



Taking part in the World Day of Prayer at Knox Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon were, seated left to right: Penny Bristow, St. Alban's, Josephine Force, Trinity United, Alice Pilkington, Baptist, Wilma Coles, Knox. Standing left to right: Gladys Davidson, Presbyterian, Mary Dickinson, St. Joseph's, Barb Pritchett, Salvation Army, Beatrice Cooper, Christian Reformed, Isabel McDonald, Presbyterian.

Earth belongs to all at World Day of Prayer

Approximately 70 people heard the annual World Day of Prayer Service held at Knox Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon.

This year's theme "The Earth Is the Lord's..." was prepared by Native American Indian women who represent Indian tribes from throughout the United States.

According to the World Day of Prayer booklet, native Americans were the first ecologists. "Their reverence for nature and their relation of kinship with all creatures enable them to teach us how to live justly, respectfully and in harmony with our world and each other."

Members of the local churches took part in the

service. Rev. John Robertson, in welcoming the guests, said World Day of Prayer service is of "great significance" because people "worship God with other Christians throughout the world, at the same time."

He also said the "Earth is the Lord's" is a "wonderful, significant theme, since all the earth belongs to all the people."

Rev. Robertson explained since there was no heat in the church (the thermostat was broken), members would have to "keep close together."

"The service will take us away from the cold air and into the warmth of the spirit," he said.

Members from each church read selected passages from the pamphlet. Taking part in the service was Penny Bristow of St. Alban's, Josephine Force of Trinity United, Alice Pilkington of Acton Baptist Church, Mary Dickinson of St. Joseph's, Barb Pritchett of the Salvation Army, Beatrice Cooper from Bethel Christian Reformed, Isabel McDonald and Wilma Coles from Knox Presbyterian and Gladys Davidson, also Presbyterian.

Lighted street signs will be phased out

Illuminated street signs in Acton and Georgetown will disappear over the next few years Halton Hills general committee decided Monday.

Committee accepted the recommendation of town engineer Robert Austin that the 70 illuminated signs in Acton and the 210 signs in Georgetown be phased out as they become defective or damaged.

The illuminated signs will be replaced with reflective white lettering on green background aluminum plate or blade type street signs. There are currently 50 of these types of signs in Acton and 45 in Georgetown. The blade types of signs are the only kind used in

hamlets and the rest of the rural area.

The illuminated signs have been a costly problem to the town for several years now. The plastic lenses are a popular target of vandals and cost \$27 to replace. Last year the town switched to a more expensive, \$65 type of lens which was also much tougher. While vandals found they couldn't break the "lexan" lenses they kept on damaging and dismantling the illuminated signs.

Buried hydro cables have also proved to be a problem with illuminated street signs. Halton Hills Hydro must send staff out at night to find the cause of sign outages over three or four block

areas with the town paying overtime bills. This problem could be solved by reworking circuits, but at a cost to the municipality of \$8,400.

Energy costs, maintenance like washing the signs annually, and bulb replacement further push up the expenses associated with having the luxury of illuminated signs.

Last year Halton Hills spent over \$16,000 on the illuminated signs and the town must also spend \$250 to put up each lighted sign.

By contrast it only costs \$100 to erect a blade type street sign and costs for maintenance are small. They aren't as susceptible to vandalism, last much longer and are strong and durable. There have been some cases of these signs being stolen in the rural area.

Two posts filled at Region

Two new regional department heads have been selected and will come to Halton sometime early in April.

Gerry Lawson, Peel Regional Director of Financial Services, has been named the new Halton Regional Treasurer.

Matthew Fischer, Executive Director of the St. Catharines Downtown Association, has been named the new Halton Regional Business

Development Director.

Following a brief in-camera session last Wednesday, Halton councillors approved a recommendation to hire both men.

Mr. Lawson will be paid about \$52,000 a year for his services, almost \$10,000 per year more than former Treasurer Don Farmer who stepped down from the job last September in the wake of the Halton "surprise" \$700,000 deficit.

Hospice care meeting

The group formed last month in North Halton to study care for the dying will hold its second meeting at Milton Hospital, April 2, at 8 p.m.

Over 70 people attended the first meeting in Glen Williams.

A nurse at Milton Hospital is researching hospice care and the hospital staff is interested and supportive. They are looking at possibly setting up a hospice care program in the future, said spokesperson for the group Eva Sansom. The speaker at the meeting will be Rev. Clinton Rohr, chaplain of West Park Hospital, which is a chronic care facility. His subject will be grief and bereavement.

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Kim Muspratt from Holy Rosary School, Milton took first place honors in the North Halton Intermediate public speaking contest hosted this year by St. Francis of Assisi School, Georgetown. Congratulating Kim are second runner-up Lisa Swales from St. Peter's in Milton and Daryl Johnson, first runner-up from Stewarttown school. Back row, contestants Greg Lindberg, Centennial, Georgetown; Sharron Atkinson, W.I. Dick, Milton; Monica Haller, Brookville; Victoria Rodriguez, St. Joseph's, Acton; Ingrid Fokkens, Georgetown Christian School; Lynne Buscher, Holy Cross, Georgetown; Beth Hoorwege, Sherratt School Milton; and Leah Gannon, McKenle-Smith, Acton.

Golden Agers

Milnes celebrate 61st anniversary

With the singing of O Canada and the Theme Song, Jean McLean at the piano, the Golden Age Club opened its March afternoon meeting at St. Alban's.

The delegates to the International Senior citizens' Association to be held at the Prince Hotel, Toronto May 19-21 were changed to Isabel McDonald and Alice Pilkington.

Three new members were welcomed to the club. A short sing song was enjoyed after we had been entertained with a piano solo by Jean McLean.

Irene Davidson, Emily McIntyre and Margaret Capperault were the Birthday Song recipients

while Mary and Max Milne received a hearty applause on celebrating their sixty-first anniversary.

A quartette from Burlington Pinedale Senior Citizen's Travel Club were present and showed slides of different tours which were interesting. Those who won prizes, besides the Birthday Trio and the anniversary couple, were Earl Lambert, Harvey Young, Jean McLean, Kay Ball, Tom Berry, Syd Morris, Isabel McDonald and Les Graham.

At the March evening meeting we will be seeing slides of the Northwest Territories and the Dew

Line etc. These slides belong to Mr. Anderson, a son-in-law of one of our members, Sue Pink, and we hope we will become better acquainted with our extreme north through them.

St. Patrick's Day music will also be enjoyed.

Lunch and conversation concluded the meeting.

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