

# Fund Gives Children a Better Life

There are many differences among men in their culture, religion and tradition as well as in their political beliefs, but a concern for the needs of children is universal and brings men closer together. UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, is living proof of the vitality of this concern and a constant demonstration of how the governments of the world, representing many different kinds of people, can unite and work in harmony together to give children a better life.

Of the estimated 1,000,000,000 children in the world, three-quarters of them lack adequate food, clothing, shelter and protection against disease. Of the 30,000,000 children born every year, one-quarter will die before they are six months old, two-thirds of the remainder will die before they reach adolescence. In countries such as Indonesia and Pakistan, the new-born child has only a 50 per cent. chance of survival in its first year as compared with Canada and the U.S. where the infant mortality rate is only three per cent.

**All Over World**  
Until very recently this struggle for survival was an eternal condition of human life all over the world, not just in the underdeveloped countries. However, in this century the revolution of scientific and medical techniques and the development of new drugs and antibiotics have been contributing factors to the increasing life span in countries of the Western Hemisphere, and today there is the possibility that children all over the world may eventually enjoy the same advantages as far as health services are concerned.

This possibility has been referred to as a 20th century crusade, and it is a crusade in which many governments and hun-

dreds of thousands of organizations and individuals are participating. It is a crusade which depends upon the efforts of scores of overworked and underpaid doctors, nurses and government administrators, and which draws strength from the contribution of many great private philanthropies and religious groups.

In the United Nations Children's Fund, this crusade finds, perhaps, its most direct expression, for UNICEF is an organization which exists only because the nations of the world wished to wage a common fight for all their children.

**History of UNICEF**  
In 1946, with children in Europe suffering from the devastations of war, the United Nations General Assembly created the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to distribute emergency relief in the form of food and clothing. This grew out of UNRRA and the work of the new organization was to be entirely with children. In 1948 the relief was extended to Palestine refugee mothers and children and kept up until 1952 when the United Nations Relief and Works Agency took over this branch of activity.

By 1950 it has become apparent that the problems facing UNICEF could not be tackled and conquered within a short span of months or even years. The hunger of Europe might be somewhat appeased, but there was increasing awareness that there was terrible hunger in other parts of the globe and that this hunger was a chronic condition of existence itself. The General Assembly, therefore, directed that the fund concentrate more and more on these areas, assisting the governments concerned with health and welfare programs that would strike

at the root of their problems.

Thus in 1953 the fund was placed on a continuing rather than on a temporary basis and the name was changed officially to the United Nations Children's Fund. However, no one wished to change the famous initials which appeared on every jeep and every truck, on every shipment of powdered milk and crate of medicines contributed in these countries where most of the natives could not read English — but they knew what UNICEF meant. As one little girl assured the driver of a jeep, "I know what UNICEF means — it is the English word for cow."

**Meet Their Needs**  
Today, UNICEF is the only international, intergovernmental agency devoted exclusively to helping children. UNICEF aid is designed both to meet the child's most urgent and immediate needs and to help governments plan long-term improvements.

In accomplishing these objectives, several different approaches must be used: (1) widespread disease must be controlled and eradicated; (2) permanent health services must be developed; (3) hunger must be attacked; (4) mothers must be taught the proper way to care for their children, how to prepare nourishing meals, how to exercise simple rules of sanitation; (5) most important, men and women must be trained to bring all of these services to the people.

Remember, most economically underdeveloped countries do not have the resources to achieve any of these goals. It is here that UNICEF steps in, but it does not step in with "give-away" projects. It steps in with material assistance but the country being aided is expected to do its part too.  
(To be continued)



**CRAZY CARROT** with one "head" and four separate "bodies" is displayed by Patsy Verrall, Court St. N. The dandy-sized meal and a half was 10 inches high, over seven inches wide and weighed nearly four pounds.

## C.G.I.T. Initiates Eight New Members

The Canadian Girls in Training initiation service meeting was opened with the C.G.I.T. hymn.

The initiation service was conducted by Mrs. Coulson. The following girls were brought into the C.G.I.T. from Explorers: Barbara Black, Judy Jensen, Marianne Fay, Betty Thomson, Corey Ford, Judy Greenfield, Carol Prentiss and Barbara Deforest.

They were welcomed to C.G.I.T. and presented with pins by Mrs. Greenfield. The following senior girls were also presented with pins by Mrs. Laing: president, Virginia Gilbert; secretary, Gail Thomas; treasurer, Margaret Prince; Carol Deforest, Linda Coulson, Bonnie Kelman, Lee Jolliffe, Pat Hefferman, Edna Bassett, Dionne McDonald, Linda Deforest.

Mrs. Coulson then conducted the business after which the roll

was called. The Alley-Oopers had charge of the games for the evening and they were enjoyed by all present.

## Heights Association Hears Three-R Value

The Milton Heights Home and School October meeting was held on Thursday. Mrs. S. Thomas, the president opened the meeting with the singing of "O Canada."

Mrs. D. Powell read the secretary's report. The financial report was given by M. Clarkson.

The school principal, Miss MacMillan gave an interesting speech on the "Value of Education."

The evening ended with refreshments being served.

## M. Kernighan Speaks At Layman's Service

For the past couple of years the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada has designated a Sunday in October as Layman's Sunday.

This is being observed in Knox Presbyterian church, Milton, on Sunday, October 23 at the morning service, commencing at 11 o'clock, when the men of the church will have full charge of the service.

Murray Kernighan will bring the message.

A Naples guide, showing a Texan how Vesuvius erupts, asked if there were anything like that in Texas. "No," said the Texan, "but in Houston we got a fire department that could put it out."

## Miss M. Hume Speaks To Blair Auxiliary

The October meeting of the Helen Blair Auxiliary of St. Paul's United Church was held in the church house with 20 members present. The meeting was opened with a poem followed by hymn 41 and a prayer.

Mary McEachern gave an inspiring devotional, choosing Thanksgiving as her theme. Lil Houston, Christian Citizenship secretary, introduced the guest speaker Miss M. Hume, a member of St. Paul's Church, who spoke on Christian citizenship. The auxiliary was enlightened on many of the problems in our midst today. Mabel Coulson thanked Miss Hume for her splendid talk.

Various reports were given, and Irene Dennis gave an account of her trip to Toronto to see the United Church buildings and Fred Victor Mission.

The meeting closed with the benediction and lunch was served.

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## LIGNY-DUFFERIN

### Women's Institute Welcomes Halton District President

**By Mrs. E. Davenport**  
Halton district president, Mrs. H. Wilson was the guest speaker at the October meeting of Scotch Block Women's Institute, held at Mrs. L. Willis' home on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Wilson's topic was "What a women's institute member should be."

Mrs. M. Patterson presided at the meeting. Roll call was answered by donations for the Halton Manor hobby class. Mrs. Neilson donated a wool comforter to be used by the branch for raising funds. Mrs. S. Murray gave the motto, "Don't be like a rocking chair, all motion and no progress."

Mrs. C. Service and Miss Eva Chisholm were appointed leaders for the rookied rug project. Mrs. H. Michie entertained with several lovely solos. The meeting closed and the committee served a lovely lunch.

**In Hospital**  
Mrs. Beth Jones is confined to hospital with rheumatoid arthritis. We wish her a complete recovery very soon.

Marsha Robertson had two of her fingers injured when playing ball at school last week.

John Turner and Miss C. Turner attended the funeral in Burlington last week of their aunt, Mrs. D. Currie.

**Highway Signs**  
The department of highways has erected crossing signs at the corner of Highway 25 and 15 sideroad to indicate children crossing.

Mrs. McKenzie, Keith and Nancy visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorman and David, Hamilton and Mr. Ken McKenzie is holidaying in Bermuda.

**In Guelph**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davenport spent Sunday in Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. V. Cole and David.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irving entertained at a farewell party Saturday night for Arthur Farrington who leaves shortly for England.

Mrs. C. C. Burton plans to leave on Saturday by plane for a three weeks visit to England to see her parents and other relatives.

## KILBRIDE

### United Church Centennial Hears Two Guest Speakers

**By Mrs. Wm. Watson**  
Kilbride United Church celebrated their 100th anniversary last Sunday. Rev. Wm. Wilkinson conducted the morning worship, special music was supplied by the Carlisle choir and Rev. H. Currie of Hamilton gave the pastoral prayer. Following the morning worship a buffet luncheon was served in Kilbride hall. The evening services were conducted by Rev. N. J. Truax of Lynden. The music was supplied by Lowville male quartette and the Old Time choir. The dedication ceremony was conducted by Rev. Keith McMillan, chairman of the Halton Presbytery. Mrs. Laura Dixon published a booklet on the history of Kilbride. The committee were Gerie McArthur, James Ayton, Mrs.

Dr. McDonald, Marion Cartwright, Laura Dixon and William Pickett.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blagden on the passing of Mrs. Blagden's mother. The Young People of Kilbride went for a hay ride Saturday night around the village and over to Carlisle, then returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson where everyone enjoyed hot dogs and hot chocolate.

**Dundas Visitors**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Pegg and Diane visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Northcott at Dundas on Sunday.

Bruce Nicholson has a broken thumb. He broke it Sunday while shutting the car door.

### Electric Light Bug Is Giant of Waters

Now it's an Electric Light Bug!  
It's a species of giant water bug and was recently brought into the Gogama District Office of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests here by division mechanic R. Duguay.

It was identified as "a type of insect fiercely predacious, devouring dragon flies and young fish wherever they are available. It is on record that one of these bugs captured a pickerel three and a half inches long. They do not hesitate to leave the water, sometimes flying considerable distances when moving from pond to pond."

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