



PORTLAND U.C.W.

The April meeting began with a prayer, read by Lucille Strong, followed by an interesting program that included readings and a presentation depicting "Women of the Bible."

Betty Bond took the part of a narrator and a panel of six, Roma Derraugh, Phyllis Fuller, Vivian Perrin, Myrtena McVean, Olga Baker, and Lucille Strong, represented Women of the Bible.

The Bible provides few facts of the daily lives of Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of James and John, the Mother and sisters of Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene. The members of the panel, in their responses to Betty's questions, helped those present to imagine the thoughts in the minds of these women as they went about their daily lives. Always in readiness to serve Jesus and his followers, these women were mindful of their responsibilities as wives and Mothers, and the sisters of Lazarus were torn between their duties and their desire to sit and listen to Jesus. The presentation was an interesting concept.

The meeting closed with a social hour and a delicious luncheon served by Group Five.

Dorothy Cassell

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Sylvia French opened the March meeting by welcoming Councillor Anna Greenhorn who spoke on "Environment and what the township is doing." At present there are two waste disposal sites which must be carefully managed to make them last as long as possible. Anna gave many plans for doing so. These plans and others will be in the Leeds Lantern for all to study. Claire Mills thanked her for her enlightening presentation.

Worship was under the leadership of Marion Seeley, Claire and Sylvia using the theme "Gentleness."

Jean Peters presided over the business. Reports of committees were heard. Suggestions were made concerning a congregational dinner in honour of our centennial celebrations. Roma Derraugh and Shirley Andrew were thanked for making the UCW centennial banner. Jean reported on Presbyterian held in Kingston when Norma Guthrie was installed as president. Following prayer, a social hour was enjoyed.

PORTLAND AND COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

Minutes of March 14, 1990

Attendance: K. Derraugh, C. Mills, B. Scovil, B. James, J. Bastedo, B. Merkley, T. Scovil, A. McWhirter, R. Long, S. Bryden, R. Dunfield.

Minutes: B.Scovil/Merkley: That the minutes as printed and distributed be approved. Carried.

Business Arising: Shirley Bryden attended on behalf of Council and shared the following information:

- The present government dock will be looked at in next year's funds. No repairs will be done this year.

- Floating docks will be in place this season.

- The Hall Board asked Shirley to make sure the dock had some lights for safe navigation.

- A recycling grant will be taken advantage of and we will see bins at the dump site and possibly blue boxes.

- The light program for Ward 1 is complete.

- Approximately \$16,000 in PRIDE funding is available. Application for the use of this money must be made in two weeks.

- Speed limit has been reconsidered and will be lowered through the village.

- Township has been in touch with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the drainage problem off Highway 15 and Station Road.

- A noise by-law is not economically feasible for the Township at this time.

R. Long thanked Shirley for her time and explanations of some of our concerns.

Merkley/Bastedo: That the Treasurer's report be approved as received. Carried.

Maintenance:

- A. McWhirter has installed new locks for more controlled access.

- Will look at hall railing.

- Garbage removal will have to be acted on this week.

Bastedo/B.Scovil: That Alec request tenders for garbage removal. Carried.

Dock Committee: Rick will meet with the Chamber of Commerce to co-ordinate any boat show activities.

Chairman's Report:

A written report by R. Andrew was submitted in his absence:

- Ross had a meeting with the Township Council to voice some of our concerns. All Council was present.

- Council endorsed, in principal, the Boat Show.

- Thanked Council for helping to get the Ministry of Transportation to lower the speed limit.

- Noise by-law is a problem and a Ward 1 specific by-law cannot be passed.

- Township Council will try to help with flood control.

- Requested No Parking signs for Station Road and received a positive response.

- Had a meeting with local OPP to involve them in the Boat Show and activities.

- Boat Show parking requests have been made at both Churches and the school.

- Big Rideau Lakes Association has been informed of the Boat Show and will consider if it wishes to be involved.

- New floating docks will be in place for this year's use, funded by the Federal Government.

New Business:

Alec has offered to supervise a young offender to do community work in the village. The meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.



Mid April won't be the first time Thespians have frequented Portland and environs but it has been awhile!

In his book, The Moon is a Balloon, David Niven recalls visits to Grindstone Island and Admiral Sir Charles and Lady Kingsmill. He was so "high" on the place that he reported that on a clear night he could see the hills of Gattineau.

In 1949, Danny Arnstein purchased what Parks Canada now owns and operates as Col. By Island. Mr. Arnstein was from New York where he owned the Yellow Cab Company. He was better known as one of the husbands of the actress Fanny Bryce, or so the story goes. In fact, the same story has Omar Sharif playing the part of Mr. Arnstein in the movie "Funny Girl" with Barbra Streisand.

Throughout the 50's, stars and starlets of the stage and screen are reported to have visited the island and Waggs Lodge.

Among the big names mentioned are Alan Ladd and his son David, Liz Taylor, and almost Ed Sullivan. Ed was due to come and all preparations were made with high expectations. Unfortunately he had to cancel at the last moment.

Local Portland people worked at the island and saw the famous and near-famous come and go. The locals were such as Sam Byington, Zena Firth, Carl Polk, Billy Seward, Jessie Machon, and Harold Carr. The visitors included Bryce (Funny Girl), Babcock (President of G.M.), Semour (Head of the Teamsters), and the actors and actresses of the day.

"Mr. Arnstein was a nice man and was very particular about the place. Rugs in the guestrooms had to be shaken out and brushed up as soon as someone left the room. There could never be a footprint seen. Likewise, special attention had to be paid to bathroom mirrors as there could never be a splash mark. All of Mr. Arnstein's towels were white while each guest room had its own colour of towels."

But all that died with Mr. Arnstein in 1960 and theatre people ceased to come to the Rideau.

Now, 30 years later, an actor returns to Portland. Barry Belchamber is Stephen Leacock in going "Madly in all Directions" at the Gallagher House's Dinner Theatre.

Theatre lives again on the Rideau at Portland-on-the-Rideau.

PHOTO CONTEST

It's that time of year again - time to bring out your camera, load up fresh film and have some fun snapping photographs which may win for you some worthwhile prizes. If you are an amateur who enjoys taking pictures of sights and scenes around the Village of Portland and on Big Rideau Lake, then the second annual photo contest sponsored by the Portland and District Chamber of Commerce will be of interest to you.

The Portland and District Chamber of Commerce has for this, the second year of the contest, been able to amass an impressive list of prizes, through the generosity of many local businesses. This is your invitation to try your luck.

The 1990 edition of the contest is open to residents and visitors to the Portland area, with no restrictions on the age of the person behind the lens. Similarly, there is no limit on the number of photo submissions per photographer. (One enthusiast submitted more than 20 unique entries in the 1989 contest.) Contest rules note that professional photographers are not eligible; nor are photos for which a professional fee has been paid. Additional contest rules appear on the entry form.

In announcing the contest, Chamber of Commerce President, Kirk Bryden, stated that he once again anticipates a keen response to the competition, and the judging committee is prepared for the challenging task ahead. Mr. Bryden noted that the sponsors view the contest as an opportunity for all persons who enjoy living, working and playing in the Portland/Big Rideau Lake area to help the Chamber of Commerce build a photo bank, while photographers themselves are eligible for a variety of valuable rewards. He pointed out that the Portland and District Chamber of Commerce is seeking pictures which are easily identifiable landmarks and locations, and, while they appreciate the efforts, generic photos such as sunsets on water are categorically unsuitable at this time.

The photo entries taken during the current season will be judged in August.

Contest rules and entry forms can be obtained from PORTLAND GROCERY, Attention: Kirk Bryden, Portland, Ont., or from Portland businesses which are members of the Portland and District Chamber of Commerce

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