

They rocked, and rocked, and...

Six members of the Knox Presbyterian Church congregation "rocked around the clock" for 40 hours, non-stop, this weekend to raise money to aid native young

people of Canada. The Presbyterian Young People's organization's Rockathon which began at 9 p.m. Friday evening, in the church basement, concluded

at 1 p.m. on Sunday and is anticipated to bring in a total of close to \$800 which will go to the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Fellowship House, provides a home for native children from distant settlements to stay at while receiving their education in Prince Albert. Those persistent yet steady "rockers" who "rocked on" for 40 hours with only five minutes of break time in each hour were: Dave Harley, Herb Harlow, Mary Robinson, Karen Herrington, Chris Geggie, and Jackie VanGoch. Pat Yewer who joined the group early Saturday morning rocked in her chair for 29 hours.

There were 23 other rockers who participated in the marathon, who also rocked for many, many hours however, for various reasons could not complete the 40-hour target. The rockathon participants ranged from the ages of ten years old to 59 years old which included a canine participant named "Blossy", who rocked in the lap of Jane Barrow for a total of five hours Friday evening.

The eldest participant was Herb Harlow, an elder in the Knox Presbyterian Church. Herb remained with the young people for the duration of the marathon and after completing 40 hours described his experience as, "terrific". "I feel really good. Oh, yes, I am tired but I was with a really great bunch. I got really weary but I was too stubborn to quit," related Mr. Harlow.

"I decided to participate because I wanted to experience this thing with the young people. It has been a tremendous experience and I now feel that the world is in good hands with this bunch around," concluded the tired, yet enthusiastic gentleman.

Five young ladies of St. John's United Church Teen Choir accepted the challenge which was issued by the Knox Young People to all the area churches and joined the fun. The rockathon did not go unrecognized or unpraised for CHUM radio station in Toronto and CHIC radio station in Brampton announced over the air, the event and the progress being made by the participants.

Dave Harley, Youth Advisor for the young people's organization, and who originally presented the young people with the rockathon idea, also completed the 40 hours and described it as "an elation to get the 40 hours over with. I found out however, that the goal was not an unattainable goal. There was good fellowship here during the whole weekend and it has been an unforgettable experience," said Dave.

Without the help of the many who volunteered their services the participants could

not have lasted the duration of the marathon. Keeping close check on the time was the official timekeeper, Michael Hope. Michael, along with Doug Harlow and Carolyn Ewing served as cooks and supplied three sound meals each day as well as snacks every three hours.

To help keep the group awake during the wee hours, Lesli Klendening provided musical entertainment. Lesli acted as disc-jockey for the weekend as well as provided the much appreciated folk music he played on his guitar with many a song joined by the participants.

Various members of the church's women's auxiliary came in to help out, often bringing donations of food and refreshments. And of course the many parents who came to give support and encouragement should not be forgotten.

As the closing hour ap-



V FOR VICTORY. Confident of lasting those few long minutes remaining to mark 40 hours of non-stop rocking, participants in the Rockathon, held last weekend by the Knox Presbyterian Young People's organization, hold

their hands high indicating victory. Those who were rocking to the target hour were: time keeper, Michael Hope; rockers: Dave Harley, Pat Yewer, Herb Harlow, Mary Robinson, Karen Herrington, Chris Geggie and Jackie VanGoch.

Sutherland, Margaret Barrow, Laura Shepherd, Alice Aberrombie, Mrs. Scott, Rhoda Geggie, Dawn Livingstone, Marni Thompson, Renate Euteneier, Denise Malcolmson, Helen Hope, Elaine Thompson, Bett Shepherd and Carol Kostluk. Members of the St. John's United Church Teen Choir who cannot be forgotten are: Janine Prouse, Cheryl Hauser, MaryLynn Morrow, Allison MacDonald, and Sheila MacDonald.



"ROCKING AROUND THE CLOCK." Herb Harlow, the eldest participant in the Rockathon sponsored by the Knox Presbyterian Young People's rocked for 40

hours straight over the weekend to help raise money to be donated to the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Xi Delta finished with a bang

After a busy start in 1977 including a Fall Fashion Show, Xi Delta Beta settled down to enjoy a more relaxed end of the year.

To celebrate Exemplar Day, a potluck supper was held at the home of Kathleen Vickery, the chapter's president. After a most interesting and varied meal a programme entitled "House and Home" was presented by Lynda Tyrrel. A variety of objects and memorabilia were presented to the group in a form of a quiz. Many things that were common to the home of yester-year were almost unknown by most members.

An article was read concerning the typical daily chores of a house-wife at the turn of the century. Most members agreed that times have indeed changed.

Later in the month an invitation was extended by the Brampton chapter to join them at the Blue Flame Room to enjoy a guest speaker. Ms. Black, a lawyer from Streetsville, spoke on the topic "My Half of the Apple". An interesting discussion followed concerning a woman's rights under the law. It was indeed a most informative evening for all.

The December meeting was held at the home of Marlene Kelman. The programme titled, "Women to Whom We are Indebted" was presented by Dee Butwell. The programme was presented in the form of a quiz. Clues were given concerning famous Canadian Women now and in the past. Most members discovered that as Canadians and women, we know little about those women who have made contributions to Canadian life.

As the Christmas season drew near a mixed party was held at the home of Pauline Hughes. The evening was spent enjoying a gourmet buffet which included everything from shrimp to curried rice. The girls themselves enjoyed their own evening at the Driftwood in Norval.

After a most enjoyable dinner Secret Sister gifts were exchanged to close the evening.

The first meeting of the New Year was held at the home of Marg Teetzel. After a brief business meeting the programme entitled "Women who have made a difference" was presented by Marg Teetzel. A most interesting discussion followed the reading of an article telling of a wife's return to school and eventually being ordained as a minister.

A Casino Night was held on January 17, at the home of Marg and Stu Teetzel. A fun evening was had by all as they moved from table to table playing twenty-one, poker and the roulette wheel. Box lunches were packed by the members in the Casino theme.

First prize went to Kathleen Vickery for the most beautifully decorated box.

The second meeting in January was held at the home of Judy Lawday. A brief

business meeting was held at which the service project for the year was decided upon. It was decided to assist a handicapped child suffering from cerebral palsy. The group will assist not only financially but donations of time as well.

The programme entitled "Viva la Difference" was presented by Larrie Ryan. Larrie's guest speaker was Joyce Beaton, author of the book, "Now It's My Turn". She is also a writer for the Milton

newspaper.

Mrs. Beaton was a most humorous and interesting speaker as she told the group of her trials and tribulations in finding herself after six children and almost 20 years of marriage.

To close off the month, the members of Xi Delta Beta entertained prospective members from the three local chapters at the home of Mary Ellen Bridge, the chapter's vice-president and official hostess.

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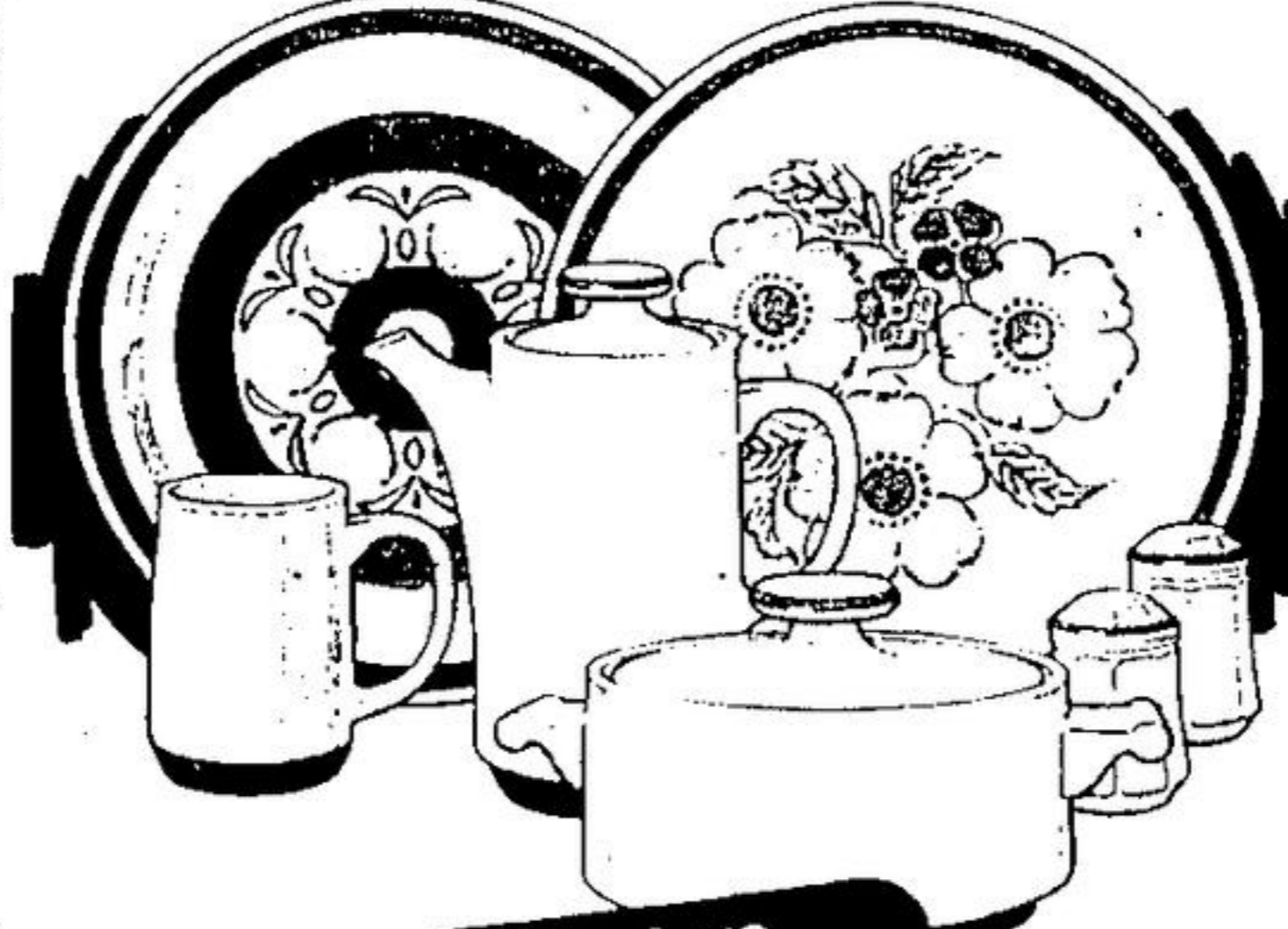
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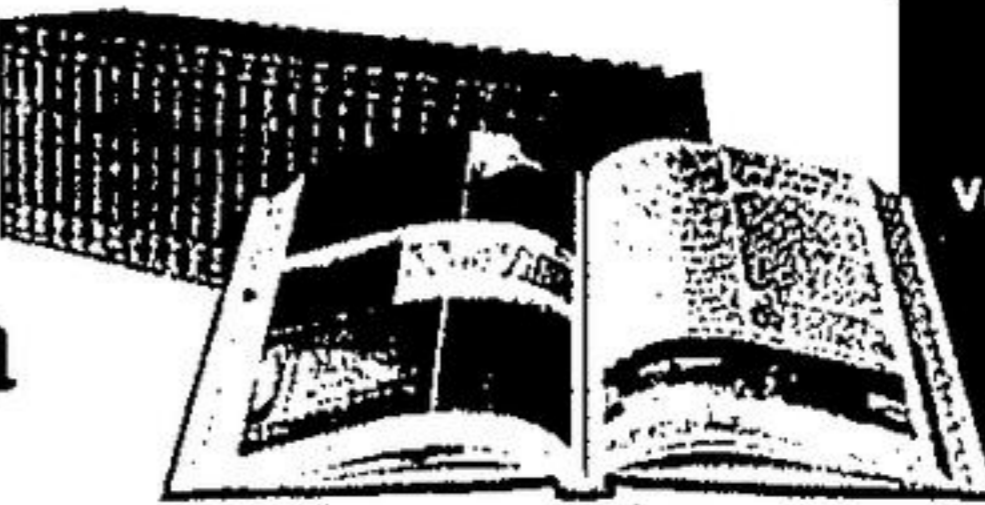
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