

OUR READERS WRITE:

Poem honors W.I. founder

To the memory of
"Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless"
Founder of
The Federated Womens Institute
Of Ontario
In Eighteen Ninety Seven when winter
days were cold,
In the month of February, on the nineteenth
day we're told,
In the township of Saltfleet, at a place
called Stoney Creek,
One Hundred and One, women and girls,
Clothed in their best with ribbons and curls,
Gathered with one objective in mind,
To improve the living standards of all
mankind.

They were led by a woman of wide
education,
She was inspired with zeal and deter-
mination,
She was loved by all, for her common
goodness,
A wonderful woman, Mrs. Adelaide
Hoodless.
But without Earland Lee to assist and
support her,
This poem of mine would indeed have been
shorter.
Mr. Lee gave this meeting the backbone it
needed.
And so Mrs. Hoodless' efforts succeeded.

The program she outlined, of work to be

done.
To enlighten and brighten the Canadian
home.
The women responded, her ideas took root,
And so was begun Stoney Creek Institute.
The pioneer women first holding office,
Were Hoodless, Smith, Nelson, Nash and
McNelly.
Their influence spread o'er the country like
fire,
Now Institute's flourish over all the
Empire.
The first government speaker, Mrs.
Laura Rose Stephens,
Suggested a motto for use at these
meetings,
"For Home and Country." 'Tis inscribed on
a pin.
Blue and gold maple leaves,
Designed from her own signet ring.
And now at the close of our seventy fifth
year,
Our women express gratitude most sincere,
For the foresight and love, for a cause so
astute.
That led to the founding of the first
Institute.
The work thus begun, let it not be in vain,
Let us ever keep "Home and Country" our
motto and aim.

Margaret McNabb
R.R. 4, Rockwood



RETIRED CLERK-administrator Joe Hurst has bought a ten-speed Shimano Thunderbird racing bike and intends to ride it to keep fit. Tuesday he bought the first of the new required bicycle license tags - number 001 - and Cons. Bruce

McArthur affixes it on the bike for him. Registration number of all town bikes will be on record with the Bicycle Guild in Montreal. Tags are now required by town bylaw. (Photo by K.Dills)

Cemetery being used as playground?

April 22, 1973,
Acton, Ont.

Perhaps one could make excuses for the children, but what excuse can one make for an adult who should be setting an example for the children?

I also noticed that some artificial flowers on one wreath had been pulled off and strewn around. These wreaths are put on by loved ones of the deceased and they must think it disgusting to find them destroyed. I'm sure people could find better places to play and practice golf than a cemetery. Let's let the dead rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Peg. Graham.

Dear Sir:
I am writing to express concern over the use of the cemetery as a playground, not only by children, but by adults as well.
On two consecutive visits to my father's grave, boys were running across the graves. On Saturday morning a woman was tramping over the graves in search of a golf ball. She even had the nerve to move some wreaths to see if her ball was behind them. Have these people no respect for the dead?

Close park track to traffic dispense with entry charge

There will be no charge for cars entering Prospect Park this summer. However, the inside gate at the race track will be closed and cars will have to park in the community centre parking lot.

Parks Board voted 5-2 recently to dispense with the charge, after it had been decided that the inside gate would be closed and cars would not be allowed to travel to the extreme west end of the park.

Councillor Orv Chapman and board member Ed Wood opposed the verbal motion to dispense with the entrance charge.

Parks manager Harold Townsley pointed out that former parks board member Ted Tyler Jr. had once proposed that the "park be made for people, not cars" and that more trees be planted at the west end where the parking lot for picnickers is now located.

Expresses concern Although he voted in favor of the no charge motion, claiming the park belongs to the taxpayers of the town, board member Lou Bonnette expressed some concern that if the parking lot at the west end had been constructed by the town at some expense, their efforts may have been in vain if the inside gate were closed.

Councillor Chapman felt the walk from the community centre parking lot down to the west end might be a long one for elderly people.

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Considering sale county building

Halton County Council learned last week that the province is a ready and willing buyer for the county administration building on Steeles Ave. in Milton. The commitment from the province, however, didn't help council in their deliberations about establishing regional headquarters when regional government takes effect.

The county owns the building but 82 per cent of the space is taken by provincial offices and the province rents the space from the county.

The building cost \$1,000,000 in 1962 and has \$313,000 still owing on it. Council is faced with the decision to sell the building and seek regional quarters elsewhere, or to use the whole building and have provincial offices moved, or to enlarge the building to accommodate both provincial and county offices.

Haven't decided To date council hasn't decided where the best geographic location for a building is, or much space it will require.

Clerk Garfield Brown suggested the province indicated a willingness to take the building because of court room accommodation. If county offices were to replace the courtrooms

with offices considerable work would have to be done.

Brown told council 27 acres to the east and an additional 14 acres to the north were available and it was possible for the county to be protected from having industry move onto that land.

While some councillors agreed the county should keep the building, others felt the matter was premature and should be left for the regional council to consider.

A committee was appointed to consider the problem and report back.

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Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The comprehensive overhaul of Canada's social security programs, announced last week by Marc Lalonde, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, was welcomed by all parties in the House of Commons. The approach taken is progressive, practical and long overdue. It replaces the administrative monstrosity known as Family Income Security Plan (FISP) of the last parliament, and seems to embrace the concept of an incentive society. However, we should reserve further praise until the legislation necessary to implement the changes is introduced and the total cost is known. Cost has been estimated at about \$800 million more than we now pay for our multiplicity of social assistance programs.

With his announcement, Marc Lalonde has emerged from the sceptre of the eminence grise for Trudeau, into a major innovator in his own right. I have found him to be an intelligent, humorous and approachable man, and one of the few ministers of quality in the present cabinet.

Frank document The document tabled in the House, called "Working Paper on Social Security in Canada," is remarkable in its frankness. It lists six "deficiencies in Canada's Social Security System"—two of them are called major deficiencies. One of the major ones is that "there is too little incentive to get off social assistance." Another section

criticizes "the failure of political authorities to coordinate their efforts in developing and administering these programmes."

The remarkable aspect of these comments is that the programs under such severe criticism are all the conceptions of previous Liberal governments, developed largely during the Pearson 60's. They have hitherto been sacrosanct Liberal policy, defended ever so vigorously against Conservative attacks, particularly during the last election. Some of the comments read like excerpts from opposition party campaign literature - eg. "patchwork quilt of programmes... and maze of authorities with which (people) must deal... in many cases, the family would actually be better off if the breadwinner were to

quit his job and to on social assistance."

What a difference a day makes—especially when that day is October 30th 1972.

The P.C. Health and Welfare critic, the ebullient Heath McQuarrie, from Hillsboro, P.E.I., and the N.D.P. spokesman, the Commons rules conscience, Stanley Knowles from Winnipeg, were both generous in their public admiration of the government's initiative in this area. All parties claimed (justifiably) some credit for the changes. McQuarrie, noted for his comprehensive command of the King's (Queen's?) English, perhaps summed up the opposition parties' attitude best with the simple words "I told you

so."

Copies of the working paper are available at my office. Please call if you wish one.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my Riding office at 328 Lakeshore Road, East, Oakville, 844-0222.

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