

Community

Ballinafad news

Church meeting gets large area attendance

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

Sunday Jan. 21, saw a fairly good number out, despite the weather, to attend the annual meeting of Ballinafad Church. It was a special year for the Church as it celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1978. All reports were encouraging and showed a balance. There is a total Church membership of 128. Three were removed by death and three by transfer this past year.

Worshippers on Sunday were privileged to hear Rev. Walter Tonge as the guest speaker. He is an associate of the Division of Finance for the United Church of Canada. He gave a

stirring sermon on Stewartship, enlightened his listeners on where the M. E. S. funds went and said much of it stayed in Canada.

He told interesting stories of happenings in our own country as well as scenes he had witnessed when a missionary serving in the Orient. The congregation came away with the knowledge that their givings to the M. E. S. fund was wisely spent. The Junior Choir sang the anthem, "Thank You Jesus" with Mr. Bob Pinkerton accompanying at the piano. The Sunday school scholars eagerly went up to the front of the Church and listened attentively to the story Mr. Stiles had to tell them. They then accompanied their teachers down to the basement for classes.

An event of interest took place on Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Pat Kerr and other members of the Junior farmers entertained at the home of Mrs. Doris Ella. It doesn't occur every day that one is invited to a baby shower for twins. The infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burt were wide awake and seemed to be enjoying it all, when adoring aunts and cousins, at not forgetting the Grandmothers, along with family friends, bestowed gifts of love upon the babies a boy and a girl. Those in charge, along with the hostess served a dainty lunch and a very happy time came to a close.

Mrs. Sid Spear opened her beautiful new home in the village on Sunday evening to around forty guests. The occasion was a miscellaneous shower for her niece, Bonnie Shortill whose wedding takes place in February. Family, and other relatives, along with close friends enjoyed the fellowship together and wished Bonnie much happiness in the years ahead.

She received some lovely gifts. When Bonnie had said a sincere thank you to everyone, lunch was served and an enjoyable time ended.

January meeting

The January meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Edna Armstrong.

Joan Meers, the Regent was in the chair and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Evelyn Charles, in the absence of the Secretary.

Hazel McMillan as Convener of Services at Home and Abroad, reported that additional knitted garments had been added to the layette, making a total value of \$100.00. These had been delivered to Provincial Headquarters at Hamilton. Discussion followed on projects for the coming year. Nominations for Officers were received and the Nominations Convener, Maxine Linton and Irene Carr will present a slate of officers for election at the February meeting.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Evelyn Charles, June Ross and Violet Gorth, Ruth Evans expressed the thanks of the Chapter to Edna Armstrong for her hospitality and the hostesses of the evening for the lunch.



MACRAME MADNESS

Ellen Holmes watches as Ellfriede Amstaeffer shows her a knot during a macramé class at Viman's Arts and Crafts last week. Mrs. Amstaeffer works in the store as well

as teaching the class. Mrs. Holmes was one of a group of ladies working on macramé wall hangings.

(Herald photo)

Local Cancer society hears district speaker

By DEANNA BUTWELL
The Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society met on Monday, January 8th at the home of Mrs. Betty Jamieson.

Mrs. Barbara Skinner, President of the unit, welcomed Mr. Bill O'Connor who is the field secretary for our area.

We were also very pleased to have Mr. Hugh Patterson join us, as Treasurer for the Halton Hills Unit. Mr. Patterson was previously responsible for the same executive position with the Acton Branch of the Society.

Mrs. Deanna Butwell introduced Mrs. Diane McCracken, who will be her assistant in publicity.

Our 1979 Campaign Chairman, Mrs. Claudette Smith, reported on the organization of the upcoming campaign and also mentioned special events which will be taking place during the fund-raising month

of April.

Education Chairman, Mrs. Mary-Ellen Bridge, discussed the National Education Week on Smoking, to be held January 21st to 27th by the Halton Lung Assoc. A display will be set up at the Georgetown Library by Mrs. Bridge, pertaining to this theme, with the hope of promoting public awareness. She also reported on the Education Conference, held recently in Toronto. More than 300 volunteers were in attendance to participate in workshops and refresher courses, centering around public education programs. Dr. Alan Bernstein from the Division of Biological Research at the Ontario Cancer Institute was one of the guest speakers. Another guest speaker was Rosanne La-Flamme, once crowned Canada's Handicapped Athlete of the Year.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mr. O'Connor presented Mrs. Betty Jamieson with a certificate of appreciation, for her fine contribution in assisting with the work of our unit. Working as a volunteer, Mrs. Jamieson served on the executive for several years as secretary, and has helped in many of our special events. We are going to miss you Betty, but appreciate all the support you have given to our unit, in helping the fight against Cancer. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 1st at the home of Barbara Skinner.

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Meet the President



Josephine Force

Josephine Force has been a member of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire in Acton for over 20 years and is serving her second term as Regent for the group. She has also been its treasurer.

The chapter was incorporated in 1916 and still boasts a charter member, Miss M.Z. Bennett, 96, among its membership of 13. Membership fees are \$6.50 annually plus the subscription fee for the club magazine, Echoes. Although the group is small and no longer very active, Mrs. Force says, members still participate in making donations to the North Halton Music Festival each spring and also prepare a bale of hand knit and hand sewn articles to the organization's provincial headquarters in Hamilton for distribution at schools and hospitals in northern Canada.

Mrs. Force and her husband Harold, live on Park Ave. They have been Acton residents for 40 years. Mr. Force owned Force Electric Products until its sale a few years ago.

Mrs. Force has been a member of Trinity United Church Women since its inception and says her main interest is her family consisting of a married son and a married daughter and their families.

Silverwood WI

Public relations is discussed

MRS. L. GIFFEN Reporting

The first meeting of the New Year of Silver Wood W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. F. Shortill on Thursday Jan. 11 at 1:30 o'clock. There were 10 members and 1 visitor present. This was Public Relations meeting.

Mrs. D. Lindsay opened the meeting with a poem "Helping Hands" We sang O Canada and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. We observed one minute silence in memory of one of our members who had recently passed away.

As our President and vice-President were absent Mrs. L. Giffen was asked to conduct the meeting.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved as

was the treasurer's report. The roll call was Give some item of interest from Home and Country.

Mrs. G. Burt gave a report on the Christmas gifts of fruit to the shut-ins. Mrs. Scott gave current events.

We were very pleased to have as our guest speaker our District President Mrs. J. McNabb. She spoke on the life of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless as well as the making of a House Log and a Family Tree. This was very interesting as Mrs. McNabb had illustrations to explain how each was done. Mrs. Giffen thanked Mrs. McNabb and presented her with a small token of appreciation.

Mrs. Scott did the courtesy and the meeting closed followed by a social time.

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On the Home front Fund raising standbys

By SUSAN DeFACENDIS

There was an innocent little game once played, called "Count the Beans in the Jar". It used to be a favorite stand-by for fund raising occasions held by hospital auxiliaries, Guide and Scout groups and assorted bazaars.

All one had to do was estimate correctly how many beans the jar contained and, bingo, you were the lucky winner of a gift donated by a local philanthropic merchant.

However, a more sophisticated version is currently in vogue that has resulted in the old bean jar being consigned to a back shelf to gather dust.

The name of the game is now, "Count the Shah's Billions".

This game is considerably more difficult to win because, depending upon which estimate the game organizer has heard, the answer could hover anywhere between 2.4 billion and 22.4 billion, and there are any number of variables between those two figures, as you can well imagine.

TWENTY BILLION

One could make a skillful assessment of twenty billion, three million, two hundred ninety-seven thousand, five hundred forty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents, only to find oneself ten cents off from the correct answer.

Of course, even thinking of such a sum of money is mind-blowing. Does the Shah transport it in a large wallet? and what are his chances of getting it from any American airport to the nearest bank, without being mugged?

Can you then imagine the scene within the bank?

"I would like to open a savings account."

"Yes sir. And how much will you be depositing?"

"Approximately 22.4 billion, give or take a dollar or two either way."

LET LOOSE

"Uh-huh! And when did they let you loose, mister?"

"Actually, I just escaped today. The money is all in that moving van parked outside. The one guarded by the hovering helicopters and the 5000 CIA agents in disguise. Don't worry about the cents, but I would like your teller to count it to the nearest dollar."

Yes, I hope when all the excitement has died down and the Shah settles into the American way of life, undoubtedly open in a chain of Shah-Na-Na Hamburger Palaces, we will get back to counting the beans in a jar.

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