

The metric system can be fun University Women discover

"The Library" was one topic of discussion at the January meeting of the University Women's Club of Georgetown. Mrs. Betsy Cornwell, librarian for the town of Halton Hills, was on hand to discuss the library, its history, present problems and plans for the future. Although plans for expansion are presently at a standstill Mrs. Cornwell pointed out that this has not deterred her staff from expanding the services offered by the library.

The example of the Limehouse community library project was given. The Georgetown library, in co-operation with the Halton Board of Education, has set up a branch in the Limehouse Public School for use by people of that area. A shut-in service has also begun through which material is being delivered to the handicapped and those unable to come to the library. As well, said Mrs. Cornwell, it's hoped

that the library will act as a resource centre for those interested in recording the history of Georgetown both by themselves and through the newly-formed Georgetown Historical Society. She also pointed out the need for a branch service in the eastern plaza area of town. Cost, however, is a major factor in establishing such a service but, once suitable accommodation is found, it's hoped that the project could become a

reality. Club president Mary McEwen expressed the thanks of the club to Mrs. Cornwell for her talk. Two members of the Halton Board of Education were also present for the UWC's first meeting of the year. Sam Pravica, a mathematics consultant and Mr. Henry Courtney, a math and science consultant, conducted a lively metric workshop. They explained what is involved in

converting from the Imperial system to the Metric system, how the metric system works and what pitfalls should be avoided when going from one to the other. According to the consultants the standard unit used to measure weight or mass is the gram. Capacity or volume is measured in litres and linear measure is done in metres. Temperature will no longer be recorded in Centigrade, instead Celsius will be the new stan-

dard of measure. Following their preliminary introduction the two men passed from the realm of theory to the realm of practical application as they gave all present an opportunity to apply what they had just learned. There was a great deal of amusement as the ladies attempted to estimate the measurements of various objects, such as the weight of a cube of sugar or the number of litres in a bottle of wine. One very important aspect was stressed by both men. They warned that to be constantly converting from the Imperial system to the Metric system would only lead to greater confusion. We should all, therefore, be trying to think in metric terms and forget the units of measure of the Imperial system. Mary Lou Young thanked the gentlemen and assured that all would be making a determined effort to "Think Metric."



THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association attracted delegates from across the province. Members from Halton, Peel and York Counties who attended the recent meeting in Ottawa were (front row, left to right) George Gardhouse, RRA, Caledon East, OSCIA zone director; Russell Morrison, RR2, Beaverton, past president, OSCIA; Don Fieldhouse, Woodbridge; (back row, left to right) Richard Sovereign, RR2, Milton; David Gardhouse, Caledon; Harvey Nurse, RR2, Georgetown; and Alex Johnston, Nashville.

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Kinettes honor vice-president

The Georgetown Kinette Club held its January meeting at the Driftwood, in Norval. Vice-President's Night was observed and vice-president Sherren Middleton was in the chair. Kin wives Peg Elliott and Gloria Riddal were welcomed as guests. Following dinner the business meeting was held. Service chairwoman Karen reported the donations to the street hockey marathon for Cystic Fibrosis were \$30.00, which included the club's donation and personal donations from Kinettes. Program chairwoman Alma reported the February meeting would be our annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. Convention chairwoman Susan reported we would be having a Sports Nite, Box Lunch Social on February 15 at Kinette Roalme's. Volunteers were called for the chairing of this year's Floral Fantasy by Fendley's, to be held in April. Kinette Donna and president Marilyn will be chairing the project. Following our business meeting, Mrs. Jenny Kulken of the Tinkerbell Nursery in Milton showed slides and spoke very informatively about the work they are doing with the children at Tinkerbell.

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