

Ballinafad

Institute sees convention slides

by Winifred Smith
The January meeting of the Women's Institute was held the evening of January 11 at the home of the president, Mrs. Jamieson, with four visitors present.
The president opened the meeting with a tribute to Robbie Burns as his birthday is in January. The roll call was answered by each one telling of a kindly act shown them by a neighbor. The secretary read many thank you notes she received saying WI members' visits and baskets of fruit, etc. given those in the community confined to their homes, or ill, were much appreciated.
Eileen McEnery as welfare convener gave a report on the visits made at Christmas and cards sent during the year. She also reported on the seminar taking place this Wednesday evening at the community centre. She advised all to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the talk by this experienced woman who knows what to do and what not to do when making out income tax.
Lil Given, as convener of resolutions, had charge of the program. Alma Sinclair gave an interesting talk on the motto "Work Make the Wheels go Round" but "Fun Greases the Axles." Winnie Smith gave current events. One or two reports of interest were given by the conveners in charge pertaining to their particular category.
Grace McEnery gave the highlights from a chapter from the book

on the Mary Stewart Collect prayer. Three members from a neighborhood WI attended the ACWW convention held in Vancouver in June 1983. They were Willa Shortill, Doris Lindsay and Anne Lindauer, all from Silverwood WI. They represented Halton District at the convention. Sorry Anne could not be present. Willa brought her projector and showed slides taken of the event. Not only did we see highlights of the convention, but scenes of the country with commentary. The beautiful gardens and the mountains in B.C. were a sight to behold. The ladies were thanked for bringing the pictures and telling of their experiences in such an informative way.
Another special guest was Anne Norton, President of Halton District WI. She was accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Hunter, a number of Dublin WI. Anne spoke briefly about the events and activities planned for the future in WI work.
The committee, assisted by the hostess, served a lunch and a social time was enjoyed.
Annual meeting
The annual meeting of Ballinafad United Church took place on Sunday, January 15 with an attendance of around 40. Rev. Bandy opened the meeting with words of welcome, and all sang "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds". Dr. Bandy read a chapter from the 1st book of Corinthians and led in prayer.
It was announced that the Mission

and Service Fund of \$3000 for '83 has run short by \$300. A special Mission and Service drive was proposed to make up the shortage.
The overall United Church in Canada is projecting a goal of \$40 million over a period of five years. This extra money to be used for re-development in less fortunate countries, and also to go towards the Ministers' Pension Fund.
Retiring from the session are Martin Lewis and Henri Gagne. Nominated to replace them are Bruce Munro and Edna Shortill. Retiring from Stewards are Emmerson Clarke and Paul Schwarz. Nominated to replace the Stewards are Ed McKelvey and Kay West.
There is going to be a fun day for the congregation on February 12 at the Volmar farm.
All are advised to circle April 29 on the calendar, for a special youth choir that will be coming from Cannington.
The building proposal for a new addition to the church, will entail a special congregational meeting called for the evening of January 29.
The New Club for the 4H will be "Fitness Fare". It sounds like an interesting club as some cooking will be involved also some Health Care. The first meeting will be Saturday, January 29 in the church basement from 9 till 12 noon. Any girl (or boy) from the age of 12 till 21 living in the community will be welcomed.

Local families are sought

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) is seeking local families to serve as hosts for 15 Scandinavian, German, Swiss, and British high school students who are part of the ASSE exchange visitor program. The non-profit ASSE is affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Ministries of Education, according to Canadian director Cindy Boyce.
The students, 16 and 17 years old, are fluent in English and are carefully selected for the program based on their high school performance, good character, and interest in living and studying in Canada.
All students are covered by comprehensive medical and liability insurance and have adequate money for personal needs supplied by their parents. The host family furnishes meals and housing.
The ASSE program offers families the

opportunity to share Canadian cultural and educational experiences with a European young person and, at the same time, to learn about another culture and language. Boyce indicated that a volunteer Area Representative, provided by ASSE, will contact the family and student on a regular basis to assure that everything is going smoothly.
ASSE is also seeking local high school students interested in participating on the ASSE program for an academic year or six week summer holiday in Europe. Students live with a well screened European host family while attending school and learning about the language and people of their chosen country.
Families and students interested in participating for the 1984/85 school year should contact ASSE's local Area Representative: Herbert Engell, 245 Pinehurst Drive, Oakville, Ont., L6J 4X2, 416-845-5425.

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