

Food, Clothing for Crees Started by Herald Letter

Women's Council Will Mark 50th Anniversary

The Local Council of Women reaches a milestone in Georgetown this year, and is planning a program next month to mark its 50th anniversary.

At the annual meeting, held in the Canada Trust committee room, Mrs. G. L. Gale was elected president. Others on the new executive are Mrs. J. H. Vickery, 1st vice president, Mrs. G. C. Poulos, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Florida Nodwell, treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, recording and press secretary; Mrs. Clarence Buck, Mrs. C. B. Dick, auditors. Mrs. Anne Pritchard is social convener, Mrs. T. W. Creaghan telephone convener and Mrs. Jack Nieuwhof safety convener.

Mrs. Poulos, representing the Red Cross, outlined the work projected for diabetics by the Canadian Diabetic Association and later presented the Red Cross report. Mrs. J. Grady reviewed resolutions coming up for discussion and decision at the provincial council convention in Sault Ste. Marie and received expressions of local opinion.

Mrs. Dick reported for the Canadian Association of Consumers and outlined a number of items of general interest from the current issue of Consumer News. These included — detergents still sold in spite of alleged restrictions; packaging of goods is not 100% satisfactory consumers should demand less attention to packaging and better products; consumer education should be taught in schools and CAC is working to have advertising banned which is directed at children; legislation is required for prohibition of insecticides from direct contact with food.

Mrs. Jones read the annual report of the Baptist Women's Missionary society. Tea was served by Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. Nieuwhof.

At a later executive meeting at Mrs. Gale's home, plans were made for the regular May meeting and a June social at the home of Mrs. Creaghan.

Past presidents of the organization are Miss Gertrude Dayfoot, Mrs. D. J. Matthews, Mrs. H. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Florida Nodwell, Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, Mrs. Clarence Hayes, Mrs. Ralph Ross, Mrs. R. T. Paul, Mrs. F. Bralaby, Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, Mrs. J. A. Kerr and Mrs. A. Sutherland.



Mrs. Gloria Warren packs clothing for Cree Indians

One family's warm heart, and letters to The Herald Mailbag have resulted in food and clothing for 300 needy Cree Indians on our own doorstep, Kasabonika, Ont., which lies between Hudson Bay and Lake Superior.

Almost single handedly, the Bourque family, 131 Raylawn Crescent, which includes the driving force, 24 year old Mrs. Gloria Warren, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bourque, another daughter Mrs. Sandra Lima, 13 year old Debbie Bourque, and 17 year old Mike Bourque have launched this campaign.

MORE IMPORTANT

It was sparked by Debbie coming home from school upset about the seal hunt. Her father, while not unsympathetic pointed out there were more important things to worry about, as he showed her an article in a Toronto newspaper depicting the plight of the Cree Indians.

Almost instantly the whole family decided they were going to do something tangible to help these Indians. Mrs. Gloria Warren wrote the first letter to The Herald asking for food and clothing, and from that the appeal has mushroomed.

PILED HIGH

Now the Bourque basement is piled high with food and clothing and others have let their homes be collection points. In addition, donations may be dropped at Mrs. Warren's 8th Line, R. R. 2; Mrs. A. Meeks, 48 Raylawn Cres; Mrs. Helen Campsty, 40 Main St. S; and Mrs. R. Ackroyd, 55 Raylawn Cres.

The big break came when Captain Norman Bigg, of the Air Reserve Squadron at Downsview, who lives at 4 Eden Pl., called to say, he and his buddies would airlift the donations to the isolated area, if Mrs. Warren would clear it with the Department of Indian Affairs. At time of writing clearance had not been received.

LEADING THE WAY

Mrs. Warren has written to 30 food wholesalers asking for food donations. So widespread has the cause become that she is appearing on a Toronto television station May 12, to plead the cause. She would like the rest of Ontario to know Georgetown is leading the way.

Many local organizations and stores have already helped with food and clothing and much more is needed, so while spring cleaning get rid of those extra clothes you don't wear, and throw in some boxes of food or canned vegetables.

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Operator of a jewellery and gift shop for 25 years, Mrs. Paul Barber, 55, succumbed to a heart attack at her home, 1 William Street on April 13.

A Georgetown native, she was the former Ruth McNally, daughter of Alta Herrington and the late Fred McNally. After attending Chapel St. public school and Georgetown high school, she was a member of the staff of the Bell Canada office. In 1946, she took over a gift shop business, Phoenix House, which had been established by Jack Thompson, which she operated on Main Street, then Mill Street, and later in its present Main St. location.

She was a member of Verdun Rebekah lodge, North Halton Curling Club and St. George's Anglican Church, where she was a member of the choir as a girl.

She leaves her husband, her mother and one brother, William F. McNally.

Rev. Eric Mills, now of Hamilton, conducted the funeral service in the church on April 15. Pallbearers were her nephews, David and John McNally, a cousin Ted Brown, brothers-in-law Keith and Robert Barber and Percy Saxe. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Was Forelady for Apple Products Firm

A Glen Williams resident since coming from England before the first world war, Mrs. Lucy Wagstaffe, 80, died in Georgetown hospital on April 20.

She had been forelady at the Apple Products factory for about twenty years until her retirement in 1965. She was a member of St. Alban's Anglican Church and for many years a member of the church ladies' guild.

Daughter of John and Bessie Ford she was born in Kirk Ireton, Derbyshire. Her husband Percy, whom she married in St. George's Church here in 1913, died in 1945. She leaves five children, Mrs. Cecil Barth (Dorothy), Mrs. Ross Giles (Mary), John, Mrs. Herb Preston (Marjorie) and Paul, all of the Glen Williams district; a brother Walter Ford and sister Mrs. Olive Ford in Derbyshire; 13 grandchildren, Dan, Mitchell, Peter and Stephanie Wagstaffe, Marilyn Schneider, Carol Spelgelberg, Sylvia Farr, David Diggins, Kenneth Beam, Diane and Brett Giles, Susan and Brian Preston; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter Bessie, Mrs. Wadio Diggins, in 1960, and by a sister Mrs. Fred Spendlove of Derbyshire.

Rev. Richard Ruggle of St. Alban's was assisted by Rev. Walter Ridley of the Glen United Church, in conducting the funeral service on April 22. Pallbearers were John Shain, Rexdale, Jack Crawford, Orangeville, Robert McMaster, John Walsma, Vera Kirby and Roland Haines. Flower bearers were Ralph Bludd, George McNally, Lorne Garvin, A. W. Allen, George Sargent and Peter Vonsoikema. Burial was in the family plot in Glen Williams cemetery.

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