Religion

Missionary relates her experiences in Buddhist Thailand

Norval W.I. met at the home of Gisele Malchin Oct. 3. After the opening exercises President Jean May asked for the roll call "A Custom of a Foreign Country" which was answered by 13 members. Continuing she asked District Director Norine Van Leeuwen for a report of the Halton District W.I. Fall Board Meeting held recently in the OMAF office in Milton.

First with her report was Maisie Lasby, Provincial Board Director, who had much news for us. Guelph Area Convention will be held in Arthur, Ont. Oct. 16 and 17. A resolution dealing with the licensing of those practising psychotherapy will be tabled at this Convention. A choice of workshops offered are Drugs, Agriculture in the Classroom, Breast Examination, Crime Stoppers, House to Apartment and Reflexology. W.I. Education and Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Training School "Wardrobe Wizardry" at Barrie Hill United Church Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m.

At the Royal Winter Fair this year an interesting spot for the ladies will be a craft exhibit. Maisie asked for recipes from Halton containing meat, fish and

Norval news

By KAY WILSON

poultry for the Children's Cook

Halton District W.I. is having a 90th Anniversary Luncheon at Brookville Hall Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. convened by Dublin branch. Margaret Eberly, Provincial President Elect, will speak on highlights of each decade.

Germany - the Old and the New - was the topic of our International Program. Gisele Malchin showed a very informative video entitled The Berlin Wall. This video had been sent to Gisele by relatives in Hamburg, Germany and told how it had been in that country since the end of World War II; the erection of the Wall 28 years ago that separated East and West Germany. Then when the

Wall came down the influx of people from East to West. Lilo Dahnert having just returned from East Germany told how difficult it is for the East to adjust from a Communist way of life to live with the West. Germans find

themselves to be different from each other now and it is very hard to cope she said.

After discussing this report and current business arising from it Jean May commented on the excellent display "A Breadtime Story" that Halton District W.I. had exhibited at Milton Fair for the children.

Over lunch our 85th anniversary was discussed. This is to take the form of a joint celebration with the Norval Association who is unveiling a Historical Plaque Oct. 27 at 2:30 p.m. Place is the corner of Noble Street and Highway 7, Norval. There are competitions for the children with good prizes.

Norval W.I. is planning on planting a tree to mark this mem-

orable day. After the ceremonies lunch will be served in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Norval W.I. is serving an 85th anniversary cake. We are hoping for good weather and a good crowd. Come and enjoy! Contacts are Kathy Gastle 877-7059, Brenda Bryce 877-1590, Jean May 455-8340.

November 7 is Norval W.I. Tweedsmuir History Meeting at the home of Marie Murray, 7:30

The Friendship Unit of Norval U.C.W. met at the church on Oct. 2. The President, Brenda Bryce, welcomed everyone including visitors from the other units. Brenda conducted a short business meeting.

The guest speaker for the evening, Cavell Rowsell, was

introduced by Shirley Reed. Cavell is the sister-in-law of our minister, Rev. Ann Rowsell. Cavell is a missionary in Thailand. She is interested in the Christian training of children in Bangkok. The main religion in Thailand is Buddhism. Children are not included in religious training in Buddhism. Since one quarter of the population are children Cavell and other Christian workers believe that they should be taught Christian education.

Cavell teaches Bible College students. She showed slides of Thai people and of the countryside. The people are generally mild natured and very happy. The country is tropical and very beautiful. Cavell was thanked by Marie Carney and presented with

a gift.

We are not to worry about anything!

Hope for Tomorrow

By DOREEN PALMER

As our economy slides downward and many are losing their jobs, fear grips our hearts. What does the future hold?

The Apostle Paul, who wrote much of the New Testament, knew what it was to be in trouble. In fact, his letters to the churches which he had established were

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written while he was in prison, chained to a Roman guard. His life had been one of persecution and hardship from the time he began teaching that Jesus is the Christ (Christ is the Greek word for Messiah.) In spite of imprisonment, stoning, and other neardeath experiences, Paul was able to maintain his joyful spirit. He wrote to the church at Philippi:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ

A recent event in a friend's life will confirm what Paul wrote. She had just finished praying that she would not be such a worrier when she turned on the television to hear the wife of a TV evangelist say, "I must interrupt this program as there is someone watching who has just prayed to be relieved of anxiety. I would direct her to Philippians 4:6-7." My friend read those verses written by Paul which I have quoted above. The need for her prayer and for the scripture verses became evident later that day when her husband arrived home from work with the news that his place of employment had closed and he no longer had a job. My friend was able to respond in all honesty, "Oh don't worry, the Lord will provide."

Her peace remains, but what amazes her most is the fact that her husband is also at peace! They are handling the situation just as the verse says - giving thanks and praying. It is not their own hearts that are keeping the peace; it is His peace which is keeping their hearts. "He himself is our Peace."3

Jesus said, "Do not worry saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to

As times become more difficult as Jesus said they would,5 let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, who is our Rock.6 If we accept and obey Him as Lord of our lives, then His promise of adequate food and clothing is

NKJV - Acts 9:22-23; Ph'p 4:6-7; Eph 2:14; Mt 6:31-33; 24:6-13; I Cor 10:4

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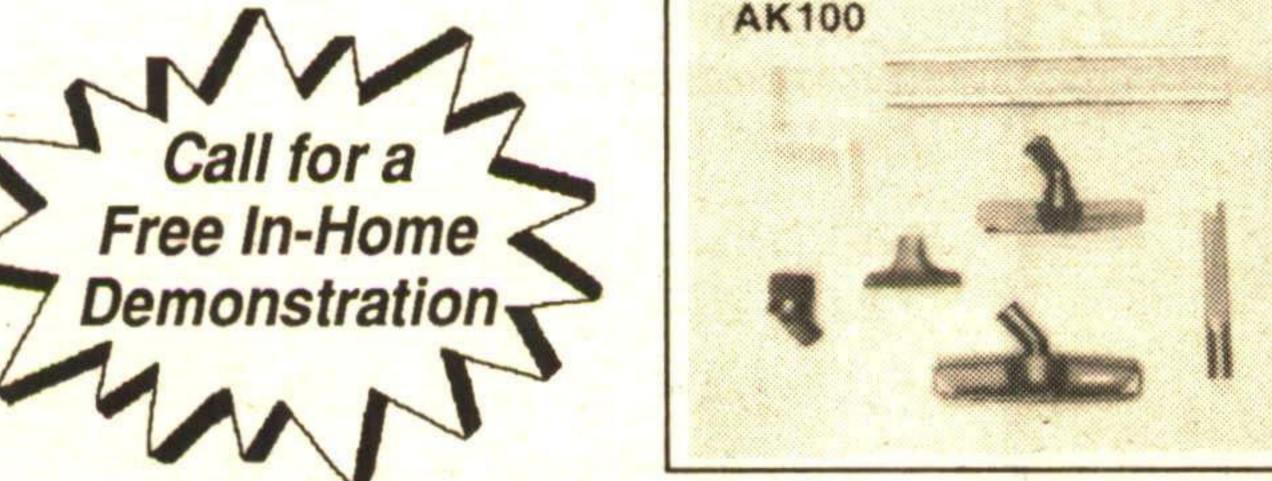
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