

Mrs. Wilderspin W.I. life member

The October meeting of the Acton W.I. was held in the board room of the library on Wed. afternoon, October 10. President, Miss Simmons opened the meeting with a poem Smile.

An invitation was read from the Acton Art and Crafts to attend their fall display and bazaar on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27 in Luxton Hall.

Branch resolutions were read and approved by the branch. Fifteen ladies answered the roll call by each giving a recipe for a quick supper.

Reports

Mrs. Nellie Lindsay gave the District Director's report. Tuesday, October 23 is to be District Day held at 2 p.m. at the Master Feeds Hall, Nelson Institute to be the hostess branch. Speaker is to be a lady from the Department of Indian Affairs. The 1974 District Annual is to be held in Hillcrest United Church with Hornby Branch the host branch.

Convenor reports were given. Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Lindsay; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Doris Cook; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Myrtle Lambert.

Highlight

The highlight of this meeting was a presentation of a life membership pin to Mrs. Wilderspin. This pin was presented by Mrs. Fryer. Mrs. Wilderspin was a



LIFE MEMBERSHIP in Acton Women's Institute was presented to Mrs. Wilderspin (left) by Mrs. Doris Fryer (right). Mrs. Wilderspin has been a W.I. member over 30 years. She was given a pin and a specially decorated cake was enjoyed. (Photo by Lorraine)

member of the Acton W.I. for over 30 years.

Marie Hargrave planned a corsage of gold carnations and the lunch committee had a decorated cake in honor of Mrs. Wilderspin. It was decorated in Institute colors of blue and gold and had on it Thank you, Mrs. Wilderspin, for your 30 years of work in Acton W.I. This cake was enjoyed by all members during our social cup of tea.

Club auction raises \$400

Altogether 85 articles were auctioned off Tuesday night of last week, bringing in about \$400 to Acton Rotary club.

A busload of about 35 from Shelburne joined the Acton club, their wives and guests for the special evening at Acton Meadows golf course. The project was for international work of the local club and \$2 had been sent to clubs around the world, asking for unique items to be sold.

The Bank of Nova Scotia window and reserve bids had been placed there.

As well as the 82 articles from other countries there were items donated by each Rotarian.

Bidding was lively, the highest sale amounting to about \$20. Ken Clapperton was entertaining as he sold off the unusual articles. Steaks were barbecued outside before the auction, and Harry Arbie provided music for dancing afterward.

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

The past few weeks have been hectic beyond belief at times! Almost every day either we've been out or people have been here. I've found myself sitting down for a cup of tea and falling right off to sleep.

In a way, I haven't minded because it's taken my mind off an absence in the house. We finally had Rip Van Winkle, our old coonhound put down. Everybody has been feeling a little low.

Faithful companion Beth and Jim were three and four when we drove to Listowel 11 years ago to get Rip and he's been a fairly faithful companion to them until his joints stiffened up two years ago, and his sight began failing.

In spite of all their exasperation with his slowness and blundering lately, Beth and Jim took it fairly hard.

I guess I notice it most of all — the empty rug, the extra dish, and the vacant sun patches on the floor. And no one coming at the sound of plates being scraped.

When I wrote my first Painted Box column on October 16, 1968, Rip featured in it.

"We have an emergency clean-up crew for cooking catastrophes — a Black-and-Tan Coonhound called Tip, 110 pounds of perpetual hunger. He's nicknamed 'The Black Vacuum' since he takes only one slurp behind a spilled glass of milk or a dropped peanut-butter sandwich (sometimes it doesn't even get the chance to be dropped) and the mess is gone."

"I think he lies in the kitchen just willing the recipe to go wrong so he can take care of the results."

"Anyhow, I guess it was a need to keep me busy and my mind occupied that prompted an impromptu barbecue a few days later, — both that and the fact that head guide Mike Crawley was passing through Acton on his way from Alberta to Ottawa and then on home to South Africa. We wanted to send him on his way in style, so a party we had.

Success! I think it was a terrific success but I can only remember bits and pieces — the steaks didn't burn, Gord only threw me (judo) once. I recall retiring to a corner in hysterical laughter at one time, and I remember seeing Gord heading off through the living room on his pogo-stick. The last guests left after lunch, the following day.

Note! I would like to state here that my brother Ian is not younger than I am, and he does not provide all the recipes used in this column. And he does have a Roman toe.

What made it a success (the party, not the toe) from my viewpoint was I finally figured how to feed between 15 and 25 people with a minimum of fuss on short notice.

To begin with, the day before, I washed and waxed the floors, figuring that whatever was left undone in the end, it wouldn't be them. And that made for a great feeling of accomplishment.

Then I ran into town and bought 9" foil pie plates, paper plates and napkins, two Spanish onions, 4 beefsteak tomatoes, and a bag of ice, and I was all set.

The menu was: Minestrone, steak on Kaiser rolls with sliced tomatoes and onions, and pickles. Dessert was pumpkin and custard pies; apples and cheese. Tea and coffee.

Interested in how it's done? If the barbecue is for a Saturday night, dig around in the freezer and come up with (and this is the hard part), 15 pounds of round steak. I used five round steaks cut up into all shapes and sizes. With a meat mallet, pound the heck out of them until your husband gets a headache, then send him outside and pound a bit more. Marinate them in a large plastic container until party-time.

HERB MARINADE (I doubled this recipe) Combine the following: 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup lemon juice, 1/2 cup salad oil, 1 tsp. each of salt, celery salt, pepper, oregano, rosemary, thyme, 1 clove garlic, minced

So much for the steak for now. More instructions and recipes to follow next week.

Antique quilt fine handiwork

At the 131st anniversary of Acton Baptist Church to be held Sunday, October 21, there will be on display in one of the classrooms an antique quilt. This quilt with white background has names beautifully embroidered in red, in excellent condition. It was done in the early 1890's and was the handiwork of Miss Jessie Warren with the assistance of her sister Barbara.

The Warrens were early members of the Acton church. The quilt is loaned by Mrs. Helen Wood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Warren and a niece of the Warren sisters.

Old families The blocks consist of names of former Acton families such as the Manns, the McDougalls, the Cooks, the Warrens and the Gambles as well as names from Georgetown, Toronto, Hamilton, New York, St. Louis and Tacoma, Washington.

The services of the Baptist Church will be held 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with Rev. Murray MacLeod of the Ontario Bible College as speaker. He also spent some years in India as a missionary. He will bring along with him a mixed quartette who will supply the special music for the day.

Send donation to Guyana workers

The Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church, Acton met for its Thanksgiving Service on Thurs. Oct. 11 in the A. C. Stewart room. After the opening call to worship, president Miss I. Anderson talked briefly on what Thanksgiving means. The meeting was turned over to the convenor Mrs. A. Near and her committee Mrs. A. J. Ruchanan and Miss R. Clark.

Led by Miss Clark the members joined in a Thanksgiving service and meditation which included the passage of scripture Matthew 6:19-34, prayer, and dialogue given between verse of the hymn 'We Thank Thee All our God' and closing with a Litany of Thanksgiving. The usual reports were read and it was decided to send a donation to

Christian workers in Guyana—workers trained under the late Miss Ellen Anderson.

All enjoyed slides of a trip taken by some of the members given by Mrs. Isabel McDonald and Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

Candles

Mrs. Shirley Thomson of Guelph demonstrated the making of candles to members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. at their meeting Oct. 2. Mrs. Thomson also brought stuffed animals she had made to show the members.

Some of the articles were given out as prizes in draws. Members are planning for their annual bazaar Nov. 17.

Free Press Personals

Many from Acton attended the annual Georgetown Arts and Crafts show in Norval Saturday. The attractive booths were thronged. Acton members taking part in the show and sale were Mrs. W. G. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bessem and Miss Florence Wilkin.

Friends send get well wishes to Diane Bonnette, who is recuperating following surgery in Guelph General Hospital.

Many passers-by felt concern Friday afternoon for Robert Mulder, R.R. 1, Campbellville, who suffered a fainting spell on the street. He was treated by Dr. Pun and taken to Guelph hospital by ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grischow returned home following a week's vacation with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Valby and family in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Halliday, Main St., Acton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shelding, Monkton Ave., Toronto, spent a most enjoyable weekend on a trip touring Niagara Falls, Rochester, Watertown and Gananoque. They arrived back in Acton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman of Cedar Lake Farm returned home on Sunday after spending a month in England and Wales. While in London they had a boat trip on the Thames to Kew Gardens beside seeing many other historical places, spent some time in Kent and Dorset where they found the scenery beautiful and picked up on the white cliffs of Dover. While in Wales they visited in Aberdare, Swansea and Cardiff and had tea with the Member of Parliament of South Wales. Then on to Hereford where Mr. Freeman was born and they were treated to apples and pears off trees planted by his father on the estate where he was head gardener at the turn of the century. When they returned home they were treated to an anniversary dinner complete with 40th anniversary cake and then a neighbor called with another cake with Welcome Home decorations—all a very big surprise!

Patient care

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society has supplied these interesting statistics about its patient care in the County of Halton: In 1971 there were 62 patients admitted to the Rheumatism Disease Unit. 271 out-patients were treated and 627 home patients were visited and treated by physiotherapists and by the Society. Rotary Club funds were used in Oct. 74

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