

Special poem read to family

The following poem was read at the Greenock Women's Institute meeting to the Gregory family.

Our gathering here this evening
Will be happy, will be sad,
The year has gone by quickly
Since you made McCulloch's pad.

When first we heard the rumor
We thought perhaps a whim
That there'd be exchange neighbors
For our Eleanor and Jim.

The weather has been tricky,
Really not our usual kind,
We sincerely hope that you have made
Some friends to leave behind.

Australia seems intriguing
With Coral Reef and all.
When we are heading for our spring
You're heading for your fall.

We Canadians here, are quite proud
You chose to visit us.
Your Greenock neighbours and your friends
Wish to make a little fuss.

A little birdie told us
From your travels all around
A patch work quilt would do the trick
A token quite profound.

We hunted out our thimbles,
Our needles and our thread.

We searched among printed patches
And then we scratched our heads.

How could we create a quilt
Of appropriate Canadian design?
After many deliberations,
The maple leaf seemed quite fine.

Nancy had the pattern;
Margaret spurred us on quite well.
It was a great big secret
That none of us could tell.

November saw us quilting
As hard as we could try,
To get our handwork finished
Before the Gregorays fly.

The Greenock Women's Institute
Their quilting you can see
Trilliums and Maple Leaves
In Canadian forests be.

We hope you have a good trip home
To your island continent
From Ontario to New South Wales,
Bon Voyage to home and great Content!

To Judith, Bruce, Paul and Melissa
Best of luck, Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous new year

Signed by all the members of Greenock.



GOLDEN BAR receivers from the Second Brownie Pack were: front, Stephanie Lampkin, Nancy Norton, and Donna Ferguson; back row, Michelle Irving, Karen Little, Shannon Johnson, Diane Savard and Kelly Harrison. Absent are Kim Griggs and Susan Mellor.



SECOND ACTON BROWNIE PACK received several new members recently. Front row, Joanne Skeggs, Jennifer Coats, Shelley Donston and Jenny Crawford. Back row, Andrea Johnston, Lori McDonald, Wendy Colton, Wendy Norton, Ameer O'Connor, and Helen Bird. Absent were Rondine Blinn, Angela Bridge, Leanne Butler, Cheryl Gence and Janet Steckley.

Quilt given from W. I. to visiting Australian

Mrs. Gordon Johnston was hostess for the December meeting of the Greenock Women's Institute. Everyone was soon caught up in the Christmas spirit with the singing of Carols among the festive decorations of the home.

Mrs. R. Sinclair, president, and Mrs. E. McGeragle, secretary-treasurer, were in charge of the program.

Mrs. Sinclair read the story of the Christmas Bells followed by little daughter Janet reciting I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.

The Nativity of Jesus was read from the Bible according to St. Luke by Mrs. K. Gates.

The minutes of the November meeting and financial report were read and approved.

Shut-ins of the vicinity were remembered by the card, flowers and fruit committee Mrs. C. Allan, Mrs. G. Wallace and Mrs. J. Veerman.

The Jan. 10 regular meeting will start at 1 p.m. and the first class for the second quilting course will be Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Mrs. J. Addison's home.

Mrs. Wallace gave a report from the fall District Directors of Wellington Centre. Expressing the wish for members to read and study the Blue Book and learn the duties of their convenership, also to familiarize themselves with the several levels of Women's Institute from member to branch to district to sub-division to area to provincial F.W.I.O. to Canada wide F.W.I.C. to world wide A.C.W.W.

Also members are encouraged to participate and enter in the cultural and craft competitions coming up promoted by Women's Institute.

More carols were sung and the roll call was "Give a helpful hint in preparation for Christmas answered by 21 members and four visitors.

Everyone was given a list of 10 scrambled words "Things a child would most likely be hoping to find under the tree."

A gift exchange was conducted by matching the other

half of a Christmas symbol with a partner who held a parcel to it. They had been asked to bring something home-made for a Christmas decoration. Many creative ideas were shown.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a hand-made quilt by the Greenock ladies to Mrs. Bruce Gregory. Miss Elva Pearen made the presentation and Mrs. A. Gates read a poem she had composed for this special event.

Mrs. Gregory was overjoyed to receive the quilt as she had admired many on their travels.

She in return favored with the familiar Australian song "Waltzing Matilda" and to the same tune in an additional verse invited all to visit Australia and their home.

On behalf of herself and her family she presented the branch with a beautiful coloured picture book of their homeland.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, mince meat tarts and ice cream was served by Mrs. J. Addison, Mrs. C. Allan and hostess Mrs. Johnston.

Mrs. A. Leslie was courtesy convenor thanking all those who had made the gathering a joyous occasion.

Sheridan Night classes start Jan. 2

Sheridan College will offer evening courses at Ernest C. Drury School starting Jan. 12 on a variety of interests, as part of a winter program of evening courses.

Courses will cover hobby interests as well as career and academic topics, including two credit courses in accounting.

Registration for any of the

Smoking clinic

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to "Quit Smoking" would you like a little help?

The Halton Lung Association has developed another Smoking Withdrawal Clinic in the Burlington area, at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital—just for you! This will take place during National Education Week on Smoking, which is being celebrated across Canada Jan. 23 to 27. All health agencies in this area are working together, as one, to promote public awareness of the hazards of smoking.

16 classes will be held at Ernest C. Drury School, on a first come, first served basis on Thursday, Jan. 5 between 7 and 8.30 in the evening.

Subjects included are crocheting, knitting, yoga, psychology of the deaf child, consumer mathematics, first aid and several management development courses.

Other courses including automobile care, construction welding, sewer and watermain pipe laying and truck care are offered at the Milton campus of Sheridan College on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya. Basic grooming of harness horses will also be held at the Milton campus, with some of the sessions held at Mohawk Raceway.

Registration for the classes at Milton campus can be made in person during the day, Monday to Friday, and in the evenings, Monday to Thursday, effective Jan. 2.

Senior citizens 65 years or older may register in any Sheridan continuing education course upon payment of a \$5 registration fee.

Sheridan College is offering courses in applied arts, business administration, technology, English and media and visual and creative arts in their other campus locations in Oakville, Burlington, Mississauga, and Brampton. Further information on courses is available by contacting Sheridan College.

Two women students take heavy equipment course

A woman's place is in the home. Ha! Melanie Miya and Connie Bellamy might run over you with their front loaders for a comment like that.

Twenty-year-old Miya and 28-year-old Bellamy are the only females taking the Heavy Equipment Operator course at the Milton Campus of Sheridan College. They're out to prove they're just as good as any of the men.

What motivates a woman to jump up behind the wheel of an 18,000-pound Dodge tandem truck?

Bellamy, a former nursing assistant, is in it for the money. "With the unemployment situation as it is, this field still offers a good opportunity to get a job," she said.

"Working outdoors appeals to me," remarked Miya. "I've driven tractors before and I really like the working conditions."

There are drawbacks, though, to a career in the construction industry. Long hours, for one thing. "Your social life is shot until you get used to it," Miya chuckled.

Cold temperatures are another uncomfortable part of the job. Several times this month, the temperature at the Heavy Equipment School has hovered around a biting zero degrees Fahrenheit. At construction sites in northern Ontario, the temperatures can plunge to a bone-chilling 40 to 50 degrees below zero.

The two women have encountered no discrimina-

tion, however. On the first day of classes, Miya's classmates acted "like they'd never seen a woman before" but she said they have since come to accept her as a peer.

"Every so often, the guys make a comment about women's lib," said Bellamy, "but they don't really mean it."

Fellow student Chris Wood views the situation with an open mind. "I've got nothing

against a woman doing a man's job. Everybody helps each other out here. I don't try to help them any more because they are women."

The 12-week course trains students in the maintenance

and operation of graders, scrapers, loaders, bulldozers and backhoes.

"When I first came here, I only knew where the gas tank was, and that you had to put your machine in gear to make it go," recalled Bellamy. But both women claim they're having no difficulties keeping up with their male counterparts.

Their only worry is that they may have a harder time when it comes to getting a job.

"Employers assume a man can handle the equipment but a woman must prove that she can," said Miya.

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Bookkeeping for Small Business	Mon. Jan. 16	7:00-10:00	\$20	McGillivray
Bridge	Wed. Jan. 18	7:30-9:30	\$12	Coats
Brush Up Office & Typing Skills	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	Kroll
Cooking: Microwave (5 weeks)	Mon. Jan. 16	7:00-10:00	\$7	Matthews
Crocheting	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	McGeragle
Electricity for the Home Owner	Tues. Jan. 17	7:00-10:00	\$20	Rognvaldson
First Aid: St. John's Ambulance	Mon. Jan. 16	7:30-9:30	\$16.50	Bewer
Fitness & Recreation	Wed. Jan. 18	7:30-9:30	\$12	McArthur
Interior Design	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	Wilson
Landscaping	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	Schubert
Macrame	Wed. Jan. 18	7:30-9:30	\$12	Hamilton
Metrication (3 weeks)	Tues. Jan. 24	7:30-9:30	\$2	Staff
Painting: Oil & Water	Wed. Jan. 18	7:00-10:00	\$20	Goring
Palmerly	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	Mahatoo
Pottery	Tues. Jan. 17	7:00-10:00	\$22	Levy
Sewing: Basic	Mon. Jan. 16	7:00-10:00	\$20	Hannah
Sewing with Knit Fabrics	Wed. Jan. 18	7:00-10:00	\$20	Hannah
Theatre Arts for the Community	Wed. Jan. 18	7:00-10:00	\$20	Sansom
Typing: Beginners	Wed. Jan. 18	7:30-9:30	\$12	Kroll
Weaving: Off Loom	Mon. Jan. 16	7:00-10:00	\$20	Hamilton
Woodworking	Mon. Jan. 16	7:00-10:00	\$27	Swanson
Wooden Toy Making	Tues. Jan. 17	7:30-9:30	\$12	Williamson
Yoga: Beginners (Robert Little P-8)	Wed. Jan. 18	7:30-9:30	\$12	Bray
Yoga: Continuing (Robert Little P-8)	Thurs. Jan. 19	7:30-9:30	\$12	Bray

NOTE: Students are expected to provide their own materials where applicable e.g. Painting, Sewing, Wooden Toy Making, Electricity. Pottery students will buy their supplies directly from the instructor. In some cooking classes, students will be asked to pay a supply fee each class for food consumed.

NOTE: All classes are 8 weeks unless otherwise noted



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