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Mr. & Mrs. Ben Lespensi. Following a buffet supper cards were enjoyed. Present were: Mr. & Mrs. M. Hubelit, Mr. & Mrs. F. Legault, Mr. & Mrs. C. Todesco, Mr. & Mrs. W. Schelling, Mr. & Mrs. P. Testori, Mr. & Mrs. E. Gerow, Mr. & Mrs. H. Legault, and Mr. & Mrs. B. Lespensi.

**ANNUAL FISH DERBY**

One of the Centennial Projects of Rosspport this year will be the 30th Annual Fish Derby. This derby is the original derby of the Northshore and Thunder Bay District. It is internationally known and one of the major sporting events in the Dominion of Canada and Continentally known. T.F. Seppala reports that the derby would run through July and August with weekly prizes given. He plans on keeping the prizes as attractive as possible and hopes to have them for approximately \$200. or better each week with a grand prize announced later. The draw prize on the entry ticket will be a thousand dollars. T.F. Seppala is again Derby Chairman. This type of derby proved successful last year, the first venture into eight weeks of competition instead of a one day contest. Mr. Seppala stated that the rules and regulations for the derby with a complete prize list will be available sometime in May or June.

The Thunder Bay Dental Association plans on holding its annual fish derby at Rosspport on June 10 this year.

**HISTORICAL BELL IN ST. BERCHMAN'S CHURCH**

Family antiques were a feature of the St. Berchman's Altar Society when the members met Thursday evening for the April meeting. Mrs. Prina Gerow was hostess. Among the family heirlooms displayed were a handmade ladies belt and pictures from Italy, a water colour painting on a sort of a marble slab over 100 years old, various pieces of china over a century old, a pewter jesuit medal of 1630, a family Bible from Ireland about 125 years old, bone handled and engraved dessert knives and forks, cut glass pepper and salt vessels with tiny silver spoons, coffee spoons and novelties.

All outstanding accounts were paid. Estimates on shrubs and flowers were studied and an order to be placed for planting along the church fence, also in front of the church and grotto. Recipes for breads, cakes, puddings and cookies of a century ago were read and tabled for use in a centennial project in the near future.

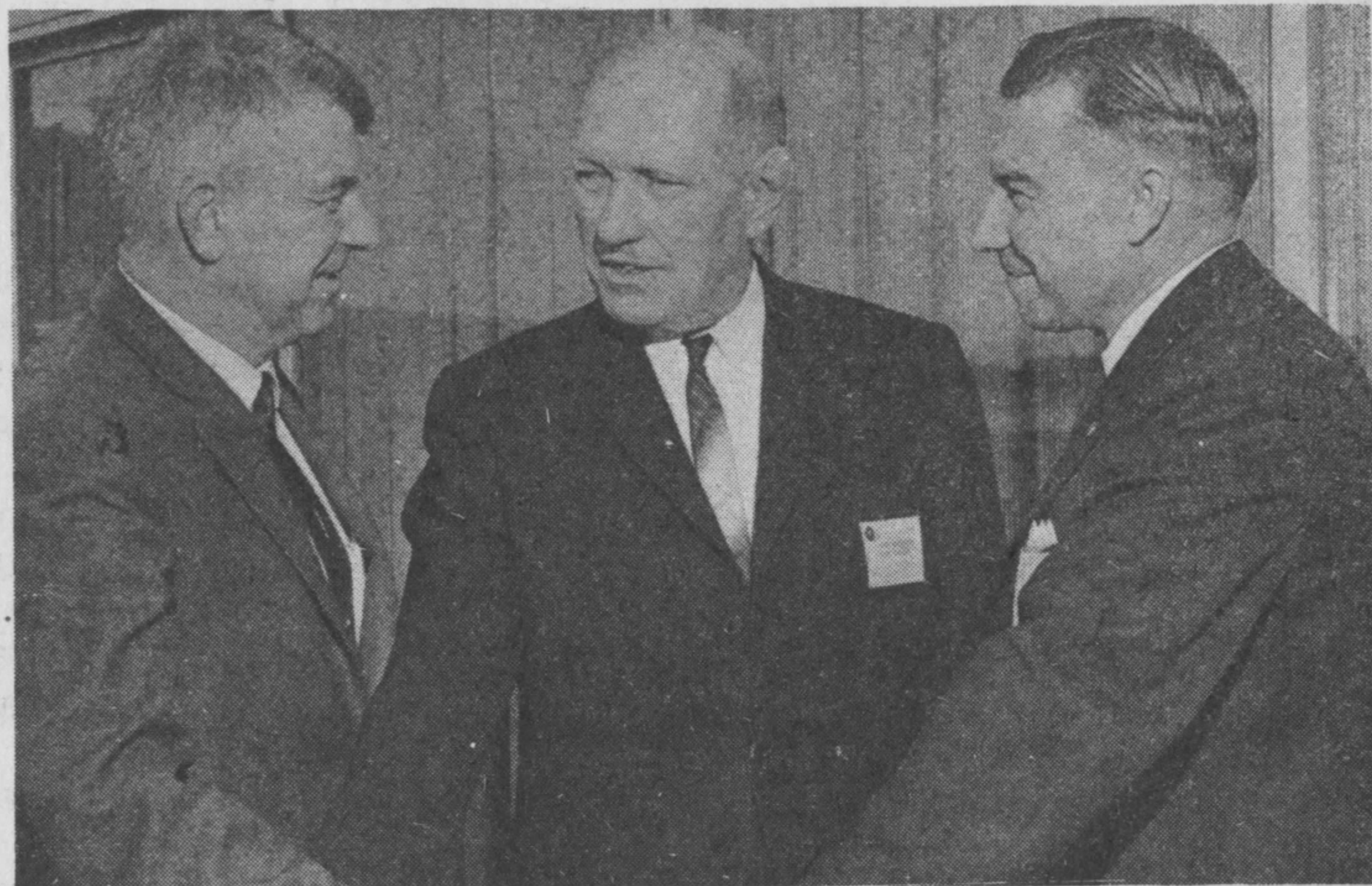
It was reported that the church organ had been damaged. Members decided to have it repaired. The burned out grass on the church lawn will be re-seeded.

Plans for the illuminated cross (a centennial project at the church) will be finalized this month.

Tentative plans were made for a Centennial Tea and Sale in June. Other projects for Canada's Centennial year were discussed.

The historical convenor Mrs. C. Todesco, outlined the history of the church bell. When the original church burned down in 1924, the bell was badly cracked. Men of the village put some sort of musical gong in the belfry of the new Church. This was found not practical as it would freeze up during the rainy and cold seasons however, Adolph King solved the problem. He was employed by the late T. Craigie Sr., when the latter purchased the yacht "Pryun" at Wallaceburg. It was brought to the head of the lakes and dismantled for use in herring fishing. All the expensive and beautiful fittings, panelling etc. were stored in Mr. Craigie's net shed. Among them was the lovely polished brass ship bell. The name of the yacht "Pryun" was engraved on the bell. Mr. King purchased it and, with the help from the late Steven Paulmert, hung it in St. Berchman's church belfry, in 1924. It is an expensive bell and has a far reaching sweet tone. It has never been taken down or polished since it was installed.

Several pieces of sewing were handed in for the bazaar and the money jar draw was reported moving very well. Following adjournment the hostess served luncheon.



Managers from Ontario Hydro's area offices throughout the province gathered at their 21st annual conference in London, Ontario, to exchange views and mutually solve problems common to their area operations. Discussing the sessions at a break in the conference are: L. to R. G.L. Crandlemire, Terrace Bay, D.I. Nattress, retired regional manager, Port Arthur and F.R. Turner, Port Arthur.

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