

Limehouse

# Prepare meeting Jubilee theme

by Mrs. A. Benton  
The Women's Institute annual meeting was held in Limehouse Memorial Hall beginning with a bountiful pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday.

The meeting for 12 opened with the Ode and Collect. Vice-president Mrs. Anderson presided in President Mrs. Booth's absence. Reports were heard from officers and convenors.

The District Director Mrs. F. T. C. Brown reported the recent meeting in Milton when the district annual on May 17 was discussed. It will be held in Knox Church, Georgetown with the theme, "Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee," with role call being one minute in length. "An interesting event during her reign," Limehouse and Ballinfad will be joint hostesses. There will be two competitions, seven raffle jars (no nuts) and seven plain tea biscuits.

**Use native fruits.**  
We are asked to promote the use of native fruits, not imported, and study pages 66 and 67 in our handbook. 4-H leader Mrs. Anderson reported 11 girls completing two projects and extended an invitation to Achievement Day on April 30.

Mrs. Ellerby, one of our life members presided for the election of officers.

Past president, Mrs. F. T. C. Brown, President, Mrs. G. Booth, first vice president, Mrs. T. N. Anderson, second vice president, Mrs. F. Hannah, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Benton, alternate, Mrs. Foughtley, district director, Mrs. F. T. C. Brown, alternate, Mrs. Anderson, branch director, Mrs. W. Kirkwood, auditors, Mrs. Milleham and Mrs. Moulden.

Convenors chosen were: Agr. and Can. Ind., Mrs. G. Davies; Citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. Anderson; Education and Cult. Act., Mrs. Devereaux; resolutions, Mrs. F. T. C. Brown; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Booth; curator and history, Mrs. A. W. Benton; flower and fruit, Mrs. Anderson; delegates to district annual, Mesdames Booth, Brown, Anderson and an alternate Hannah or Benton.

A resolution from Nassagaweya was turned down unless much changed in meaning. Painting of the hall was to be considered.

The ladies promised to do another quilt. They sang O Canada in closing.

One of the Youth Groups will again be collecting our newspapers and bottles and glass. Remember their auction sale on April 23 as mentioned last week.

**Cubs**

By Mrs. K. Hannah  
The Cubs are pleased to report they had 6 boys attend the Resources Day held in Georgetown for all second year Cubs in the District. This year they learned about stamp collecting, coin collecting, science experiments, silk screen printing, fly tying and fishing and leather work. There was a draw for a set of leather coasters which Tim Ruggie from Limehouse won.

The boys have been very busy earning badges: John Vadeika, skier and blue star; Eddie Galliford, blue star; Gerry Clarke, toymaker; Christian Book, red star; Byron Cannon, swimmer, team player, collector, personal fitness, religion in life and reader; Tom Ruggie.

## Erin ends Founders Day

Apathy spelled the end to Erin's Founders Day, if the results of a public meeting are taken as final.

The Recreation Board, the host organization for Founders Day, decided to call the annual event off because of a lack of interest in a recent meeting.

No one from the public attended the meeting. Founders day has run for three years.

## Yellow bike

A yellow Simpson Sears 10-speed racing bicycle was reported removed from Acton High School. The bike has a black seat, no fenders and the kick stand is broken.

artist and team player; Greg Hiscock, collector; Craig Armstrong, carpenter; Stephen Ruggie house orderly, collector; Tim Ruggie, collector, team player.

Next week the Cubs and Scouts will be out asking for pledges in their annual Trees for Canada campaign. Trees this year will be planted at Waterfalls Park and Duff's Aggregates. If any of these boys come to your door, please welcome them with a generous pledge.

The Group Committee is forging right ahead with plans for their auction sale later this month. If you haven't been contacted and have something you could donate, please call 877-9810, 877-8776 or 877-8071.



CAVE IN THE new University of Waterloo Rockwood nature area invites courageous hikers inside. The cave and an additional 17 acres of land have been given to the University of Waterloo by Domtar Limited for teaching and research purposes.

# 17 scenic acres given to university by Domtar

The University of Waterloo has acquired an additional 17 acres of real estate, a beautiful stretch of woods and rock along both sides of the Eramosa River just south of highway No. 7, at Rockwood.

The land has been given to the university by Domtar Limited for teaching and research purposes. It will also be preserved as a wilderness area, for recreational use by the general public.

"It is a very interesting piece of land," says Prof. A. G. McLellan, of Waterloo's department of geography. He has been involved in negotiations with Domtar and with the Rockwood town council for the past couple of years. "It's not very large, but there is great variety in it, and some extremely interesting geological features," he reports.

**Artifacts**  
There are 75-foot high rock cliffs with vertical drops, sharp ridges of rock with small deep-set pockets and numerous caves. There are ducks on the river, a beaver pond, deer, porcupine and other animals. There is a possibility that it contains Indian artifacts; nearby sites indicate prehistoric man lived in the area between 4,000 and 6,000 years after the last ice age.

Dr. McLellan feels it should prove an excellent place, not only for university students to do field studies, but also for high school and senior public

school students. He also believes it may prove suitable for advanced research in a number of areas including archaeology, paleontology, hydrology, ecology, limnology, forestry, botany and ornithology.

One of his graduate students, Peter Kershaw, has written an extensive report on the area and its possible uses and in the process looked up a good deal of its history.

**History**  
It is known that before the coming of Europeans a tribe of Indians, the Attiwandarons, lived there. A neutral people, living between the Hurons to the north and the Iroquois to the south, the Attiwandarons were almost completely wiped out during the 1649-51 period by the Iroquois. The area was thus uninhabited at the time it was settled by Europeans, mostly Irish and Scottish.

A large amount of data has been collected but a great deal still needs to be done. It is thought that some of the Attiwandarons may have taken refuge in the 10 caves on the property at the time of the Iroquois wars and artifacts may be there yet, waiting to be discovered. In 1819 the property was first deeded to a man named Henry Sirange and in the middle part of the century Sir William Logan wrote of "Strange's quarry" at Rockwood.

Sir William was a pioneer geologist and founder of the

Geological Survey of Canada. Subsequently, the site was owned by E. Harvey Limited, of Guelph. (A photo is available, taken in 1904, of "Harvey's quarry"). After 1925 the company sold it to Gypsum, Lime and Alabastine Limited and Domtar acquired the quarry in 1959.

**Displays**  
No quarrying has been done there for many years, probably partly because of the low quality of the stone—though there are also records of public opposition to the quarry operation, on the grounds that it was destructive to the beauty of the site. The old, stone quarry office is still on the site; Dr. McLellan feels it could be renovated to house displays of fossils, stalactites from the caves, samples of stone, a table giving the history of the property, pamphlets which could be used as trail guides by visitors, and pictures of birds and animals that are to be found there.

The university is anxious that the property remain much as it is. In fact, some preliminary studies indicate there hasn't been much change in the forested parts for 150 years.

There is an area that could be converted into a parking lot to handle up to 50 vehicles, and it is planned to develop nature trails which would take visitors to the most scenic spots.

Very fragile  
But it should be noted that much of the environment is very fragile (ferns and mosses) and would not stand continuous invasions by large crowds trampling at random through it.

Its attractiveness to researchers, stems, in part, from the rich variety of plants, animals, birds, fish and insects to be found there. Each of the deep-set pockets and potholes is expected to reveal a specialized "micro-environment" of its own. The study of fossils might also prove rewarding, leading to a more complete understanding of the geological history of this part of Ontario. Hydrologists might study the water in the Eramosa River in the beaver pond, and in the caves, to learn more about its flow through. Climbers might develop skills, working their way up the rock cliffs.

Other features of the property, of possible historic interest, include several foundations of homes of the "bosses" at a nearby woolen

Ospringle

# Many visitors for Easter

By Doris Fines  
Last week sure wasn't maple syrup weather with its snow and wind and freezing temperatures, but the sap was running good the week before. Our neighbors tapped some trees in their yard. The sap ran day and night while she boiled, until she called for mercy and I took over. I now have five jars of liquid gold in the basement. (at \$16. a gal.?)

It brings to memory the days when we owned a maple bush. My father had a vaporator, and every spring we all pitched in, gathering sap and putting wood on the fire to keep the sap boiling, sometimes staying up all night to keep ahead of it. Some of the syrup was then sold on the Guelph market. The year it went up to \$6, a gallon a woman was heard to

remark, "I wouldn't pay that price for it, why the sap runs out of the tree and the farmer just makes it himself." The poor farmers' time and labor wasn't worth much.

**Good time**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Woodward, Donnie, Gary and Dale Woodward and Steven Stewart returned to snow and cold weather after enjoying two weeks camping in tropical Florida. They went south as far as Sarasota, stopped at Daytona Beach and Disney World, and came home by Nashville, Tennessee. They report a real good trip and a nice time. They were accompanied by other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Smith had many visitors over the Easter Weekend: Bruce's parents Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Smith and Dale of Meaford,

and brothers Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith and Brigham of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith, Kevin and Darlene of Clinton, also an aunt Miss Marnie Rumsey of Toronto.

Dr. and Mrs. James Pettit and sons Robbie and Ricky of Ottawa spent a week at Easter with Mrs. Pettit's parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes and other friends. The Howes also entertained the other members of the family during that time.

**Easter service**  
At the Easter service in Knox Presbyterian Church special music was donated by Beth and Elaine Graham, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Graham of Coningsby. They sang "The Master Has Come" and "The Eastern Morn", accompanied by the organist Mrs. Max Schotsch.

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Submissions, in writing, will be received no later than noon April 27, 1977, addressed as follows:

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