

Fair boards at convention

Acton fair board members attended the 78th annual convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies last Wednesday and Thursday.

President Brent Marshall and wife Janet, first vice-president Brian Evans and wife Diane, past president Ken Murray and wife Doll, Miss Acton Fall Fair Susan Thibodeau and chaperone Mrs. Maggie Hall all stayed at the Royal York Hotel for the occasion. The husbands personally paid for the wives' food and lodging, while the fair board footed the bill for the executive.

Past president Russ Murray and wife Marilyn attended only on Wednesday, as did Mrs. Robert Rennie representing the ladies' board.

On display at the convention were two items which were entered in the Acton fair last September. They were a hooked rug, by Robert Little school students, and a Christmas tree made out of egg cartons, made by a Speyside school student.

The Agricultural Society is the largest society in all of Canada. While only 5 per cent of the population is actively involved in farming, 45 per cent of the Canadian population is employed in agriculturally-related industry, marketing, production, packaging, retailing, etc.

They sat down to lunch with 1,200 other agricultural representatives from across Ontario and the feeling was one of fellowship. The convention, as always, was a success. Interesting, informative speakers spoke on promotion and advertising your fair, public relations and what do people want to see at the fair; safety of grandstands on fair grounds; and the new regulations of fairs and exhibitions re Brucellosis testing. These regulations are all becoming law, and a rough general rundown is, animals must be tested within 30 days of change of ownership. Cattle 6 months of age and over must have had a negative test 60 days prior to the date of the fair where they are to be shown. Regulations at fairs and exhibitions will no longer be at the discretion of that particular fair board, but will be statutory law under The Animal Disease and Protection Act.

Animals will not be allowed to be exhibited unless a test has been conducted and that test read negative. Exceptions to these regulations would be steers, vaccinated 18 month old heifers, and animals from clear herds. Exact regulations should be available shortly. Changes in some class definitions of some livestock are also on the way. Dr. Carl S. Winter provided an interesting and entertaining

guest speaker at the luncheon.

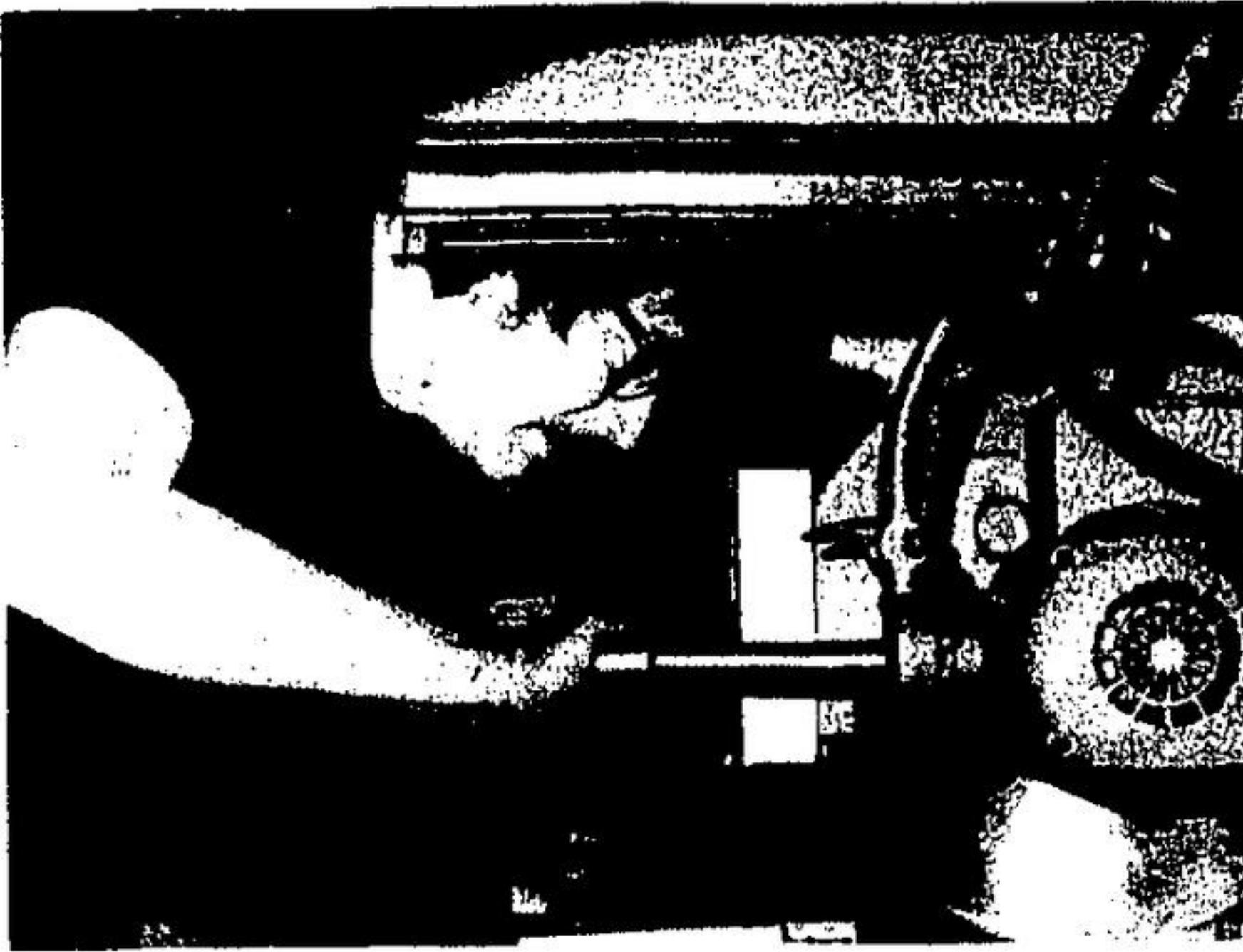
But the highlight of the convention was the floor show arranged by Zenz Cheevers with dazzling, professional entertainers such as country singer dancers, Black Magic, singers and impressionists, the Irish Newcomers, Gloria Kay and Mark Sweet with his sleight of hand and quick wit.

The 82 attending fall fair queens were introduced, each competing for the opportunity to be the Centennial Sweetheart of the Fair Miss C.N.E. The evening ended with ballroom dancing to Eddie Graf, and his nine piece orchestra, with intermissions being filled by lively Country Gospel singing, of a quartet from southern U.S.

The ladies' boards were well represented and held discussions with experts on home economics, crafts judges, junior work and public relations and advertising.

The fall fair queens were kept busy all day, with making new acquaintances, having their official picture taken for Miss C.N.E. and having as a guest speaker the charming Mrs. David Craig, former "Miss World".

The convention managed in one and one-half days to cover most aspects of a fall fair: the business, entertainment, food, exhibits and financing. All who attended benefited.



GORD ROBINSON WATCHES closely as he does some delicate corner work on his project at the night school being run at the high school.

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Summary Day for W.I.

The February meeting of the Rock-a-long Women's Institute was held at Rockwood Centennial School on February 7 at 8.30 p.m. There were 16 members present.

The president, Mrs. G. Mitchell read a poem "Winters long Ago".

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report given. The correspondence was then dealt with.

Summary Day is to be on March 8 at Trinity United Church, Guelph commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The roll call was "Are family relationships changing today?" A great deal of thought had gone into the answers and there were some very interesting ones given.

The conveners for this meeting were Mrs. L. Sprigge and Mrs. B. Leroy but due to the illness of Mrs. Sprigge,

Mrs. Leroy took over the meeting by herself. She showed a film "who cares" which dealt mainly with elderly relatives staying with the family and the problems this brought about.

Mrs. J. Glendenning then showed the members how to decorate cakes and everyone got a cup cake and had to ice and decorate it. After which they could eat it.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Leroy and Mrs. Glendenning.

Dublin W.I. gathering

Members of Dublin Women's Institute journeyed to Halton Regional Museum on Thursday, February 16, for their regular monthly meeting. A cheery fireplace in the main building greeted them, and Mrs. Erle Brittain, curator, welcomed the guests. A very interesting tour was taken of the building. Many articles of a different era, long forgotten, were brought to mind.

For the business meeting, Mrs. M. Hunter, president, presided, and conducted the opening exercises. Roll call was answered by the presentation of house logs. Correspondence was read by Mrs. D. Hunter, which included notice that "The Craft Shop" would be the theme for competition at Milton Fall Fair this year; that the Women's Institute membership would be \$2 yearly; and that a 10 cent membership be promoted for the maintenance of the Erland Lee Home, so that it could become self-sustaining in a few years. Mrs. E. Wilson reported on

the work of the catering committee, and handed in cheques for payment of a wedding anniversary party, and also for the 150 pies that the Branch had supplied to a neighboring ski club. A price for catering a wedding in July will be submitted.

Mrs. C. Armstrong brought a quilt to the meeting for a member who was unable to be present, to be quilted. Arrangements will be made for a quilting bee soon.

Two families in the community who have lost their homes by fire recently will be remembered with blankets.

Mrs. C. Armstrong reported on the very successful Summary Day held recently following the Needlepoint course. There were 11 displays of excellent work. Twenty-six ladies had registered for the course under Dublin W.I. leadership, and all enjoyed it very much. Members are asked to bring their work to the next meeting at her home. Mrs. H. Dodds, as curator,

explained the work of her committee, and asked for co-operation of members in clipping items of interest for the Tweedsmuir History Book. She also mentioned about the House Logs and Family Trees and hoped all would complete these items. A competition for House Logs, Paintings and Afghans will be held at District Annual on May 15 by Boston Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. E. Brittain spoke on her work at the Museum, which was of great interest to the women. The Museum is kept in a fine condition, and the ladies enjoyed looking at the many articles used a generation or more ago. Mrs. Dodds thanked her for her hospitality and also her explanation of different features.

A lunch of sandwiches, pickles and cookies was served by the committee, Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. E. Norton and Mrs. D. Hunter and all enjoyed a social time in front of the fire-place.

U.C.W. meets in United church

Mrs. Lidkea opened the U.C.W. in Trinity United Church with a poem, Short Course in Human Relations.

Mrs. Force had the devotional and opened with the prayer that opened the premier's conference in Ottawa.

Mrs. Little read a poem Dogs and people, and had all repeat from memory John 3 Verse 16 "For God so loved

the World he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

Mrs. Force took the life of St. Francis for Valentine's day, Hymn and prayer.

It was decided to send Mrs. Hulsmar, a plant to the hospital. Mrs. Shoemaker gave her usual report on sick and shut-ins and also birthdays for the month.

Correspondence was read and it was decided to send a year's donation to send a Bible a month to Foreign countries. A report on the start of renovations for the basement was given. Collection was collected and there were 14 home calls and four hospital calls made during the month.

Mrs. Lidkea showed her pictures taken while on holiday, of the Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia which were enjoyed by all. Fourteen members were present. The meeting ended with Mizpah Benediction and a lovely lunch of cake and ice cream was served. Mrs. Barker was the lady of the day, it being her birthday, and she was presented with a lovely red rose by Mrs. Shoemaker.

Personals

Friends of Mrs. Margaret Capperault are sorry to hear she has returned to Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Davidson-Smith of Westfield Farm, Notgrove near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England visited Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sprowl this past week while on vacation in Canada. Mr. Cyril Davidson-Smith was Mac's first farmer host when he was on the Nuffield Scholarship in 1954 to the United Kingdom.

Several women from Halton Hills attended the annual meeting of the Brampton Presbyterian, Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in the old Boston church south of Hornby on February 15. Mrs. J. MacLean of Dixie was elected president, and Mrs. C. Bishop of Georgetown was elected secretary for area 4 and Mrs. R. McMaster, of Glen Williams was voted in as members secretary. Mrs. Alex Moore, Campbellville, was elected to the nominating committee.

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YOUNG VISITOR to Women's Institute Summary Day, Robbie Garrett, 4, of Brookville, finds the embroidered pillows on display are as comfy as they are attractive. Pillows were part of the Scotch Block WI exhibit.

Halton Institutes

Needlepoint exhibit

The Needlepoint for Beginners summary day for Halton Women's Institutes was held at Hillcrest United Church Wednesday, Feb. 8 with a record attendance. The course was sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Home Economics Branch, with a final enrolment of 217 ladies, who exhibited their samples and the items they were working on.

Nine W.I. Branches were represented as well as two independent groups and it is hoped that more church groups or related groups will take part in future courses.

The program opened with a welcome from the new Home Economist, Mrs. Nancy Schmidt. The chairman for the afternoon was Mrs. Linda O'Connor.

The guest speaker, introduced by Mrs. J. Bird, was Mrs. Syble Rampen of the Oakville Stitchery Guild, who had as her helper Mrs. Joan Barber, also of the Guild. Mrs. Rampen showed slides of the work of members of the guild and told of the projects in embroidery the members had

undertaken as a group and singly. They showed what you can do if you just take needle in hand and start to stitch. A discussion followed by a question period was very enthusiastically taken part in by the ladies.

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Das Sydney

To show movie at Acton Baptist

Corrie: Behind the Scenes with The Hiding Place, a new full-length color release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown at Acton Baptist Church, 80 Mill St. E. on Sunday, Feb. 26. A single showing is scheduled to begin at 7.00 p.m.

The Hiding Place, a true story filmed in Holland and other European locations, is based on the experiences of Corrie ten Boom, who, with her father, sister, and brother, provided refuge for

countless Jewish families. A secret room was constructed in their home as a hiding place for use during Gestapo raids. The ten Boom's activities were discovered, and they were sent to prisons and concentration camps.

According to Kenneth Bliss, Director of Distribution for World Wide Pictures, The Hiding Place has been extremely well-received, both by audiences and film critics. "Corrie was produced to give people who have seen The

Hiding Place or read her many best-selling books an opportunity to hear her share many of her memories about her life in Holland, her family, and her lifetime of service to others."

Bliss added that the film "offers a great lesson in the perseverance of a personal faith in a very dark and trying period of world history. Corrie ten Boom, now in her eighties, has a tremendous vitality, a deep spiritual commitment, and a profound love for her fellow man. We believe we have succeeded in transmitting a part of her zest, personality, and source of strength through this film."

Bliss noted that the film includes "interesting sidelights on the experiences of the cast and crew during the filming of The Hiding Place."

The Reverend Das Sydney, pastor of Acton Baptist, stresses that showing of "Corrie" is open to the public free of charge. "We encourage families to plan to attend together, for what we believe will be a memorable experience," he concluded.

Heritage activities held at museum

February is Heritage month at the Wellington County Museum. In addition to the regular displays, there will be three special displays.

A special display from the National Museum of Canada on Ontario's pre-history will show how archeology is helping man to understand his earliest history.

A salute to Elora will also be spotlighted for Heritage month. The Elora display will include maps, photographs

and other artifacts which depict Elora's early history.

The third display is on loan from the Canadian Museum of Carpets and Textiles. The display, of hooked rugs shows the labours of many winter days in days gone by.

The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday during February.

Baptism on Sunday

Jordan Fletcher Caswell, infant son of Crawford and Sharon Caswell of McDonald Blvd., was baptized Sunday morning at the United church.

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