

# Many people attend Mother's Day service

A large congregation worshipped at Omagh Presbyterian Church on May 11 for a Mother's Day service with Rev. Cecil Cunningham conducting the service.

The Sunday-school children sang a hymn and made and presented to each lady a miniature flower arrangement in a glass container. Former members Mr. and Mrs.

## Omagh

with ELLA PATTERSON

Clarence Peacock, now residing at Keene, Ont., were welcome visitors. All ladies present received a

beautiful carnation flower.

The fun fair at Percy Merry School on Saturday May 10 was well-attended with much interest in the various sales rooms. Principal Jim Stanley was the target in the pie-throwing booth. The students enjoyed having their faces painted many colours and designs.

Rick Day, in his usual humorous

manner, conducted the Chinese auction for shrubs, plants and hundreds of articles donated for the occasion. Two happy little fellows went home with bunny rabbits. A good time was had by all.

The committee in charge of the Fun Day said they appreciated the donations of articles given by local and area companies which made for a highly successful event.

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday May 10 for Olive Tuck, of Palermo, to celebrate her 80th birthday. The party was arranged by her daughter, Sally Harris and family of Drumquin and her daughter-in-law Mrs. Tuck. Friends, relatives and neighbours attended to extend good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Noake, of St. Thomas, and daughter Carol Noake, of Edmonton, visited for a few days with the Patterson family at Cedar Hedge Farm.

Get well wishes go to James Brownridge, who has been transferred from Milton to a Toronto hospital for further treatment.

The weekly euchre at Hornby Community Centre May 10 had 14 tables of players. An enjoyable evening for all present and many winners. They are Clara Auckland, Mildred Mason, Fanny Clements, Myrtle Cunningham, Alex Copeland, Vi Preston, W. Mason, and Dave Dowling.

Lone hands were Charles Johnson (five), D. Featherston (seven). Travelling prizes of fine ballpoint pens, donated by Vivian Shaw, were won by Jack Wilkie and Irene Goodfellow.

## Nassagaweya W.I.

# Toastmasters give lecture

Television cameras rolled at Brookville Hall, Guelph Line, on Wednesday evening, (May 14) at the monthly meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. Local organizations and fellow Nassagaweyans were invited by the institute to participate in a dynamic presentation by the Toastmasters Club of Milton.

Danny Bowers, president of

Toastmasters, and owner of his own successful computer consulting company chaired a mock Toastmasters meeting. All in attendance had an insight into the direction Toastmasters lead their members to gain better confidence, better speech, better communication and better leadership.

Five members of the audience were

called upon to give one-minute impromptu talks on various topics drawn on the spur of the moment. Mrs. Fran Pearce, President of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute, was chosen by secret ballot to have delivered the best off-the-cuff speech. A fun bouquet of tissue flowers was presented to her.

Accompanying Danny Bowers were Toastmaster members Bob Rowlandson, Fred deRee and Ed Riley. Many facets of moving a meeting along smoothly following the correct parliamentary procedure, delivering interesting speeches and building confidence were covered. While it is natural to feel nervous when speaking before a group of people, Mr. Rowlandson assured everyone that while the butterflies may never go away at least they can be taught to fly in formation.

Nassagaweya will receive positive coverage as the film of this exciting evening is aired on Halton-Cable 4 in the near future.

# Raising self-image of teenagers key demand of foster parents

Being 15 is an emotional roller-coaster ride under the best of circumstances.

But when the welcome mat has vanished from your parents' doorstep and your new address is a shelter for teens in transition, even a potential winner can start to feel like a loser.

The self-image of such an adolescent can be shattered — and it may take years to put the pieces back together again.

The extent of the emotional breakage depends to a large degree on how long the welcome mat is removed and how much positive reinforcement the teen receives from friends, professionals and the community at large.

Take the case of Leigh (her real name). She's been living at a Halton CAS shelter for nearly two months, not knowing where — or with whom — she'll be living tomorrow. The only thing she does know is that it won't be with her own family — at least not until many problems have been resolved.

Leigh's self-esteem is at a low point and it's becoming difficult for her to relate closely to other people.

Like most 15-year-old girls, Leigh enjoys rock music and is eager to be popular among her peers. At the same time, she is described as responsible, good with children and pets. Her favorite subject is English.

Social worker Ian Thompson says Leigh has a lot going for her, and that the right provisional foster home could help the girl turn her life around.

"She needs someone to help get her involved in community activities and to bring some more structure to her

life," says Thompson adding the foster parent or parents would also have to be tolerant of "emotional rebuffs." The foster family would also have to be willing to maintain contact with Leigh's natural family.

If you think there's room in your home and your heart to help Leigh or another teenager, please call Donna Novosel at 844-8211, ext. 242.

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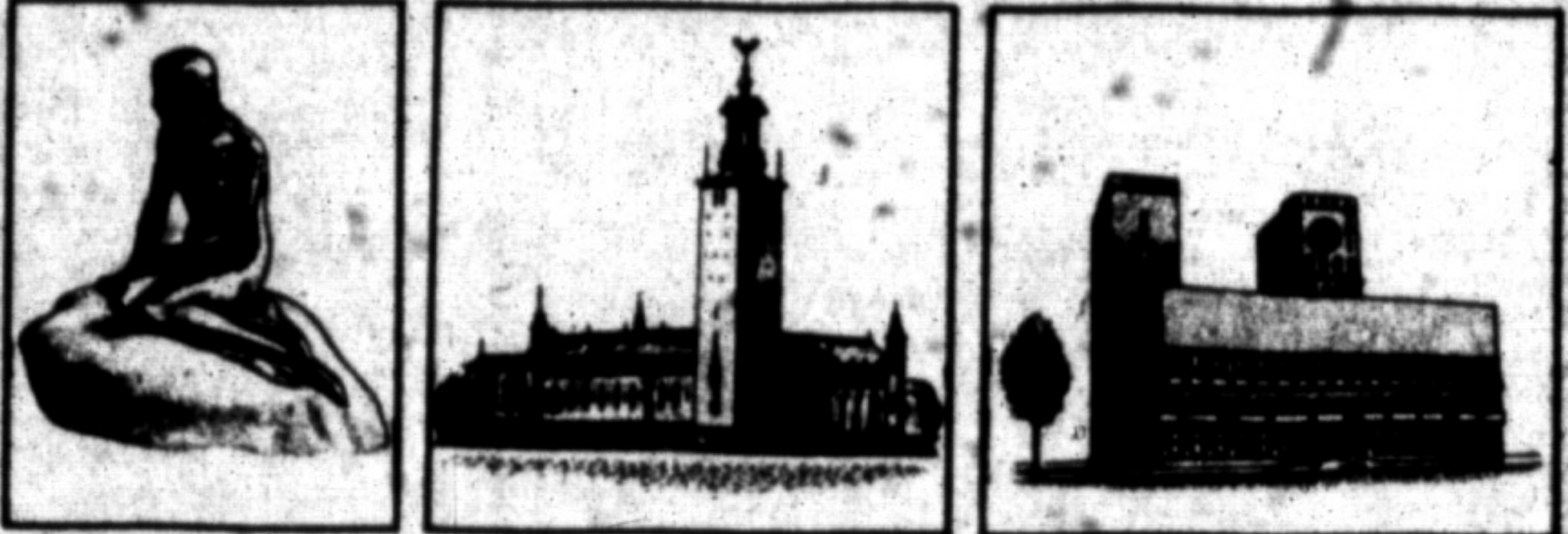
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