



A MILTON CURLING CLUB RINK made a good showing in the provincial ladies' playdowns at Mount Hope Golf and Country Club recently. Gene Barr's foursome defeated a Dundas rink but lost to Glendale and Glanford in the competition. Mrs. Barr is shown at left, with vice Norma Harrop, second Glad Merritt and lead Adele Leslie. (Staff Photo)

On a chilly night

Tour Europe via armchair

The January meeting of the Milton and District University Women's Club, held at the home of Mrs. D. R. Dills of Acton, took the form of an armchair tour through the countries of Eastern Europe -- Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia -- conducted by Harold Burns of the Post House Travel Bureau of Toronto, by way of his illustrated slides.

In the course of a short talk beforehand, Mr. Burns laid to rest some of the mistaken ideas about the restrictive conditions in these countries, pointing out that they are not one huge monolithic communist state. Instead each holds to its own particular shade of red in running its country and economy -- albeit under the eye of security police.

For example Tito, in unifying some of the former Balkan States into Yugoslavia, has assumed a high hand by asserting his country's national interests in opposition to Soviet domination. Rumania also has strayed far from the strict communistic ideals and played host to two million tourists last year. It's not surprising, therefore, that here the Western style of life is in evidence and the tourist dollars are eagerly courted by good hotels -- some, former palaces -- good food and comparably lower prices than obtainable in the more travelled parts of Europe.

Czechoslovakia, through more rigidly communistic, is steeped in a very old culture, as is evidenced by the old historic castles which are as much a part of the country as the mountains and forests. One has only to remember the variety and beauty to be found in the Czech Building at Expo, Mr. Burns pointed out, to be assured of the further delights to be found in the country itself.

Hungary he described as gypsy music, excellent wines and a climate and people congenial and warm. Budapest, it's capital, built on both sides of the Danube, is considered an international culture centre with its State Opera House, National Theatre and Operetta Theatre.

Mr. Burns was introduced by Mrs. P. C. Masson who indicated the breadth of his interests as well as that of his travels around the world. Mrs. E. D. Litt thanked him on behalf of the members for a welcome respite from the rigors of a snowy night well below zero, when the beautiful beaches of the Adriatic and Mediterranean set up a temporary delight in the vicarious donning of bathing-suits and suntan boots and parkas.

As time went on there were 25 congregations and 18 preaching points with 2,500 members to be served. A worthy note is the fact that the Korean Church in Japan must be completely free of debt before being dedicated. The Presbyterian church in Canada plays a part, by supplying many of the necessities for our Master's work in this far-off land.

The ladies decided to send a plant to Mrs. E. Robertson who is in the hospital, and Mrs. Bell volunteered to buy and deliver it. A hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung and the Mizpah Benediction repeated.

2,500 members to be served in Korean Church in Japan

There was a rather small attendance due to illness, when The Robertson Auxiliary of Knox W.M.S. met on Tuesday afternoon. With president Mrs. A. Wilson presiding and Mrs. E. E. Yates acting as secretary, the meeting got underway with a traditional hymn, "Standing at the Portal of the opening Year," and a prayer for guidance in the months ahead. Mrs. Lott gave an inspiring Good Thought for the new year, and for each new morning.

There was no installation of officers, as all those elected in January 1967 were to stand for a two year period. The passage of Scripture for the devotional was from Luke 1, and read by Mrs. T. Bradley, and prayer by Eva Chisholm. All are looking forward to the thanksgiving meeting at Easter time, when Miss Jane Scott will be the honored guest.

"Korean Churches in Japan," the subject for study was dealt

Ideas for new year discussed at Boston

The January meetings of Boston Church ladies were at the home of Mrs. Gordon Jefferson. Mrs. G. McGibbon offered her home for the next meeting, the World Day of Prayer. The president Mrs. Emmett McGibbon invited the ladies to her home to make out the program for 1968. Roll Call was answered by all the ladies paying their fees for the coming year. Offering was taken up and dedicated by Mrs. R. W. Dredge. Mrs. S. Smith read a paper on Ideas for the New Year and the W.M.S. meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. E. McGibbon took the chair for the Ladies Aid Meeting. In the absence of the president she read a good thought for the New Year, Psalm 33. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Mrs. G. McGibbon. The ladies decided to have sandwiches and tea after the annual meeting, on Thursday night, January 20.

Ladies are requested to bring sandwiches. Mrs. Smith read some poems and the meeting closed with a hymn and repeating the Mizpah. The lunch committee served tea and sandwiches and happy birthday was sung for Mrs. G. McGibbon.

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Special meeting on safety features film, hazards talk

Mountain Union Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lorne Dixon on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m., having as their topic, "Safety."

The meeting opened with a poem, singing of the Institute Ode, then all repeated the Mary Stewart Collect, followed by the president, Mrs. V. Norris conducting a short "In Memoriam" service for two W.I. members, Mrs. Frank Cartwright and Mrs. Edith Gunby.

A committee was named, and plans were made to serve a noon lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Masonic Hall for the Mastitis Workshop under the direction of Henry Stanley, Agricultural Representative.

A donation of \$50 was voted by the members to help with the 75th anniversary project of MacDonald Institute of Guelph University.

Mrs. Beck of St. Thomas, who is visiting in Milton at present, was a welcome guest at the meeting.

Mrs. V. Norris gave the report of the Farm Safety Council meeting in Brampton where Halton and Peel members were represented. She stated that Mrs. W. Webb, Halton District President of the Women's Institutes, attended a safety council meeting in Don Mills where 900 members were present. The Provincial Conference on Safety will be held at Guelph University on Feb. 5, 6, and 7.

The roll call proved interesting and educational, "Precautions re Safety." Everyone had a timely suggestion to give.

Mrs. Maurice Readhead excelled in her motto, "Live and drive safely to make your life and others around you free from accidents." She gave the 10 most "unwanted Drivers," and said you might recall others. This year review your driving tactics and don't let yourself fall into any of these categories. Make one of your New Year resolutions, to use your car's seat belts at all times. She spoke of the different safeties in the home and on the farm, at work and everywhere; people are in too big a hurry to do things, and just cannot wait. Mrs. Readhead closed her motto with a short poem.

Guest speaker for this special program on "Safety" was Geoff Taylor, who works with H. J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative as Extension Assistant, and also is secretary of the Safety Council, and looks after all the correspondence. Mr. Taylor showed a film, "Miracle of Paradise Valley." This fine film had many vivid lessons on safety for everyone, and should be seen by all farm groups.

Mr. Taylor in his talk, emphasized what a person should use in their cars; for starting this year, seat belts in rear seats as well as front seats are standard equipment. You should also carry a first-aid kit, flares, a flashlight, fire extinguishers and bag of sand or gravel to add some extra weight to the back of your car and your snow tires.

He demonstrated their yellow hard hats, fire extinguishers, eye-care glasses, hair-spray dangers and their paper safety serviettes. He gave the Institute two books on "Guide to Traffic Safety," and a number of safety pamphlets.

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