

## Scout, Guide Mothers plan banquet, parade

by Ann Norton  
The first meeting of the new year for the Scout and Guide Mothers was held January 24 at the Scout Hall with 19 members present. After the formalities of opening the meeting, the treasurer informed the mums we have a total of \$578.94 on hand. A discussion of our catering prices followed with the final outcome being a raise in price to \$4.50 per plate for roast beef or turkey. Inflation reaches all of us!  
The District Commissioner of Guiding and the Acton Scout and Guide Mums have decided on March 11 to hold their annual banquet and bake sale. More to follow on this. Watch the Coming Events.  
With the approach of Scout and Guide week in February, the topic of the annual banquet was next on the agenda. There are over 500 eligible to attend this year. As you may guess, this creates quite a lot of work for the mothers. The meal has been changed to accommodate all of the guests. Also some rather strict rules are being put forth.  
Firstly, there will be no smoking allowed this year. Secondly all persons with tickets and money NOT returned by February 10 will be disqualified from attending. Believe me, it is a big enough problem arranging food for those we know are coming, without trying to guess how many are going to turn up at the last minute. So be sure to return your money before Feb. 10.  
The annual church parade will be held February 19 ending at the United Church for our service. NOTE: Leaders and Parents-If any of your boys and girls are qualified for their "Religion in Life" emblems, make certain this is finished so they can be presented with them at the service. This is an extremely important section of their training in the movement.  
Next meeting will be held February 28 at the Scout Hall at 8:30 p.m. should we all survive the banquet.

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# Two evenings mark Days for Development

Marking Ten Days for World Development, there will be two special events in town.

On Friday evening, Feb. 10, there will be a film and panel discussion.  
On Friday, February 17, there will be an illustrated talk by a couple who have worked in Nigeria, Gwen and Jim Johnson.

Both of the events will be in the United Church.  
On the panel will be Paul

Puritt, Ontario director for Oxfam, Josephine Saxby, of the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of South Africa; Richard Baubensu, a student at the University of Toronto from Ghana; Boonchan Tan, a psychology and English student at the University of Guelph and the Rev. Das Sydney of Acton Baptist church. Panel moderator will be Eldon Comfort.  
The following week, Gwen

and Jim Johnson will talk about their experiences in Nigeria. Gwen taught English in a girls' school and Jim was an advisor and Canadian expert in agriculture.

Mr. Comfort, who is arranging the two interesting programs, also points out other special events for Ten Days for World Development.

Wednesday night (tonight) at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto, Susan George will be

giving an important free public lecture. She is the author of the book *How the Other Half Dies*.

Sunday night, Feb. 12, in Grace United Church in Brampton, Father Arrayo of Nicaragua will be the special speaker.

Observance of Ten Days for World Development is widespread and the organizers hope for a good response again this year in Acton and district.

## Legion Ladies

# Branch party, portrait euchre, illness in news

by Fern Shultis  
The February meeting of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary was well represented despite the cold weather. Charlene Hubble was initiated and

Robertta Hughes transferred. The money draw was won by Lucy Syntott.  
Bowling is Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 and darts on Feb. 18. Kathy did a tremendous job

on her euchre, and she really appreciated those who helped her.

We have had a real sick list due to the flu bug but I think everyone is on the road to recovery. Everyone's hopes Shirley Berry will soon be home. She is in Milton Hospital but her family thinks she is coming along nicely.

A special thank you to the Branch for the party they gave us. It was appreciated by all.

A new Queen's portrait was presented to Branch 197 and Ladies' Auxiliary on behalf of the Angell family in memory of their mother, Doris who was a member of the Auxiliary for over 25 years. It gives a new lift to the auditorium. There is to be a light installed over it also.

Our Zone Commander will be visiting in March so we hope for a good turnout.

## Roses

Many people are wearing red roses, the symbol of this month's Heart Fund campaign.

## First session draws crowd

The first of four evenings of discussion on family and personal growth drew a crowd of about 50 last Thursday. The four evenings are being held at the United Church, sponsored by the Trinity Activity Group.

Resource person is Peter Marks, consultant and counsellor in social work, and teacher of Human Relations and Psychology at Sheridan college.

Last Thursday's topic was developing responsible children and a happy family.

This Thursday's subject is personal and family values, including teaching values in

the home.  
On Feb. 16 the subject is understanding human nature, reducing stress and improving communications.

On Feb. 23 the subject is marriage enrichment - how to stay married and keep on growing.

The organizers were surprised and pleased with the attendance at the first session.

## Committees selected for next fall fair

by Heather Rennie  
A euchre and a draw were selected as fund raising projects at monthly meeting of the Ladies' Division of the Acton Agricultural Society held last Thursday at the library.

April 7 is the tentative date for the euchre which becomes an annual event. A small bake sale will follow. Mrs. Ruth Linham and Mrs. Irene Swackhamer will organize the euchre, Mrs. Carmela Cobham and Mrs. Linda Hignett the bake sale and Mrs. Eleanor Thompson, Mrs. Ann Jerrard and Mrs. Marg Aitken will plan the lunch. The second project, a draw for handcrafted items, will take place sometime in the spring. A hooked rug and a needlepoint cushion were suggested as prizes.

President Carmela Cobham welcomed Joanne Vranic, a new member of the board.

The revisions for the new prize list were submitted to the secretary, Diane Evans. Twelve hundred copies of the prize list will be ordered from the printer. In an effort to trim costs, this list will serve for two years. Committees for this year will be canned and preserves, Mrs. R. Macnaughton (convener), Mrs. B. Marshall, Mrs. Morgan Madill and Mrs. R. Murray; plants and flowers, Mrs. B. Evans (convener), Mrs. M. McCullough, Mrs. W. Waldie, Mrs. L. McEnery, Mrs. R. Swackhamer, Mrs. K. Alger, and Mrs. J. Vranic; domestic science, Mrs. W. Swackhamer (convener), Mrs. R. Hignett, Mrs. G.

Cobham, Mrs. W. Aitken, Mrs. S. Holmes, Mrs. G. Muselle; junior exhibits, Mrs. E. Archibald (convener), Mrs. W. Linham, Mrs. R. Rennie and Mrs. S.B. Beemer; handicrafts, Mrs. H. Cookley (convener), Mrs. C. Storey, Mrs. S. Matthews, Mrs. E. Steckley, and Mrs. C. Aitken; crafts and hobbies, Mrs. Wm. Thompson (convener), Mrs. J. McEnery, Mrs. L. McLean and Mrs. W. Jerrard; group displays, Mrs. W. Linham (convener), Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. E. Archibald, Mrs. R. Rennie and Mrs. S.B. Beemer. The Preserved Goods committee is planning new display cases. The present system provided inadequate protection during last year's fair.  
Mrs. Maggie Hall, convener of the Miss Acton Fair Committee, has agreed to chaperone Miss Acton at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention to be held February 16 and 17 at the Royal York. This relieves the Ladies' Division of the responsibility. Mrs. Heather Rennie will attend and report to the Ladies' Division.  
Comments were made on the need for new members. If anyone is interested in the work of the Ladies' Division of the Acton Fair, contact any board member or come to a meeting—the first Thursday of month at 8 p.m. at the Library.

## Personals

Paul Bray, Frank Papillon and George Elliott spent last weekend in London attending the annual Band and Choral Workshop. The workshop is sponsored by Fanshawe College. Students from all over Ontario get together to form a band for the weekend. Paul played the clarinet in the band.

Seven new families were welcomed into Acton by Hi Neighbor Welcome Service hostess Marlene Steckley during the month of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vacek and family David and Liz have made their home here having moved from Chicago. Mrs. Mary Smith has come from Quebec City, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gibson and daughters Tara and Tracy have settled here from Montreal.

From Mississauga are Mr. and Mrs. John Reeve and Mrs. Tom Slinger. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Paisley and son Kevin have moved to town from Kitchener and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson have come here from Belwood.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCulloch, R.R. 3, Acton, are enjoying the company of their son Stewart, wife Susan and their two sons. It is more than a year since they went to Britain. Stewart is posted to Ottawa where he will take on duties to go with his promotion to Captain.

Last Friday several people from Acton attended the North Halton Jamboree dance at the Way-Jay club in Norval. Proceeds from the dance go towards sending local boys to the World Scouting Jamboree in 1979. The Jamboree will be held in Iran.

A good turnout was reported at the Legion skating party on Friday evening. Members filled the lounge and games room to capacity. Chili was served in the Legion.  
On Sunday the Legion offered skating to its members and their families. A good time was had by all.

Double Happiness Restaurant in Becker's Plaza closed early Monday in order that the staff could observe the Chinese New Year's eve holiday.

## Ladies' Aid chooses officers

A good turnout of ladies attended the first meeting of the year of Knox Ladies Aid for 1978, last Tuesday afternoon. Two new members and a guest were welcomed.

Mrs. Harry Murray, president, opened the meeting with a New Year Meditation which had many good thoughts for the coming year.  
Membership fees were paid.

Mrs. D.S. Morrison read the minutes, and also the "Thank you" notes from the folk who had been remembered during the festive season.

The annual financial report for 1977 was read by Mrs. J.C. Dennis, treasurer, as well as the two monthly statements since the last meeting in November. It was a very favorable year for the Ladies' Aid. Many activities were undertaken and carried out. Even after donations to other organizations in the church, there was a fine balance left to commence the work in the New Year.

Three upcoming banquets in the near future were discussed and preliminary plans were made for the menus.  
Monday, February 6, was

named for a bee at the church for taking an inventory of kitchen supplies, etc.

Good responses were given to the roll call "Say, Sing, Play, or Play".

Scripture Lesson was read by Mrs. P. Homer, and Mrs. J.B. MacPherson led in prayer.

A good contest "My New Year's Resolution" was conducted by Mrs. MacPherson and won by Mrs. J.A. Van Fleet.

After a good lunch served by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. A.K. Mann expressed thanks.

The officers for the Ladies' Aid for the year 1978 are as follows: past president, Mrs. W.J. McIntyre; president, Mrs. Harry Murray; secretary, Mrs. D.S. Morrison; treasurer, Mrs. J.C. Dennis; pianist, Mrs. A.K. Mann; banquet committee, Mrs. J. Berry, Mrs. A.K. Mann, and Mrs. J.B. MacPherson; kitchen committee, Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. W. Kennedy and Mrs. E. Beerman; Manse committee, Mrs. G.S. Matthews and the president, Mrs. Murray; advisory committee, Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. A.M. MacPherson and Mrs. W. J. McLeod; card convener, Mrs. A.K. Mann.

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## Hillbilly CBers want tour

The Acton Hillbillies CB Club hopes to tour the monitoring station soon.

A decision to ask for a tour was taken during the club's meeting Sunday in the Scout Hall. Members who missed

the meeting but who would like to go on the tour, are asked to call 853-0952.

The club also decided to subscribe to "Coffee Break" newspaper.  
The new rules and regula-

tions for 1978 were discussed and approved by everyone present.

The club also hopes there will be more CBers and their families at the next meeting which is set for March 5.

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