

Ashgrove W.I. hears student exchange report

By PAT STARK
Herald Special

The members of Ashgrove Women's Institute met at Hillcrest Church on Sept. 19 for their International Affairs meeting.

For the roll call "Bring a foreign stamp," 16 members and one guest displayed stamps from all over the world.

Several members had visited the new Civic Centre recently and were pleased to see the pictures of Ashgrove which were donated by our branch.

Verna Bird thanked the members for sending her to the "Visions for Volunteers" workshop in Belwood and touched on some interesting highlights.

Ismei Bird had attended an Information Meeting sponsored by Halton Hills Department of Parks and Recreation concerning special events permits. She stressed the importance of knowing your responsibilities and acting responsibly when you become a permit holder.

Gwen Brander reported that Ashgrove has 15 members in the new fall project "Good Foods Fast."

Correspondence included a notice of the Guelph Area Convention to be held at Maryhill on Oct. 26 and 27 and to Halton District Day at Brookville Hall on Nov. 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ethel Wilson gave a most interesting motto on "All nations smile in the same language."

Program convener Waverley Haist, introduced the guest speaker Lynn Hawthorne, Milton's Rotary Exchange student to Turkey and her teacher Paul Lingen. Mr. Lingen is an English teacher at E.C. Drury High School and a Rotarian who is involved in the Rotary Exchange program.

A student again this year at E.C. Drury, Lynn returned in August from a year's visit in Istanbul, a city of 12 million people.

After applying for the trip Lynn went through screening and several interviews before being chosen.

It was a challenging experience for a 17-year-old to travel alone to a country and live with strangers when she didn't even know the language. Lynn found that a smile is a common language and learned to handle herself in many difficult situations. Though the culture and lifestyle were different she learned to fit in with her host family and at the school.

Now fluent in Turkish, she made friends and got to know and mix with all the groups in her school. Rotary youth exchanges are meant to foster peace around the world. Such a charming, articulate young person as Lynn would indeed represent Canada well.

Because Sept. 19 was designated a "Day of Peace" the meeting closed with the singing of "Let there be peace on earth."

Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting to be held at Hillcrest Church on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Doreen Carney will speak on interior decorating.

20th anniversary

By KAY WILSON
Norval Correspondent

NORVAL-Congratulations to Hardy and Ruby Barnhill of Brampton, formerly of Norval, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary Sept. 23, at the Elliott House in Mississauga.

The theme for the evening was romanticism of yesteryear versus the modernism of today. Mrs. Iva Davidson provided dinner music for the entire evening. Corsages and boutonnières for the guests were made by Ruby, who also made unique party favors for the table guests. Mary Zapras, the proprietor's wife, decorated the banquet room in a blue and white theme. The decorations added to the festive evening.

A beautiful roast turkey dinner, with all the trimmings was enjoyed by 52 friends and relatives. Head table guests along with Hardy and Ruby were Stan Joe, an uncle of Ruby's, and his wife Olive of Acton, Norman and Verna Wilson of Thornhill, and Mrs. Rena Cox of Milton (both aunts of Ruby's), Mrs. Charles Streb of Florida (a friend) and Mrs. Hattie Joe, an aunt from Toronto.

Mr. Stan Joe, master of ceremonies for the evening, proposed a toast to Hardy and Ruby.

Following the dinner everyone in turn introduced themselves, after which an "Old Tyme Songfest" was led by Glenn Laidlaw, accompanied by Iva Davidson. A presentation on a recent trip to Russia was given by Joe and Norine Van Leeuwen who added to the presentation with a commentary and beautiful slides.

Following dessert and coffee, everyone sang "Now is the Hour" and "Bless be the tie that binds." Then everyone departed from a great evening that was long to be remembered, not only by the Barnhills, but also their guests, who wish them continued good health for many more happy anniversaries.

Norval church

NORVAL-Dorothy McLean hosted the first meeting of the fall season for Unit 1 of Norval United Church Sept. 21 for a dessert lunch.

President Dorothy opened the meeting with a poem "The Key to Living is Giving." The minutes were read by Kay Wilson, who expressed thanks to unit members for donations and pies (one lady made 12 red currant pies for the

booth at the recent Steam Era - that made the old-timers happy). A shower will be held for bride-elect Carol Anne Laidlaw, Sept. 26 at the church.

The 100th anniversary plans for the church are well under way for Oct. 29, and the bazaar Nov. 11 will be held at the church. The official board of the three charges will meet at Huttonville Church on Sept. 28. The devotional was taken by Agnes Miller who gave a detailed account of how the church crest was made up, and the meaning of the different symbols.

Kay Wilson read an article "Memorial honors Chinese workers who built Canada's National Dream." Chinese recruits numbering 17,000, dug tunnels and laid tracks for the C.P.R. to make Canada's Dream a reality. By the time the last spike was driven in, in 1885, more than 4,000 Chinese had died on the job, due to harsh working conditions, illness, careless blastings and landslides.

The memorial stands at the North Linear Park, an embankment overlooking the railroad corridor, leading to the Union

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Station. The memorial will serve as an archway in the narrow park connecting the SkyDome to the tourist system - on Spadina Avenue. Tens of thousands of sport fans must go through it to gain entry to SkyDome's west-end gates.

Norval UCW

NORVAL-Norval United Church U.C.W. unit two meeting was held at Glenn Laidlaw's Sept. 13. President Jean Dunlop welcomed everyone. The roll call was answered by "The highlight of my summer was..."

Norval United Church 100th anniversary will be celebrated this October. A dinner for church members and friends will be held Oct. 26 at Huttonville School. For ticket information phone Jean Dunlop at 877-0963. The church service will be held Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Stan Lucyk as guest speaker. Lunch will be served following the service

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