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Mrs. O. Niemi reported, for the sewing committee, one quilt sold last month, and asked members to sew during the summer recess for the Fall bazaar.

The roster of the Presbyterial officers this year was read. Mrs. A. Neuert, Outreach Chairman; Superior Presbytery concerning the citizenship and social action program being undertaken, when Human Rights will be one of the studies, with side issues such as the Status of Women, Abortion, Divorce and others, most timely. She urged the group to study and put their thoughts in writing, if they want some of the rules governing these changed, presenting them at various government levels, beginning with the local member of parliament. Too often, the power of the women's vote is underestimated.

A donation was acknowledged by the John Milton Society. Mrs. J. Crook, reported various matters from the Board of Session, and it was decided that the UCW would make a \$10 donation each month toward phone bills for the church and manse.

Mrs. Beth Macadam asked for clean used clothing to fill the allocation this year, which will be forwarded to Fort William for distribution.

A tender for a wedding dinner was discussed and approved.

It was agreed to make cash donations during the month of July, rather than sponsor any projects.

Mrs. Crook and Mrs. Lilian Christie agreed to assist with the church nursery school at varied times during July and August.

Following the meeting, a program was enjoyed with Billie Weaver playing two piano solos, and Nola Fummerton and Bruce Gray singing folk songs to their own accompaniment. Mrs. U.S. Deol gave a most interesting talk on the changing status of women in India, followed by a question period.

Two thousand years ago in India, the women were almost on a level with men; their advice being sought by the chiefs or headmen, and no ceremony was considered complete without the presence of a woman. Then, a new leader emerged, who, because of envy it was thought, taught that woman's place was in the home. With kingship came queens and again women were elevated to dignity and proper respect. But, with the advent of the Muslims women were once more debased, and the great evils of suttee and purdah introduced.

In suttee, a widow is burned on the funeral pyre of her husband (not outlawed in India), sometimes

by her own desire, but sometimes demanded by relatives wanting the inheritance she might have. In some parts of India purdah, strict seclusion of women and complete veiling when appearing in public, is still observed, but not generally.

Under British rule, women began to strive for emancipation and education, and one woman in 1857 led an uprising, and died for her cause. Now, India has the first woman Prime Minister. Prior to this, a woman governed a province in India. Women may hold important administrative positions and 50 per cent of all clerical work is done by women.

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### TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS ON ARRIVAL OF FLY SPRAYING MACHINE

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Reeve Harness reported at the regular May meeting of the Municipal council, that the town fly spraying machine has arrived and was being used during the early morning hours. An investigation was ordered into the misuse of the restricted parking area, recently granted to the Schreiber Hotel.

A most appreciative letter was received from Mrs. Pearl Hiller for roses sent to her by Schreiber, on the occasion of her cutting the ribbon at the opening of Pinewood Court in Fort William.

A resident on Kingway asked the town to contact the Dept. of Highways regarding the dust, and this will be done.

A special cleaning of the Lodge room was ordered in preparation for Rebekah Lodge ceremonies.

Edmund Borutski, town road superintendant, was granted leave to attend the school for Road Superintendant on June 10th.

It was agreed to endorse the resolution of the municipality of Neebing in requesting and extension to September 30 to study the Hardy Report.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Water Works - \$107.43; General - \$4849.04; Community Centre - \$71.90.

The Road Superintendant was authorized to rent equipment when necessary from the Department of Highways.

A by-law was passed to authorize the dissolution of the Port Arthur and District Health Unit and to form a Thunder Bay Health Unit. Councillor Fisher reported no names had been given him for vacancies on the rink committee, but this will be taken care of at a coming meeting. The reeve reported re highway lighting that the D.O.H. has requested a sketch and estimated cost of the improvement planned. (Cont'd on page 17)