

# Stray dogs annoying shower, church report

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr. The Annual meeting of the W. I. met on Wednesday afternoon. It was a dinner meeting and we all enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Mrs. Tom Given. A long table with snowy white damask cloth and gay china made the tasty casseroles etc. look very inviting and members and guests enjoyed the happy fellowship.

The regular annual meeting followed with minutes of last annual meeting given by Winnifred Smith as well as the financial report and reports of the various committees.

Then Grace McEnery took the chair to install the officers for 1976-77. Mrs. Margaret Jamieson accepted the office of president with Mrs. Ada Kirkwood as vice-president. Mrs. W. Smith still keep secretary's office. I will fill in the remaining officers at a later date.

Again we feel our Institute is picking up with new members joining and renewed interest in our activities. The Executive meets one Monday to plan the new programs.

Shower  
A pleasant shower at the

home of Mrs. Winnifred Roszel took place on Friday night. Relatives and friends met to honor Mrs. Weldon Simpson, the former Margaret Roszel whose marriage took place recently. Margaret has sold her house and she and her husband will be living in Sudbury.

Our best wishes go to them. Margaret is a direct descendant of the pioneer Roszels who settled here in Ballinafad in 1821.

Palm Sunday  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed on Sunday—Palm Sunday. The lovely Junior choir under Mrs. Jessop's direction sang a fitting anthem—so many little ones in the front row and bigger ones in the back row filling all the seats made a touching addition to the service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Duff, Mrs. Ruth Shortill joined by transfer and Miss Lillian Shortill by profession of faith. Nancy Shortill and Kathryn Bailey were the two new elders who help form the session.

Mrs. Eileen McEnery's music enhanced the service. There will be a Good Friday

service at 11:30 a.m. Auction  
Again before our church service was out we see cars lined up at the hall for another Sunday auction.

Miss Karen Shortill, a curling enthusiastic, won an I.G.A. trophy, recently. Watching W-5 on Sunday night one could not but agree with the nasty danger of dogs running loose. Here, when ever you look you see two or three dogs running loose.

A citizen on the ninth line happened to hear a commotion on the road near his place. Two dogs were viciously attacking something and would you believe it!! It was a little child being badly mauled. Only for his heavy winter clothing and for Mr. Wright's intervention the child would have been killed—as it was he was badly hurt—NOW—why will people let dogs run??? Why do we have so many dogs?

Another neighbour had noticed a stray dog around his yard for a few days. He investigated and along his back fence a mother dog had a litter of seven puppies—all dead but one, another stray dog.



TRUCKING THE MUCK. Even though manure should be spread on the fields during the fall and winter months, many local farmers are taking advantage of the spring weather to get that last bit of liquid gold on the plough. Here, Mack Barr and Pete Miles get out on the fields, starting the season with enthusiasm.

It's good to get outside and work in the garden these days. Just seeing how many of the shrubs made it through the winter is a tonic. I've made great lists of trees and shrubs to purchase this year, along with some fruit trees and berry bushes. By the time I actually buy them the list will have been whittled down to a quarter of its size. The April baby bonus is usually earmarked for these annual purchases. The children are then assigned the new plants to care for, weed and water—all in the nature of education, of course. Unfortunately, they don't appreciate this as much as they should and feel their bonus should go for such worthwhile purchases as skipping ropes and soccer balls.

As if the farmers life isn't busy enough at this time of year, he also has to cope with breeding season. The animals can be counted upon to let the farmer know when this starts—boy, do they let him know!

Our chickens were the first to let us know or, at least, the rooster told us—quite loudly. Several of our neighbours have been inquiring if we have a rooster now.

The following question seems to be timely.

Question: At what age can a filly be bred, how long is the period of pregnancy, and when is the best time?

Answer: A filly reaches puberty at 10-12 months but should not be bred until she reaches three years old. Earlier breeding sometimes stunts her growth and weakens her condition. It doesn't do the foal any good either.

The gestation period for horses is approximately 11 months. There is slight variation in breeds. For instance, a Morgan or Arab foal is often born a week or two early while a Thoroughbred foal sometimes keeps his owner waiting. Donkeys, for some strange reason, take a full year to ready themselves for birth—it must be the extra intelligence.

The best time to breed a mare is in the springtime, best for the mare, best for the foal, and usually best for the owner. Nature originally planned a foal's birth to coincide with the first high protein spring grass, insuring excellent nutrition for mare and foal.

# Mr., Mrs. Robt. Ellis visit Barbados on trip

by Doris Fines  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis enjoyed good weather on their holiday to Barbados. They spent a week there, touring the island, and saw Welchman Hall Gully where there are 180 varieties of plants and trees, and the Andromeda Gardens which were started in 1954. The land there has been in the same family for 200 years, and thousands of plants from all over the world are grown. They also saw the Animal Flower Caves in the cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

They flew to St. Lucia for their second week, where the banana plantations are, and watched bananas being packed for shipping to England. They saw the cocoa beans which grow in a huge pod, about 20 beans in a pod. Nutmeg trees are also grown. The nutmeg is ripe when the outside shell cracks. Inside that is a red substance which is mace, then the little nut is in the centre. They saw the sulphur springs bubbling and boiling at Soufriere, which is in an extinct volcano.

Persons  
Mrs. Gerhardt Huttinger, August and Enid, of Toronto, visited on Monday with Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris. Gordon Aitken had the misfortune to break some ribs while cutting wood in the bush. While being quite painful at present, we hope they are soon on the mend.

Demonstration  
A demonstration on applique was given at Ospringle 1 Embroiderama's meeting, by Mrs. Edward Smith, the leader. The meeting was at Bonnie Lang's home with 5 members present. The 4-H Pledge was repeated, and Janet vander Meide read the minutes of the previous meeting. Different designs were shown by Mrs. Smith, and the girls were to decide on one for their free-choice article. Refreshments were served at the close.

Ospringle 3 Stitch Witches also had five members present at their seventh meeting. It was at Susan Milne's home. All members were working on their notes and free-choice article. They discussed what they would do

for Achievement Day, and all the girls are trying very hard to finish their two projects by then. The meeting was finished off with donuts and milk by the warm fire.

Ladies' Aid  
Easter was the theme of the Ladies' Aid April meeting held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Aitken. There were nine present to answer the roll call, An Easter Verse. The Devotional was by Mrs. Vernon Stewart, and she read an article on Blood of the Gift of Life, telling of the glory of Easter, the promise of hope, and the Resurrection. The hymn Master Let Me Walk

With Thee, was sung, and Mrs. Ralph Sinclair read the scripture from Mark, Chapter 14, about The Last Supper.

Plans were discussed for their beef supper, to be held April 24. Mrs. Byron Bruce favoured with a solo, There Is A Green Hill Far Away, accompanied by Mrs. Aitken on the organ. An Easter word contest was conducted by Mrs. Ward Bruce, which was won by Mrs. George Lang. The meeting closed with prayer.

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## Free Press District Page

### Limehouse

# Turkey vultures seen shower, W.M.S. news

by Mrs. A. Benton

Last year I believe the Credit Valley Conservation Authority reported a count of 13 turkey vultures in this region. A local resident who saw them several times last year, saw them for the first time this year two weeks ago, and several times since.

Showers  
About 35 friends of Mrs. Fiebe Vandermere and her sister Mrs. Henry Hesselink enjoyed an evening on Thursday when they honored them at baby showers at the home of Mrs. Ron Thomson. After Mary and Jackie opened their many parcels, Mrs. Thomson assisted by Mrs. Cliff McDonald, Mrs. Visschedyk, and Mrs. Treffinger served a tasty and abundant lunch, including an appropriately decorated cake.

W.M.S.  
The W.M.S. held their

spring Thankoffering meeting at the church on Sunday evening. Mrs. Roughley chaired the meeting and shared organ duties with Mrs. Bert Benton. The choir sang a lovely Easter anthem, and led in hymns. Mrs. Sanford read scripture and Mrs. W. Kirkwood led in prayer. Mrs. Knechtel showed her beautiful pictures, "The World Around Us." The vivid colors and detail kept rapt attention throughout, and we were sorry when they were finished. She was introduced by Mrs. Roughley and thanked by Mrs. A. W. Benton. All enjoyed a social time with lunch downstairs afterwards.

Gifts  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown, a bride and groom of the past winter, were honored guests at a shower in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Seated be-

neath a decorated arch they received their gifts and John expressed their thanks. Mrs. George Morrison won ladies' high score for euchre in a draw with Mrs. George Burt and Mr. Glen Scott was high scorer for the men. Conventurers Mrs. Jack Lawson and Mrs. Bert Benton served a very plentiful lunch. For They Are Jolly Good Fellows was sung for John and Julie, and Happy Birthday for his cousin Judy Brown.

Sympathy  
We extend sympathy to Mr. Colin McColl whose wife passed away last week. Mr. McColl was custodian here at the school for several years and was respected by many people.

Saturday was a busy day in Limehouse Memorial Hall. The Local Association and Group Committee held a very successful bake sale and sale of crafts. At the same time the W.I. were serving afternoon tea, and held their draw on their prize winning quilt, receiving a good boost for finances.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick drew the winning ticket in favor of Mrs. F. T. C. Brown.

Preaches  
Miss Donna Hiseborough of this spring's graduating class at Knox College preached at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

# Churchill Norman Turner enjoyed Mexico

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur  
Church service and Sunday school at Churchill Community church is very well attended each Sunday to hear our pastor Rev. McFadden's weekly message. The choir rendered a selection on Palm Sunday, Hosanna, Hosanna.

Norman Turner returned home last Friday, from his winter vacation in Mexico. Most of the time was spent on the west coast, Mazatlan, where he enjoyed swimming, fishing, boating, and diving. Mrs. Turner flew down for part of the month of February. In spite of the fact that inflation is even worse than here, the Mexican people are happy and friendly and their country is still a wonderful holiday spot.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Green of Toronto were guests over part of the week at her brother's home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur. Mr.

and Mrs. Barry MacArthur of Hillsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Ron MacArthur and wee Michael of Acton also visited the same home, making the week one to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson attended Mr. and Mrs. James Leitch's 50th wedding anniversary held in Erin United Church hall on Sunday, April 11. Many friends, neighbours and relatives called to wish them well on this memorable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr and children, Jeffrey and Christine visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Corfield and children in Belleville on the weekend. They also called to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Knox for a short visit while down that way.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lightle and children attended the Maple Festival held at Elmira on Saturday.

### Ebenezer

# Elders inducted

By Mrs. Ron McLean

Holy Communion was observed on Palm Sunday. Three new elders were inducted, Delys Joss, Eli Daigle and Ian Ferguson. Rev. R. Finley's topic was "Lowly Triumph" and the junior choir sang.

19 ladies answered the roll call with a word containing the word, "faith" at the April U.C.W. meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Don Joss. Mrs. Jim Allsop gave an interesting talk on the eve of Holy Week leading up to Good Friday. Mrs. Earl Ward assisted.

Birthdays to Mrs. Art Diamond and Mrs. Horace Blyth.

### Open arena

Fergus council has rescinded a by-law closing the Fergus arena. The Ministry of Labour has decided that Fergus will be allowed to keep the arena open in the summer months, when there is no weight of snow.

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