

# Discuss trips, hoist

by Mrs. Emily Price  
We had our first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 25 at the fire hall. In spite of the weather and all the illness among our members, it was a successful one. Several trips and activities were discussed, but were referred to future meetings, when, hopefully, all our members and new ones will have an opportunity to know more about them.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the fire hall. It will be in the form of a Valentine Party and we are hoping for a good turnout, and a bigger membership this year, as we need interested people in our organization. What a wonderful feeling you get when you know the help you can give can be instrumental in helping so many. There will be a door prize at all meetings and several other surprises are in store, according to the Social Committee. Come out and enjoy yourselves with us and help us to plan our future meetings.

Travel on tours is being made much easier, now that Handi-Tours is here from Callidine and Baldry Ltd. in Toronto. This is good news for the handicapped who find travelling difficult. Brochures on different tours are being made up, and will be sent out to anyone or handicapped groups on request. One brochure has been sent out on Hawaii in April, so this is another step in the right direction. A registered nurse as well as hostess go on all tours, and accessibility to hotels, restaurants and sight-seeing is all arranged.

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SEVEN GIRLS were enrolled as Guides in the First Acton Guide Company at the scout hall last Wednesday. Captain Helen Rowe hears Monika Schumeth say her promise, as the other new Guides listen attentively - Yvonne Dunnet, Sarah Homer, Denise Coleman, Susan McDonald, Elke Haugan and Rosemarie Disano.

### Budget increase

## Trinity congregation has annual meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of Trinity United Church was held immediately after the morning service Sunday, and a pot luck meal followed. The children were entertained in the Y and the church basement by the girls of the C.G.I.T. while the adults held elections and approved reports.

A new proposal to reduce the number of people on the unified board was approved. There were 33 people on the board last year; there will now be 24.

The unified board is comprised of the former stewards and session members. Elected to fill the eight seats vacant this year were Lois Henderson, Bud Hill, Gail Lidka, Earl Steckley, Terry Waterhouse, Velma West, Doug Wood and Dorothy Simmons.

Treasurer David Sale presented the budget, considerably higher than last year's. After increasing the amount for utilities, it was unanimously accepted. Repairs to the chimney for this year is the raising of the bell tower so the carillon may be more clearly heard.

New committee  
A stewardship committee was formed to find ways of implementing the increased budget for the coming year. On the new committee are Eldon Comfort, Ross Knechtel, Earl Steckley, Doug Wood, Rhoda Shoemaker and Edna Nellis. Mr. Knechtel reported that some kind of campaign is probable in the fall. New members joining the congregation are also anticipated by the committee as the town grows.

George Bowman and Clarence Rogvaldson were again appointed auditors.

Reports  
Reports were given by representatives of the United Church Women, C.G.I.T., Trinity Activity Group, Explorers and the choir.

A long-range planning committee also reported, by way of the booklet of mimeographed reports distributed to those attending.

This committee said that if current trends continue and the majority of incoming families are young, the church should expect an increase of approximately one-third. They investigated changes in the basement and other town facilities which could be required eventually for accommodation. The church is presently between 60 and 70 per cent occupied on Sunday mornings. Other facilities would be required for gatherings of a social nature.

The minister the Rev. Chuck Beaton was chairman of the meeting and Ethel Denny secretary. At the conclusion, chairman of the board Bob Hart and Josephine Force expressed thanks, especially to the minister and his family.

## Plan book donations in A.K. Mann's memory

L'Arche Auxiliary first meeting of 1977 was held at the home of Mrs. Julie Conroy.

Plans for the March dance are in full swing and tickets will soon be available. Members trust there will be the usual enthusiasm shown and promise another enjoyable evening.

Preparations are already underway for the annual Flowers of Hope Campaign in May. They invite anyone interested in helping to call Gayle Ferguson at 853-0995.

## Sweet tooth? Try this on sweetheart



For your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, a batch of delicious homemade fudge. It has that special touch of thoughtfulness because you have made it yourself.

Blonde Fudge  
3 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup 10 per cent cream  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup corn syrup  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts (Combine sugar, salt, cream, milk, corn syrup and

butter in heavy 3-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until temperature reaches 238 degrees F. or until a small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water forms a soft ball which flattens on removal from water. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla, without stirring until temperature reaches lukewarm (110 degrees F.). Then beat until fudge begins to thicken and loses its gloss. Fold in nuts. Immediately spread into an 8 x 8 x 2 inch pan sprayed with Mazola No Stick. Cool. Cut into squares when cold. Makes about 1 1/2 pounds.

Note: This is an unusually creamy fudge.  
Chocolate Fudge: Follow recipe for Blonde Fudge, adding 2 squares (2 ounces) unsweetened chocolate to ingredients in saucepan before starting to cook.

### Free Press Personals

Families from as far away as Vancouver, British Columbia and as close as Hockwood and Georgetown made Acton their new home, in December and January according to Mr. Neighbour Welcome Service hostess Marlene Steckley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray and daughter Alex made the big trip from the west coast to settle here, Mrs. Steckley reports. From Mississauga come Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Kysely and family Cindy and Lesley. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Waskala and family Carol Ann, John and Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Foletti and Melissa. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howsam and son Matthew, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson and daughters Debbie, Wendy and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Paulin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gillingham have all moved to Acton from Toronto.

From Toronto suburbs come Mr. and Mrs. Andy Haladyn and son Jason from Downsview, Mr. and Mrs.

### Plan VON's annual meet

VON Halton Branch board of management's final meeting for 1976 was held Jan. 19.

Mrs. Margaret Macleod, District Director, reported the year's statistics on VON nursing visits. The total number of home visits for 1976 in the Halton region was 21,807.

Mrs. Florence Anderson, vice-president, stated that the annual meeting of VON Halton Branch will be Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. at King's Court Banquet Centre, 1159 King Road, Burlington.

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## Ladies' division gets ready for fall fair

Plans and lists for advance prize books were finalized at the annual meeting of the ladies' division of Acton Agricultural Society. Thirteen members answered roll call at the meeting held in the board room of Acton library in January.

Secretary-treasurer Linda Hignett read a thank you card from Mrs. Sandra Witherley, Milton, for the lovely conister set presented to her at the Christmas pot luck supper. She received the gift as high over-all winner in the home-crafts division of the fall fair.

President Mrs. Irene Swackhamer agreed to contact persons and organizations regarding the sponsoring of specials in the new prize books. She also agreed to inform the men's division that the advance list was finalized and ready to be sent for printing.

Elections  
Elections for the new slate of officers for 1977 were conducted by Evelyn Aitken. Officers included president

Gordon Dennis from Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sweeney and daughters, Honor and Suzanne from Scarborough.

Other newcomers in town are Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell and twins Kenny and David from Hockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kelly and daughter Jennifer from Campbellville, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Jago and family Tia and Parris from Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Swin from Georgetown.

Acton friends are very happy to learn that two-year old Becky Staples is recovering very well after open-heart surgery in the Sick Children's hospital. Becky is the daughter of Ann (Watson) and Dick Staples of Ingersoll, the granddaughter of Tom and Rene Watson, Burbank Dr., and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Isabel Watson, Mill St. After the six-hour operation, tiny Becky was in intensive care for four days. Doctors have every hope of her complete recovery to normal health.

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## At St. Joseph's Plan church anniversary

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