

Annual meeting held on Sunday

By Winifred Smith
Would like to bring to the attention of local readers that each year near the end of January the residents are invited to the annual meeting of the Ballinafad Community Centre.

There will be a slate of officers elected at this meeting to be on the board for 1978. The board members will be responsible for the year's activities, as well as the maintenance and upkeep of the building. The annual meeting is also the time to ask questions and offer suggestions or criticisms.

To ensure that a variety of projects are developed for this year, a cross section of the community should be represented on the hall board. Fresh ideas and new faces in the community are always

welcome so let's see a large turnout for the annual meeting this Sunday, January 22, in the afternoon at 2 p.m.

Communion services were observed in church on Sunday. As part of this being the 100th anniversary the service was conducted the same way employed by the Methodist Church before Union and the old Communion set was used. Lunch was served in the basement after the service and the annual meeting was held in the afternoon.

Due to the stormy weather of last week the U.C.W. January meeting had to be postponed for a week.

The final meeting of the needlepoint class sponsored by the W.I. will be held in the community centre January 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Ask study on cost leaving Peel region

Mississauga councillors want a study on the cost of leaving regional government. They asked Peel region last week to have a staff study of how much regional government is costing Mississauga taxpayers, and how much it would cost for Mississauga to withdraw.

Peel region is re-constituting a review committee to try to resolve the differences threatening the stability of regional government there.

Peel region was formed January 1, 1974 and there have been regular arguments over representation, powers and finances.

Councillor Larry Taylor, who first made the proposal, said he would not trust figures prepared by the region on costs.

Caledon town council also decided last week that taxpayers there would be better

off without the region and it is costing them \$100,000 a year.

Region chairman Lou Parsons agreed to go to Queen's Park with Caledon municipal representatives since a study would have to have the approval of the Ontario government.

(A study on the effects of regional government on Acton was turned down recently by Ontario treasurer Darcy McKeough.)

Mississauga councillor Hazel McCallion says many people say the region is costing too much for too few benefits. She said if a study is done for Caledon, it should also be done for the other two municipalities, Brampton and Mississauga.

Region chairman Parsons said region critics are demoralizing region workers. He said most people seemed

Ospringle

9000-mile holiday for area residents

by Doris Pines
As a pleasant change from the regular routine, Ospringle Ladies Aid began their January meeting with dessert and tea, at the home of Mrs. George Lang, on Wednesday afternoon.

The roll call was answered by thoughts and resolutions for the New Year.

Mrs. Ralph Sinclair was in charge of the meeting, and began with thoughts on how to make each day different to keep away from boredom to try to do something different each day, like going for a walk, or go calling on a neighbour.

She read an article which portrayed Jesus as the centre of the human race, even though He built no earthly kingdom, and all time dates from His birth.

The study theme was taken from the book - Local Churches in God's Mission. After the scripture readings, which were taken from Luke 4, Acts 2, and 1 Peter, each member gave

their opinion on what was God's mission. These were: preaching the gospel and deliverance, healing the broken-hearted, teaching, fellowship and salvation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Grundy, George, Diana and Julie Ann, had a delightful motor trip to California. The three week tour of 9000 miles took them to San Francisco, Disney Land, Las Vegas, San Diego, and Mexico. They visited with George's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grundy at Livonia, Michigan, and his cousins Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grundy Jr. and family, Kim and Leslie, at Campbell, California. The temperature was summerlike, they said, but cool, an average of 72 degrees.

Sympathy is extended to the family of David Robertson of Acton, who passed away early Friday morning. Phyllis and Dave were residents of Ospringle for many years before retiring to Acton.

Grant to help Puslinch lake

The Grand River Conservation Authority will be provided with a \$28,000 Ontario grant to continue the development, management and further land acquisition of the Puslinch Lake Conservation Area.

The Authority purchased 300 acres of well-forested, rolling land in 1968, to conserve the area's natural resources, and provide public recreation. At present 225 acres of the area are production forest.

Within a 10-year management period, it is planned to thin out woodlots and plantations, carry out reforestation, stabilize lake bank erosion, construct boundary fences, provide artificial ponds and undertake a variety of forestry and wildlife censuses. It is also planned to purchase approximately 21 adjoining acres of lowland forest to conserve

wetland habitat.

Puslinch Lake Conservation Area is situated on the western and southern shores of Puslinch Lake in the southwest corner of Wellington County. Estimated total cost is \$56,000.

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INCREASING NUMBER of cross country skiers dot the countryside on pleasant winter weekends this year. The bright sunshine last weekend delighted the skiers who travelled quietly through field and woodland trails. Trees and bushes were sparkling with the recent snow.

Conservation area is popular place in winter

By B. Wynne
Village streets near the conservation area, are lined with cars every weekend, as hearty people unload their skis, skates and toboggans to enjoy their favourite winter sports, in the beauty of the Rockwood Conservation Area.

The gates to the park are not open and snowmobiling is prohibited. Street parking is

available.

Enthusiasts on cross country skis are able to choose their own trails from the openness of the fields, to the easy slopes down to the river, to the bush trails or they are able to thrill to the navigation of the steep Shake Hill.

The toboggan runs can be gentle or exhilarating—the

choice is yours!

Some skaters have cleared snow from the ice on the lake and the river. Bring your shovel so that you are ensured space for practicing skating skills or for that game of hockey.

It is a great place to get your outdoor exercise while enjoying the quiet winter beauty.

Postmaster is Iroquois Indian

Gilbert (Gil) King, a proud full-blooded Iroquois Indian, is the new postmaster at Georgetown post office. He replaces Bob Burgess who retired recently.

Mr. King was born on the St. Regis reserve in Quebec, but left at the age of 12, and has worked to educate and support himself ever since.

He put himself through McGill University studying art, where one of his professors was Arthur Lismer of the Group of Seven.

Deciding he had no great talent, he then paid his way through University of Waterloo, and graduated in Business Administration. He is also a member of the Canadian Industrial Management Association.

He says he thinks he is the first full-blooded North American Indian to serve as a postmaster. He says the postal service has been good to him, with fast advancement. He has worked for the postal department in London, Kitchener and at Gateway in Mississauga.

His main interest in life is working with brother Indians, particularly those addicted to alcohol. He says there are Indians from all over Canada in the Toronto area who need help.

In Kitchener he was instrumental in setting up depots for Indians who wanted to quit drinking. He said anti-abuse was given and counselling started, with the eventual aim of finding a job to give a sense of responsibility. He said there is research being carried out to find out why Indians can't drink socially, but usually become heavy drinkers.

Mr. King explained one study done in the U.S. claims their metabolism is different, causing the alcohol to stay in their systems longer. He admits he doesn't know if this is true. He said the Indian

worked, and have none of their own people to look up to?

Working in the postal department seems to go along with one of Mr. King's hobbies, that of stamp collecting. He is president of the Philatelic Association. He also jogs, plays tennis, hockey and squash.

The 35 year old postmaster is single and lives in Bramalea at present.

Acton postmaster Gord McKeown was acting postmaster in Georgetown until Mr. King's appointment.

felt there is no place for them in white society. "History has tended to label us," he commented. He added he does not smoke nor drink.

Asked how he managed to pull himself out of the rut of the reserve, he replied, "I guess by hard work and never being a child." He explained people decay eight per cent unemployment in Canada, but pointed out it is 72 to 75 per cent on the reservations.

How do you break a cycle like that, where generation after generation has never

HRPC stands pat on chmn.

Halton Regional Police Commission stood pat with its chairman and vice-chairman, and swore in one new member during its inaugural meeting last Thursday at Oakville.

William Hourigan was returned as chairman and Oakville Mayor Harry Bar-

rett stays on as vice-chairman.

David Coons, of Burlington, was sworn in by Judge Wm. Warrender as the commissioner replacing Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hills.

Hill was bumped off the board during a regional meeting last year.

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United Church group holds yearly lunch

By Mrs. Ron McLean
Ebenezer United Church Women held their annual potluck lunch in the Sunday School room.

Mrs. Kitching, the president, opened the meeting with a chapter on "Love".

Mrs. Bob Johns was the convener and gave an interesting talk on ways to beat the winter blues.

Mrs. Don Joss was the winner of a short contest.

Rev. B. Finley installed the officers for 1978, as follows: honorary president: Mrs. Finley; president: Mrs. Kitching; first vice-president: Mrs. Pat Chalmers; second

vice-president: Mrs. K. Moore; secretary and press reporter: Mrs. Ron McLean; treasurer: Mrs. K. Anderson; pianists: Mrs. Weideman and Mrs. Kitching; social convener: Mrs. Denis Clegg; convener of sales: Mrs. Anderson; good cheer: Mrs. J. Henry; supply secretary: Mrs. D. Early; citizenship: Mrs. B. Young; friendship and visiting: Mrs. Blyth; program chairman: Mrs. Joss; manse committee chairman: Mrs. Diamond; representative to Board of Stewards: Mrs. Blyth; Archivist, Mrs. Joss, U.C.W. member to Church Nominating Committee: Mrs. Diamond.

There were 17 ladies present, including two visitors, and also two children.

The roll call was answered with a verse containing the word "snow".

Mrs. Joss gave the treasurer's report in Mrs. Anderson's absence.

Mrs. Early gave the supply secretary's report.

Mrs. Weideman thanked the officers for their faithful service during 1977.



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Pellet boomerangs on Eden Mills 'hunter'

A Guelph OPP officer with a way with words came up with this yarn about an Eden Mills rabbit hunter.

shot gun which sprays pellets in a wide pattern. This could happen to you.

Community services officer G. M. Kidd, who writes up the weekly occurrences and accident reports for the detachment, mailed this gem to area papers. It is reproduced word for word. The incident occurred January 2.

Our hunter fired at one of these furry little critters, injuring a tree and wounding himself.

Investigation revealed that one of the shot gun pellets struck a tree and bounced back, striking the would-be hunter in the nose.

The pellet lodged in the soft skin below the hunter's right eye. No serious damage resulted from the mishap.

The rabbit was last seen leaving the area at an accelerated rate of speed.

The hunter's name was not revealed.

The officer's moral of the story: Do not hunt in a heavily wooded area with a



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