

Activity group contributes to local and hospital needs

The activity group of the central region of the Canadian Cancer Society has chalked up several successes during the past term, including money raising schemes, donations to the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, setting up a smoker's clinic, and enlisting aid of high school teachers in an attempt to dissuade students from smoking.

Last September the Acton Fall Fair provided accommodation where a steady stream of visitors was able to view a display of hand-knitted articles created and sold by group members. Proceeds raised at the fair were for more supply purchases to be used in articles to be made and sent to the Princess Margaret. The public interested in sale items, also had the opportunity to make inquiries and pick up literature.

In December a large parcel

consisting of hand-made items, preserves, Christmas cookies and other festive goodies was made up by the group with the Princess Margaret, the labelled destination.

Danger

As well as generous contributions to the hospital, the enthusiastic members reached into the community and conducted a smoker's clinic at the Robert Little public school. In affiliation with members of the staff, a graphic film based on the detriments of smoking was shown to a grade six class and youngsters were able to see firsthand, the potential danger of a habit of prime concern to the teachers and education chairman.

Also as a community effort, a "thank you for not

smoking" campaign was conducted at Acton high school which raised some response and staff members reportedly felt the campaign a worthwhile effort.

According to campaign chairman, Marion Patterson, the group is now in process of organizing cars for women to attend the annual tour of the Princess Margaret Hospital on March 24. The intent is to stimulate interest in the Canadian cancer campaign.

The chairman further reports that members are looking forward to the pot luck dinner to be held at the Acton Curling club where Miss C. Brown, head of Services and Welfare at the Princess Margaret, will be the guest speaker at the annual event slated for May 23.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HUTTON, 43 Harrison Ave., Guelph are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Pauline Mary to Bernard Ronald Mailloux, son of Mrs. Charles Sheridan, Acton and Mr. Bernard Mailloux, Windsor. The wedding will take place April 20, 1974 at 3 p.m., Church of Our Lady, Guelph.

—Dorothy Taylor Studios

Springtime bake sale planned

Lent, a Secret Joy, was the special message received by 19 members attending the Mar. 6 meeting of St. Alban's Anglican church women with Doreen Lindsay giving the reading.

An interesting article was read by Mabel Denny on the origin of the St. Alban's bell. Roll call was a layette article for the spring sale and several matters were then discussed.

It was decided to purchase a dozen table cloths for use at banquets and other occasions.

Plans were made for catering for a wedding and the minor sports banquet in the near future.

The annual spring tea and bake sale was set for April 27 at the parish hall.

On completion of business several games with an Irish theme were played. Winners were Marie Hargrave and June Hunter. Lunch culminated the meeting as served by Mabel Denny's group.



WESTMINSTER—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH will be the setting on Saturday April 6 for the ceremony which will unite Sarah (Sally) Ann Holtom and Kenneth John Smith in marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Holtom of Guelph and her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Smith, Acton.

— Photo by John Burton Studios

Golden Grains taste new cereal samples

The third meeting of the Dublin Junior Golden Grains was held at the home of Mrs. J. Ismond with two members Lynn Fisher and Marie Davis the only absentees.

President Marita Manina took the roll call after which Mrs. Ismond raised a discussion on a catalogue of cereals. Properties in oats, rice, corn, barley and rye were discussed.

Leader Ismond passed out some wheat germ which the members all tasted as well as the Vita Crunch brought by Teresa McCarron, also for sampling. Members read about development and processing in the leader's pamphlet.

In the kitchen Marita Manina, Sandy Hill, Kim Vander Eyken and Debbie Rippon

made cherry bran squares which were eaten with a drink of tea.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the leader's home again on March 13.

— Show Góese

The famous ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his dummy sidekick Charlie McCarthy were recent guests at the Winisk goose camp in Northern Ontario. Rumour has it the geese will never be the same after their first taste of 'show biz'.

Red Cross services are available here, too

Although attempts to form an Acton branch have failed, the Georgetown Red Cross is again including all of Halton Hills in its March drive for funds. Red Cross officials from Georgetown and Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill raised the official Red Cross flag up into the mist at the Legion Hall Saturday morning.

Attempts to organize a group here have fallen through and blood donor clinics haven't been held in town since the St. John Ambulance brigade closed out its Acton branch.

Mailings to all Acton and rural district homes went out last week, however, seeking support for the current drive for funds for the Georgetown Red Cross.

Mrs. Sylvia Peppers who is co-instructor of the family health course Wednesday nights in Georgetown with Valerie Cunningham.

Need spot

Another need here is a place to store equipment and possibly hold meetings. They also offer a service offering drives, but need Acton drivers to do this for Acton people. Courses can always be set up here when there is a request.

Services available here include shelter and food in time of minor disaster, blood transfusions, sickroom supplies, senior citizens and shut-ins services, courses, swimming instruction, transportation, children's

assistance, requalification courses for nurses, volunteer sewing, speakers and films. There is also a homemaker service which will place a person in a home for a charged fee in case of emergency, or while the mother is in hospital.

Organizers are anticipating a good response from Acton, Nassagaweya and Esquimaux areas for this traditionally worthwhile cause.

Middle age

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

In married conversation, as in surgery, the knife must be used with care.

Olympic coins for I.O.D.E.

On Tuesday March 5, the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. met at the home of Mrs. Young on Church St. and enjoyed a lovely pot luck lunch. Mrs. Mainprize thanked the hostess.

During the meeting it was moved by Mrs. Mowat, seconded by Mrs. Lidkea, that Olympic coins be given for prizes at the high school instead of the usual pins.

It was decided that a tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Beatty to commemorate Acton Centennial celebration on June 22.

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Trip, invitation for Acton Institute

By Wendy Thomson

I wish I could read our dog's mind. Some days she sits at the window for seemingly endless stretches of time, moving only to shift her front feet to a new position. I find myself drawn to a spot beside her to look and look and look but can find absolutely nothing that might hold her interest that long.

It's easy to tell when another dog trots up the road because Sue's ears will raise about an inch (and on those ears, that takes a fair bit of muscle.) If she decides there is something objectionable about that particular dog, she lets out with a woof that just about raises the roof and makes a dash for the door.

But what gets me is when she's fast asleep (on the couch) the heavy curtains are all drawn, and the radio might be on drowning out most noises—just what is it that reaches down into her brain to tell her that a dog is doing something untoward a quarter of a mile up the road (in the bushes) and sends her in a howling frenzy around the house till we let her out?

And why will she let a strange car with strange people drive up here and walk all over the place sometimes, but go off in a tizzy when somebody stops to visit across the road?

And why, to a dog whose lips curl back alarmingly if somebody dares to inspect her chin whiskers, is a heavy rain so much of a threat to send her scurrying under any available bed? This is a matter of grave concern to some members of our family—the ones who sleep in the bottom bunks who are just about tossed out of bed by the turmoil underneath.

I would really like to be able to sit down and talk to Sue, but her idea of conversing is to come closer and closer and try to tell by your breath what you've been eating lately then head off into the kitchen to see if there's any left. It makes for poor communication.

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Here's another beef leftover recipe, one that can be stretched even further by

The regular meeting of Acton W. I. was held in the board room of the library Wednesday afternoon, March 6. President Dorothy Simmons opened with a poem Morning Prayer.

A bus trip in June is to be arranged with Tyler Transport. Final arrangements will be made at a later date.

An invitation was extended from Mountain Union W. I. for one of the members to attend their 50th anniversary celebration at Ligny school May 12.

Members were asked to help cater to the International Plowing match banquet at the Mohawk raceway Sept. 27.

Reports

Reports were given by standing conveners, citizenship and world affairs Mrs. Doris Cook; family and consumer affairs Mrs. Myrtle Lambert, curator Nora

Kenney, agriculture and Canadian industries Mrs. Nellie Lindsay.

Roll call was answered by 13 ladies naming "a pest in my garden."

A lovely St. Patrick's lunch was served by the committee in charge and a social half hour was enjoyed.

Kniteroos

Mrs. Jackson's home was the place where the fifth meeting of the newly-formed Kniteroos club was held.

Roll call "how far are you on your outfit?" drew rounds of fun answers as some of the members had made faster progress than others.

Discussions and demonstrations were not required at the March 5 meeting. Everyone was too busy working on their special outfits.

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