



CELEBRATING HER 90TH birthday, Mabel Ramshaw entertained more than 30 guests during the week, many of whom brought flowers and cards. Mrs. Ramshaw is a lifelong resident of the area, and now lives with her cousin in Campbellville.

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A lifelong resident of Nassageweya, Mabel Ramshaw celebrated her 90th birthday last Wednesday at her cousin's house in Campbellville.

Mrs. Ramshaw was born on a farm and spent most of her life farming. The stone farmhouse where she lived with her husband Cameron still stands.

Looking back on her 90 years, Mrs. Ramshaw could remember a lot of changes. When she was young, the big event of the year was the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. The local families would go every year just for a day, and "try to go through as many buildings as possible," she said.

Life on the farm was always busy she remembers, with the women working inside and the men out in the fields. Her chores included the washing and cooking, but she also helped with the livestock, and milking the cows. Farms in those days were mostly "mixed" with a little bit of everything.

Gift Cupboard draw winner

Mrs. R. Gooding of Acton was the lucky winner of a bath soap group in a draw held Saturday at the Gift Cupboard boutique on Mill St.

The draw was part of a successful open house day at the store. The open house was held to allow shoppers to preview newly-arrived spring merchandise. The Gift Cupboard opened its doors for business six months ago.

Alert group plans sale

The February meeting of the Knox "Alert" Evening Group was held in the Mary Ellen Anderson Room with the president, Nellie Merkley giving the call to worship "Do Little Things", with the suggestion that each one "do little things".

Lil McLennan read the scripture 1 John 4, followed by prayer by Vera Inglis.

From A Man Called Peter by Catherin Marshall, Lil McLennan read Letters in the Psalms, and Vera Inglis read Love is Blind by Rev. R. D. Duncanson, How Small the Cost.

Hymns Best Be the Tie That Binds, More Love to Thee and Work for the Night is Coming were sung.

After the business dealing with the coming bake sale on March 18, and other matters, a delicious lunch of biscuits and jam and marmalade with a cup of tea closed the meeting.



How's this for a quaint poem, especially when read in a broad Sussex dialect.

The Battery Hen by Pam Ayres

Oh, I am a battery hen,
On me back there's not a germ,
I never scratched a farmyard,
And I never pecked a worm,
I never had the sunshine,
To warm me feathers through,
Eggs I lay, every day,
For the likes of you.

When you has them scrambled,
Piled up on your plate,
It's me what you should thank for that,
I never lays them late,
I always lays them reg'lar,
I always lays them right,
I never lays them brown,
I always lays them white.

But it's no life, for a battery hen,
In me box I'm sat,
A funnel stuck out from the side
Me pellets comes down that,
I gets a squirt of water,
Every half a day,
Watchin' with me beady eye,
Me eggs roll away.

I lays them in the funnel,
Strategically placed,
So that I don't kick 'em
And let them go to waste,
They rolls off down the tubing
'And up the gangway quick,
Sometimes I gets to thinkin'
"That could have been a chick"

I might have been a farmyard hen,
Scratchin' in the sun,
There might have been a crowd of chicks,
After me to run,
There might have been a cockerel fine
To pay us his respects,
Instead of sitting here
Till someone comes and wrings our necks.

I see the Time and Motion clock,
Is saying nearly noon
I spec' me squirt of water,
Wilt come flyin' at me soon,
And then me spray of pellets,
Will nearly break me leg,
And I'll bite the wire nettin'
And lay one more bloody egg.

Chapter gets new members

The March meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held March 1 in the Legion Auditorium with 24 members attending. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all and after the general meeting, a lively euchre game took place with the winners receiving prizes to honour their scores.

The Chapter welcomed four new members this month, Gladys Davidson, Margaret Capperault, Margaret Hammond and Janet Goy. A

date was set to hold a tea in honor of the Queen's Silver Jubilee year.

Also a committee has been formed to organize a dinner to be held in the fall celebrating the Lakeside Chapter's 60th year.

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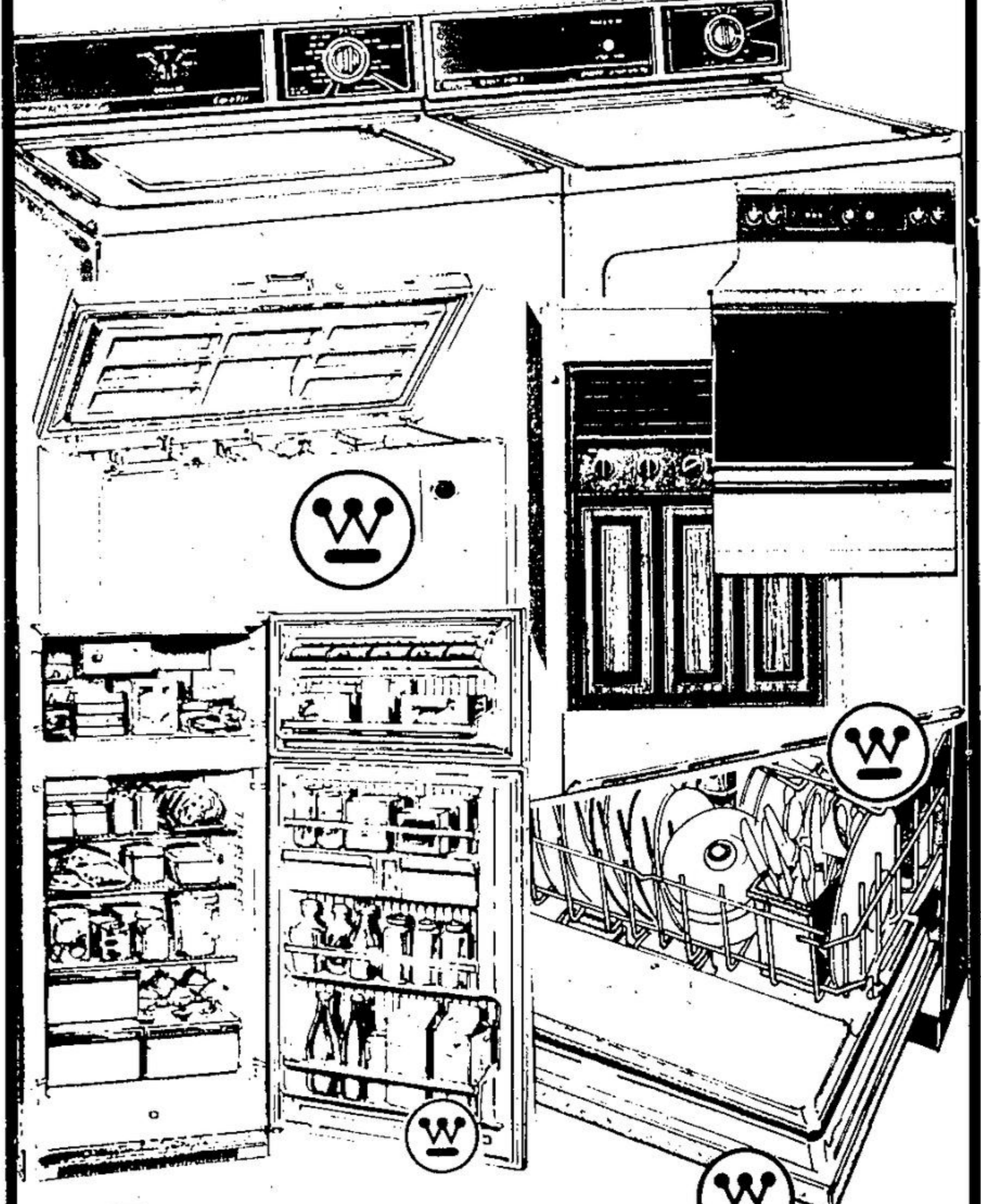
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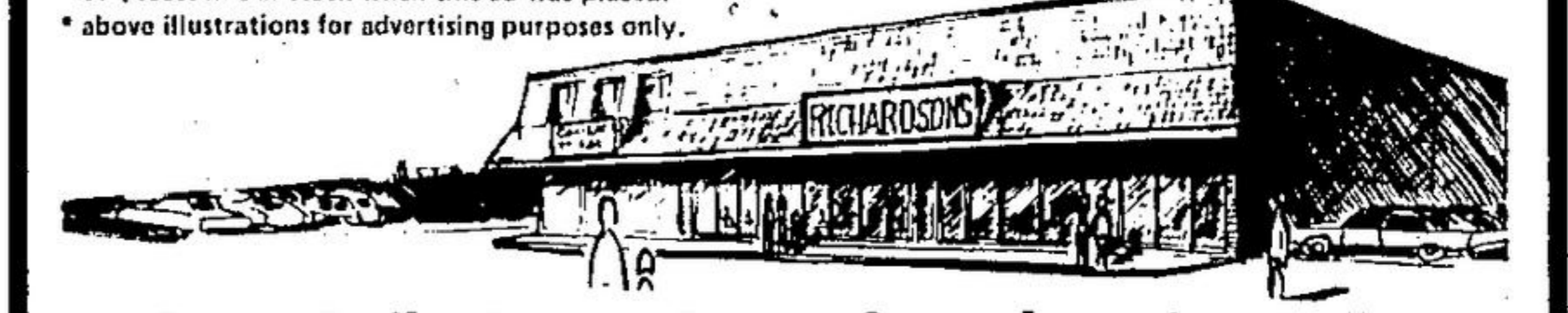
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