

## Theta Theta Events

Well this is certainly starting off as a busy year for Theta Theta. The chapter held their "beginning day" on August 28, at the home of Paddy Brown. It took the form of a strictly socializing evening with the girls entertaining the new prospective pledges for the year. On September 10th, the new pledges were entertained along with their husbands at a hayride at the home of Jack and Rhona Scholz. Everyone had a great time once the fellows got the flat tire on the wagon fixed!

The first regular meeting of this year was held on September 14 at Elaine French's home. The program for the evening was titled "Natural Science" and Jo Poulstrup and Julie Cochrane presented a very interesting film which was followed as usual by a lively discussion period.

On September 25, Theta Theta presented their first major fund-raising project, a dance, "Hawaiian Night" at Ballinad Community Hall. Thanks to the efforts of Rhona Scholz, our ways and means committee chairman, and the able-bodied assistance of all the girls, it was a rousing success. Over a hundred people attended and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The girls of the chapter had gotten together earlier in the month to make decorations and Hawaiian leis, which were handed out to the guests.

Theta Theta held their model meeting at the home of Jo Poulstrup on September 28. At this time, a "model" regular meeting and program were

presented for the benefit of the new pledges. Paddy Brown and Diane O'Sullivan gave a quiz on the subject of Physical Science, followed by a discussion period. After the meeting, the prospective pledges were asked to consider joining the chapter. Theta Theta are pleased to announce four new pledges have joined the group and we welcome them as follows: Kathy Collison, Pat James, Joyce Munkacsy and Crista St. Pierre.

As part of a program on Painting and Sculpture, the girls from Theta Theta visited the Four Winds Gallery in Norval on October 12. The program was organized by Elaine

French and Julie Cochrane and the girls had an enjoyable time browsing through the Art work. After this interlude, the meeting moved on to the home of Carol Sweezie where the business meeting was conducted and a delicious lunch served by Carol and Diane O'Sullivan.

Plans are now under way for another social at the end of October and the chapter is busy preparing the new pledges for the "Pledge Ritual" ceremony to take place on October 26. The girls of Theta Theta would also like at this time to wish good luck and a good year to their new president Joey Poulstrup.

## Bell employee retires

A host of friends gathered together at Bell Canada's West Administration Building in Toronto recently to honor Mrs. Dorothea Patterson, facilities manager on the eve of her retirement.

It was also her 35th Anniversary with the company - Mrs. Patterson spent her entire career in the traffic department in Toronto area where she worked in operator services and dial facilities.

R.C. Mellish, Staff Supervisor Ontario Region Traffic was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Presentation of the traditional President's Wallet was made by J.W. Fraser, General Manager, C.C.N.S. The life membership certificate to the Telephone Pioneers of America was made by E.K. Campbell, General Manager,

South-West area traffic. A memory book containing names and good wishes from several hundred friends was presented by Margaret Bakemeyer, retired friend and fellow associate of 35 years.

K.I. Foell, District D.A. Manager presented a gift of money and a Kodak instant camera and case from her many friends.

Two of her own staff, Marie Rodrigues and Lorraine Stenhouse presented a gift of TV Tables from the staff.

Approximately 150 people sat to a lovely buffet dinner served by the Dining Service Group.

Mrs. Patterson and her husband presently reside in Ballinad and have spent the last ten years in the Milton and Georgetown area.

## CREDIT VALLEY LINE

### Travelling the rails via slides

About 15 members of the Esqueing Historical Society took an unusual train ride Monday without leaving Georgetown's library.

Instead of boarding any of the carriages of the Credit Valley Railway, the society members travelled vicariously through the slides of James Filby, author of a history of the railroad and one of the proprietors of Boston Mills Press.

Filby, a purchasing agent for a firm in Brampton, conducted the group through a brief history of railways in Southern Ontario. The charter for the Credit Valley Railway with 165 miles of track which ran from Elora to Toronto was granted Feb. 18, 1871 to George Laidlaw.

Filby said that Laidlaw's influence on Canadian railways may be one of the most important, but little known facts, of railway history. The CVR at the time was the "third giant" of Canadian railways, behind Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railroads.

Laidlaw, the man behind the railway was born 1829 in Lindsay, Scotland, and before turning 21 had fought with rebel forces in Spain, spent time in Brazil, more time fighting in Mexico and searched for gold in 1849 in California until he returned to Scotland. Laidlaw came to Canada in 1855, becoming a wealthy grain merchant before building the railway.

"He's virtually unknown,"

Filby said he got started in rail as a hobby in 1939 when he wanted to know the history of a track which ran "by the door of my house".

"I started digging... and kept on digging..." until there was material enough to publish a book.

After about "15 or 20" rejection slips he, his wife Jean and friends John Denison and Ralph Beaumont formed Boston Mills Press and haven't looked back.

Boston Mills Press, with sales of about 20,000 books, three titles in reprint and four more heading for a second printing, is chugging along full steam ahead.

But there's more to keeping history alive than by writing and selling books and Filby, along with Don Beaumont, showed the audience how effective use of old photographs and memorabilia could enliven slide shows and movies on historical subjects.

Beaumont showed a 16mm color and sound movie titled "Credit Valley Album" and filmed in and around the Forks of the Credit. The film was broadcast by the CBC on National television early this year.

Following the film and slide presentation, Filby was surprised and delighted to receive a copy of "Haltom Sketches" recently published by Esqueing Historical Society president, John McDonald, who had brought a copy of Filby's book to get the author's signature.

## Cedarvale Park site selected for library

After years of lobbying among the town councillors for expanded or new library facilities in the Georgetown area, the Haltom Hills library board has been rewarded with a portion of land in Cedarvale Park on which a new library could be built.

Council approved in principle the dedication of up to two acres of land close to the park's Main Street - Maple Avenue entrance for library purposes.

The motion came in the form of a recommendation from the committee for the develop-

ment of the new municipal property and buildings, which has studied means of improving the municipal complex, Georgetown Memorial Arena and the library facility.

The existing Georgetown public library on Church Street has been regarded by the board as being obsolete for current purposes and long overdue for a move to larger facility. The agreement by which the former church was deeded to the town for library use during the 1920's stipulates that no major alterations will be made to the structure.

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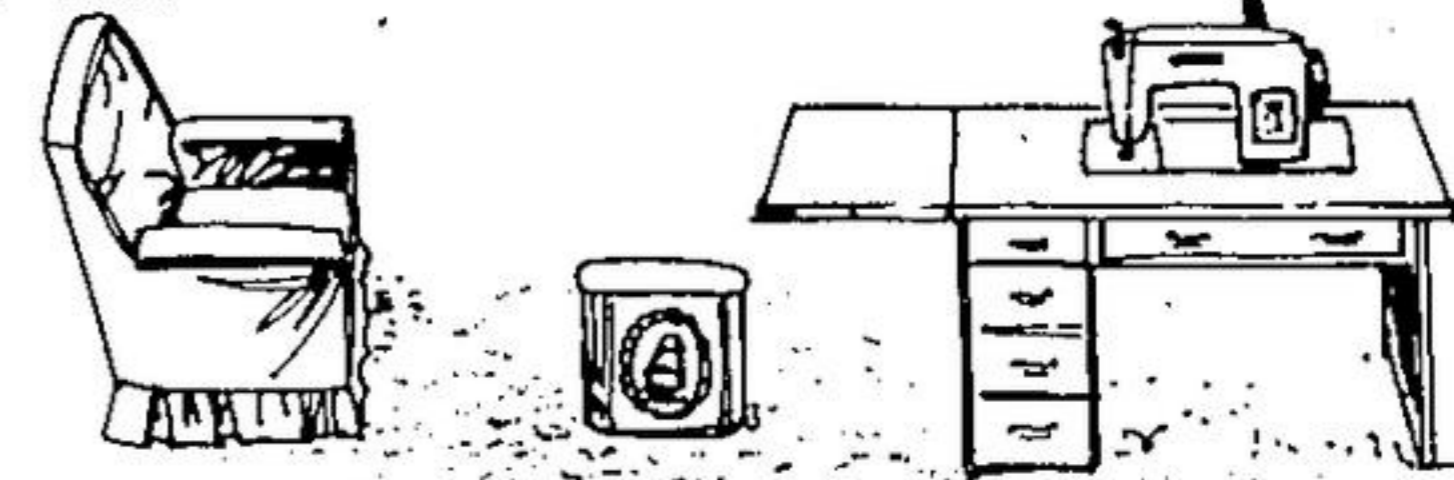
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