



#### CHAFFEY'S LOCK & AREA HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Chaffey's Lock & Heritage Society held their Heritage dinner at the Community Hall on February 23rd. The full course turkey dinner was a complete departure from the usual chili dinner and a great success. The board members did all the planning and implementation and the food was delicious, so much so that some folks who came later had to be turned away. There were about 75 adults tickets sold and that was more than the usual 40 - 45 that usually attend. Credit goes out to the board members under the direction of President and Secretary David Brown. Sharon Fleming and Diane Coutts directed the preparation and cooking of the food and all other board members - Frank Phelan and family, Jane Monaghan, Lorie Truemner and Susan Warren along with several members of the community worked to keep things running smoothly.

After the meal, the tables were put aside and some ghost stories were told around a camp fire. Don Warren started with some strange tales about seeing a ghost of an old friend and former Elgin man, Cliff Pennock. Thea Dodge followed with the tale of Davidson's ghost, who can still be seen sometimes on Opinicon Lake. Susan Warren told of the murder of a deaf boy whose ghost has also been seen on Opinicon Lake.

Members of the audience were encouraged to tell tales from their experience and Janice Cross had some hair-raising stories.

Heritage is trying to keep some of these old legends alive and to encourage those who know them to share with the younger members of the community. It certainly makes for an interesting and informative time and these stories should be preserved.

The Heritage Society are commended for putting on such a delicious meal and such a scary program!

Thea Dodge

#### ELGIN UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The Elgin UCW met March 10th at 8 p.m. in the church hall with 18 members and 4 visitors present. Sandra Freeman opened the meeting, and Loree Smith's group conducted the worship service. Two themes were used, (1) Honoring St. Patrick and (2) Celebrating Lent. The Hymn, "He looked beyond my fault" was sung to the tune of Londonderry Air. Scripture readings were selected verses from Chapters 11 and 12 of St. Luke's gospel, relating to Jesus' teaching about prayer; God's care for us; Jesus' suffering on the cross and our commitment. Meditations on the scripture were given by Mary Carbino, Nina Churchill, and Anna Smith. The offering was received and dedicated by Eleanore Taylor. Hymn "God, we praise you for the morning" from Songs for a Gospel People was sung, and the worship closed with the benediction.

Marjorie Earl introduced our guest speaker, Cynthia Dunklin of North Augusta, owner of Terralisa Stables, which operates a program called, "Touch a Rainbow". This program is for handicapped children and adults who are helped by the therapy received from riding horses. Riding has enabled the handicapped to do physical action not done previously. Children and adults who are deaf, blind, mentally and physically disabled become very attached to the horses, and are given some responsibility in taking care of them. With the help of volunteers, Mrs. Dunklin has 22 people in the program at present. Three videos were shown of the program which were most interesting and informative. Lydia Tackaberry expressed the thanks of the UCW to Mrs. Dunklin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and 18 members answered the roll call with a donation of articles for Ryandale House in Kingston. Nineteen visits were recorded. Enid Soper, treasurer, gave the financial report, and the budget was completed. A "thank-you" note was read from Daisy Coon. The social convenor reported 45 remained for the social hour following the World Day of Prayer Service. Leorene Hayes reported on cards sent, and Loree Smith reported on literature.

Sandra Freeman closed the meeting with a special prayer for our Country. Lunch was served by group 4.

Marion Seeley

#### CHAFFEY'S LOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting of the Chaffey's Lock Women's Institute was held at the home of Eleanor Pinsonneault with about ten ladies in attendance. President Kathy Eberhard introduced the guest speaker, Phyllis Connell, a councillor in the South Crosby Council and the first promoter of recycling in the Elgin district. Largely through her efforts and those of reeve Bob Smith, a program to recycle and to obtain the large blue boxes was implemented. There is considerable cost to recycling and a committee has been formed under the direction of Frank Phelan to send out news letters and negotiate with the government agencies to help the township and encourage the residents to make full use of the large blue containers and to be informed as to what can be recycled and where it should be placed. A new building has been built at the dump site for the recycling of cardboard and a crusher purchased. Hazardous waste will be collected separately on June 6th. This is for old paint cans, oil, batteries and those items which should not be thrown in the landfill site. Ms. Connell pointed out that if each person does his share, the existing landfill site can be used for many years to come. Finding a new site could be very costly and time consuming. The ladies had many questions to be answered and Ms. Connell was able to assure everyone that South Crosby has achieved a very good co-operation and results. President Kathy Eberhard thanked Ms. Connell and the regular meeting got underway with the reading of the minutes and dealing with correspondence. Roll call was "What problems have you encountered in attempting to recycle". Lack of space and time were the main concerns and there were suggestions as to how this could be done efficiently. Plans for the March meeting were discussed and the 4-H Club under the supervision of Nancy Hayes will again provide the refreshments. Guests from Shanes branch and Philipsville will attend. District Director, Mary Warren, gave a report on the meeting held in Brockville and the District Annual will be held at Lyn on May 26th. The magazine "Home & Country" will be discontinued after the next issue. The theme for this year's program was "Plant a Tree", and Mrs. Warren reported that at least 39,000 trees had been planted.

A nominating committee

was formed with Mary Warren, Lola Timpany and June Alford. The Institute decided that it would not have the usual fish fry this year. Inclement weather and a poor turnout last year were a factor in the ladies deciding to have some other form of fund raising. President Kathy thanked Eleanor for the use of her home and the ladies who brought the delicious refreshments and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 17th at the Community Hall at 7:30 and the subject will be "Citizenship and Legislation - Status of Women". All interested are invited to attend.

Thea Dodge

#### OAKLEAF 4-H QUILTING CLUB

The Oakleaf 4-H Club had the 3rd and 4th meetings at the home of Lammy Schapelhouman on February 29 and March 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. The meetings were opened with the 4-H pledge. Minutes were read and approved. Dues were collected.

Margaret Godkin gave each girl a piece of graph paper. Using two colors we had to draw a pattern on this graph paper. We then cut two pieces of material 9 x 9 inches and drew from corner to corner and sewed on each side of the pencil lines. We then cut on the pencil lines and ironed each piece. We then had to match our pattern on the graph paper and sew the pieces to match the pattern. The result was a quilted piece big enough for a pillow or shoe bag. Most of us made a pillow. We then had to get a piece big enough for the backing. We cut a piece of batting the same size and basted these three pieces together by hand, using big stitches. We then sewed this piece by machine using the stitch in the ditch method. When this was completed by each girl we made a ruffle five inches wide twice the length of the whole pillow. We folded the ruffle in half lengthwise, and sewed by basting the loose sides together. We then had to gather the ruffles to fit our pillow form. Once we had this pinned to our pillow we sewed this on by machine. We then got our main color of material and made a backing for the pillow. We sewed this on by machine. Now we have to make a form or buy a pillow form to put inside the pillow.

Cynthia Vanderlinden