

Centennial tea Saturday, antiques at parish hall



AT THE TEA table at St. Alban's Saturday and dressed for the occasion are Mrs. J. Hargrave, Mrs. G. Pratt, Mrs. Vic Bristow, Mrs. John

Turkosz, Mrs. D. Lindsay and Mrs. June Hunter. Tea was downstairs in the parish hall, an antique display upstairs.

Specially arranged for Centennial year of the town, historical displays were a unique feature of the A.C.W. tea at St. Alban's parish hall on Saturday afternoon. Two mock rooms had been set up and completely furnished in old-fashioned style in the two small rooms off the main area of the hall upstairs. One was a kitchen and one a parlor.

A display of old pictures also delighted the many attending, who found familiar faces in the groups. One of the most surprised was the new rector of the church, the Rev. Leonard Ewing, who had been here as a little boy. He recognized his father in one of the pictures in the collection.

Wedding dress
One of the most important loans to the display was a wedding dress of 1820, from Mrs. Duncan Moffat.

Others who loaned antiques were Mrs. K. Alger, Mrs. Jack Hargrave, Mrs. Jack Rol, Kaye Roszell, Mrs. Dan Lindsay, Mrs. N. Gibson, Mrs. N. Cunningham, Mrs.

Irene Hunter, Mrs. M. Davidson, Mrs. E. Hutton, R. L. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Agnew, Mrs. C. Lindsay, Mrs. Evelyn Near, Mrs. J. Hargrave, Mrs. D. Hunter, Mrs. Bea Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Dennis and Mrs. W. Denny.

The display of memorabilia had been arranged by June Hunter. Louise Lindsay convened the tea and bake sale. The baking was soon sold out, as usual. Tea tables were set up in the refurbished basement room, with spring flowers and waitresses in old-fashioned gowns.

Mrs. Evelyn Hall, who moved to Toronto recently, was greeted again by Acton friends.

The tea table bouquet, the door prize, was won by Pauline Gordon.



WEARING A 1904 gown, Irene Hunter reads from an aged Book of Common Prayer at St. Alban's centennial tea.



KIMBERLY Papillon tries out an old wicker high chair in the mock kitchen at St. Alban's parish hall Saturday. Many antique cooking items were on display.



SANDRA WINSTON minded a very popular table at St. Alban's tea and display featuring wild violets, fudge and home-baked rolls. Mrs. L. Ewing is shopping.

Free Press Personals

The Lorne Scots held a dance at the Armouries in Brampton Saturday, April 20, and some from Acton enjoyed the evening. Scottish dances are always a highlight when the Lorne Scots get together.

A unique phone service in Toronto gets the caller a poem about love, read by Terry Rowe. Mr. Rowe lived near Acton when he wrote a book of love poems. His volumes were on sale for a while at Simpsons-Sears. Now he has the new venture called Dialapoem. Since he has made an album the caller not only gets a love poem but background of violins. Terry Rowe doesn't write anything but love poetry. "Love is the strongest force in the world," he says, "and I think it's nice if people can phone up in the middle of the day and hear about it."

Wednesday, May 1 is the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargrave, 234 Arthur St., Acton. Congratulations to this well-known couple!

There was a lively dance for youngsters at the Y Saturday night.

Friends entertained each other with music at the pub night at the Legion Saturday night.

Firefighters held a ladies' night at the fire hall Saturday night.

Ada and Ted Edmundson arrive in Acton today to spend a week with their son and daughter-in-law Barbara and Ted Edmundson Jr. Also accompanying them is one of their grandchildren Miss Jane Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Edmundson are holidaying in Canada from Blackpool, England. Mrs. Edmundson celebrates her 74th birthday today.

Miss Pat Brända of Kingston has been visiting relatives here for a week. She has just completed her semester at Queens.

Mrs. C. Cuts spent two

Bible Society

Dr. Kenneth G. McMillan will be in Acton on Bible Society Sunday, May 5. Bible Society Sunday is the Sunday of the year set aside for the promotion of the work of the Canadian Bible Society in the churches. This year Acton is to have the General Secretary of the Society speak in two of its churches in morning services.

Dr. McMillan has a distinguished record. He is a Past-moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Vice Chairman of the Toronto Institute of Linguistics, and a world traveller.

The Rev. Howard Zurbrigg, Hamilton District Secretary, will also be in Acton on May 5, and will show a film A New Spring in Coppermine at the evening service of the Pentecostal Assembly.

Mrs. R. Lindsay heads W.I. slate

The annual meeting of Bunnockburn Women's Institute was held on April 24 at the home of Mrs. C. Coles on Hwy. 7 east of Acton. There were 11 members and two guests present.

Roll call was answered with written suggestions for roll calls and programs and the motto was read by Mrs. D. S. Morrison. Minutes were read from the February meeting, the 56th anniversary meeting in March and the financial statement for the year reported. Mrs. W. Linham gave a report of the District Directors' Meeting held in Milton and sold tickets to the District annual on May 22.

Members turned in money collected for the Canadian Cancer Society and approved a donation from the Institute.

Election

The elections were then held with the following results:
Past president Mrs. W. Linham, President Mrs. R. Lindsay, 1st vice-president Mrs. G. S. Matthews, 2nd vice-president Mrs. J. D. Vaughan, secretary

treasurer Mrs. C. Sinclair, district director Mrs. W. Linham, alternate district director Mrs. C. Coles, curator Mrs. D. S. Morrison, auditors Mrs. B. Leitch, Mrs. J. D. Vaughan, Pianist Mrs. C. Coles, assistant pianist Mrs. W. J. McDonald.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Mrs. G. B. Fisher, Mrs. J. Fox, Mrs. C. Sinclair.

STANDING COMMITTEE CONVENERS: Agriculture and Canadian Industries Mrs. L. Henderson, Mrs. F. DeLoan, Citizenship and World Affairs Mrs. C. Coles, Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Education and Cultural Affairs Mrs. G. B. Fisher, Mrs. O'Hourke, Family and Consumer Affairs Mrs. R. Lindsay, Mrs. J. D. Vaughan, Resolutions Mrs. M. Coxe, Public Relations Mrs. J. D. Vaughan, Flower Convener Mrs. W. Linham

Everyone enjoyed the social hour that followed with Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Sinclair providing the delicious lunch. Mrs. Leitch thanked the hostess for her hospitality.



DR. KENNETH G. McMILLAN

Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston will be in Acton on Bible Society Sunday, May 5th. He will be guest speaker at Acton Baptist Church at 11 a.m. and also at Knox Presbyterian Church at 11.30 a.m. for both morning services. Reverend Howard Zurbrigg, Hamilton District Secretary will speak at Acton Pentecostal Church in the evening.



By Wendy Thomson

Living in a half-finished house has its problems. Oh — there's a good side too, like when a room gets finished there's more joy to it than if we'd moved into a completely decorated house (I keep telling myself).

Anyhow, one real source of trouble is a section of wall between the living room and kitchen. The living room side of it is covered in redwood paneling, but the side in the kitchen (the bit behind the frig) still has bare 2x4's poking out.

That would be no real worry except the furnace's mid air return comes up there. The living room side has a grille, but with no wall-board on the kitchen side there's nothing to fasten a second grille to. Therefore, there is only a hole in the floor.

Pipe banging

And what happens every year is that some nosy little kitten starts playing hide-and-go-seek behind the frig, discovers the hole, jumps down in it to see what's there, and spends the night banging around in the pipes. Great fun!

Even that's no problem except if, like yesterday, the kitten is too small to jump back out again.

I was busy happily re-potting houseplants when I heard the familiar thud. Calmly and with confidence I got the screwdriver and flashlight, took the living room grille off, reached down the hole and promptly frightened the kitten into skittering backwards desparately.

There was another thump. It had fallen down the second drop and there was no way I could reach it without an eight foot flexible arm.

Anguished waits brought the three mother cats on the run. After putting the grille back on to keep more other nosy kittens from all piling in the hole, I proceeded to the kitchen, pulled out the frig and stuffed Miss Tansy-cat down the hole hoping she'd crawl in and fetch the baby back up. No way.

Escape hatch!

There was nothing left to do but take the flashlight, go downstairs, climb in the furnace crawl space, crawl to the pipes and open the "escape hatch" — a four-inch square we cut in the pipe six years ago when the first kitten fell down.

Of course, this kit came to the hole only after a lot of coaxing but soon it was being carried triumphantly upstairs.

The next step was to fish Miss Tansy-cat out of the vent (which wasn't too easy because she kept insisting a kitten was still down there), reunite her with her baby and send them happily on their way.

Then, being in a very self-satisfied frame of mind, I vacuumed up all the dust,

marbles, and rolled-up balls of fof behind the frig, scrubbed the floor and, after much heaving, got everything back in place.

More mess

A cup of tea seemed to be in order and I plumped down in a big easy chair to put my feet up. A plaintive mew sounded from the air vent.

While I was in the basement a second mother cat had squeezed down the vent and I'd shut her in! With the frig pushed back there was just no room to manoeuvre back out! A dusty whiskered face watched me through the grille until I found the screw-driver again, removed the living room grille and let it out, both of us grumbling all the while.

Cats! At least once a day I wonder why in heaven's name we have them. Then a tiny half-pound ball of fluff makes its way carefully up onto my lap, and settles confidently in the crook of my arm. Another toddlers across the floor to sit on my foot. Then I KNOW why in heaven's name we have them!

This week, I finally found a recipe that stretched one pound of bacon to serve five rather big eaters.

TOMATO AND BACON DUMPLINGS
1 pound bacon
1 (28 oz.) can tomatoes
1 cup tomato Juice
2 tsp. minced onion
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. flour.
Cook bacon till crisp. Crumble about three-quarters of it. Set aside. Combine rest of bacon, tomatoes, onion and seasonings and bring to boil. Combine tomato juice and flour, add to pot and cook, stirring, till mixture is lightly thickened.

DUMPLINGS
2 cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
bacon
1/4 tsp. salt
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