



CHEQUE FOR \$300 was presented Sunday to Edith Hilfman for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. It represents part of the \$1927 raised through the talent money project at the United Church last summer. Making the presentation are members of the church's Mission and Outreach committee, Gail Lidkea, chairman Steve Ormsby and on the right Lloyd Hilfman.

Free Press Family Page

Mystery meeting for Dublin W.I. members

Thirty ladies including four guests attended Dublin Women's Institute meeting on Thursday evening when Mrs. C. Armstrong, Lake Ave., was hostess.

With St. Patrick's day so close, it was called a mystery meeting, and mysterious it was. To honor the patron Saint, shamrocks were worn by each lady, and lucky winners named later were Mrs. H. Besley, Mrs. H. Murray and Mrs. B. Alder.

Mrs. M. Hunter presided over the meeting and opened with thoughts of St. Patrick's Day.

Considerable correspondence was read by the secretary, Mrs. D. Hunter and later dealt with. A request for volunteer help to assist with residents at "Countryside", Hornby was made; an invitation was extended by Nassagaweya W.I. to the Branch to be their guests at Brookville Hall on May 10 at 8 p.m. which was accepted. A supply of W.I. plates with the picture of the Erland Lee Home will be purchased for members and others desiring them.

Some of the ladies agreed to act as hostesses in the new Women's Institute Hall at the Agricultural Museum at Milton for three days during July and August. This building was the former Sheridan Church located at the southern part of the county. It has been relocated to the Museum grounds and restored, and now is a W.I. Hall. Guests will be welcomed at it in the summer months.

A pair of blankets will be given to a family in Acton, who suffered loss by fire of their home and contents recently.

It was announced that a new Atlas of the County is being compiled and will be printed at a later date.

A reunion of pupils of Dublin Public School will be the guests of their former teacher, Mrs. George Young (Miss Emily Wallace) when she hosts a party for them at the Acton Curling Rink on

April 22. The Branch will cater to it.

Suggestions for courses for Training Schools, Food Forums and Short Courses were discussed and members favored the Training School on "Spillout on Bread" and "Contemporary Tailoring" as first and second choices respectively.

Cancer month being in April, cancer kits were distributed by Mrs. K. Smith to the canvassers of the district.

Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. W. Frank displayed two beautiful quilts that some of the members had worked on and completed during the month.

Following the instruction on "Needlepoint" by Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. M. Nellis, the ladies attending brought their completed work to the meeting. It was a fine showing of handwork, and included cushion tops, pin cushions, pictures, panels, bags, etc.

Mrs. A. Diamond read from a brochure on Mental Health, which told of the stress and strain under which some people are living in under present day conditions. How to show sympathy and understanding to help cope with some of the problems were named. It was a very interesting and timely subject. Later, she passed Mental Health bags around in support of the Association.

Mrs. F. McCarron gave a report of the Visiting Committee.

Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. C. M.

Davidson and Mrs. W. Britton were the committee to supply the program and a good one it was.

Each lady had been given a printed questionnaire to fill in on her personal and life habits as an answer to the mystery roll call. Five runners-up were named and each was given a sock to darn during the program. Later, Mrs. G. Ironside, acting as judge, in a very pleasing humorous manner, announced the verdict that Mrs. D. Hunter had been named "Wife of the Year". She was presented with a well-decorated Irish hat and another gift.

Two very comical readings were given by Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. Norton. An amusing skit "Here Comes Metric" was well portrayed by Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. C. Armstrong, in costume. It was revealed that 99 per cent of the world population is on metric system, so no matter what our personal feelings are, we will have to accept it on its merits or demerits.

It was a night to see, to hear, to learn, and to have fun and that the ladies did, and thanks were expressed by Mrs. J. C. Dennis to the Committee and to all who had a hand in making it such a memorable meeting.

A fine lunch was served by Mrs. B. Alder, Mrs. J. Kranendonk, Mrs. F. McCarron, and daughter Theresa, and all enjoyed a visit over the teacups.

U.C.W., guests enjoy slides

Fifteen UCW members and some members of the TAG group met in the newly-renovated parlor of Trinity United Church on Tuesday afternoon, for a very enjoyable meeting. Mrs. Lidkea opened the meeting with a poem, A Paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm.

The regular reports were given and well received. Quilting money was turned in. Very interesting letters from Mrs. Lillian Eaton and from Mrs. George Bowman, former members, were read.

A notice of the T.A.G. planned flea market for April 22 was announced. Any appropriate donations, especially home baking, will be appreciated. Mrs. Shoemaker gave her report on sick and shut-ins. There was one hospital call and 17 house calls. A list of approaching birthdays was given.

Ethel Denny had charge of the devotions and the Easter theme was followed. Prayer was given by Kae Lidkea. Helen Pickett read from Corinthians Chap. 15. Mrs. Denny followed with an impressive Easter topic.

The quilting ladies joined for the viewing of very

beautiful and interesting slides shown by the Rev. Chuck Beaton of his three years ministry in Uranium City, Eldorado and Gunner Mines on Lake Athabaska. Beautiful scenery, rewarding lines of large fish, mining activities both underground and the surface were very enlightening.

The coming and going of planes, dog teams and even the first snowmobile in the area were seen. Mr. Beaton and his family moved there in 1962 when the United Church was just 10 years old. Already a fine church had been erected and furnished and a small manse provided. With Mr. Beaton's humorous narrative one could almost feel the frosty air in winter, the black flies in summer, taste the fresh trout and the luscious blueberries and sense the wild life close by.

A social time and a tasty lunch followed including a birthday cake in honor of the March birthday lady Nellie Shoemaker. Next meeting will be April 11 when members hope all ailing members will be able to be out again and those on holiday trips will all be back.

Baptisms on Palm Sunday

St. Alban's Church was filled for the Palm Sunday Eucharist and Holy Baptism when the following children were welcomed into the Parish Family: Jason Robert Burton, son of Robert and Wanda Burton, R.R.5, Milton godparents Noreen and Ralph Lunn; Bartram John Irwin, son of Frederick and Margaret Irwin, Acton, godparents Anne Nutting and Whit Lapp; Eric Scott Mills,

son of Richard and Patricia Mills, Guelph, godparents Gordon Mills and Brenda Lawson; Christopher Michael Sargent, son of Michael and Denise Sargent, Acton, godparents Dennis, Patricia and Kevin Parker.

After the distribution of palms at the end of the service the congregation gathered in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee and an opportunity to become acquainted with the newly baptized, their parents and friends.

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3 small or 2 large onions
1 can pork and beans
1 c. cooked macaroni
2 or 3 tbsp. ketchup
1 c. homemade chili sauce
2 or 3 cold boiled potatoes
1/2 c. grated cheddar cheese
Boiling water

In large frying pan cook hamburger and onions until brown. Cover with boiling water. Add pork and beans, macaroni, ketchup and chili sauce. Add enough boiling water to completely cover all. Bring to a boil and thicken with mixture of 2 tbsp. flour and water like gravy.

Put in one large or 2 small casserole dishes (greased). Slice cold potatoes and put on top. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake in 300 degree oven until cheese is melted. Serves 12-14.

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Group's goal: help seniors

The second regular meeting of the Bertha Buchanan Group of Knox Church was held in the church on Wednesday, March 15 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. McKenzie opened the meeting with the poem, Other Side of the Door. The theme song, The Lord's My Shepherd, was sung to the Covenanter's tune, with Mrs. Jessie Gibson at the piano. Mrs. Helen Hoerig read the scripture, John 10:7-16.

Mrs. McKenzie gave a short devotional talk on Jesus, the Door of the Sheep fold, giving special emphasis to the verse from Psalm 23: Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Prayer concluded this part of the meeting. The minister, Mr. McKenzie, talked to the group about their purposes, offering his own and the session's support in their endeavours.

The immediate goal of the group is to give help to Senior Citizens. The next meeting is in the hands of Mrs. Margaret Aitkin and Mrs. Sharon Endrey and they are hoping to have a guest present to talk on this subject. It was decided to drop the Daffodil Tea for this year as sufficient funds are on hand to meet foreseeable needs. The group is continuing to grow in membership.

Visitors

Randy and Heather Lidkea and their sons Drew and Shayne of Owen Sound have been visiting with Randy's mother Mrs. Kae Lidkea. She enjoyed her grandchildren's company while their parents attended a convention in Toronto.

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hands and arms—the list is long and the cost could be a cruel burden on parents, if it were not for the Easter Seal Appeal.

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