Chocolate cake and tea were served by the group in charge and a social time was spent.

Reports on convention


Lady directors of the Acton Agricultural Society met at the home of Mrs. Isabel McDonald Thursday evening, March 1.

Roll call was answered with an Irish joke.

After the business period, Mrs. Aitken gave a report of the first day of the convention in Toronto and Mrs. Linham and Mrs. Thompson reported on the second day. The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robinson.

The lunch committee served a delicious lunch. Mrs. Linham was courtesy convener.

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By Wendy Thomson

I was ecstatic (well, slightly) this morning! After tending carefully to my six miniature trees (five and a half, really, because a cat ate the top off an apple tree) for over two months and looking glumly at the other six pots, figuring all the rest of the seeds were chuds, a Canary Island Date Palm sprouted in the morning sun!

And so much for that. Trees weren't quite what I had in mind to write about this week. How about frost and mushrooms? I've got a bit of information about both.

The first is an idea from an Illustrated Encyclopedia of Animal Life. Maybe this is the wrong time of year to put it in, but I figured if I did, we'd be sure to have no more frost this spring. Also, I'll have probably forgotten about it by next winter if I leave it, so here goes.

A print of the lovely frosty designs on windows in the winter may be taken with blueprint paper. Sheets of this, about 12 inches square should be kept in a dark place until ready to use.

Some morning, when the sun is shining brightly, and before the frost designs have melted from the window, take a sheet of blueprint paper and attach it with scotch tape to the pane. Press the sensitive side directly against the frost for two or three minutes.

The sunlight turns parts of the paper light blue but leaves the pattern of the frost in white. Remove the sheet of paper and immerse it immediately in a pan of clear water for a few minutes.

Then transfer it to another pan of water to which a tablespoon of peroxide has been added. When the blue part has turned an attractive shade, rinse the paper in clear water then spread it flat to dry.

Needless to say, with the double windows in many houses, some people are out of luck. I haven't been able to try this for lack of the blueprint paper.

And now... Mushrooms. Some folk don't know just how lucky they are living close to "mushroom factories." It's the very rare time I haven't been able to find lovely white, spotted mushrooms somewhere in town. In fact, even days when my grocery cart is full and I know I've overspent, I just can't pass the vegetable counter without picking up a package of them if they're fresh.

I received a News release from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture called "Mushrooms are beautiful" the other day, and figured it was something that could be shared as I think it's

terrible to spoil the things even before getting around to cooking them! According to my information, "Top quality fresh mushrooms have tightly closed heads, short stems, and smooth, white, cream, or brown, unblemished caps. Slightly open caps, exposing the fluted underside or veil, indicates a certain loss of moisture but not flavor or goodness. "The veil should not be black at the time of purchase. When it is possible, select mushrooms by size, considering the use for which they are intended. All sizes have equal flavor and there should be no waste. "Fresh mushrooms should be stored uncovered in the refrigerator and used soon after purchase. When ready to use, wash quickly under cold running water and dry thoroughly. Cook them quickly and add at the last to dishes requiring long cooking. "Do not soak mushrooms. They have a high water content and do not need more moisture. "In fact, they go downright soggy, they do. And here's a recipe (untried by me) that sounds quite interesting.

MUSHROOM AND CELERY ORIENTAL
2 cups mushrooms, sliced
2 1/2 cups celery cut diagonally in 1/2 inch slices
1/4 cup butter
1 or 2 Tbsp. water
1/4 cup silvered almonds, toasted.

In skillet with cover, saute mushrooms and celery for five minutes, tossing gently. Add water, cover, simmer two minutes. Add almonds, toss, serve hot. 5 or 6 servings.

Valentines judged at W.I. meeting

Greenock W.I. held a Valentine social evening at the home of Mrs. C. Allan, Churchill Road, in February. Mrs. J. McCulloch, president, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

Roll call was an old-fashioned Valentine to be judged. Miss Elva Pearen's was chosen as the best. Mrs. R. McKeown read a poem, Poor John. Mrs. E. Johnston gave the meditation.

Mrs. R. McKeown showed a

film on life of the MacDonald children. School for the Deaf, Milton. Mrs. C. Allan introduced three contests, one a bean bag with numbered Valentines for targets, a puzzle and a shaking hands game.

Mrs. A. Gates displayed a gingerbread house she had baked.

Mrs. C. Allan and Mrs. R. McKeown were the conveners of program and the lunch. Miss Elva Pearen was courtesy convener.

Lisa Bonnell 4-H hostess

Greenock Groovy Grizeldas held their joint sixth and seventh meetings at the home of Lisa Bonnell on Sat. March 3. Roll call name your favorite picnic food was answered by all.

Mrs. Milton and Cecilia Milton demonstrated how to make apple salad. Garlic bread was made by Leah Leslie. These were eaten with apple crisp made by Lisa Bonnell. Punch was served.

Mrs. C. Sinclair hostess to W.I.

Bannockburn Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Sinclair with a good attendance.

Roll call was answered by each member giving her family's favorite quick meal.

Financial statement showed a substantial balance on hand. Correspondence was dealt with. A lovely card was received from the former foster boy in China who is now 18 years old. An invitation was received and accepted from the Georgetown Institute who are celebrating their 70th anniversary on March 7 in Knox Church, Georgetown.

A donation was to be sent to a burnt-out family in the community. A committee was appointed to look after the fall fair displays in September.

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