

Community

Two teams added for mini-squirts

By WINIFRED SMITH
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It has been decided because of public response to operate two teams of mini-squirt soccer this year. They have approximately eight places for boys and girls born in 1973. Children may be registered

either at the hall Tuesday or Thursday evenings, or by calling Ivan Bird at 877-4365 or Gord Colton at 877-7003. This is for Ballinacraig locals only. Proof of age is required. The atom and squirt teams are now completely full. Training is underway at the hall

with an excellent turnout. The boys are looking forward to an improvement on the weather so that outdoor practices can be held. The soccer club would be grateful for donations from local residents or businesses to help run the four teams this season.

The Ballinacraig 4-H Club "Friendly Hostesses" have completed the club "Food for Friends" and now are preparing for achievement day. The girls are looking forward to entertaining their mothers and the members of the W.I. later on this month.

There was an exciting telephone call at the Kanusek home over the weekend. They were so surprised to hear that former neighbors and friends of 12 years ago were coming to visit them. Mr. and Mrs. David Ryan and sons Matthew and Mickey went back to their native Ireland after living in Toronto for a short while. It is almost a year since the Kanusek's corresponded with the family. Needless to say they received a big welcome at the airport on Tuesday as the two families were getting acquainted again. The Ryan family will be spending a week with the Kanusek's here before boarding the plane for their home in Ireland after spending a happy holiday here and in Florida.

We are happy to be able to report that some of our residents who have been hospitalized for some time are home again.

Richard Shortill is convalescing at his home, also Mrs. Marshall was able to leave hospital and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pinkerton is reunited with his family again after being gravely ill in an Owen Sound hospital.

The UCV had a busy winter quilting for local ladies. Mrs. Willis Shortill opened her home early in the new year where the women met for several afternoons.

WEDDING BELLS



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fisher of Georgetown are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Ruth, to John Wallace Dickie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dickie of Montreal.

Miss Fisher is a Special Education teacher in Almonte, Ontario. Mr. Dickie is a Law student at McGill University. Their marriage will take place May 17, 1980 at Knox Presbyterian Church.



The engagement is announced of Kathleen Miegama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miegama of John Street, Georgetown to Daniel Martin, son of Shirley Park of King Street, Georgetown and Mr. Martin of Orangeville. The wedding will take place September 6 at St. George's Anglican Church.

CLERGY COMMENT

'I remember no more'

By PASTOR ANGUS J. NICHOLSON
Halton Gospel Temple

In the Book of Matthew, Jesus answers a question on forgiveness with a parable:

"Then came Peter to Him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus said unto him, 'I say not unto thee, until seven times; but seventy times seven'." (Matthew 18: 21-22)

We owe a debt that we could never pay and yet God forgave us. Should we not then be able to forgive those who do things to us, which in comparison to the sins we had committed against God, are so small and insignificant?

Something that many people fail to realize is that God expects us to forgive one another in the same way He forgave us. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

How do we forgive "even as" God has forgiven us? The answer is found in Hebrew 8:12. "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE". God not only forgave our sins, but also forgot that they ever existed. I'm sure you have heard someone say, "I may forgive them, but I can never forget what they did". This is not really forgiving the way God forgives. It takes willingness on your part, along with the power of God to forgive and forget.

God is saying you can choose to forgive or choose not to forgive. Unforgiveness can also have a tremendous negative effect on your mind and body. I like to put it this way, "It's not what you eat, it's what eats you". Is harboring unforgiveness in your heart worth dying of a heart attack, or living on nerve pills or having ulcers? Of course it isn't! You see, the only one you really hurt when you fail to forgive is yourself.

Jesus is our prime example in every area of life. I believe it is very significant that the last request Jesus made while on the cross was "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Stephen was falsely accused, they cast him out of the city and stoned him to death. However, Stephen was even able to forgive those who were stoning him. He said "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (Acts 7:60)

How was Stephen able to forgive those who were stoning him? How can we walk in forgiveness toward those around us? The only way is to keep full of God's love and God's word, Jesus said.

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Mark 12:30-31)

As long as we keep our hearts full of the love of God, there won't be any room for hatred, bitterness or unforgiveness. Don't allow yourself to be kept in bondage to unforgiveness. Walk in forgiveness and allow God's love to flow through you.

Norval women's club mark Easter season

The April meeting combined with the annual meeting of the Norval Women's Institute was held at the home of Edna Murray April 1.

Roll call was answered with the payment of fees. Minutes and financial report were approved. Correspondence included a thank you from the Norval Community Association for the piano donated by the Institute.

Report by Edna Murray on District Directors meeting - the District Annual will be held at Hillcrest church May 15. Theme - The world is my home.

A request for a donation to help publish an Atlas and History of Halton County was left over till the next meeting. This concluded the business part of the meeting.

Sorority will celebrate its golden anniversary

Each year in late April, members of Beta Sigma Phi, the world's largest Greek letter sorority, celebrate the anniversary of their organization's founding.

But this year will be different.

This year, the 49th birthday of this service, social and cultural organization will kick off a year-long golden anniversary celebration that will culminate in the biggest birthday party ever held.

From April 30, 1980 to April 30, 1981, members will be working on two goals shared by all 250,000 members now active in 32 countries around the world: to extend the hand of friendship to community women; and to enjoy to the fullest extent the opportunities for personal growth that Beta Sigma Phi offers every member.

Life, learning and friendship are the bywords of Beta Sigma Phi. Begun in the midst of the Depression by Walter Ross, Beta Sigma Phi was originally designed to provide an outlet for women who, in those hard financial times, could not attend college and were oblig-

ed to remain home and support their families. Walter Ross provided these women with a program of cultural study so they could have a chance at intellectual and social growth.

From the first chapter of seven women in Abilene, Kansas, Beta Sigma Phi has grown from a small social and cultural group into an international sorority that devotes much time to service efforts as well. Hardly a charitable, health or cultural group exists today that has not been helped in some way by Beta Sigma Phi. Internationally, the chapters have created several special funds to which they contribute, the International Loan Fund, through which members help each other; the International Endowment Fund, which has donated over a million dollars to health research groups, homes for underprivileged children and many other causes; The Exemplar Fund, which helps support literacy Village in India; and a college scholarship fund for members or their sons or daughters.

Of course, cultural and social activities still continue

among the chapters. Each year, members are provided with a different outline of study in the liberal arts. Members also plan socials throughout the year, including traditional events like Founder's Day.

The upcoming Founder's Day celebration that begins golden anniversary activities will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, 1980, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The anniversary will be observed by the four chapters here in Halton Hills and by all other chapters around the world. Cheryl Beaton will be serving as chairman of the Founder's Day activities.

Betty Christie has been selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi. Outstanding members will be recognized for their work for sorority and the community this year.

Some local Beta Sigma Phi projects include contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy, Halton Women's Place and to the International Endowment Fund.

Booth makes a deal, takes auxiliary euchre crown

By MARION BOOTH
Auxiliary President
The Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary bridge and euchre night was held at the Newfoundland Club April 8.

Winners of the euchre were: men's high Roy Booth, low Pat

Palmer; ladies high Gladys Inglis and ladies low Lenora Booth.

The fund raising committee would like to extend a special thanks to the Newfoundland Club for its donation of the hall and also to Barber's Jewellers on Main Street in Georgetown

for their donation of gifts and to the hospital auxiliary members for their support.

CWL Week launched with missionary guest

Herald Special
Our Motto: The Catholic, Women's League of Canada, for God and Canada.

Our Patroness: Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Our Aim: We are not just a social or Catholic organization, but strive to contribute through devotion to our community, our diocese, to God and to Canada.

Our Activities: Promotion of Catholic literature; presentation of bazaars in a true spirit of togetherness and harmony; poster and essay contests in the schools; participation in local scouting and guiding, Red Cross and other community efforts; television programming, such as the televised debate on abortion featuring Dr. Henry Morgentaler and MPP John Sweeney, who the CWL supported; presentation of films and guests speakers covering such topics as alcoholism, the law, the Third World, travel, safety, leisure, health, conservation and religion.

We protest: indecent performances in local hotels; We praise: the drive to legislate a ban on public pornography, including topless waitresses; We protest: the proposed

legalization of marijuana; We protest: the poor taste shown in advertising women's personal hygiene products; We protest: obscene language on TV and in books on the high school reading list;

We praise: the Kitchener-Waterloo Record's recent stand against an article on striptease published in Weekend Magazine; We praise: the mayor of Kitchener for opposing a theatre showing "blue" movies.

The CWL uses the newspapers and radio regularly to make people aware that the CWL is acting in a Christian manner in matters such as immoral entertainment and abortion.

Sick and shut-ins are visited on a regular basis. Right-to-Life films are shown in schools.

Support of Hostels, cancer society, Red Cross, women's hostels in Toronto and Hamilton and community athletes. Third world victims and new community families from war-ravaged countries. Councils help in cleaning and maintenance of churches

altar linens, furniture, etc. Helping in community homes where emergency help is needed. Get well cards, sympathy, Mass cards, thank you cards, birthday cards and all manner of congratulatory cards are sent out regularly by all councils.

We of the Georgetown CWL council would like our community to know we are ready to help in any worthwhile cause and any capacity. We are for the betterment of the community.

We also wish to thank our community services, TV and newspapers for the constant backing of our endeavors and the merchants of our community for the advertising of posters, etc.

Holy Cross CWL next meeting is Monday, April 21 at 8 p.m. All new and old members are encouraged to come.

A welcome is extended to anyone to hear Father Dermot Doran, director of the Volunteer International Christian Service, who will lecture and show films on the Trinidadian experience, which is the volunteers workshop in Trinidad. Father will speak at 9 p.m. Monday.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Phenomenon known as 'boredom'

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS
Herald Columnist

Are there really people existing who suffer from boredom? I cannot begin to imagine such a state of mind. It might even be a refreshing change to try it out, run it through my fingers, test it and see how it feels.

Does it mean not having anything to think about? Does it imply not having anything to do? There are so many interesting occasions on my horizon at the moment, I hardly have a chance to savour them all fully.

If the upcoming nine days in early May are going to be any indication, I might just have to postpone this experiment in idleness until I reach the placid age of 90 and can be excusably crotchety and demanding with my children, stakily querying why they don't come home to see me more often - that is, assuming any of them ever leave!

The nine aforementioned days, apart from being composed of my daily bread and butter working hours and the normal stoop and scoop of home and hearth, will include an aunt, my mother's sister, arriving for a three-week visit, during which time 26 years of family happenings will have to be encompassed; a time when my children, freshly scrubbed and polished along with the livingroom walls and picture frames, will hopefully be exclaimed over while they remember to use knives and forks at the dinner table and hopefully refrain from throwing chicken bones on the floor.

BROTHER RETURNS

The same nine day time span will see my youngest brother returning from a six months sojourn in England; my two eldest children celebrating their confirmation ceremonies; while two family birthdays, a wedding anniversary and mother's day will have to be commemorated. Then, just to relieve the tedium, throw in the fact that Louisa will be attending her first formal dance and a shopping expedition, to suitably attire this potential vision of loveliness, will have to be arranged.

A grade eleven, virtually non-English-speaking exchange student will arrive from a small town just outside of Quebec City to stay with us for a week. I look in desperation at the spare room she will be occupying, made up of remnants of cast-off furniture and a bedside lamp minus a shade - and know that, with my luck, she will undoubtedly prove to be a descendant of Louis XIV and will entertain my daughter, on her reciprocal return visit to Quebec, in a chateau of considerable grandeur.

FAR FROM DULL

You may now be getting the idea that my life, currently anyway, is far from dull. Boredom? Would someone care to explain it to me?

Do I entertain my English aunt with lasagna - and my children's Italian confirmation sponsors with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding? Will this unfortunate Quebec student, believing in all good faith that she is coming here to brush up on her English language studies, return home speaking Italian to her horrified parents? Will Richard's 18th birthday gift have to be financially sacrificed in favour of Louisa's first formal evening dress?

Will my husband's romantically belated plans for a weekend away together on our 19th anniversary die, like the gleam in his eye, when I tell him that the only time we are going to spend, almost alone together, is at the airport awaiting flights from England and Quebec?

Stay tuned for another inevitable installment of 'Sapone' - that's Italian for 'Soap', folks!



Mayor Pete Pomeroy signed a proclamation Friday declaring the week of April 20 to 27 Catholic Women's eague Week. Mary Tucker and Trudy Klein from the organization were present for the signing of the proclamation. The Catholic Women's League has planned a number of special activities for the week.

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