

A Reminder

Library hours at the Ohsweken Public Library:

Tuesday	3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Thursday	3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 noon

Euchre

Results of Euchre Feb. 13th at Grand River:

Ladies high score	-- Leone McNaughton	Men's high score	-- George Hill
Ladies lone hands	-- Janet Martin	Men's lone hands	-- Frank Maracle
Ladies low score	-- Louise Martin	Men's low score	-- Donald Martin

Winner of the door prize was Wm. McNaughton

A Hearty Thank You

The conveners of the Lady Willingdon Nursing Home Benefit Dance, Miss Nina Burnham and Mrs. Dorothy Davis, desire to express their sincere thanks to all patrons who participated in its success. The dance was largely attended by people from the Reserve and elsewhere, and a neat sum was netted for the benefit fund. Draperies can now be bought to add to the homey atmosphere. A second benefit dance will be held later on in the season.

"The Indian Speaks"

Mr. John Thomas, a Nootka Indian of Ucluelet, B.C. was the special speaker at the meeting of the Baha'i Faith at the Ohsweken Dining Hall on Sunday evening.

An Indian film entitled "The Indian Speaks" and produced by the National Film Board was first shown and then discussed.

Miss Emily General introduced the special speaker. John Thomas was born on the west coast of Vancouver Island on Dec. 25th, 1913. He was educated at a B.C. Indian residential school from the age of 10 to 16 years of age. Later on he took an up-grading course to grade XI standard. Mr. Thomas helped to organize the North American Brotherhood and the B.C. Brotherhood. Following a serious logging accident, he was hospitalized for 4 years. During this period of his life he became a Bahai. He said "If it wasn't for the Bahais I would never have stood the shock of the tragedy."

Mr Thomas' subject was "Human rights are God-given rights." He stated that when he went to school he could not speak a word of English, and it was punishable to speak in his native language, consequently he spent most of the time standing in the corner. He said "The native people of Canada should have their dignity restored to them in compensation and the whole country would benefit and be happier for it." Mr. Thomas also spoke at a Bahai meeting at The Grill on Monday evening.

He leaves on Tuesday for St. Catharines and will be on T.V. at Toronto in the morning and afternoon on Thursday, February 27th.

"Hearts and Flowers" Formal

On Friday, February 14, 1969, "Hearts and Flowers" was the theme for Hagersville Secondary's formal. Debbie Staats was this year's convenor. She had the job of spending \$250.00 on decoration material, choosing the theme, colour scheme and formulating the design of the gym. The corners of the 90' x 70' gym were rounded by flowered trellises and in the centre stood a 14 foot maypole, consisting of 3000 flowers. Around the base were five white swans. From the maypole, wires were strung and the ceiling was lowered by creating a new ceiling of streamers. 10½ miles of red and white streamers were used.

Students worked from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. for 2 weeks; painting hearts, building, drawing murals and making over 4,000 flowers. On Friday afternoon, 200 red balloons were blown up. The colour scheme was red, white, silver and pink. Red lighting was used. The entrance was through a 14 foot flower lined heart-tunnel. The walls of the gym were of murals and streamers. A silver sweetheart tree, brightened under a spotlight, was in one corner. The queen's throne climaxed one end of the gym. The silver throne was accented by red flowers and a red spotlight. Potted flowers and candles added final touches.

The highlight of the formal was the crowning of school queen Pat Stark, a grade 12 student. About 200 students, teachers and parents attended, making the formal a big success. Congratulations to everyone involved. Allen Hill, Debbie Staats, Bev Wright and Wayne Hill were in the receiving line.

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Congratulations to Debbie on convening so successfully and capably on this enormous student event, and to all our students who shone at this event. Ed.