

# Community

## Ballinafad news

### Village's WI chooses it's new executive

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

Mrs. Agnes McEnery was hostess for the annual meeting of the W.I. It was held in the basement of the Church. Sixteen ladies renewed their membership by paying their dues. One new member was welcomed, making the total membership 17. Mrs. Grace McEnery gave the final instructions for completing the quilt blocks. It was decided not to have any more Euchre parties till fall. Mrs. Eleanor McLean gave an informative report on the District meeting she had recently attended. It was interesting to hear

that Ballinafad Church History Book which was made up last year for the 100th anniversary is put up with other Church History books of Halton Churches for safe keeping. It was reported that Wellington County had also received a copy of the Church History of 100 years and would be pleased to put it along with other valuable information in the library of the main building in the museum. Mrs. Grace McEnery reported that a bus trip had been planned by the U.C.W. for the last Saturday in May. Many W.I. members were interested in going along. It was time for the annual reports to be given. Secretary Treasurer was the

first to be called upon. She gave a gratifying report on the years work. Mrs. Marshall, as welfare convener said along with her helper Mrs. Burt they had a busy year sending out cards and gifts to the sick and shut-ins. Each convener in turn gave a report.

Mrs. Eileen McEnery gave the nominating report and stated that there would be two nominations from the floor as the slate wasn't complete.

Mrs. Eleanor McLean conducted the election of officers.

They are as follows: Past President - Mrs. Leo Jamieson; President - Mrs. Reggie Stessoraitis; 1st. Vice - Mrs. Thomas Given; Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Ada Kirkwood; District Director - Mrs. Leo Jamieson; Public Relations - Mrs. Jesse McEnery; Branch Director - Mrs. Lloyd Marshall.

Standing Committee Conveners:

Agriculture and Canadian Industries - Mrs. L. Burt; Citizenship and World Affairs - Mrs. P. Koperdraad; Family and Consumer Affairs - Mrs. T. Given; Education and Cultural Activities - Mrs. C. Plouffe; Resolutions - Mrs. N. Sinclair; Curator - Mrs. Eleanor McLean.

Other officers:  
Welfare - Mrs. L. Marshall, Mrs. L. Burt; Pianist - Mrs. E. McEnery; Courtesy - Mrs. N. Sinclair; Auditors - Mrs. R. French, Mrs. Swindlehurst - Mrs. R. French.

Mrs. Jamieson before vacating the chair said it had been a pleasure to serve as President this past two years.

Convener Mrs. Alma Sinclair thanked the hostess, Mrs. A. McEnery for making it possible for the W.I. to have the Annual meeting at the church, also thanked those responsible for setting up the tables in preparation for the pot luck luncheon. Mrs. L. Buckrell and Mrs. Koperdraad were responsible for the delicious dessert.

On behalf of members Mrs. Sinclair presented Mrs. Jamieson with a porcelain bell embellished with the W.I. Crest. Mrs. Jamieson expressed surprise and pleasure in receiving the gift and thanked all for their thoughtfulness. The incoming president then took over the meeting and said she knew she had a job to do to fill Margaret's shoes, but would do her best.

She thanked members for putting confidence in her. The meeting adjourned with the singing of O'Canada.

The U.C.W. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Shortill. The roll call was answered by each quoting their favourite Bible verse. Mrs. Sheila Stiles was in charge of the Devotion. The guest speaker was Miss Daisy Dunlop of "The Bridge" a community rehabilitation program for former inmates. Her talk was informative and interesting. Mrs. Munro and Mrs. Law assisted hostess with lunch.

Easter Sunday saw a large number of worshippers out to church. The sun did manage to shine once in a while. Mr. Stiles sermon was on "Victorious Living". The Men's choir sang the Easter Anthem "Blessed Calvary". The front of the Sanctuary was adorned with a beautiful Easter Lily placed there by the Perryman family and the beautiful basket of mauve mums, were in memory of Mrs. Effie Thompson. The Easter music and the singing of the familiar inspiring hymns made the service one to be remembered.

Miss Nancy Shortill came home from University on Tues. of last week to enjoy the Easter Holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Snow have returned home after spending two weeks in Florida. They spent some time in Tampa and part of their holiday in Orlando. Good fine weather was enjoyed for most of the time spent there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Burt had their family all home for Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Buckrell had as their guest for the Easter weekend Mrs. Buckrell's sister from Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall had a family get-together on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mann and little sons Braden and Mark from Dixville, Quebec, paid a visit to the Smith Farm during the Easter vacation and spent sometime with their grandparents.



### WAY-JAY ART SHOW

Painters, photographers, jewellers and other craftsmen exhibited their wares at what organizers hope will be the first in a series of annual art and craft shows under the name of the Credit River Art Exhibition at the Way Jay Club in Norval Saturday.

(Herald photo)

## Legion members visit West Virginia city

By ROMA TIMPSON

Our curlers have returned from their five day curling championships in Woodbridge and they enjoyed the event very much and were third out of the 9 teams representing their province. Hudson, Quebec were first, with Manitoba second. Georgetown and Manitoba were tied for second place at one point but because Manitoba beat Georgetown when they played it put Georgetown in third place.

We extend our congratulations to Harve, Pat, Gord and Trevor for their fine representation of Branch 120 and we wish them well in future curling endeavours.

Draw No. 9 of the Car Club found these 5 numbers were winners. 289 Joan Hayes, 31 George Poulson, 202 Bud Varney, 217 Heather Hyde and 241 Bill Kirk. Bob didn't make a draw this week and will have two draws this Thursday.

This past week-end seven of us gals hopped down to Wheeling W. Va. for the Easter holidays and while there we visited the oldest Post in the U.S.A. Wheeling Post No. 1. We couldn't find out too much information as all guests were Canadians. Their Commander was the bar steward. While there we met a member from Cooksville branch (Dave Davidson) and from Brampton. Small world isn't it.

Mini Bingo April 21st in clubroom.

This Thursday is the Auxiliary General meeting ladies. If the weather turns unfavourable and senior members need

the meeting and lets discuss it. There are five more weeks until our nominations members and it is time to seriously consider your elected executive for the coming year.

Cec Soper was in hospital for a few days and by the time you



### Legion Lines

By Roma Timpson

a ride down, call President Hazel and she'll make arrangements for you. Remember, next month will be your nominations, elections and installations. Time now to reflect on past performances of your members, and your past executive and ask yourself. "Are they the best person for the job?"

Art (Chick) Roberts will be leaving us to have a holiday in Lancashire England for 6 weeks. Have a terrific time. Thursday April the 26th will be the branch general meeting. If you have a question, a suggestion, an idea that would benefit the branch, an event that would stimulate interest in the branch, by all means, come to

read this should be home from Toronto. We hope so at any rate. Regards to all of our members who may be feeling poorly and hope that all of you will be A OK very soon.

Can't come up with any more news as none has been left for me, so I'll give you a break this week with a short column.

Ham shoot winners: Albert Porter, Sally Caldwell, Gord Bottoms, Albert Porter, Lyn McCorry.

### VIEWPOINT

## Ontario budget another "ripoff"

By Gerry Landsborough  
Herald columnist

The great Ontario "ripoff" could be another term used for Treasurer Frank Miller's new budget handed down last week.

Adding a further burden to the working man by taxing gasoline on top of the recent gas increases is nothing short of downright ludicrous. Couple that with the increase in OHIP and you have a situation that is designed to develop poverty as a national resource.

A few words on OHIP - it is ironic that the plan is compulsory yet it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find doctors who will support it. Of course, if we are reduced to seeing nursing assistants or worse yet second rate doctors (if you assume only good doctors require money) we will be able to add disease to poverty and catch up with some of the so called underdeveloped countries. Beer, cigarettes and TV (the backbone of the working man) will all cost a little more.

**TERRIBLE BURDEN**  
Inflation puts a terrible burden on everyone adding to it is akin to overloading a pack horse - you can only add so much before you break his back.

Taxing the already overburdened working man by hitting him in all areas of what's left of his pleasures (inflation, having devoured most of the good old days) does absolutely nothing to inspire confidence.

Personally I think the budget is an out and out attempt to make sure that the rich keep theirs. Miller dropped the succession duty and gift tax and announced a cash grant of \$300 for anyone with \$1,000 to invest with no limit on the amount invested. He calls this an incentive to small businesses -

I call it a tax concession to money.

**TAX REVOLT**

The tax revolt in the States was based upon the little man saying enough is enough - the taxpayer is not an endless fountain of wealth to be exploited.

A few more knocks in the direction of "Mr. Tired Working Man" and God knows what kind of revolts we will be facing.

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln "you cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence" and of course you cannot balance an inflated budget by destroying your source of revenue.

Ontario is fast becoming a province of poverty as opposed to opportunity with no jobs - no money - and most of all, Mr. Davis, no peace of mind. Mr. Miller's budget is a real kick in the teeth to the Ontario tourist industry with the gasoline and liquor increases. The budget does little for unemployment offering only token summer jobs for students. The rest of the 148,000 people under 25 looking for work will still be doing just that.

As far as the housing goes the budget takes a bigger bite each time you buy a house with an increase of 33 per cent in the land transfer tax. According to a report in the Toronto Star the governments take from land transfer tax in 78-79 was estimated at \$92 million.

Let's face it folks, here in Ontario the rich get rich and the poor get poorer and me, well, I'm just going to mosey on down the road singing the Ontario national theme song...

"I've got plenty of nothing" - but somehow nothing not plenty for me."

## ON THE HOME FRONT Canadians are strange people

By SUSAN De FAUCENDIS  
Herald columnist

We Canadians are a strange people. Week after week, letters to the editor appear in newspapers across the country protesting the seal hunt, inequities against Chilean refugees and alternately praising and damning the transit and mail systems. These are all good causes for frustration and concern granted, but where is the anger against the fundamental issues that affect you, your neighbors, friends, and relatives? Why are we more comfortable objecting to the abstract instead of exercising legitimate rage against the daily realities?

I received a piece of federal campaign literature stating "Let's get Canada working again". Right on! Marvellous! - But how this was to be done was not really spelled out.

The most obvious area that comes to mind is the important one of housing; the most basic need other than food, since man first took up residence in a cave. From an economic point of view, when the construction industry dies, all other manufacturing industries come to a halt. Rental accommodations is currently at a premium while home ownership is becoming next to impossible due to exorbitant interest rates.

### INTEREST PAYMENTS

The question was recently raised as to whether mortgage interest payments should be tax deductible. One response was, that this would merely give further assistance to the wealthy. Balderdash! The wealthy do not have mortgages, they pay cash for their homes. It is the average, struggling, working man who is paying a mortgage.

For 4 years I worked in a real estate office and saw, firsthand, the young couples desperately wishing to live in a home of their own, however, modest, preferring to see something tangible for their money rather than throw it away on rent. There was never any question of the young wife eventually retiring from work to raise her family, simply whether their perpetual joint incomes could carry the payments on a \$50,000 home. A home that, at current interest rates, would cost them well over \$100,000 by the time they finished paying for it.

Forget about the inflated cost of the building lot, the cracks in the walls, the inadequate insulation for our climate, the leaking roof - I question whether there is any just cause for financial institutions to be receiving close to an 11 per cent return on their investment? Would not a six per cent or seven per cent interest charge still provide them with safe, long-term adequate profits?

For our society overall, there are many persuasive arguments for people purchasing homes other than the obvious ones against raising families in massive clusters of concrete high-rises and overcrowded schools.

### PROVIDE STABILITY

Homeowners provide stability in a community. They take pride in the appearance of their property and surroundings. A public park is considered 'mine' because I am supporting it with my highly visible property taxes and will discourage the vandalism of trees. A homeowner will take a very selective look at those he elects in all levels of government, because they affect the area in which he lives and has a vested interest.

One answer to part of our problem, is not increasing the weekly pay cheques of workers, thus contributing to the inflationary spiral while still leaving a million people unemployed, but giving us affordable housing.

By either reducing mortgage interest rates or by making these payments tax deductible, we can really 'get Canada working again' (including Newfoundland sealers and Chilean refugees) producing furnaces, broodloom, draperies, paint, window frames, overgreens and all the other necessary Canadian-made products the homeowner purchases.

Affordable housing, for those that choose it, would lessen the pressure of the current apartment squeeze, making rental accommodation more competitive and reasonable in price and allow citizens the legitimate right to choose between adult and family buildings.

Democracy is having the freedom of choice and for too many people in the very basic necessity of housing, no choice exists. Why don't we get angry?

### MEET THE PRESIDENT



George Wagner

George Wagner, president of the Halton Hills chapter of Big Brothers, has been with the organization for the past year and a half helping to get it set up and functioning.

The group aims at preventing serious social and personal problems for fatherless boys aged 6 to 16 by providing them with a male friend and confidant to fill the gap in their family background. Big Brothers are expected to devote three to four hours weekly to participating in some activity of mutual interest to themselves and the Little Brothers with which they have been matched. Other members of the organization who sit on the group's executive or on one of its committees will find themselves attending an average of one meeting a month, he said.

The Halton Hills group has about 14 Little Brothers waiting to be matched with Big Brothers. Five or six Big Brothers have volunteered but more are needed, Mr. Wagner said. The group's big need at this point is enough volunteers with experience in social work to make the matches between Big and Little Brothers. The match must be properly made and followed up to see that they are working, he said, otherwise the Little Brother can be hurt more by a bad match than by having no Big Brother at all.

So far the group has been funded by donations from the Optimists Club but plans are in the making for fundraising events of their own next year.

Mr. Wagner and his wife, Dorrine, have lived in Georgetown for four years. He is a partner in the accounting firm of Goebelle, Wagner and MacAdam. He lists sports of all sorts as his hobby although Big Brothers has taken most of his free time in recent months.



### REAL MERRY GO-ROUND

Kina Brown seems to be enjoying her ride on the merry-go-round, although the young man behind her, being a little older, is a lot more glaze about the proceedings. The carnival came to town Easter weekend, setting up its regulation ferris wheel, merry-go-round, tilt-a-whirl and candy booths outside the Georgetown Market Plaza.

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