

Ballinafad

105th anniversary service for the United Church

by Martha Lewis

At the United Church Anniversary Sunday, guests and friends were welcomed by Grant and Laura Wright and Eileen and Gary Brown.

Rev. Jeff Davidson, the guest minister, spoke about "A Community of Faith", mentioning memories of other special May 1 services. The Norval United Church Youth Choir sang several beautiful selections throughout the 105th Anniversary celebration. The luncheon following, provided by the U.C.W. allowed time for more fellowship and the renewal of old acquaintances.

Local scouts and cubs were no doubt grateful to have planted their Trees for Canada a week early! They avoided working in the rain, and had a successful day, planting about 800 saplings on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Starr, just north of Ballinafad. Great organization from Connie and Don Bielby, and support throughout the community, were really appreciated by everyone involved.

The Spring Dance at the Community Hall will be held May 7. Music will be by "Sonic Sound" and tickets for this pot luck dance are available at Shortill's General Store. Thanks to the Scouts who helped tidy the hall grounds, and to the volunteer Hall Board members who did a "Spring scrub-

bing" inside the hall last Sunday afternoon. A super garage-rummage-bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Goods may be dropped off at the church the preceding Thursday and Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. To help boost this event sponsored by the U.C.W. ask two neighbors to contribute their "treasures," and let's make this a real spring-cleaning success!

The Ladies' Softball team has been practicing for their opening game, May 4, at M.Z. Bennett field in Acton at 6.30 p.m. Next game is Tuesday, May 10, also at 6.30 p.m., at the Robert Little School in Acton. Come on out and cheer these champs!

Boys' and girls' soccer teams have started their practices, with the first games of the season scheduled for the week following May 14. Best of luck to all of them!

The Canada Day Committee needs you and your family to get plans set for a real celebration on Friday, July 1. Martha and Martin Lewis are willing to co-ordinate this event, but help is needed from individuals and groups for the parade, contests, races and games etc. Donations and prizes are very welcome. Please support this important family day by offering your energy and ideas to the Lewises at 877-1026.

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Magical Mystery Tour gets \$4,480 federal grant

Fourteen Summer Canada Projects have been approved for the Brampton-Georgetown federal riding. MP John McDermid announced this week. The projects will provide jobs to 48 students in the area for approximately 11 weeks.

The Georgetown-Acton Magical Mystery Tour will receive \$4,480. This program will have four major components—all are designed to encourage children and young adults to adopt a lifelong love of reading. Another \$4,900 goes to the Summer Recreation for the Blind program to demonstrate and provide an integrated recreation program for blind and visually impaired children in Halton and Peel.

Other projects approved included: The Northlea Summer Prevention Program will receive \$10,750 to provide programming for children with special needs in the M Section of Bramalea; The New Brampton Players will receive \$15,292 to help young people in the area develop basic skills in the craft and practices of theatre as they pertain to the profession.

"All the projects submitted for consideration were worthwhile and it is unfortunate that the existing funding could not be stretched further to create more jobs," said McDermid. An economic upswing is sorely needed to alleviate the unemployment problem," McDermid commented.

Fisher challenges legislation...

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and cannot run for any political office for seven years.

Fisher contends this is "far reaching" and an "infringement on people's rights." Even rapists don't get seven years, she claims.

Fisher admits she had spoken to a well known lawyer on the matter, and hopes to engage him to fight the legislation as contrary to the Charter of Rights. Other trustees she has spoken with may help her in the battle, she told this newspaper.

She feels the only way to fight this issue is through the courts. Any other way, Fisher contends, could be putting herself and others "on the line with such a maverick move."

Fisher, (Georgetown) as well as trustees Dick Howitt (Esquimaux), Noel Cooper, (Burlington), Anne Fairfield (Oakville), Bill Harrison (Milton) and Bev Vola (Burlington) were all unable to vote on the ratification of the elementary teachers' contract at the board meeting Thursday evening.

Form M.S. unit here

A unit of the Multiple Sclerosis Society was formed here last week.

Known as the North Halton Unit since it covers Acton, Georgetown and Milton, the aim is to make the public aware of M.S. and the services that may be arranged through the Society.

At present there are 28 registered M.S. victims registered in the area, but publicity man Orest Dzaman feels there may be more unaware of the Society, and help it can offer.

At the inaugural meeting Gay Daley was chosen unit co-ordinator, Diane Fisher is secretary treasurer and Orest Dzaman is in charge of publicity and education.

The unit is looking for a patient co-ordinator, who should have some medical background.

The next meeting will be held May 17 at the Halton Health Unit office, 93 Main Street South. For further information can be obtained by calling 877-7744.

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