

## Nursery school interests W.I.

In spite of a cold and stormy night, a good attendance of Dublin Women's Institute ladies met at the home of Mrs. E. Norton, Mill St. E. on Thursday night for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Clark Armstrong, president, presided over the meeting and Mrs. D. Hunter acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. N. Douglas.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, Education, the roll call was answered by a pro or con of the present school curriculum. Interesting points were expressed of methods used now and discussed.

Two meetings of interest to Institute members were included in invitations received from two neighboring branches. On Jan. 31, Greenock W. I. are sponsoring a course to be given in Acton library when instruction will be given on choosing and using a fabric. On Feb. 21, Acton W. I. will have a course on institute procedure at the library also. Both courses will commence at 10 a.m. and should be of real interest to W. I. members.

**Reports**  
Monthly reports were given on citizenship by Mrs. M. Hunter, Family Affairs by Mrs. E. Norton, Consumer Affairs by Mrs. D. Hunter and Visiting by Mrs. F. McCarron.

Excerpts from the Women's Institute Hand Book was the theme of the talk given by Mrs. A. Near. In a very interesting manner, she told of the events leading up

to the forming of this organization in 1897, which is now world-wide. She read excerpts from the Hand Book, explaining the specific duties of some of the officers of the branch and the general procedure of a meeting. Many points were reviewed to give the members an interesting and informative understanding of the hand book.

Mrs. D. Appleyard, as convener of education, introduced Mrs. Ann Vos, who operates the Rockwood co-operative nursery school. She told in an interesting and entertaining manner of her work with the three and four-year-old children in her classes. She also displayed toys, puzzles and pictures that she used in teaching tiny tots. All listened to Mrs. Vos with interest as she gave an outline of her work and how the children relate to each other in preparation of entering kindergarten.

The origin of the Mary Stewart Collect was given by Mrs. J. C. Dennis.

Mrs. C. McIntyre presented a contest and Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. M. Hunter were the winners.

A very enjoyable lunch was provided by the lunch committee of the month, Mrs. G. McMillan, Mrs. W. J. McIntyre and Mrs. M. McCullough. All enjoyed a social time together. Mrs. C. M. Davidson as courtesy convener expressed thanks to the hostess, Mrs. Norton and all who had contributed to the interesting evening.



**NEW YEAR babies** are six purebred St. Bernards, owned by Skeeter and Linda Hill of R. 5, Rockwood. They were the only babies reported born in the whole district on New Year's Day. They are 21 days old today (Wednesday) and Peter McCusker took the photograph Saturday.

## New Year babies — St. Bernards

First New Year District babies of 1975 were born on New Year's day, the first litter of Missy, the family pet of Mr. and Mrs. Everett (Skeeter) Hill of R.R. 5, Rockwood. The six gorgeous little purebred St. Bernards

are the delight of the Hill family and are seen being cuddled by seven-year-old Nadine, Justine, five, and parents Linda and Skeeter.

Complete with the St. Bernard mask of white stripe

down the face and black eyes, the delightful creatures were only 21 days old today, Wed. Jan. 22 and are already fluffy balls of vitality.

Their owners live on ten acres located on Indian Trail Rd. near Eden Mills. The

Hills have lived at their present home for two and one-half years.

Linda's sister, Sandy Lewis lives in Acton. Her dog Bandit is the proud father of the miniature menagerie.

## Men welcome back missionary

It was a particularly happy occasion when Rev. James Rudd, who was pastor at the Acton Baptist Church, 1960-1962, and who is now on furlough as a missionary in India, returned to his former church, to tell of the changed character of his work there since he first began to serve on the east coast of India north of Madras.

At one time, it was the missionary from Canada, or the United States or Britain or elsewhere who planned and directed the work in missions abroad. The Canadian Baptists who had operated in India and in Bolivia have turned their churches, their hospitals, their schools, their parsonages - all over to the indigenous church, at whose direction the missionary from abroad now works, largely assisting in pastoral conferences, teaching and special occasions.

Typical of the changing scene, Jim said his family welcomed the move from the large and isolated home to the bungalow in the working class district because he now was close to his people. He cited three outstanding examples of members of the indigenous church whose service for Christ far outweighed that of the majority of church members in Canadian churches. The lecture was supported by slides, graphically illustrating the work. Twelve years have passed since the Eastern Guelph Men, comprising the churches, most of them small causes, from Guelph to

Brampton, organized as one fellowship, and in a period when men's programs so often fade out, one is happy to record that on this and other occasions, representatives from every church in the fellowship were present to welcome Jim Rudd.

## Free Press Family

## Exhibition by college

The first exhibition for 1975 in the Peck Museum and Art Gallery in Brampton, embraces all facets of visual art and has been organized by the faculty of both the Oakville and Brampton campuses of Sheridan College. It will be held January 23.

This many splendored and exciting collection of both students and instructors in art includes paintings, drawings, graphic design, pottery and ceramics, enamelling, metal sculpture, wood block prints and etchings, photographs, illustrations and stills by animation artists.

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## January meeting

Miss Isabel Anderson, president of the afternoon auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox church, opened their January meeting with thoughts and a prayer for the new year.

Mrs. Wm. McIntyre and Mrs. Roy Lindsay were in charge of the program. The worship service opened with the singing of the hymn, "Sweet is the solemn voice that calls the christian to the house of prayer". Mrs. Lindsay read the scripture lesson from Luke, chapter 6. In an article, on New Year's Resolutions, she suggested that we should not be overly concerned about broken resolutions as reformation

takes time.

India  
Mrs. McIntyre read A Salute to Women in India, by Margaret Kennedy. Just as the nation of India is a mosaic, composed of a variety of cultures so the life of women in that country varies from menial household labour to important community activity. Women have an important place in the Church in India. They are equal voting members with men at every level in the church courts.

The annual financial report of this auxiliary, presented by the treasurer, Miss Ruby Clark, indicated that the offering for the past year had come to \$548.32!

## Golden Age Club enjoys program

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson  
The Acton Golden Age Club met on Wednesday evening at Laxton hall with 43 members present. President, R. L. Davidson presided and welcomed some new members.

Reports from the secretary, treasurer, auditors and card convener were given. During business a cash donation was voted to the United Senior Citizens of Ontario; Mrs. Mann reported club pins were available and she is taking orders.

New features  
Mrs. Mann, called the roll

This is a new feature, when attendance records are being kept. Thank you notes were read for remembrances received.

Members were saddened to learn that Ivan Harris, past-president had suffered a heart attack earlier in the evening and was in intensive care at the Guelph hospital. They wish him a speedy recovery.

Program  
Business was concluded and a fine musical program was enjoyed with Bill and Joyce DeVries, Gordon DeVries, Isabel Moore and Agnes McIntyre providing the entertainment with Mrs. Mann at the piano all joined in a sing-song. The musicians received a hearty round of applause.

Sandwiches, cookies, along with a cup of tea were served

at the conclusion of a fine evening. Birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. M. Fountain, Mrs. L. Jordan and Mrs. I. Cleave.

## Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rognvaldson enjoyed a cruise in the West Indies, and are home again now.

Dr. Edward H. Schroeder, doctor of chiropractic of the Brampton Chiropractic clinic, returned this week from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he attended a four day advanced training seminar conducted by the Parker Chiropractic Research Foundation.

Recent holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Force were Mr. and Mrs. Rod Force and family from Callander. Dr. and Mrs. J.R. Pfaff with Jennifer and Miss Kathleen Lewis from Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Berwick and family from Guelph.

Best wishes to Mr. Rino Itraida, who has had knee surgery in Guelph.

Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson's father, Mr. Isaac Kernan, died at Oshawa this week. Mr. and Mrs. Rognvaldson, with their daughter Mrs. Janet Taylor of Elliott Lake, will be attending the funeral at Oshawa Thursday.

Federated Women's Institute of Ontario met in the King Edward in Toronto from January 13 to January 17. Mrs. Harvey I. Noblitt, Ottawa, the president presided when all 32 Subdivisions of Ontario were represented.



By Wendy Thomson

One thing I've mentioned before, is the pleasure I get from readers' responses, whether a note in the mail, phone call, chat in town, or message sent through someone else.

Recently, there's been a letter from someone's mother in Bernsted, England, a message from someone's sister in Winnipeg, a card from an (as yet) unmet friend in town, who sent wishes that my husband would soon be back on his feet, as well as the usual inquiries in town.

As I said, I get much pleasure over the interest in the goings-on around here, and often find this column a great way of following up on the chats.

To begin with, Gord's broken bone is mending well and he would probably be back on his feet faster if I'd stay off it. It seems that every time I turn around, his sore foot is right behind me and I fall over it.

However, it's evident he's enjoying his leave from work (in spite of me). The first week it was great for me to scoot home from work at noon and find the table set for two and a nice lunch ready. The second week I arrived home all expectant and was very impressed by the aroma wafting out of the kitchen. Then Gord came clumping up the hall on his crutches and it was obvious at a glance that he had just discovered the joys of sleeping till noon. The aroma was from the roast for supper I'd put on before leaving for work.

Putting  
Really, I shouldn't complain. With so much time on his hands, Gord is putting away at finishing the house and this is great! If we had moved into a completely finished house fifteen years ago, we would likely have taken everything for granted. But it's taken us so long to figure out what we want, find what we want, (and be able to afford it), not to mention having time to work on it, that each completed bit here gives us a greater sense of satisfaction and enjoyment than we would have had otherwise.

I must admit, though, my enthusiasm was a little dim the days I came home to find the water turned off, the bathroom taps disconnected, ceramic tile all over the place, and ceramic dust right through the house.

However, Gord was sitting blissfully in the middle of the mess, quite happy—and

that's what counts.

About dogs  
Now a follow-up on the naming of the pups. There were (understandably) a few comments regarding the naming of my coonhound pup, McPhee.

Well, I'm happy to say that I was just talking to the new owner of the largest and most wrinkled female in the litter. After a visitor at their house commented that the pup looked just like the British actor, Robert Morley, they decided they couldn't improve on that and did indeed name her "Morley".

The third female, the small appealing one we had called "The Christmas puppy" because she looked just like something you'd see with a big red ribbon on a Christmas card, is now apparently being spilt rotten in Newmarket, sleeping on the bed and all. Her name is "Moonshine." I think I'll stick to McPhee.

Calorie Cut  
I's almost time to go shopping and I'm sitting here in a rocking chair, rocking away between paragraphs, trying to conjure up pictures of quick, low-calorie meals.

For the past month, we've been involved in so many things that it's often been easier to send out for dinner than to take time to cook it (especially if nothing's out of the freezer.) Unfortunately, almost everything we got was fattening and now it's time to backtrack a little. Two of the news staff in the Free Press office have similar problems, and we now have a signed wager taped to the wall that whoever loses the most pounds in three months will collect \$10. from each of the losers.

Wouldn't you know that was the day I had a raspberry cream pie in the frig, setting! Anyhow, my shopping list needs a little more care from now on, so I'd better get with it or it'll be back to the old pizza or chow mein tonight.

## Christmas in January

Christmas dinner in mid-January? Yes—for the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. The men cooked and served a roast beef dinner for 55 auxiliary members Saturday night. They have been holding their Christmas meeting in January, after the rush.

The ladies even had a gift exchange. Husbands joined them for the regular Saturday night dance after.

## Good ice

Good skating has returned to the three new outdoor rinks. There are frequent floods to keep the ice in good shape. Some school children arrive by bus for skating sessions on the outdoor ice.

## Little late

Christmas cards, mailed several days before the holiday, are still arriving. One came to the Free Press on Thursday, Jan. 9 which was mailed Dec. 20.



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