

ADVENT CANTATA

"WHERE WILL IT LEAD?"

Presented by the Senior Choirs
of the

Delta-Elgin-Lyndhurst
Olivet-Portland
United Churches

To be presented at 8:00 p.m. -

November 30, 1986

Elgin United Church

December 7, 1986

Olivet United Church

December 14, 1986

Delta United Church

Choir Director - Marina Kelly
Portland

Organist - Marion Seeley
Elgin

Pianist - Iva Sweet
Lyndhurst

A 'lite' lunch will be served
following the presentation.

EVERYONE WELCOME



Ministry sponsored
Ageitation Conference
a Great Success.

A conference on Aging held last month in Toronto, raised the questions to various agencies on how to best address the needs of our aging population. Pat Little, Co-ordinator of Rideau Lakes Union Library, attended the conference as a delegate from Ontario Library Service-Rideau. Little stated the key note speakers, Pat Moore and Betty Freidan, were most stimulating; illuminating the needs and joys of aging. Pat Moore, who travelled in various cities in the U.S. in the guise of elderly women from different economic strata, gave us all a lot to think about in regards to attitudes to the elderly. She also showed, through slides of her experiences, the difficult days and nights, the older female population must contend with when shelter and food are too expensive to obtain from sometimes very limited incomes. Freidan was her usual outrageous self, gently shocking the audience into the realization that they too, were "aging" by the minute. She announced that she is working on a new book, possibly entitled "The Mystique of Aging". She revelled in commenting on the males' reduced longevity compared to the female of the species....much to the joy of the mostly female audience.

Minister of Citizenship & Culture Dr. Lily Munro illustrated her government's commitment to assistance in the field by announcing several new grant programs for those interested in developing services for the aging population. The day's proceedings were more than ably chaired by who stressed the generally held view that the older members of our population just wish to be "people". She also offered some excellent suggestions on how the older citizen can be helpful in all organizations, offering a life-time of experience in the art of living. The afternoon session was a series of mini-workshops led by various experts in the field. A recurring theme seemed to be that "seniors" do not wish to be treated differently from the general population, that they prefer not to have "special" programming, which often tended to treat them as children; that they wish to contribute to the society in general and, like all others, they wish to live their lives with dignity, accomplishing those things which they feel are important to them. One participant explained that seniors helping seniors can give as much satisfaction to them as to other care-givers. An over-whelming message from all participants of all ages was that the library can offer an excellent service to every age level,

especially in the information giving area. Where to, how to and when to information, while needed by all members of society, often becomes of more importance to the older citizen. Providing a place for meeting, programs geared to and by seniors, can make the library, especially in the rural areas, an alternate to the often lonely existence of many. Hints were given on timing of such programs as well as content. An excellent film presentation from Brooklyn N.Y. showed the wide variety of activities offered through a large city library. All in all, the conference was a huge success, both timely and informative. Dr. Munro challenged those present to adjust their thinking and prepare to involve all members in their jurisdictions to meet the needs of our aging population. Many present indicated that serving the children had always been a high priority, and perhaps even a simpler one, than looking at the older citizen. This conference, hopefully, will stimulate action through the whole spectrum of society. As Betty Friedan said "You're getting older just sitting there....why not make it more exciting by getting involved!"



The Royal Canadian Legion

LYNDHURST LEGION Br. 504

December 14, 1986

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

For time & other details:
Contact Marlene Wing at 928-2233

December 31, 1986

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Dance to:

"Touch O' Country"

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Buffet

\$30.00/couple



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Local Teachers Travel
to Mallorytown

As part of the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers, the Brockville group entertained Gananoque and district group at a noon dinner on Oct. 21st. This event was held in Oddfellows' Hall in Mallorytown and was catered by the Princess Royal Rebekah lodge there. Everyone enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner.

Following singing of "O Canada" grace was said by Vera Lawson.

Head table guests were introduced by Brockville president and included four founding members of their club. One was unable to be present. Corsages were pinned on these honored members.

During the discourse on the founding, it was pointed out that the OASWT originated in Toronto in 1956 with only a few present and today there are over 5,000 members. The motto of the group is "To serve, not to be served". Some accomplishments during the year were an increase in pensions and stimulation of close ties to the profession.

The group is a social club which provides care and service and volunteer work. It is an association of which any member can be proud. Anne Hudson, archivist of Brockville group, discussed the history book "Over the Years" and discussed a few highlights contained in it. The Gananoque and area group convenor, Etheline Tye, had the archivist book on display too.

The entertainment for the afternoon program included music from the Mallorytown junior choir under the supervision of Mrs. M. Wallace. The variety of songs was much appreciated by the teachers.

Another interesting program item was the old Show and Tell game conducted by Brockville president Ivey Klaisman when lucky numbers were drawn for a basket of gifts.

Greetings from the Gananoque and area group were brought by president Nina Churchill, who also expressed thanks of group as did Kathryn Scott. Everyone present felt it had been a pleasant day of fellowship with a neighboring association of superannuated teachers.

