

Canadian church, politics studied by United Women

by Mrs. Cecil Patterson

The first meeting of the New Year of the Bethel U.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Featherston on Wednesday, January 3, at 8 p.m. Mrs. A. Ball, president welcomed the members and opened the meeting with a New Year's reading, Mrs. F. Tuck gave the devotionals reading from Psalm 90.

Annual reports were received and accepted. A thank you letter was read for a box of clothing sent to a family near Parry Sound. Several rolls of knitted bandages were handed in, these will be sent to a leper colony. Plans for purchasing and replenishing church kitchen utensils were approved. A cash donation was voted to buy play materials for the junior congregation to use while church worship was on.

Many suggestions were made for the next year's program and these are planned soon. Twelve ladies answered the roll call word "Life". Several ladies were named to the banquet committee. Tickets will be available for a smorgasbord dinner to be held in March. Mrs. B. Harris had a chapter from the study book "Into a Nation", this delves into Canadian History and church and politics and what stand the church should take in political issues.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and committee Mrs. P. Merry and Mrs. J. Pickett Jr.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by the Junior Sunday school class of boys and girls from 10 to 12 years old from Bethel Church on Tuesday afternoon Jan. 2, when their teachers Mrs. J. Hannah and Mrs. E. Ball entertained their pupils. Motoring to Stewarttown to the home of Vernon Pickett, the young people had much fun tobogganing and riding the snowmobile. The weather and hills were wonderful. Later all returned to the church basement for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ball entertained the Eighth Line Bridge Club at their home on Saturday evening Jan. 6. Three tables were in play. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Sincere sympathy to the family of the late Clifford May who passed away following a lengthy illness. Interment was at Hornby Presbyterian cemetery, on Saturday Jan. 6. He is survived by his wife Maybelle, a son Murray and two daughters Elsie and Shirley.

Mrs. Una Alderson is still confined to Toronto General Hospital, but doing nicely.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Honor grandmothers at Institute meeting

by Mrs. George Inglis

Mrs. A. T. Moore was hostess to the January meeting of the Campbellville Women's Institute on Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Stewart Cramp presided and opened with a New Year's greeting of Hope, followed by the singing of the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect repeated in unison.

Mrs. George Black read the secretary's report and letters of business, also the financial report. Miss Katharine McPhedran gave the cheer report, and read letters of thanks for the Christmas gifts and cards. Mrs. Cramp read an article from the Canadian Consumers edition, which said all plastic milk bottles should be washed by the housewife in warm water only before return. Mrs. Murray Mahon reported on Citizenship and Education.

Mrs. A. T. Moore and Mrs. Stewart Cramp, leaders of the Baking With Yeast course which 17 attended in December in the village, were presented with cups and saucers and will return the left over baking instructions when no other organization wants the course. The roll call was answered by 15 members with "Grandmother's recipe or cure-all," which proved interesting.

Mrs. Lennard Andrews and Mrs. John Wheelihan were named a committee to look into the possibilities of printing the Tweedsmuir History in book form for sale.

Mrs. J. Wheelihan took the chair for the grandmother's program, assisted by Mrs. George Black, and read a poem entitled, "It Can't Be Done," and gave the motto "Were the good old days really good?"

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford led the

Friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Len Buckler of Drumquin store is a patient in Milton District hospital, after a fall at her home recently. Her injuries required surgery on anelbow and a cast for a broken bone on the other arm, in fact both arms are in a cast. Get well wishes are extended.

The 12 teachers of Percy Merry School and Mrs. Leslie, secretary, and custodian Walter Baxter presented the principal, John Kobzey with a gift of a handsome desk set of black marble base and gold trim complete with two pens. Mr. Kobzey expressed his appreciation for the gift.

Home and School of Percy W. Merry School will be held on Thursday evening Jan. 11 at 8.15 p.m. The art consultant J. Battersby from the Oakville Board of Education will be guest speaker. Parents and friends will find this a most interesting evening. The topic is "A Night for Art's Sake." Mrs. J. Donovan is president. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. J. McNulty of Margo, Saskatchewan is holidaying at her daughter's home, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Donovan and family. Gifts at Christmas to the lady teachers at Percy Merry school from the students were Royal Albert cup and saucers to the married teachers and silver pens to the misses.

Many parents enjoyed the grade one Christmas auditorium program on Dec. 23 at 8.30 a.m. The students presented a musical play Mr. Moon and Merry Christmas, and said in unison the complete Christmas Bible Story and Psalm 23, and gave the Christmas songs. They were directed by their teacher Mrs. R. Brown-ridge.

A record has been set at Percy Merry school, every seat is occupied and names of 400 children are on the register.

Hot dog sale will be held on Wed. Jan. 17 at the school. Birthday greetings to Gwen Jessemann, Norma Ball, Charles Oravecz, Nancy Sim, Kathryn Grexton, Janice Gooding, Spehras Pethany, and Ross Needham.

Miss Darlene Wood attended the Toc Alpha gathering held recently at Niagara Falls. The convention was held for five days and about 600 young people gathered for this meeting from all over Canada. The young ladies were billeted in the Sheraton Brock Hotel and the boys in Fox head Hotel. The conference was held for those over 16 years of age and in grade 11 and not over 25 years old.

Lectures were held at 9 a.m. with many well known speakers on hand to discuss alcohol and its many disadvantages. Films were shown on excessive use of beverages and reasons why drinking must be controlled. Darlene, a member of the Young Folk of the Hornby United Church, charge, enjoyed the conference from Dec. 28 to Jan 2 and shared a hotel room with a young lady from Manitoba. The group had a dance and other social activities.

A skating party and dance was held on Saturday evening Jan. 6 when Tom and Grant Gooding entertained young friends at their home.

Miss Gloria Gooding returns to classes at Guelph University this week after holidaying with her parents and family.

Misses Darlene Wood and Pam Shaw representing First Drumquin Air Rangers attended the Ranger Council meeting on Sunday afternoon Jan. 7, in the Scout Hall at Cooksville.

LOWVILLE

Mrs. N. Langton leader United Church Women

By Mrs. A. R. Coulter

As part of her University Course in Honors Mathematics at Waterloo, Louise LePage now has a position in Montreal working with electronic computers. Louise travelled by air to Montreal on New Year's Day.

A sincere welcome to the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Haley who have purchased a new home on the Blind Line. They formerly resided in downtown Burlington and both are employed as teachers with the Burlington Board of Education, at Pineland and Frontenac Public Schools respectively.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to two couples who were married during the holiday season: Mr. and Mrs. R. Richy Gunby and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dolbel.

The first meeting of the year for the Afternoon Unit of Lowville United Church Women took place last Wednesday in the Youth Centre of the United Church. The following officers were installed in an impressive ceremony conducted by Mrs. E.E. Baskier: Leader, Mrs. N. Langton; Assistant leader, Mrs. Burdge Gunby; secretary, Mrs. William Wright; treasurer, Mrs. Garfield Colling; program, Mrs. G. E. Coulson; card convener, Mrs. E. Rochefort; sick and visiting, Mrs. F. O. Colling; pianist, Mrs. R. Coulter.

Mrs. Burdge Gunby read the portion of Scripture from the Book of Ecclesiastes concerning "Time" and Mrs. Velma Norris took charge of the worship service and program. Her talk on "Serenity" as inspired by the Mary Stuart Collect for women was very timely for the New Year.

Mrs. George Colling presented an introductory chapter on Japan Profiles, the study book this year. Christians from all parts of the world have been invited to Japan in recent years and this book gives first-hand information on the various phases of modern living in Japan. By means of a recording, various testimonies were heard; a girls' choir in a Christian school; and Christian witness by a former Buddhist all point to a greater freedom that has come from a return to peace and industry.



ST. CLAIR MASONIC LODGE officers were installed for 1968 at a recent meeting. Bruce McKerr is the new Worshipful Master. Shown in the front row are W. Bro. Charles Thomson, chaplain; V. Coulson, junior warden; W. Bro. Cliff Lewington, immediate past Master; Mr. McKerr; John Purdy, senior warden; and V. W. Bro. Kenneth Watson, secretary. Standing in the second row are W. L. McNeil, tyler; Ron Featherstone, inner guard; Jim McEa-

chern, junior deacon; William Greenfield, senior deacon; Tom Taylor, junior steward; Robert Argall, organist; and Reford Gardhouse, assistant secretary. Absent when the photo was taken were senior steward Ted Stover, treasurer W. Bro. R. M. Clements, and director of ceremonies W. Bro. Howard Armstrong. (Staff Photo)

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