

Ballinafad

Long-time residents' deaths shock community

by Mrs. Walfred Smith
Mrs. Burnett, was the hostess for the postponed U.C.W. meeting. About 22 ladies answered the roll call by paying dues for the year.

The President Mrs. Willa Shortill welcomed all. She called on Mrs. Edith Volmar for the devotional. The financial statement was given by the treasurer Mrs. Mary Black. Most of the business of the meeting concerned events which were to take place this, the Centennial year of the church.

Many things were planned, the first being the family pancake supper to be held on Shrove Tuesday. Mrs. Pat Kerr was present and entertained by showing slides of the trip their family took last August. They spent some time in Florida and Disneyland, before going on to California. The pictures were most interesting especially those showing Mr. & Mrs. Tyler and family. Mrs. Tyler was the former Betty Kerr, sister-in-law of Pat. The couple was raised and educated in the Acton District, but now make their home in California. The comments given by Pat as she went along added much to the program.

The community was saddened on Tuesday of last week when they heard of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Snider, who has resided here for

many years. The Snider's sadness was doubled when the eldest son of Mr. Snider lost his wife on Wednesday of the same week. We extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

The theme for the sermon on Sunday at church service was "Visioning". Mr. Siles had the congregation take part in the service by having them think deeply on three questions relating to the Church and Visions. The questions were first "What was revealing to you regarding yourself?"

Second "The Church and Thirdly God." Just before the sermon commenced Mrs. Willa Shortill sang beautifully the solo "Be Thou My Vision." The baskets placed in front of the sanctuary were in memory of Mrs. Russell Snider.

January seems to be a popular month for birthdays among our residents. There are five that we know of who are all members of the Ballinafad W.I. who have January birthdays. One who deserves honorable mention is Mrs. Agnes McEnery who celebrated her 84th birthday on Jan. 17. Mrs. McEnery has been associated with W.I. for as long as she can remember as she used to attend meetings when she was a little girl with her mother.

Sunday afternoon was the date of what proved to be a

very enthusiastic meeting at the Community Centre. It was the Annual meeting to elect a new slate of officers for 1978.

John Loughnan called the meeting to order and introduced last year's board. The chairman then read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. He then asked for the treasurer's report.

A summary of the year's accomplishments was given regarding renovations. It was stated that the stairs had been carpeted, the basement ceiling finished and that storm windows had been purchased for the basement windows.

The meeting was then opened to the public for discussions. The topic revolved around the expansion of facilities. It was moved by Ivan Bird and seconded by Jean Bird that a separate building committee be set up and report to the new board.

The officers were then declared vacant and John conducted the election of officers for 1978 which is as follows: chairman, Ivan Bird; secretary, Linda Larsen; treasurer, Marlene Burnett; booking agent, Dan O'Connor; entertainment, Morley Shortill; public relations, Sandra Henderson; maintenance, Sid Spear.

Many of these people have worked on the hall board in previous years and bring with them the experience of com-

munity work. It is the hope that many of the past projects will be re-established and the monthly newsletter in circulation again. There will be a Valentine Dance in February and the "Sweetheart of Ballinafad" crowned at this dance.

A well-known and highly respected senior citizen passed away in the early hours of Sunday morning in the person of Roy Hindley at the age of 94.

Mr. Hindley was a popular auctioneer and conducted many sales here and the surrounding countryside for many years. Mrs. Jesse McEnery of the Sixth Line is a niece. We extend sympathy to the McEnery family on the loss of an uncle and all other relatives nearby.

Free Press District Page

Ospridge

Bad weather closes school at noon Fri.

by Doris Fines
Schools closed at noon on Friday in wake of the storm so buses could get the children home before drifting snow made roads and visibility bad.

They say nobody talks about the weather as much as we Canadians, but why should they? It isn't every country that has the variety we have. What's the point in saying "It's a nice day" when it's always nice, or "Hot today, isn't it," when it isn't ever anything else.

This has been an especially hard winter thus far for those people commuting to work down Hamilton way. They say they have never known

Hamilton to be so hard hit, with three storms on top of one another. Some commuters didn't make it home Friday night, arriving Saturday morning after the elements calmed down.

My driveway also feels the brunt. It gets cleaned down to ice-bottom just in time to drift in again deeper than before.

Well, if I have to stay home, I at least have my spectacles again. I was out to dinner one evening and the dog ate my glasses. He really did. He chewed up one lens. I laid them down and he grabbed them. I should be thankful he doesn't chew human beings. I fully expected he'd expire before the week was out, but I

hear he's as full of life as ever. I don't know what their stomachs are made of, but I have heard since of one of those big species eating a light bulb.

Mr. & Mrs. of Erin, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken on Tuesday. This was supposed to be a New Year's dinner that got delayed.

The Rev. ter Barrow of Georgetown, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church day morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berry of Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howes, Scott and Peter, of Grand Valley, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes on Sunday.

Ebenezer

Choir sings

by Mrs. Ron McLean
The junior choir sang "The King of Glory".

Rev. R. Finley's topic was "Dependently yours." In order to be one with a diversity of other people, there has to be a common source. "Love God and your neighbor" are united. We have a kind of standard. In

old Boston, an orchard was dying. When it was being cleaned up, the minister asked them to find out why one tree still bore fruit. They followed the roots under the wall of the churchyard, and tangled them round the grave of an old Puritan. We have to look for good qualities in those around us.

Tape deck is stolen

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Limehouse

Guide enrolment held at candlelight service

by Mrs. Art Benton
Sorry! Last column I mentioned the display at area W.I. Convention was by 4H, but it was by the W.I.

School attendance suffered again due to the snow storm. No buses came on Tuesday so five local children only were present in the morning.

The needlepoint class met on Jan. 11 to prepare for their summary day on Feb. 8 at Hillcrest Church.

Mrs. Ralph Turner has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, husband and family at Haney, B.C.

by Mrs. Geoff Denny
After several postponements the Guides candlelight enrolment ceremony was held Tuesday, Jan. 17. Girls enrolled are: Susan Brown, Rhonda Case, Lucie Duguay, Linda Thomson, Sylvia Mileham and Loana Ruggerio.

Linda Thomson told how Guiding started and Rhonda Case told a little about the Guide flag. The Guides then

served delicious refreshments to their parents.

January L.A. meeting was held at the home of Elaine Little on Wednesday One of the things discussed was the bottle drive for April 22. For information on pick-ups call: Joanne Clow at 877-7170, Marilyn Phillips at 877-4570, Marj Thomson at 853-1156, or May Campbell at 877-7588. Wine and cheese were served.

The next meeting will be at Marie Brown's in Limehouse.

by Mrs. Hannah
The Cubs are back in full swing since the Christmas holidays. They finished up December by making crafts under the guidance of Glenda Benton, attending the Georgetown Little Theater production of The Straw Princess and having a Christmas party.

The red six lost the least inspection points during the fall so were invited to Akela's house to go tobogganing and skiing, play games and have hot chocolate, sandwiches

and cookies. The following week all the boys with skis were invited to Akela's house. Two hours were spent skiing followed by lunch again. A hike planned for last Saturday had to be cancelled.

The boys are working hard on their stars and badges. Alan Scott has his team player and pet keeper; Craig Armstrong, skater, and toymaker; John Benton, musician; Tim Rock, artist; Roger Mullins, swimmer; Mike Hannah, pet keeper; toymaker and bus orderly; Greg Hiscock, Tim Ruggie and Stephen Ruggie, toymaker; Lee Foster, house orderly.

The Scouts had a party before Christmas. Since they went cross-country skiing with hot chocolate back at the Rock's house. Last weekend they worked there on a klonike sled which will be used for their winter camp this coming weekend. This is the annual winter camp for all the Scouts in the district.

Churchill

Prepare for anniversary

by Mrs. J. Turner
Regular Sunday morning worship at Churchill Community Church was well attended. Mrs. Eleanor McFadden, preacher. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday. It is hoped that all members and adherents will take note and plan to be present.

The following Sunday, Feb 5 there will be a special presentation during the service of Sunday School attendance awards. Following the service there will be a pot luck dinner in the church room downstairs. Our congregational dinners are always delightfully warm and friendly occasions and we always look forward to this midwinter one. Children and young people are invited to bring sleighs and toboggans for a tobogganing party on Swackhammer's hill after dinner.

The Congregation of Churchill Community Church held their annual meeting last Thursday evening.

The Rev. Jas. McFadden opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the formalities. Vera Denny was recording secretary. The election of officers found most of the members of Season and Board of Managers returned. Treasurer Geoff Denny presented an encouraging financial statement. CCCU Treasurer Mrs. Eleanor Thompson read their financial report and outlined plans to improve facilities in the kitchen.

Churchill's tenth anniversary as a community church, and 140th Anniversary as a place of worship. No other church in the area has so long a record of continuous use as a place of worship.

Harold Griffin related several interesting historical facts and anecdotes from his memories of the past. It is hoped that special anniversary celebrations can be arranged for this year, and several ideas were discussed. The evening closed with refreshments served by members of the CCCU.

The Churchill Community Church Women met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Thompson, Poplar Ave, with Mrs. Edith Storey presiding. The Worship theme given by Mrs. Eleanor Thompson was Love and Service. She took her scripture from first John:4

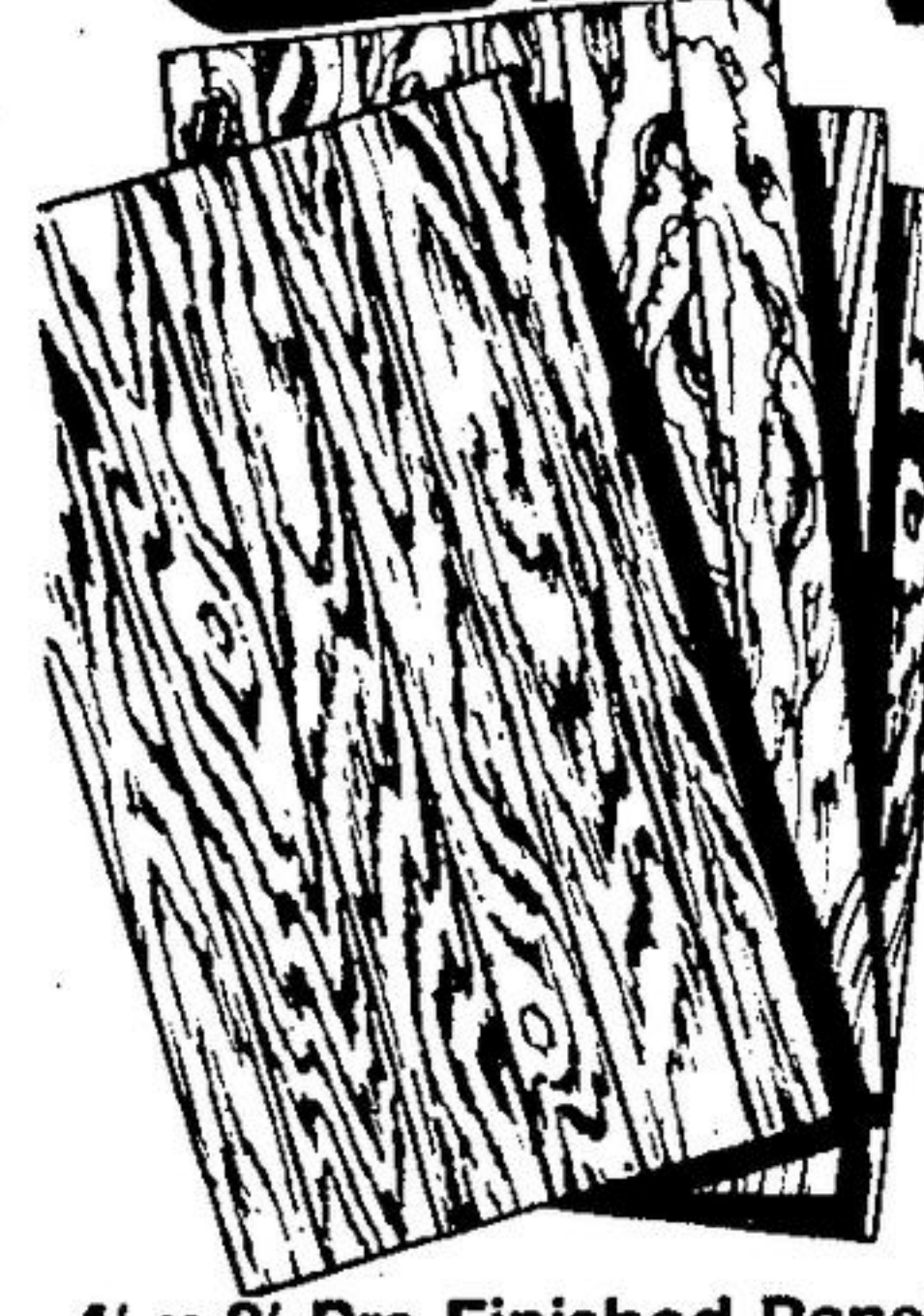
and developed her theme by reading excerpts from missionary experiences abroad. The year end financial statement was read and discussed. Prices were revised for any dinners to be catered in the coming year.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Edith Storey of a life-membership pin, a gold maple leaf suitably inscribed. Mrs. Storey's enthusiasm, vitality and boundless good humour belie her years and make her a valuable and much loved member of our group. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson of this area, and Mrs. Chas. Plouffe, Ballinafad, visited with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simpson at Tivoli Dale on Sunday.

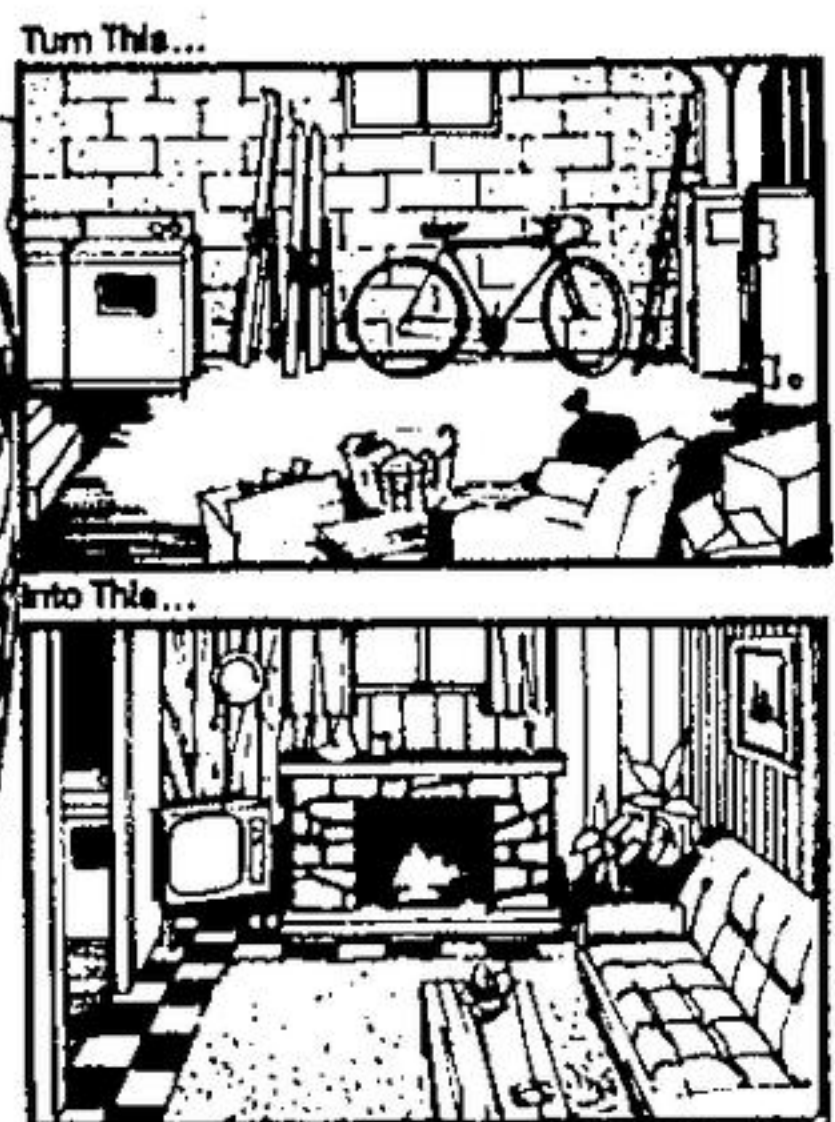


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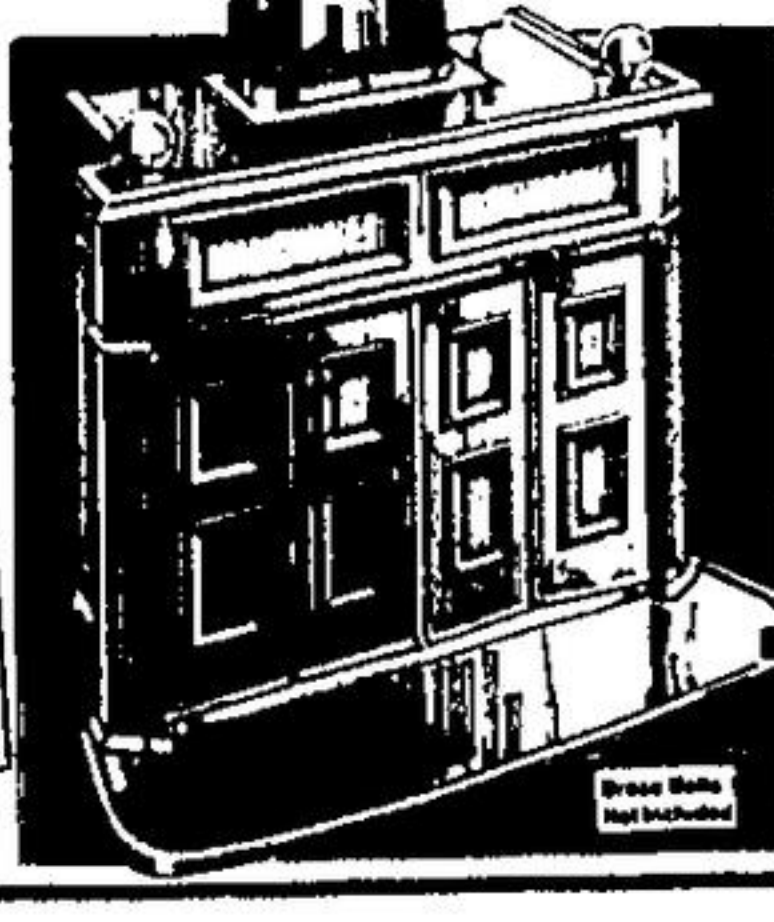
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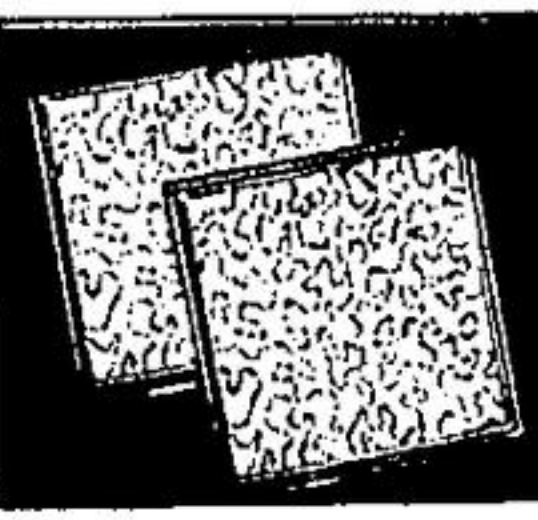
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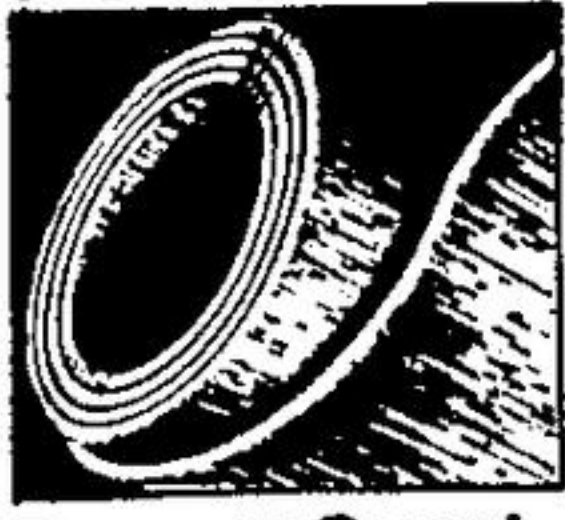
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