

University Club — hive of educational activity

By Linda Kirby
Sixteen years ago, 10 Milton women university graduates met to form a club. They were not the first to form a chapter of The University Women's Club in Canada.

In fact, they represented the 10th chartered branch club.

Today, several members of the original Milton group still belong to the organization, including the group's first president, Isabelle Thompson.

Sixteen years is not an enormous chunk of time, but during the past few years, the University Women's Club of Milton and District has seen significant changes in social outlooks, styles, and the type and number of women grads.

The club itself has not departed from its original purpose and ambitions.

Today, 56 Milton women, ranging in age from brand new graduates to not-so-new grandmothers meet once a month to discuss an array of social, political and educational issues.

Panel discussions and guest speakers feature in the monthly meetings, as career women and homemakers alike assemble for a social and educational evening.

In addition to those meetings, members also form small groups in pursuit of a variety of interests.

One of the early groups shared an interest in music. In

1967, they formed a nine-member women's choir and named themselves the Milton Chansonettes. Until recent years, the club helped support the choir's activities.

There are now a number of interest groups on the go, including bridge, education and book clubs.

"It is an expanding experience, both intellectually and socially," explained this year's new president, Donna Hadley.

She began with the club four years ago, after moving to Milton with her husband from Mississauga.

An ex-teacher, Mrs. Hadley is a full time wife and mother. Eager to learn more about her new community she paid a visit to the club one evening with her husband's aunt four years ago.

"The value of this organization is that it enables you to get involved with the community as well as allowing you to personally grow," she said.

Basically, the club adheres to the principles and guidelines first laid down by the Canadian Federation of Women's University Clubs in 1919.

Agnes Ruhl was one of the first members to join in 1962 and notes today's members are younger women with small children, in contrast to former members.

Today's members also come from a wide spectrum of professions, with women doctors, lawyers, pharmacists and teachers offering a colorful variety of views for every subject discussed at meetings.

Mrs. Ruhl has also noticed a change in the club resulting from the growth of the community.

"We used to meet in members' homes, but now there are so many we meet regularly at J.M. Denyes School."

Each individual comes to the club with differing backgrounds and interests and the club tries to adopt its program to the needs of each.

The variety usually comes in the presentation of guest speakers and panels.

This year's agenda will concern itself with consumer interests, family court procedures, and a panel discussion.

These include the aim to assist in the development of sound educational values, to encourage advanced study for women students, and to arouse and sustain among the club members an intelligent and lively interest in all aspects of public affairs including politics, culture, science and society as a whole.

To qualify for entry to the organization, women have to be graduates from an accredited university.

There is no age requirement or barrier, and according to



LOOKING BACK through the years, Agnes Ruhl, left and Donna Hadley, right, president of the University Women's Club of Milton and District, examine a scrapbook collection of news clippings on events of the club for the past 16 years. At that time, 10 Milton university women grads formed the club. Today there are 56 members.

Mrs. Hadley, this rule serves to make the club that much more interesting. "There is a real age variance, but when everyone is discussing a topic, the views of the different generations make it an enriching experience for all."

Omagh

Boys' ball team wins Ontario trophy

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson
Congratulations to the members of Omagh Midget Boys' softball team on winning the Ontario and Halton Rural Championship Trophies. Coaches were Keith Chamberlain and Robert Hilson.

Don Martin was pitcher for the team and Steve Inglehart catcher. Other players were Mike Gracey, Glen Gill, Rick Saran, Danny Eves, David Eves, Wayne Marshall, Geoffrey Northcote, Wayne Riebot, Douglas Brophy, Douglas Howden, Grant

Eves, Brian Barton, Scott Pickett, Barry Riebot and Glen Inlehart.

The final game was played recently at Oneida.

ORSA is holding a banquet in Waterdown for all the provincial champion teams. The September meeting of

Bethel United Church Women was held recently with Mrs. L. Chamberlain as president for the month Mrs. R. Featherston was in charge of the devotional period.

Plans were made for the fall bazaar to be held Oct. 28 in the church. Grace May was guest speaker for the meeting and very ably demonstrated flower arranging.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller celebrating their eighth wedding anniversary Oct. 10.

Birthday greetings and good wishes to Donny Devlin on his fifth birthday Oct. 1; Margaret Snow on her special day Sept. 30; Helen Rayner, Oct. 3; Joy Rowan and Wayne Riebot, Oct. 4; Tommy Currie, Denzil Lawrence, Mrs. Joe Bentley, Ian Foster and Caroline Bonner.

Sacrament of communion was observed at Omagh Presbyterian Church Sunday with a large congregation attending. Rev. Rod Lewis was in the pulpit and J. C. Marshall read the scripture lesson.

The organizational meeting for the fall project of the 4-H Homemaking Club for Hornby South was held Satur-

day in Omagh Church hall. The project, Essential Edibles, was presented for the first time. All recipes are in metric measure.

4-H has been revised and is much different from past years. Members will not be required to take notes for every meeting and all information is covered in pamphlets.

Eleven girls registered for the project and were instructed on the duties of club officers and parliamentary procedure. The food guide for health was studied and the grocery bag game was played. Mary Stoutt and Joanne Opsteen demonstrated how to make granola bars, which were later enjoyed for lunch.

Elected officers of the club were: president, Lisa Morton; vice-president, Marion

Nooke; secretary, Joanne Opsteen; assistant secretary, Debbie Rayner; treasurer, Helen Rayner; assistant treasurer, Susan Rayner.

Next meeting of the 4-H Club will be held Monday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. Club leaders are Mrs. C. Patterson and Mrs. B. Bruce. By next meeting, if possible, members are to purchase metric measures and start their recipe files.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Turner of Streetsville on the birth of their first grandchild, a son for Dr. David and Mrs. Turner of Grand Bend, Ont.

Congratulations are in order too for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Turner on the arrival of their first grandchild, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Comeau of Mississauga.

summer in 1979, and five representatives of the Milton chapter are expected to attend the conference at their own expense. Currently there are 115 University Women's Clubs in Canada with a total membership of more than 12,000.

In 1980, the international convention is scheduled to be held in British Columbia at the province's university.

Although Mrs. Hadley is doubtful that Milton members will attend, discussion is already underway to suggest means of welcoming visitors and providing some hospitality for those members travelling from abroad.

Mrs. Hadley stated one of her chief goals for the coming year will be to encourage more members at the local level to become involved with the national organization.

With over 12,000 members, the organization is a strong force, she explained and can act as effective lobbyists.

Last summer she attended a national conference in Halifax. The experience was more than she had expected.

"You are able to bring back so much to the club, after having met a great number of people," she explained. Policies are discussed and different clubs have the opportunity to express individual needs.

Next month, the club will tackle the annual project of attracting new members to its ranks.

The Committee for the Milton Fair Queen Contest & 4-H Princess Contest would like to thank the following for gifts donated to the contestants.

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A special thanks to Mr. George Swann who designed and painted the sashes for the 4-H Princess Contest and the Milton Fair Queen Contest.

Hazel Reid Ruth Bousfield

Halton students do well in tests

As has been the case for the last few years 60 per cent of Halton students are scoring above the national norm in special tests.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education members reviewed a lengthy report on pupil testing in 1978 and discovered their students are still performing better than most others in Canada on standardized tests. Pupils also take many special tests designed for use in Halton only.

Three board officials, John Cholvat, Dr. Brendan Kelly and W. I. Dick principal Dave Haley reviewed the various test results and what they mean to administrators and teachers.

The board was told test data in Halton and national tests helps the administration and schools decide what

areas of study must be improved.

For instance, a few years ago the tests showed weakness among students in math problem solving, so teachers started giving that area of study special attention. Since then problem solving test results have shown steady improvement.

Information obtained from test results also is used to design in-service training for teachers and development of teaching materials trustees learned.

Haley explained by the time student leaves W. I. Dick he or she has taken many tests and the results are kept on file.

He said test results determine what type of class and program a student receives, including enrichment and remedial programs. The information obtained

from test results are also helpful to teachers when they talk to parents since the results are easily understood.

Test results help teachers evaluate program and show areas of weakness. Haley explained test results have shown W. I. Dick work is needed to improve problem solving.

Teachers and principals also get to compare their test results with those in other area schools.

Following discussion trustees voted to discontinue giving a national math test annually. Students will now write that test every two to four years.

Police commission drops civilian code

Halton Police Commissioners found themselves backpedalling on the issue of the Code of Conduct for civilian employees.

Oakville mayor Harry Barrett, a commissioner, revealed at last Thursday's meeting the commission's recent discovery that a civilian cannot be charged under the Police Act, the source of much of the Code of Conduct.

Wrong dad

In the Lyons-Chase wedding story in last week's paper, The Champion erred in reporting the name of one participant.

Vern Chase, Hornby, gave his daughter Judy in marriage. The article incorrectly reported John Lyons gave the bride away. Our apologies.

The commission introduced the code this summer in an effort to discipline employees. Under the code, civilians could not gossip, swear or wear jeans to work without facing suspensions.

Other parts of the code forbade civilians speaking to members of the press.

The commission is now looking for something along the lines of rules of employment. Barrett said they would be guidelines "so people will know where they stand," said the commissioner who chaired the meeting.

Ray Munro, the commission's civilian administrator, said he introduced the code in a bid to put operations on a businesslike footing.

The Halton Police Association opposed adoption of the code. There are about 70 civilian employees.

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