

# Explains special courses for high school students

The regular meeting of Campbellville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Stokes on March 4. The president Mrs. Robert Elliot opened the meeting with a timely poem followed by the Mary Stewart collect and the Institute ode.

In order to hear the speaker Mrs. Ella Gilks, a teacher in the special vocational course at Milton High School, the meeting was turned over to the committee on Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Russell Hurren and Mrs. Don Smith.

Mrs. Hurren introduced the speaker and all enjoyed an interesting talk on her work of teaching pupils with learning difficulties. She gave an encouraging report of the progress made by many of her students when pressures of competition were reduced and technical skills taught. Several have graduated and hold positions of value in the community.

Mrs. Smith brought a hat form and flowers to decorate it. These were circulated among the ladies and each in turn helped to make the lovely Easter bonnet. A draw was made and Mrs. James Watson proudly took home the hat. The roll call of favorite recipes was given and these were exchanged.

Business was resumed with the standing committee reports following the secretary's report and the financial statement. Mrs. Mahon reported on the reply to her letter to Pollution Probe.

Workshops were announced for different groups in the Agricultural Society rooms in Milton. A letter stating that the memorial fund in honor of Miss Ethel Chapman will amount to \$5 per member in each branch was read. The Milton Fair display this year will be a Bride's hope chest. A letter from the Mental Health Association reported much improved facilities in Ontario for the treatment of the emotionally disturbed.

The contest at the district annual May 20 at Hillcrest United Church is to be held on raspberry jelly rolls and butter tarts made with raisins. A local bake-off will be held at the next meeting April 1. A nominating committee was named to bring in a slate of officers for the next year - Mrs. George Black and Mrs. Russell Hurren.

Final plans were made for the evening of March 26 at 8 p.m. when Ida Burns Enterprises will present a program on Gracious Living, Interior Decorating, New Kitchen Ideas, Table Settings and Hostess Tips. A hot and cold buffet will follow the program with many lucky draws made to ticket holders. Tickets may be obtained from any member or at the door.

## Weigh it well

BY ELEANOR COULTER

It'll soon be time for spring cleaning! No matter that our modern appliances make it possible to keep the house reasonably clean at all times, an urge to tear things apart in the spring seems to be born right in us. So we turn things upside down and inside out, dust some of them off and decide that some of them must go - they are no longer of any use to us. It's probably a seasonal urge akin to Mother Nature. Everything must be fresh, some things have to be new and we like to see new plants growing.

So it's a good time of year to take an inner look at ourselves. Is there something in our life that needs dusting off? Like prejudices, apathy or a clutter of useless pastimes? There's bound to be some way that we ourselves can grow, both mentally and spiritually, in order to gain a fresh outlook on life and meet any challenge head on.

Another gem via the mail-box arrived recently in the form of a little pamphlet from Prairie Book Service, 446-478 2nd Ave. North, Saskatoon, Sask. It tells of books on Western History and Canadiana that have intriguing titles. Harvest of Bread, Hoofprints and Hitching Posts, and Blazing the Old Cattle Trail will be of special interest to the men and boys in your household, and they are written by Grant MacEwan, who knows the west and knows how to write about the men and women who built it, past and present.

Then, tucked at the bottom of another page a familiar name leaped out. The Best of Edna Jaques, a selection of 50 of her best loved poems from 12 previously published books is now available. These deal especially with the western pioneers for whom I have a great respect. It's a long time since I've seen any of Miss Jaques' books in the book stores and a longer time since I saw her. Remember when she spoke at a Women's Institute meeting at Ligny School.

Being short of stature she asked for a chair to stand on. "You wouldn't miss much if you couldn't see me," she explained, "but I'd miss a lot if I couldn't see you." She had some of her books with her and autographed those we bought. Do you have yours?

Ask for any of these books at your library, they might just order them. Or write to the above address.

Last year when the tips of the willow trees began to show their own unique tinge of spring green, the young lad next door came across to ask us if we knew how to make a willow whistle. My husband eagerly took him to the swamp, selected a slender wand of willow and proceeded to manipulate it into a whistle. But alas - it wouldn't whistle. Six other people, just as eager, knew how to make a whistle, but they couldn't make one that whistled either. We are quite sure our fathers showed us how to make a willow whistle, or was the magical sound that came forth just a figment of our youthful fancy? PLEASE, can anyone make a willow whistle that whistles? If so, would you kindly leave it at The Champion office with full instructions? We want to keep faith with Danny, and all other youngsters who might in future ask us how to make a willow whistle.

The sudden snow shower the other night caught me driving on the road and I couldn't help but remember the first time we drove West. It was early April and very springlike when we left home. But when we hit Northern Ontario it was a different story. Upon waking up at Wawa the first morning we found the highways covered with a snowy, treacherous slick. There were three of us, all women, and we were undecided whether to wait out the storm or drive on. Our wise friend who had driven that way before advised us to "keep on going and we'll drive out of it." So we kept on slowly and carefully until, sure enough, the sun came through and we did indeed drive out of it onto clear dry roads for the rest of the day.

How much better that we went on than to sit and fret because we weren't getting anywhere. The positive way is a good philosophy to have when any adversity comes - "keep on going, you'll drive out of it."

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Women's Page

## Perform "wedding" on 35th anniversary

Evening Star Rebekah Lodge No. 79, Milton was guest of Maggie Waddell No. 256 Oakville

on their 46th birthday Thursday, March 12. Twenty sisters from Milton enjoyed a pleasant evening. A tableau of the moon and seven stars was impressive and a candle was lighted on a birthday cake for all the P.N. Grands and charter members of their lodge.

Saturday evening March 14, eight sisters and one brother from the lodge motored to Brookville Hall to put on a wedding skit in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the occasion of their 35th anniversary. Helen Jones took the part of the minister, Marguerite Teasdel the groom, Mabel Hadley the bride, Margaret Downs the best man, Mary Brownridge flower girl, Bill Woods was ring bearer, Mr. Richardson the rejected suitor, Pearl Maxwell the father of the bride, Bert Jones the bridesmaid, Thelma Green the mother of the groom.

Glady's Crozier, the pianist played the professional hymn, "The Old Gray Mare She Ain't What She Used To Be," also the Wedding March. The final hymn was "The Old Gray Goose Is Dead".

On Tuesday, March 17 Evening Star members made their yearly visit to the Halton Centennial Manor to entertain residents who have March birthdays.

Sister Anne Watkins, Noble Grand was master of ceremonies for the evening. A program of four songs by Rebekah Sisters, was enjoyed by all, a Charleston and Irish Jig by Suzanne Ricketts and Marilyn Martin, an Irish dance by Vicky Bird, two solos by Dorothy Shepherd, "When Irish eyes are smiling" and "Irish Lullaby". Cindy and Sandra Higgins entertained with accordion music which was enjoyed by all.

The wedding skit was also enjoyed by the residents. The Rebekah Sisters looked charming in their long white dresses and green belts.

Lunch was served and a gift presented to each of the 20 residents who had a March birthday. A lovely evening was spent with a full house of residents and friends.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETS EVERY TUESDAY 9 p.m. GRACE ANGLICAN PARISH HALL HAVING A PROBLEM? DROP IN.**

## Mount Union W.I. Dr. Chapman fund

The March meeting of the Mount Union W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Dixon, Milton with 16 members attending. Mrs. Velma Norris, president opened the meeting by reading a poem, repeating together the Mary Stewart Collect and sing the Institute Ode.

Mrs. Hugh Warmington assistant secretary-treasurer gave the minutes of the last meeting, the correspondence and the financial report. The correspondence contained a

notice of the Children's Aid annual meeting and announcing the showing of the new film "Wherever there are children" made available through the kind permission of the Metro Toronto and the Toronto Catholic Children's Aid Societies.

A letter from the district explained the need to gather in the Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship Fund monies.

Letters requested attendance from conveners to W.I. workshops for the branches.

A letter was read telling of a

change in Halton Musical Festival this year, and the need of the W.I.'s support. During the business period plans were made to quilt a quilt (already donated) for money making.

A committee of four, Mrs. V. Norris, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Stan Chisholm and Mrs. Frank Hadley were chosen to arrange catering for a golden wedding and other similar events. The members voted \$65. be paid to Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship Fund to finish the \$140 that is our share per member. Mrs. John Robertson presented the nominating committee report with all offices filled except one to assist with Tweedsmuir History Book.

A pot luck dinner is planned for the annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Allan Clements.

Roll call was answered by bringing a Canadian made article and telling where it was made. The members learned a great deal about Canadian made articles from each other.

Mrs. Grace Readhead prepared the motto: Take a long look at the shadow you cast; which was read by Mrs. Velma Norris. She gave the names and some history of many notable women of Canada known to our members. Among them our own Dr. Ethel Chapman as examples to aspire one in their life's work.

Topic for the day was Canadian Industries. Mrs. Roy A. Coulter as guest speaker chose pollution as her subject. She opened her speech by repeating the saying "Free and pure as the air you breathe". She said this is not going to be truly said any more. With the cost of doing away with pollution going higher and higher.

The first warning of trouble concerning pollution was in 1951. Many things contribute to pollution - population explosion; cutting down of trees, shrubs and even weeds that turn carbon dioxide into oxygen; factories; industries; highways; airplanes; buses. So many buses now starting and stopping; farm odors; chimneys; Go trains; other trains and detergents in our streams. The pollution act needs to be brought up to date. Ontario she said was the first province to do anything about

**Growing under lights is topic**  
MILTON and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Milton and District Horticultural Society held their March meeting in the Union Hall, Pine Street. Vice-president S. Lockie presided for the meeting. After reading the announcements Mr. Lockie called on Mrs. M. Readhead to introduce the guest speakers Mr. and Mrs. F. Forsdike of R.R. 1, Hornby. Their subject was "Growing under Lights". Mr. Forsdike showed pictures of the effects of lights on different plants. He explained each in detail as he took members on a tour of Indoor Fluorescent Light gardens by film. The more light a plant receives the shorter the stem. African Violets are low light plants Mrs. Forsdike recommended fertilizing every 10 days with whale oil. Humidity required by different plants may be increased by placing pots on trays of quartz chippings, vermiculite, perlite and adding water. Misting of plants also helps.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsdike brought their flower standards with trays and lights and many flowering plants. This made a most delightful display. The guests invited everyone to visit their home on Trafalgar Road to see their plants. Miss Gladys Featherstone thanked the speaker for sharing their wonderful hobby with the Horticultural members. Mrs. Britton gave the results of the monthly flower show:

Class 1 "Leta Coax Spring" - forced branches Mrs. H. McCann, Mrs. H. Rutherford, Mrs. E. Colling.

Class 2 "Pot of forced bulbs" - any variety Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Mrs. E. Byerman.

Class 3 "Happy Birthday" Mrs. W. J. Thompson, W. J. Thompson.

Class 4 "Irish Impulse" Mrs. H. McCann, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Thompson.

Children's Class - arrangement in an eggshell, Brenda Lockie. Lucky door draw - Mrs. Ed Goodall, Mrs. Clare Ford, Mrs. H. Richardson, Mrs. S. Lockie, Miss J. Allen, Mrs. W. Ford, Mrs. H. Rutherford, Mrs. R. Parker, Mrs. D. Lockie, Mrs. N. Bousfield, Mrs. E. Colling, Mrs. D. Readhead, Mrs. G. Gastle.

## Consider project at St. Paul's church

St. Paul's U.C.W. held an executive meeting on Monday, March 9. Mrs. A. Cairns presided and opened the meeting with a poem entitled "Springtime". This was followed by a meditation given by Mrs. Wilma Tyrer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. E. W. Foster and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. H. Magee. The current correspondence was read by Mrs. Charles Fay and business reports were accepted from all Unit leaders.

A committee was formed consisting of six executive members to make plans for a spring function of some kind. Mrs. Jim Gilbert commented on the Halton Presbyterian annual meeting, noting that Mrs. K. O. Foster of St. Paul's was installed

as president for the present term.

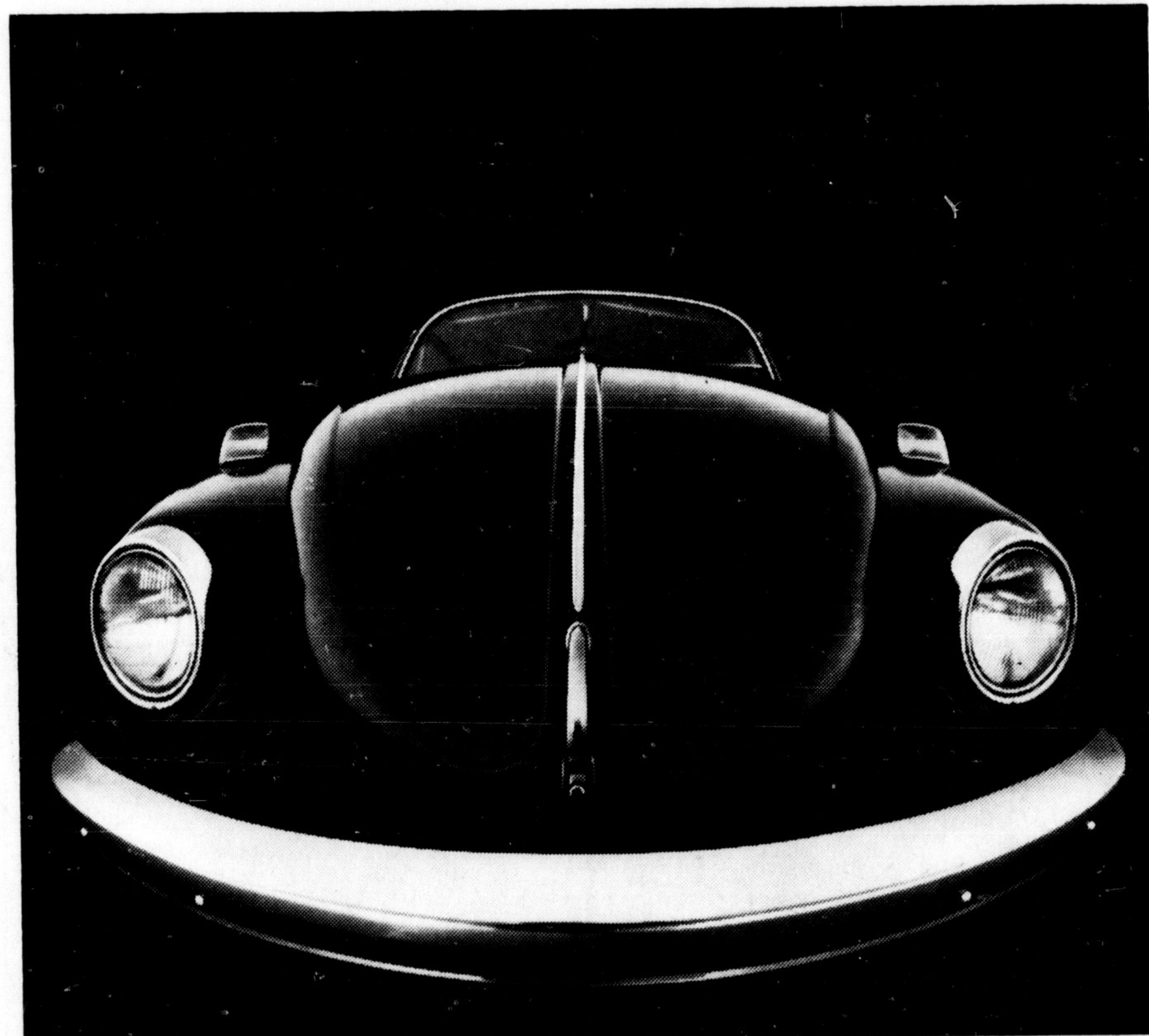
The meeting closed with a tour of the church where several new projects are under discussion.

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