



High flyers

First Limehouse Brownies enjoyed their "Fly Up" day on May 9 as the theme was, "Follow the yellow brick road." Taking part were (left to right) Melaine Varley, Seabrooke Leckie, Sarah Pettipher, Andrea Deatzok, Sarah McLaughlin and Claire Gregg. (Photo submitted)

Campers get warning about flammable tents

OTTAWA-Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt recently reminded campers that tents not made with flame-retardant fabric are easily ignited and warned owners of such tents to exercise extreme caution.

"Every year, many Canadians die or are injured when their tents catch fire," Mr. Valcourt said, "and most of the victims are children."

"Sparks and ashes from a fire, a campstove or any naked flame touching the canvas can ignite the tent and burn it to the ground in less than a minute, unbelievable as it may seem."

In 1988, the Canadian tent industry switched to flame-retardant canvas and nylon fabrics in response to stringent flammability limits proposed under the Hazardous Products Act. Flame-retardant fabric does not catch fire easily and tends to self-extinguish when the ignition source is removed. This change in fabric is expected to significantly reduce the number of accidental tent fires.

To reduce the risk of fire and for a safer camping season, the Minister recommended the following guidelines:

- Never use candles, matches or lighters in or near a tent;
- Do not cook or smoke inside a tent;

-Build campfires downwind and well away from the tent. Never leave a fire unattended;

-Don't store fuel inside a tent. Refuel lamps, heaters or stoves outside and well away from open flames;

-Practice extreme caution when using fuel-powered lanterns and heaters inside a tent. Extinguish lanterns before going to sleep.

He also recommended that consumers check the label when buying a tent to ensure that it is made from flame-retardant fabric.

Persons requiring further information should contact the nearest office of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

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Ballinafad news

Anti-abuse message at W.I. meeting

By BETTY SOJKA
Ballinafad Correspondent
The Ballinafad Women's Institute's first evening meeting of the year was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Brown recently.

"A different world cannot be made by indifferent people," was the meeting's motto. Mrs. Betty Brody, representing EWAG, was the guest speaker. Her topic on abused women and children proved to be very interesting and informative.

Members watched a video titled "Say yes. Say no." This film showed children being interviewed and taught when to be aware when someone was trying to abuse them. It taught children when to say yes and when to say no to different situations. Children were also advised not to be afraid to speak out if something was happening.

There was a plant sale at this meeting. Each member brought cuttings which were sold off. It was a great way to increase their plant varieties. Monies earned from this endeavor went into the fund designated for the purchase of cards and plants throughout the year for people ill in the community.

The Women's Institute District Annual Meeting, will be on May 27, at the Boston Church on the Fourth Line. Members are looking forward to their June meeting, which will be a trip to Elmira and St. Jacobs.

Grass seed has been planted at the baseball diamond. The

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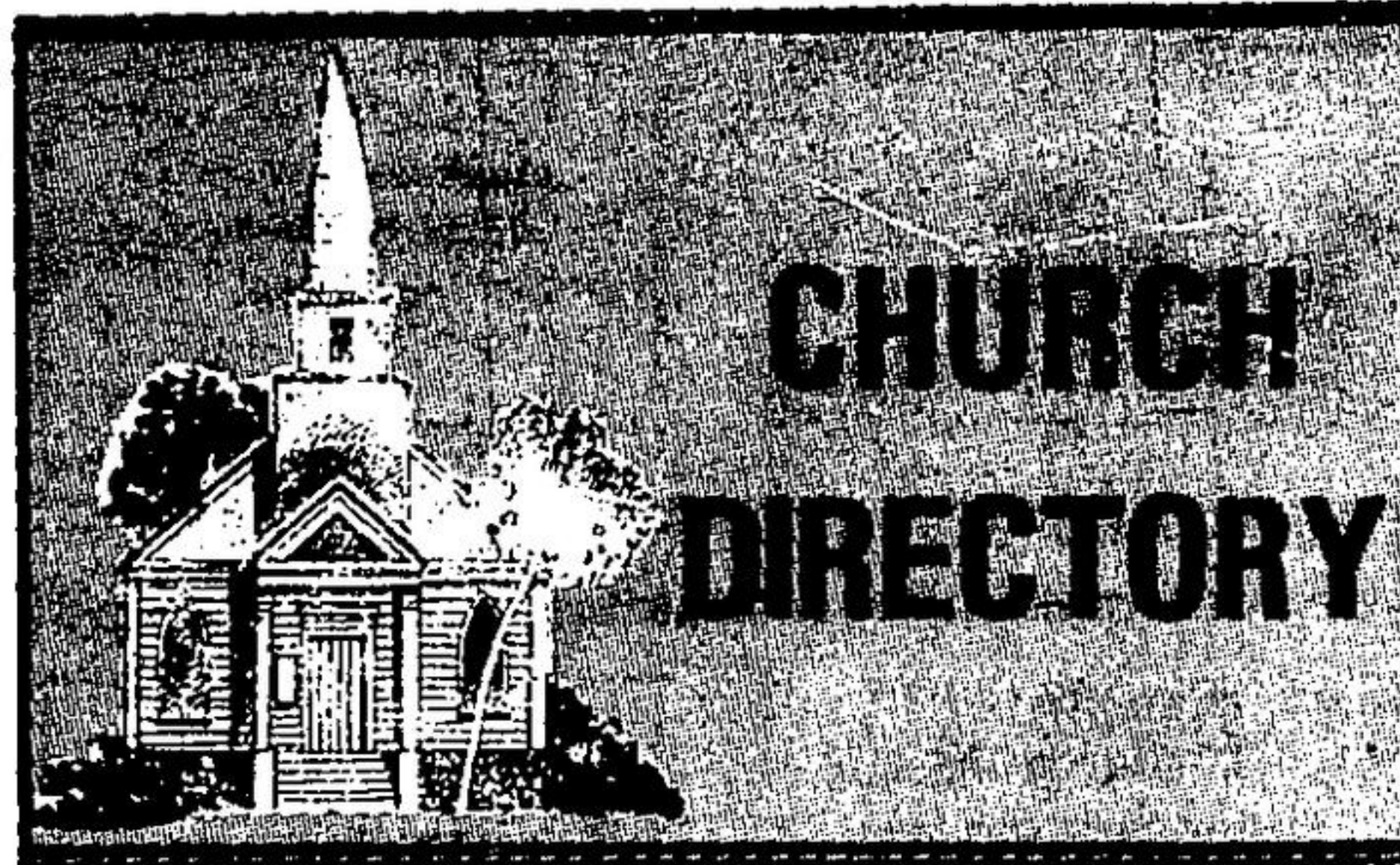
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