



A TIME FOR REMINISCING. Switchboard operators who worked for Bell before Georgetown 'went dial' held a reunion last Saturday. Honoured guests at the reunion were, left to right; Alice Lindsay, who was with Bell for 25

years, Lillian Marchment, a 22 year Bell employee; Mabel Chavo, who was chief operator for Georgetown and Isabel Wiggitt a 12-year employee for Bell.

Councillors at meeting

by Mrs. Dorothy McLean

At a meeting held by the Norval Community Association held on Tuesday evening, September 23, in the basement of Norval United Church, with Hugh McFarlane presiding, it was decided to hold a dance as a fund raising project.

Pat Patterson presented several ideas for fund raising and after discussing various possibilities it was decided to hold a dance at the "Credit Valley Club" formerly called the Riviera, in Norval, around the end of November if a suitable date can be arranged with the club and with a band to provide the music.

M.P.F. Julian Reed was extended congratulations for his win in the recent provincial election by Hugh McFarlane backed by all the other members. Hugh expressed the opinion that it was fantastic that an M.P.F. should be a member of this committee. Julian had his written letter of resignation ready to present as he thought some people might construe his membership as a conflict of interests. It was unanimous that he remain a member as this organization is only for the improvement of this community, for a better Norval, so should not cause a conflict of interests.

Halton Hills councillors Dick Howitt and George Malby were present for part of the meeting. They both expressed the opinion that it was good to meet the members of the association and to know the aims of the organization. They were surprised to learn that there are 50 families who are paid members and that there are many other interests besides the school and water although they are important issues. They gave some helpful suggestions during the meeting one of them being that Norval should have a representative on the Halton Hills recreation committee and Randy Fendley was appointed to look into the possibility.

Randy Fendley reported that his recreation committee have a teenage dance planned for October 25th and hopefully another one around Christmas.

Bob Crawford reported that his Beautification committee had judged the Junior Gardener's contest for growing petunias and tomatoes and would announce the winners as soon as the children themselves had been notified. It was decided to recognize the winners with a cup or suitable trophy at the next public meeting. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Sheridan Nurseries who donated the planters for the village. The red and white petunias did well and are still quite pretty. They hope to have more planters placed in the village next year. The committee are looking into "Welcome to Norval" signs and street signs. The "Welcome to Norval" signs would have to be placed on private property as the Highway Dept. do not allow signs on their property. The committee discussed better maintenance of the grass along the highway through the village with the Highway Dept. and hope this can be done next year. George Smith, Mrs. Joyce Hutton, and Jamie Cunningham with Bob Crawford, chairman, are the Beautification committee.

Julian Reed reported that renting the school for recreational purposes is at a dead end between the Halton Hills Council and the School Board at the present time, but he is hopeful that a meeting with all concerned to talk the situation over will reach a satisfactory settlement. The meeting will be held soon.

Unit One and Unit Two of Norval United Church Women met at the home of Mrs. Marlon Laird on Wednesday evening, September 17th, with Mrs. Agnes Miller presiding.

The devotional on "The Lord's Prayer" was given by Mrs. Eunice Wilson, and Mrs. S. Shaw gave a reading. During the business, delegates to the Presbyterian at Terra Nova were appointed. An invitation to attend St. John's United Church U.C.W. thanksgiving meeting in Georgetown on October 8th was read. Quitting the 50th anniversary quilt being made by Unit Two was planned.

The roll call provided the program for the evening which was "Tell an incident in the life of the church, amusing or interesting". Many interesting stories were told and a lot of laughs enjoyed as each one reminisced.

Mrs. Catherine Laidlaw, Mrs. May Cleave and Mrs. Kate Laidlaw assisted the hostess in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Norval Presbyterian Church W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Tom McGee on Tuesday evening, September 15 with Mrs. Andrew McClure presiding. The roll call was "An item of interest from the Glad Tidings". The study book was on the Book of Colossians and took the form of a Bible study given by Mrs. Oliver Hunter, Mrs. H. Anthony, Mrs. H. Reed, Mrs. Hyatt McClure, and Mrs. Clure Archdekin.

During the business plans were made for the fall thanksgiving meeting to be held in the church on October 21 with Miss Jo McCourt as guest speaker. She does Inter Varsity Christian Youth work at York campus.

Rev. Derwin Hill, moderator of the Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches, is on a tour of the west with the orchestra that he plays with called "The Lost and Found". It is composed of Presbyterian ministers.

Norval United Church Y.P.S. and Teen Choir met at the home of Bonnie and Bill Crawford on Sunday evening, September 13th for their first fall meeting. Bill Crawford was elected president, Deborah Dahmert, secretary, and Cindy Reid, treasurer. Bonnie Crawford and Terry Laidlaw will be in charge of the music.

They decided to meet every other Sunday evening at the members homes and divided the members into 4 groups to plan the programs. They will be providing the music at the church worship services once or twice a month. A special Rally Day service was held at Norval United Church on Sunday, September 21 with Rev. R. Walter Ridley conducting the service. About 60 Sunday School pupils along with their teachers entered the church in a procession. Rev. Ridley introduced the teachers, Kindergarten - Cindy Reid and Deborah Dahmert; Primary - Marilyn Smith and Phyllis Moffat; Primary Junior - Gwen Laidlaw and Ruth Anne Wilson; Junior - Roale Laidlaw; Intermediate - Gordon Laidlaw.

Taking part during the service were Carol Reid, Cathy Laidlaw, Carol Abb Laidlaw and Jill Hetherington. Gordon Laidlaw, Sunday School superintendent, told the children's story and the Junior choir provided special music. Get well wishes are extended to Norman Laidlaw who is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton with a broken hip.

Area operators

Re-unite after 22 years

Number please. Remember the days when you'd pick up the phone only to find Gladys, Lena, Marion or Valerie on the other end of the line enunciating distinctly 'number please'.

These were just a few of the ladies who worked as Bell telephone switchboard operators before Bell in Georgetown converted to the dial operation.

Twenty-eight of Georgetown's past switchboard operators reunited after 22 years, last Saturday afternoon, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Most of the women who got together on Saturday, worked for the company from the late 1940's up until that well

remembered Sunday morning, September 25th, when at approximately 6:00 p.m. the conversion was made. Within two minutes (or less) local operators were needed in the Georgetown area no longer.

An honoured guest at the reunion was Mabel Chavo who at the time of the conversion was chief operator. Miss Chavo, after 47 years of service for Bell, retired once Georgetown 'went dial'. Miss Chavo began her telephone career in Toronto in 1906 when she became an operator. She remained in Toronto for 29 years, serving in several supervisory and instructional posts. In 1935, Miss Chavo became the telephone company's manager at Penetang

and remained there in that post until her transfer to Georgetown in 1939.

Other honoured guests at the reunion included Alice Lindsay, who presently lives in Galt and who had been with Bell for a total of 25 years and Lillian Marchment, a Norval resident who had been with Bell for 22 years.

Other past switchboard operators who were present at the first Bell reunion for

Georgetown included: Isabel Wiggitt, Marion Burns, Gladys Malison, Lena Thompson, Valerie Caruso, Tick Wyatt, Mabel Seddon, Tilley Irwin, Norma Olney, Dorothy Olney, Doris Spence, Marg Brainard, Davina Barber, Merle Lawrence, Ruth Jones, Louise Logan, Rose Marie Campbell, Vi Darch, Mabel Hillman, Winnie Mulder, Gladys Whitmee, Marg Toat, Jeannine Cook.

Anne McMenemy and Kaye McCumber.

The reunion was a time for many of the women to see some of their previous fellow workers, some of whom had not seen each other for many years.

It was a time to reunite, catch up on the latest but most of all it was a time to reminisce their days of serving Georgetown as Bell's switchboard operators.

Family fly

The flying Brotherhoods will take off again in hopes of winning up to \$1,000 in prizes in the annual Michigan Small Race, organized by the Ninety Nines, a international women pilots organization.

Barbara and Thomas Brotherton of Limehouse will be entering the contest which is scheduled to begin October 3 and to end October 5.

The race will start and end in Owosso, Michigan with forty entrants from the United States and seven from Canada for the 200 mile cross-country air race, proficiency event for stock model aircraft.

All pilots in the race are women but male co-pilots allowed which is organized under Sporting Code of the Federation Aeronatique Internationale, the National Aeronautic Association and

Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

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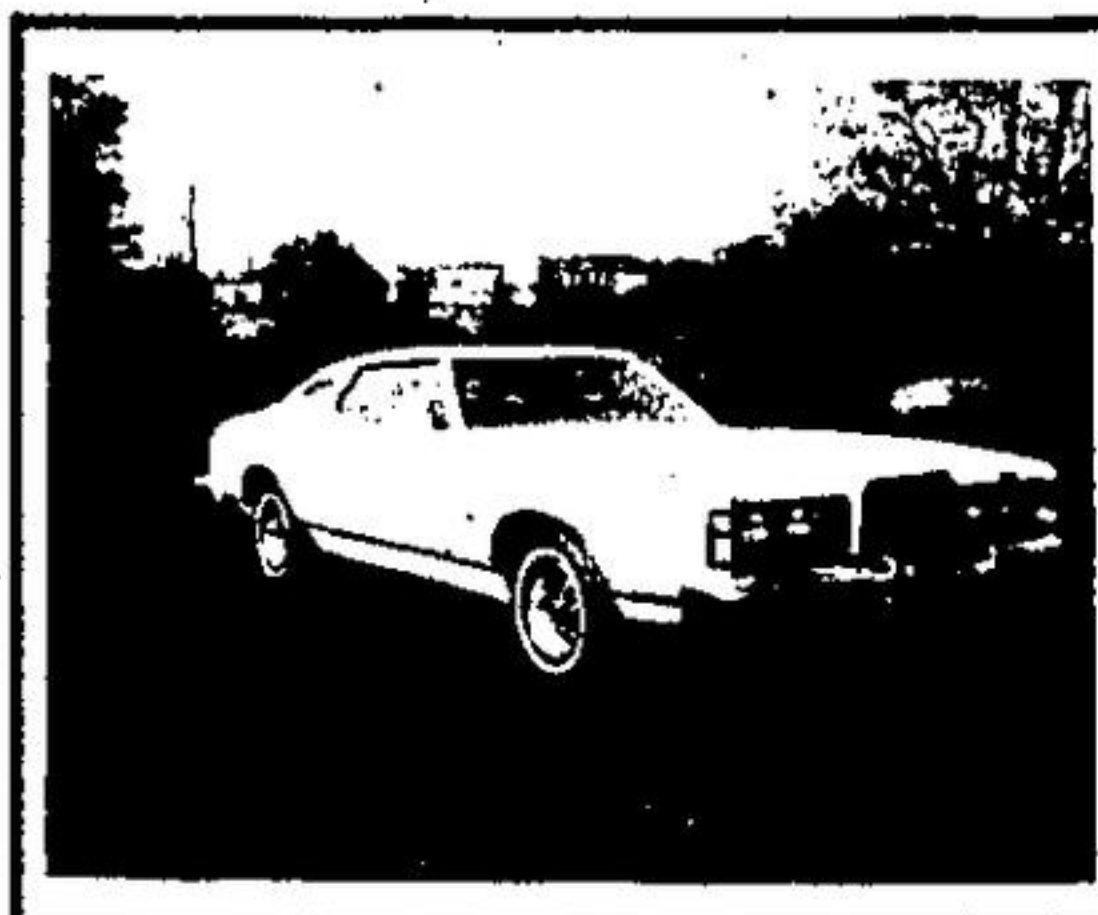
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