

"Everyone is Naturalist At Heart," Yaki Tells GDN



Gus Yaki of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists spoke to members and friends of the Georgetown and District Naturalists Club last Wednesday on environmental quality.

Mr. Yaki explained some of the problems facing the Niagara Escarpment and Quebec Park. He also brought to the attention of the people gathered, the mining act and the endangered species act.

Mr. Yaki went on to say "almost everyone is a naturalist at heart. People want pets and gardens, flowers and the like around them. Families vacation in the mountains or by the sea, for the beauty that is there." Mr. Yaki said "everyone has a biological makeup that makes them want to feel a part of nature, that transcends most other feelings."

Slides were shown of the escarpment, along the Bruce Trail. More and more of the trail is now detoured along roads. "Take the

time to write to your Member of Parliament requesting that action be taken in the purchase of escarpment lands for the benefit of all the peoples of Ontario," he suggested.

A great many books and recordings were available from the F.O.N. bookstore. Bob Burcher, the president of the Georgetown and District Naturalists Club, is the local representative to the F.O.N. and past president Norm Cramp has been elected to the board of directors.

Members of the G.D.N. club went on a field trip following the Credit Valley footpath. Each week sees new members in the club, and the newsletter edited by Dr. Roger Frost of 35 Park Street, has made a name for itself, as it covers controversial matters in a controversial manner.

Information can be supplied by the publications chairman and vice president Bob Ollivier, 33 Henry St.

Discusses Hypnosis For Kinetite Members

Someplace Else was chosen as the location for Past Members' Night by the Georgetown Kinetite Club on November 9. Head table guests included: Erna Smith, president of Brampton Kinetite Club; Dr. Boyd Hodinott, guest speaker; District One Kinetite Convener, Melba Gray; District Treasurer, Jeanette Lobinger; and Charter President, Eva Middleton.

Four guests, three Kin wives and 11 past members enjoyed a buffet, followed by discussion on hypnosis by Dr. Hodinott.

President Lorna Michasiw conducted a short business session. The group voted to give a \$25 donation to a family burned out in a recent fire, and a \$50 cheque to A.R.C. Industries.

The Christmas Welfare chairman has received a cheque from the Rebekahs and toys from St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary. It is expected that donations from other local organizations will be collected in the near future.

Each member has been asked to sell boxes of mixed nuts, with a blitz to be held on December 4th. Sharon Middleton reported that the



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Marathon Bridge is well underway. A Santa Claus suit is to be purchased and rented to the public. Ann Roxborough won the Chinese Auction and Peg Elliott the door prize. The next meeting will take the form of a social with the Kinmen Club.

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It's A Busy Scene For Zeta Alpha Gals

Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has enjoyed a busy social scene in the past two weeks. Members and their husbands tugged out in costume to dunk for

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apples at the Hallowe'en Party on October 30th. A number of other party games, dancing and refreshments were also on the program.

A party of 23 attended the annual Beta Ball held at the Riviera Club, Norval, on November 5th. The theme this year was "International". The club was decorated with posters to this effect and two tables of international hors d'oeuvres were available for snacking during the evening.

A meeting was held on November 2nd, at the home of Lois Heimer. The evening's program "Nature" was presented by Helen Hutchinson and Peggy Haines who introduced as their guest speaker Mr. W. Wright a resident of Georgetown.

Mr. Wright showed an unusual film on nature and pollution. A short discussion followed and members were given a list of 17 ways in which we can avoid polluting the environment.

25 Year Pin to IODE Member

The November meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, was held November 7 at the home of Mrs. William Carr, Rexway Drive. Mrs. Sam Penrice presided and a good attendance was present.

Secretary Mrs. A. W. Gilmer read the October minutes and correspondence and Jean Mackenzie gave the treasurer's report. Reports were given by various conveners. The regent gave a report on the area conference in Barrie, which she and Margery Mackenzie, Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. Graham Farnell and Mrs. James Linton had attended. She noted that the community hall at

Attawapiskat had been officially opened September 29. This is a gift from the Ontario IODE chapters. A citizen convenership has been added to the executive slate. Mrs. R. Ballantine reported the bake and opportunity sale a success and thanked the members for their help. Mrs. Garfield McGillvray reported on Christmas card sales.

Mrs. Denney Unaries was presented with a 25 year pin. Mrs. Ken Meers acted as auctioneer for the auction sale. Mrs. Farnell thanked Mrs. Meers. Lunch was served, with Mrs. Oliver Hunter, Mrs. Ernest Furgrave and Mrs. McGillvray assisting the hostess.

Road Work Behind Them Staff Preps For Winter

The pre-winter rush of roadwork is evident all over town, with trucks and road blocks changing the usual traffic patterns of residents.

Traffic has been detoured around portions of Charles for the last two weeks while the town forces are laying 18" water mains for the new No. 6 well. Eventually all the downtown water mains will be replaced, but this will be over a four or five year period.

The sprucing up of Main Street South is completed with a sidewalk running from Maple Avenue up to Park Street, and a 2" overlay of asphalt smoothing out the bumps and cutting down the dust.

A portion of Main Street north going up the hill from downtown was also given the 2" overlay.

The town forces did all the work except the actual asphalt which was done by Armstrong Brothers.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

The whole industrial park area, complained about by many industries, was covered with the 2" asphalt overlay on top of 15" of granular material.

The most startling change is probably on Delrex Blvd. from Sargent to Edward St. The whole road was reconstructed, including excavation, granular material, 4" of asphalt, 38" storm sewers, curbs, gutters and manholes. The sodding of the boulevards is now being finished. The work was done by John Cacci, contractor, who also did the industrial area.

The town works force has just finished laying a 36" storm sewer in an Ontario hydro easement behind Pennington Crescent and Duncan Drive, from Sinclair to Weber, to relieve any drainage problems in the area.

FINALLY STARTED

The long awaited widening of Ontario Street has finally begun, after at least 10 years of discussion. Armstrong Brothers started the project last Thursday, after a house had to be moved.

The works department does more than road work. They are now

starting to construct an additional soccer field at Cedarvale, and filling land at Emerson Park on Carruthers Road for next year.

SALT DOME

In addition, the site had been readied at the works garage on Maple Avenue East for the salt dome, a beehive-like structure for housing winter salt.

At the moment the town has 4,000 tons of sand ready for those wintry roads, and the snowploughs are being greased and oiled.

December 15 two of the men will begin a winter patrol. They will work nights, and be ready to alert the whole works staff if a heavy storm breaks, so the commuters will have the roads ploughed earlier in the morning.



COMMITTEE ON THE COSTS OF EDUCATION

The Committee on the Costs of Education in the Elementary and Secondary Schools of Ontario has been appointed to undertake a comprehensive review of the costs of education in relation to the aims and objectives, programs, priorities and the like, of the educational system; to evaluate existing programs in the light of experience with them, the requirements of the present, and in terms of the expenditures of money for them; and to recommend policies as the Committee may determine.

The Committee will welcome assistance from representatives of groups, organizations, and associations and from the public through the provision of information, comments and suggestions in areas such as but not limited to:

- the use of the financial resources being provided for elementary and secondary education in Ontario in the attainment of the educational goals;
- the ability of the various differentiating factors in the legislative grant plan such as course, location, level (elementary and secondary), and type (ordinary and extraordinary) to generate funds in proper balance consistent with the needs for the attainment of desirable educational objectives;
- the implications of ceilings on expenditures by local school boards, including the effect on the decision-making and autonomy of these boards;
- the various aspects of school programs with particular reference to innovations and new concepts as, for example, the "open plan" organization, technical and commercial programs, and use of educational technology.

It will be appreciated if submissions could be made as soon as possible, but not later than 31st March, 1972. They should be sent to:

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Norwegian Theme When District W. I. Meets

by Mrs. Frank Brown
Halton District W.I.

Monday afternoon, November 8th, 104 members and guests of the Halton Women's Institute met at the Master Feeds Research building to hold Halton District Day in the Norwegian theme. Mrs. George Henderson, District President opened with a Norway contest to get members acquainted. This was followed by the Hymn of All Nations. Then Mrs. Gerald Tomlins, 46 McIntyre Crescent, a native of Norway, led the singing of a Norwegian song, "Norsk Folkemelodi - Per Spelmann".

Mrs. John Bird expressed congratulations to Mrs. George Henderson on being elected board member for Subdivision 12 and to Miss Cathy Lashy on winning the first Dr. Ethel Chapman scholarship. Mrs. Bird added her pleasure in that Miss Chapman was present and able to make the award personally.

Mrs. J. McEnery gave a resume of Miss Lashy's achievements in 4th, school, church and club work. She is furthering her education as an Arts student at the University of Guelph. Scholarship committee was given the completed applications by Mrs. D. Barnister, Home Economist. The names on these reports were deleted and only judged by the completion of 12 clubs, county and provincial honors, scholastic standing and an essay of community achievements and worth while experiences in 4th work.

Each branch answered roll call by explaining posters or exhibits. Postcards and maps of Norway were well displayed and also cook books, silverware, stamps, coins, flags and antiques. Norway's national anthem is "Yes we love this land". The country has the fourth largest fleet of ships in the world.

Mrs. M. Nellis introduced guest speaker Mrs. Roy Westlake of Brampton, former Provincial Board member and nominee for the office of president of F.W.I.O. delegate to the A.C.W.W. 18th Triennial conference in Oslo, Norway last August. Mrs. Westlake told of her pre-conference tour of Norway. Three quarters of the country is rocks and lakes, one quarter in forest and only 4 percent fertile enough for agriculture use. Norwegians enjoy a high standard of living with average farms from 10 to 40 acres. Mrs. Westlake stressed women should be proud to belong to the W.I. organization and be a part of the six and a half million members of A.C.W.W. in 66 countries.

Mrs. Westlake then showed us slides of the conference, churches, farms, natural environment and people of Norway.

The collection for Pennies for Friendship amounted to \$11.29.

Mrs. L. Jamieson gave the courtesies and lunch of typically Norwegian toasts were enjoyed by all.

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