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MILTON SCOUTS, CUBS, GUIDES, BROWNIES HONOR BADEN-POWELL

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Anglican rectory when Rev. Canon Naftel was in Milton.

In 1936 the Milton Guides competed in a Provincial wide project and won the Lord Bessborough shield for the baby layette the company made. In February 1954 the first Guides in Milton won their First Class Badges. This provided Milton Guiding with two of its most significant events.

The present group is under Guide Captain Mrs. Fred Smith and Lieutenant Mrs. R. W. McCordic.

Brownies Have Two Packs

The two packs of Brownies indicate little of the earlier struggle required to keep the group going. At one time Mrs. M. Hoskin had the girls meet in her house. Later the pack was registered on March 31, 1950, and has since been meeting in the Town Hall. During the life of the organization many Golden Bars have been won and Four Golden Hands, which are the highest award for a Brownie, have been presented. The second Brownie Pack was registered on October 28, 1954 due to the increasing number of eligible girls.

Brown Owl of the First Pack is Mrs. S. E. Wood, who is also District Commissioner of the Girl Guides. Pack is Miss Gailie Waldie. Mrs. William Dukes is Brown Owl of the Second Pack and Miss Carol McMaster is Tawny Owl.

Back of all these organizations is a Group Committee or Local Association of men and women in the district who will interpret the movement to the Public and generally assist in the work of the leaders.

Growth in Milton

Major activities that bring the movements to the attention of the public annually are the Boy Scout, Wolf Cub Apple Day and the Girl Guide, Brownie Cookie Day. Recently the Scouts and Cubs have taken on the task of collecting old newspapers and their resale to provide additional funds. The Girl Guides have adopted the collection of a type of box front for which money is paid.

Milton's Scout-Guide growth is symbolic of that across Canada. For instance, last year 352 more Cub Packs were registered and 235 more Scout Troops. As Canada spotlights the Boy Scout - Girl Guide Movement this week, Milton too can be proud of its share in the world-wide organization that prepares the youth of today as citizens of tomorrow.

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Six New Members For Mission Band

The February meeting of Grace Mission Band was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Greenlee, on Saturday afternoon. The president, Beverly Roberts, opened the meeting with the call to worship. The devotions were taken by Jean Ella and Janet Mitchell. Mrs. Greenlee read the Lord's Prayer and discussed it. The offering was received and dedicated by Beverly. The secretary's report was given by Joan Early and Mrs. Greenlee gave the financial report. The roll call was answered by 24 children and two adults.

The birthday song was sung by Carol Walton, Linda Walton, Margaret Black, Gwen House and Bonnie Inglis. Arrangements were made for the next meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Parker. Miss Anne Parker had charge of the small children for the study period and told them a story from Fig Tree Village. For the older children, Chand of India was the study book, from which Mrs. Greenlee gave a talk. After a hymn, Gwen House offered prayer and grace was sung.

A Valentine lunch was served by Mrs. Greenlee, Margaret Black and Gwen House. Sandwiches, cookies, Valentine candies and hot chocolate were served. Six new members were added to the roll. Everyone enjoyed the meeting.

Begin New Book

The Blair Evening Auxiliary held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Stewart Cramp. Mrs. Andrews opened the meeting with the call to worship. The scripture lesson was read in unison with Mrs. Douglas Inglis the leader. Mr. James Wallace gave the secretary's report.

The allocation for the bale was read by Mrs. C. Evans and the Cheer report given by Mrs. D. Inglis. It was decided to have a bazaar early this fall. Mrs. Charles Mitchell read an article from the Glad Tidings, News of Vellore. Mrs. Walter Hamby gave the introduction to the new study book, Face to Face with India. From the introduction this promises to be an interesting study. The roll call was answered using the word Grace. The offering was received and dedicated by the president. Each member was given a calendar to be used for the Expense Fund.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Fanny Linn. The hostess, assisted by a committee, served refreshments which were enjoyed by everyone.

The World Day of Prayer service will be observed in St. David's church on Friday by the Afternoon Auxiliary and in the evening by the Blair Evening Auxiliary members of the Young People's Society and the St. David's Girls' Group.

The Week at Ottawa

By DON PEACOCK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa (CP)—The first major debate in some years on immigration policy and practice has stirred the Commons.

It was touched off by Davie Fulton (PC—Kamloops) who charged the government last week with reducing immigration in the last two years and planning for a "little Canada."

"A planned, vigorous policy of selective immigration to bring in more people is in keeping with the best interests of all sections of our country," he said as he moved a motion of non-confidence in the government.

The motion said immigration policy is neither clear, consistent nor in keeping with Canada's needs and responsibilities. Its administration denied "simple justice" both to Canadians and non-Canadians.

CCF and Social Credit speakers joined the criticism. Many cited cases they felt had been treated unfairly.

The debate was the first major test for Immigration Minister Pickersgill since he took over the department last summer from Hon. Walter Harris, now finance minister.

Progress Since 1947

Mr. Pickersgill said Canada's population had risen by 25 per cent. since 1947. Counting 250,000 Newfoundlanders added by confederation "it is a very rapid rate of growth indeed. I question very much whether it could have been much faster."

Then, in a two-hour speech, he replied to criticisms on various points. He said the law requires immigration officials to ask questions concerning the private lives of would-be immigrants. Such information should not be disclosed to relatives in Canada or to lawyers.

Parliament has decided there should be no appeal from departmental rulings. There would be large legal costs in meeting the number of appeals likely to result from such a provision.

As for the denial of rights, the only right given to Canadians seeking to bring in relatives was to make an application and have it decided on. Aliens had no fundamental right to enter Canada. That was a privilege and a matter of domestic policy.

The debate continued, with John Diefenbaker (PC—Prince Albert) accusing the department of arrogance and abuse of authority. His operations amounted to "uncontrolled bureaucrats sitting in a star chamber."

After two and a half days of debate the house voted 111 to 62 to defeat the Progressive Conservative motion of non-confidence.

Winding up the debate Finance Minister Harris rejected opposition arguments that would-be immigrants should have an appeal to the courts against department decisions. The courts could deal with a quota system but that would be too rigid in times of economic difficulty when it was desirable to reduce immigration.

"A flexible policy in which a minister of the government would be responsible to parliament has always been the basis upon which immigration was permitted into Canada," said Mr. Harris.

Mr. Drew Returns

Thunderous applause greeted Opposition Leader George Drew on his return after a long but successful recovery from an attack of meningitis last fall.

Members pounded desks as Mr. Drew, fit and smiling, took his seat for the first time this session. Prime Minister St. Laurent stepped to the centre of the aisle to shake hands and chat a moment with the Progressive Conservative leader.

Mrs. Drew looked on from the gallery with their daughter Sandra and son Edward.

When the ovation finally died down, Mr. St. Laurent said:

"The applause in which we have all shared will express to the leader of the Opposition more eloquently than anything I can say how happy we are to see him back... and how gratified we are to see with our own eyes that this period of rest has restored him completely to his usual good health and his accustomed robust vigor."

CCF Leader Coldwell said: "We are extremely glad to see him here... I am inclined to think that it (the Commons) will be a more lively place now that he is back again."

Rev. E. G. Hansell (SC—MacLeod) speaking in the absence of Social Credit Leader Low, said: "It gives us pleasure indeed to welcome back to the House the leader of the official Opposition."

Mr. Drew said the words of the Prime Minister, Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Hansell "have touched me more than I can say. Certainly this is one of the happiest days of my life."

Atomic Power

Federal planners are trying to work out a long-range program for integrating atomic power with other energy sources in Canada. Over-all fuel and energy policy covering all types of power is the eventual aim of an informal interdepartmental committee of top men in the federal power field.

Informants told The Canadian Press, however, that it will be several months at least before the committee's studies get to the stage of general recommendations to the government.

Trade Minister Howe indicated the government is being cautious about rushing atomic energy development because of its relationship to coal-produced electricity.

Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) asked Mr. Howe about steps being taken by the United Kingdom to set up atomic power plants.

Mr. Howe, in charge of atomic energy for the federal government, replied that the cost of coal in Canada is considerably less than in the U.K. "We feel that we should not attempt to develop power that will not be competitive in cost with power produced from coal," he said.

However, he expected "the time is not too far distant when we shall be able to announce a program..."

Mr. Howe's statement was made before a background of recurrent distress signals in the Canadian coal industry in the East and the West. Maritimes coal spokesmen are planning to send a delegation shortly to ask federal help in expanding their markets.

Changed Habits

Sydney, N.S. (CP)—The Cape Breton regional library board says television hasn't made much change in its business — except to switch the rush hours from evenings to afternoons.

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Again Postpone Decision on Policy

Toronto Township council once again postponed the final decision on subdivision policy at a recent meeting. A resolution was passed stating all subdivisions in the township would be premature before March 31, 1955.

Councillor Les Hughes was the only council member opposing the resolution. "We originally set February 7 as a deadline to get the reports in. We have all the information needed and we should act now," he declared.

Hour's Labor Buys More Products Now

It is important that our urban friends should realize that one hour's labor in 1954 would purchase more farm products than that same hour's labor would do in 1924.

That statement is true of milk, bread, eggs, beef, pork, butter and cheese, to mention but a few. For example, one hour's labor in 1924 would buy 3.8 quarts of milk and in 1954 that same hour's labor would purchase 7.3 quarts. In the case of bread, 6.6 lbs. in 1924 and 12.4 lbs. in 1954; in the case of eggs 15 eggs in 1924 and slightly over 30 in 1954; in the case of butter 1.1 lbs. in 1924 and 2.5 lbs. in 1954.

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