

# Community

## Ottawa convention nominations made

**By ROMA TIMPSON**  
Our branch meeting is this Thursday at 8 p.m. Do attend for the many discussions and if you have an idea or suggestion now is the time to bring it up. Auxiliary president Hazel Dumpler has asked that I remind all the ladies who have their name on the list to go to Bronte for the social that the bus will be leaving the branch at 6:45 this Thursday, Mar. 27th. If by chance you are unable to go, please let Hazel know so they won't wait for you. Have a good time ladies.

Also Hazel says there are Zone darts in Bramalea on Sat. Mar. 29th. Call Marion Carney as to information re bus departure. Enjoy the day and good luck to all.

At last week's Auxiliary general meeting, Zone Commander Rose Green attended for her official visit and gave a very enlightening message to those in attendance. Zone Sports officer Isobel James was also present and it is always a pleasure to welcome these two hard-working ladies to our branch. After the meeting there was time to socialize and comrade Rose likes to relax and enjoy the friendliness our branch offers.

President Hazel, Secretary Flo Carswell and Recording Secretary Rita Rudiger were nominated as accredited delegates to the convention in September in Ottawa (Sept. 6 to 10). Marg Clarke and Jessie Johnson will be carrying our flags and Barb Reyce and Anne Nicholson will also be attending as fraternal delegates.

Still on Auxiliary news, I am told by Jean Reid, Ways and Means members, that two very interesting and different days are coming up. The first being on Friday April 11 when the ladies will be having a Jitney Bingo at 7:30. All proceeds will go to charity and this is open to everyone who wants something different to do. Cards are 25 cents each so tell your friends and all come out.

The next date is a Spring Sale, April 19th in our auditorium. This includes a tea room, bake sale, arts and crafts and



### Legion Lines

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is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oil paintings, ceramics, stuffed animals, macramé, jewelry, crocheting, knitting will make appealing and attractive tables for all to enjoy. I do suggest you get there early to take advantage of all the nice things at each table.

**NO DJ**  
Perhaps you may know by now that we will not be having a DJ for Friday evenings. So Saturday will have Bob Hillier in the Club Room and the ever-popular Mini-Bingo. Next Saturday in the Lounge will be Boots Hurren (April 5).

I was more than a little disappointed last week when both papers left out a particularly special notice I had given them regarding our Provincial Curling. I spent considerable time on it trying so hard not to forget anyone who had contributed in any way in making the 4 days so pleasing and so successful.

My thanks to The Herald for putting in the entire Legion column. A lot of work went into those four days for which I again thank Mac McLean and all his committee.

A most happy birthday to Les Mallabon who celebrated a very special birthday last Monday. Greetings to all others with a special day also.

We from Branch 120, members and auxiliary, send our congratulations and very best wishes to our friends at Branch 197 Acton on the great occasion they celebrated last Saturday when they burned the mortgage. Our Branch President Harold Badham and Elsie were invited to join the glad occasion. I understand they had a most enjoyable time beginning with a sumptuous dinner, all speeches were informative and interesting and that the entertainment was exceptionally good.

Gord McCutcheon was chairman of the building committee and along with John Goy, Bob Angell, Fred Allen, Ed Footitt and Gord James we acknowledge the years of hard work that has gone into your beautiful Legion building and know many members and your entire auxiliary have worked hard alongside you. Again, congratulations for a job well done.

A busy night in our branch last Friday evening when we had the draw of money prizes plus the draw for the 1980 Oldsmobile Cutless purchased from A. Murray Motors. Al Telford won the car and we add our congratulations. Beginning at the \$50 winners they were: Hank Russell 431, Wright Smith 440, M. Doherty 241, H. Hulme 72, C. Davison 27, V. Herrington 290, M. Ezard 351, R. Ritchie 123, K. Peacock 258, R. Rudiger 416.

\$100 winners were: Art Lawrence 467, Trev Williams 364, J. Payne 130, G. Bent 219.

\$200 winners were: K. Herriington 389, M. Carney 450, \$500 winner - Syd Clarke 454, \$400 winner - D. Day 18, \$500 winner - W. Hamilton 322, Car-AI Telford 290.

Gord Reid, car club chairman, thanks everyone who has helped since the beginning, all car club captains and all who helped on Friday. The next car club will be run exactly the same way with the first draw taking place April 3rd and the draw for the car will be Sept. 19th. Tickets are in the printers and when they are available for members to sign, then we are on our way again.

More names needed for the Molson trip Wed. April 9th. Do you have your name on the list? 30 minute tour, a short film and buffet to enjoy after. Leave at 6:30. Tickets are \$3 each.



### MORTGAGE BURNING

Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch Acton 197 prepare to burn the mortgage on their six-year old building at a special dinner in the hall Friday evening. Committee members (left to right) are Fred Allen, Ed Footitt, Bob Angell, John Goy (branch president), Gord James, and chairman Gord McCutcheon.

(Herald photo)

## Legion members burn mortgage at dinner

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special

Members of Acton Branch 197, Royal Canadian Legion had something to celebrate over the weekend when they burned the mortgage to their hall.

The six building committee members, Gord McCutcheon, chairman, John Goy, branch president, Ed Footitt, Gord James, Fred Allen and Bob Angell put the match to the document at a special invitation dinner Friday evening for dignitaries and special guests. A second burning took place Saturday evening for the benefit of the branch membership.

The building committee purchased 10 acres on Wright Street in 1973, a year after the

initial planning began, Mr. McCutcheon said. When it became obvious that spiralling costs were going to leave the organization facing a quite large mortgage the decision was made to put a plan of subdivision on half the land and sell it off as serviced lots.

The branch realized about \$250,000 profit on the 29 lots and this helped considerably to cut the size of their mortgage.

The branch opened its doors officially in September 1974. The building accommodates 400 at dances and is booked for many local functions including weddings. The Acton Rotary Club and the IOOE use the legion hall regularly for meetings while many other organizations hold special events there.

The committee had expected to have to renew the mortgage but "things have been pretty favourable", Mr. McCutcheon said and they were able to clear it instead.

Branch president John Goy says the branch will be looking at making further renovations to the building as funds become available. Among these changes will be the addition of a billiards and trophy room, and some internal changes. There is also a plan to set up an remembrance theme in the foyer eventually.

Among the highlights of Friday night's dinner was the presentation of a meritorious life membership to Aldo Braida for his legal service to the branch. The honor was granted by Dominion command.

## Grandmothers attend Ashgrove WI meeting

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODY  
Herald columnist

Tuesday March 18 was Grandmothers' meeting of the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. George Bird with forty ladies present. Of them were nineteen grandmothers, Mrs. J. M. Wickson, Mrs. H. Bird, Mrs. Clayton Wilson, Mrs. M. Bird, Mrs. V. Pickett, Mrs. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. Guy Wilson, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Mrs. J. Stark, Mrs. G. Wood, Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Mrs. Ward Brownridge, Mrs. N. Haist, Mrs. H. Nurse, Mrs. J. Carney, Mrs. B. McClure, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. W. Knapp and Mrs. Shore. Pres. Mrs. R. Alexander opened the meeting with a short poem, the ode and Collect, Mrs. J. McNabb read a poem to a grandmother seen through an eight-year old's eyes.

A pretty flower was pinned on the dress of each grandmother. Roll Call was "A pleasant remembrance of your grandmother" and so many beautiful ones were given. Mrs. J.H. Hunter reported on the recent euchre.

The nominating committee to select next year's officers are Mrs. F.W. Wilson and Mrs.

J. Hunter. Mrs. George Ironsides of Acton was present and judged the thirteen carrot loaves which had been brought, and explained her reasons, but said they were all nice and even. The first choice she selected went to Mrs. John McNabb and 2nd to Mrs. James McPhail. Mrs. E. Wilkinson had the program and called on Mrs. Guy Wilson for the motto, "The only old person is she is no longer desired to learn", then followed a panel discussion by Mrs. M. Bird, Mrs. J. Wickson, Mrs. H. Bird and Mrs. F.W. Wilson about retirement from the farm. As they told us its retirement from some active service but still continuing certain things in life. Each one

told of their own activities such as trips they can now take, knitting and crewel work and rug making, quilting, scrap books put together, hospital work. One took a course in tailoring and box loom weaving and had on display beautiful scarves and place mats she had done. It was all very delightful and interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A small gift was presented to Mrs. Vi Ainsworth for the grandmother having a birthday in March. Mrs. J.M. Wickson was given a small remembrance. Courtesies were given by Mrs. N. Haist and after singing the W.I. grace, the meeting closed with a social hour.

### ON THE HOMEFRONT

## Secret fears become real

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

There is only one thing on my mind this week, and it is going to take an exorcism to remove the ugly images churning around in my mind.

We all have little hidden compartments in the recesses of our minds, where secret fears and nightmares hide during the daylight hours, only to unleash themselves as we twist and turn on a sleepless, endless, dream-ridden night. The fear of violence lurks vividly amongst the other demons, either through recognizing the possibility that we are capable of it, if pushed far enough, or of being on the receiving end.

Last week, my brother was savagely beaten in a nightclub by a gang.

This huge, gentle bear of a man, has never raised a hand against anyone. In fact, as his older sister, I used to knock a few misguided young heads together when, as a pipsqueak, he used to get picked on by 12-year-old bullies. While he could never brag: "My brother is bigger than yours", he certainly could - and did - respond with: "My sister can beat you any day".

### Sub-human

While John now out-weighs and out-measures me by a considerable amount, I only wish I had been with him a week ago - a futile wish, undoubtedly - but my rage at this violation of my brother's rights as an individual is such that ...if I could only have been there to help him ...

He is my brother; my mother's son; his young wife's husband; he is loved, cared about by many people. John is respected across Canada in the television field and was, in fact, working at the time of this outrageous assault.

As producer and director of his own television show, he was taping a segment for his regular Saturday show in a club - alone, but for a cameraman. At some point, and I do not yet have all the details, this mob of sub-human individuals (and how else can one describe them) erupted into the club and chose as their victim, the somewhat physically small cameraman.

John, of course, had no recourse but to intervene and go to his assistance. These animals - and I use the word advisedly because I do not know of any animal species who behave this way - sensed bigger game and united as a mob against my brother.

They broke his nose; they broke his jaw. A finger was smashed; they kicked in his teeth and multiple hairline fractures were savagely inflicted upon his skull with their boots. Both eyes were swollen closed and, so forceful were they, that a distinct heel print of a boot was left imbedded on the side of his, mercifully, unconscious face.

John, has a family and friends who have been sickened and revolted by this totally unprovoked attack. All we can do is shed helpless tears of pain and rage, and trust in the power of the courts to put these people away where they cannot do such harm to anyone else for a long time.

I do not care if they were high on drugs or alcohol. I do not want the bleeding hearts to delve into their sad and sorry childhoods and beg us to forgive them, while forgetting the agony of the victim. I simply want them removed from society so they can never again hurt anyone else that I love - or quite possibly, someone you love.

## I.O.D.E. Regent represents Chapter at convention

The monthly meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held on Monday, March 9th at the home of Mrs. Freddy Burton. The standards were placed by Marjorie Mackenzie and Regent June Ross conducted the meeting.

The minutes were read by Secretary Freddy Burton and approved and Treasurer Helen MacDonald presented the Treasurer's report. The primary purpose of the meeting was the disbursement of National and Provincial Funds which was satisfactorily accomplished.

It was decided that the Regent should represent the Chapter as official delegate at the Annual Convention, held

this year at the Holiday Inn in Toronto, accompanied by Freddy Burton and Joan Meers. Final arrangements were made for the Annual Bridge party to be held on March 27th in St. George's parish hall. This yearly event has become very popular with the community and the chapter is confident that this year's party will repeat the success of former years.

The Anniversary Dinner will be held in April at the Neptune Restaurant, and arrangements were discussed.

The meeting ended with The Queen, and an enjoyable social hour followed with lunch served by the evening's hostesses, Peggy Hibbert and Thelma Wilson.

## Irish songs highlight March U.C.W. meeting

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

Mrs. Edna Shortill was hostess for the March meeting of the U.C.W. It was held in the church basement on Tuesday evening of last week. Due to the March school holiday many families were away so the attendance at the meeting was smaller than usual. The president, Mrs. Jamieson, called the meeting to order. The roll call was "Quote an Irish saying". Mrs. Sheila Stiles gave the Devotion which was "The Gift of Love".

There was a short business session, followed by the guest speaker Rev. Stiles, who spoke on the topic "Healing Ministry". A few Irish songs familiar to all were sung, followed by the benediction. Willa Shortill and

Alma Sinclair assisted the hostess with lunch and a social time followed.

**MEXICO HOLIDAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow returned home last week from an enjoyable holiday spent in Mexico.

The Pinkerton family enjoyed a holiday during the school break.

The Buckrell children also accompanied by parents, sent a few days in Orillia.

Mr. Lloyd Marshall had some surprise visitors last

Wednesday as he was celebrating a birthday.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Kanusck were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caverley from Bosman, Manitoba.

Palm Sunday will be observed next Sunday March 30th at all churches to mark the beginning of Holy Week. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in Ballinacree church. There will be a Good Friday morning service on April 4th at 11:45 a.m.

### 'Cookie Week'

April 26 to May 3 will officially be "Cookie Week" in Halton Hills. The town's general committee passed a recommendation, which should be approved by council next Monday, proclaiming that week "Cookie Week" on Monday in response to a request from area Girl Guides representatives.



The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, thirty-five years old this year, held its annual Provincial Conference recently in Toronto. Representing Halton Region are, from the left, Jim Phelan, 1979 President, Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario; Tony Beckmann, Milton; Ken McNabb, R.R.2,

Georgetown; Anne Opsteen, Milton; Paul Laidlaw, R.R.2, Norval; Doug Miller, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food; and Tom Callaghan, 1980 President Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

## Spaghetti dinners enjoyed by Globe carriers

By MRS. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Porter and Brian motored to the sunny south for a short holiday recently.

### Kinsmen meet here

The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown will be hosting the annual zone conference of the Kinsmen Club on April 2.

About 150 to 175 Kinsmen from the area around Toronto, Mississauga, Bolton, Orangeville will be in attendance, along with the 81-year-old founder of the organization, Hal Rogers. John Green, 1979-80 national president, will also be at the conference.

The guest speaker for the conference will be Dr. Joe Connell from the Grand Valley Conservation Foundation. A highlight of the event will be the formation of the K-40 Club in Georgetown. K-40 is a club for Kinsmen past members over the age of 40 who are no longer eligible for membership in the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair of Welland visited his sister, Mrs. A.C. Patterson last weekend and all attended the 50th wedding anniversary of their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sinclair of Willowdale, held in an Anglican church there on March 15.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Turnbull of Seaford visited their cousin, Mrs. A.W. Benton on Sun., March 16, and on Monday Mr. Alan Sutherland and son Hugh of St. Catharines formerly of Newfoundland visited. Alan left Limehouse as a child of six years and is now married with two grownup daughters and a young son.

Thirty-four Globe Mail carriers of the Georgetown area enjoyed spaghetti dinners served in Limehouse Memorial hall a week ago.

Bad weather interfered with the euchre planned by the W.I. for March 13. Those who braved the snowstorm enjoyed a friendly evening of euchre and the lunch that followed. The postponed marathon will be held at 8 p.m. on March 27 with lunch following.

### SORORITY YEAR

The town's general committee is recommending to council that April 30, 1980 to April 30, 1981 be proclaimed "Beta Sigma Phi Year" in Halton Hills. The recommendation was made at Monday's committee meeting.



### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Royal Canadian Legion Acton Branch 197 President John Goy presented a meritorious life membership to lawyer Aldo Braida at the mortgage burning dinner Friday evening. The award was granted by Dominion Command in Ottawa in recognition of Mr. Braida's assistance to the branch in purchasing the property to build their new branch and in setting up the plan of subdivision to help defray the mortgage costs. Only non-members are eligible for this rare honour.

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