



DELTA W.L.

Our October 21st luncheon meeting was held at the home of Isabel Robert, assisted by Florence Molony. We were happy to have with us three guests: Iva Horsman, Evelyn McMullen and Joen Stewart, do come again.

In response to the "Show and Tell Craft" Roll Call, the members astounded each other with the variety of crafts displayed. We were delighted by Mr. Leeder's generous donation to a charity of our choice. Thank you Mr. Leeder of Zum Letz Mal.

The motto "Give the world your best and it will come back to you" was commented on movingly by Pat LeBlanc. Pat spoke of the rewards of being thoughtful and kind to others "a career of the spirit" and of the richness of our lives when we do for others and are grateful when others do for us.

Pat LeBlanc spoke about her P.E.L. trip. Many had also been there at some time or another so there was interesting participation. Shirley Wilson, 4-H leader, invited us to her home the same evening as it was the final meeting of this Program and the awards were presented by president Irene Goodsell. How well the young ladies are doing was well displayed by their easy-going good manners, their confidence in speaking and listening and my! can those 4-H er's present a tantalizing array of food. Hats off to the 4-H girls, their parents and leaders.

Come out and join us ladies; phone Florence Molony at 928-2801 for any additional information.

DELTA SENIOR CITIZENS

The October meeting of the Delta Beverley Seniors Club was held Oct. 17th. The meals on wheels was enjoyed at the noon hour. A newsletter was sent out to all members and friends by Mrs. Ed. LeBlanc concerning this successful project which we have sponsored. A special thank you to Pat for her encouraging letter and all who have helped each month to operate this program. Pres. Leta Burt and Pat LeBlanc attended a meeting at Winchester concerning Meals on Wheels with twenty clubs reporting. They received ideas of the work in many different capacities which were helpful and interesting.

Ine Goodsell was the winner of the 50-50 draw.

The meeting opened with Leta Burt presiding. Happy Birthday was sung to Eva Dougall who had just celebrated her 88th birthday. Aileen Jacques gave the sick committee report Frank Chisholm, Ina Gipson and Vera Sheridan are to be remembered.

A full report of the convention held in Kingston in August was given out for members to read. It was very successful and a good attendance.

Several items of business were brought forward the Club is holding a craft fair on November 21st. There will be crafts, home baking and afternoon tea will be served. It will open at 3:00 in the Legion Hall.

The Christmas shopping trip to Kingston will be December 2nd, leaving at 9:00. The Ladies of Legion Auxiliary are to be asked to cater to the Christmas dinner December 12th. A good program and exchange of gifts is planned.

The officers will be installed at the Nov. meeting. Leora Raison will lay the wreath at the cenotaph on

Remembrance Day. We welcomed a new member - Mrs. Horsman. All new members are welcomed.

The V.O.N. come to the Legion Hall the last Wednesday of the month. This is a service to any person in the village and community. We would ask for more support in this program.

The meeting closed.

DELTA U.C.W.

President Irma Chant opened the meeting with a prayer of Thanksgiving. The 9 members present made 2 hospital calls and 14 home visits. Millie Sweet took charge of the Worship service, in which Edith Woods read Psalm 8. Offering was received and dedicated by Betty and Nellie.

Minutes were read together with the treasurer's report. Correspondence included and invitation to attend Delta Baptist Church Thank Offering meeting and a letter from Mrs. Pierce, Presbyterian Sec.

This being the 25th year of the UCW a special service will be held Sunday, Jan 11/87

A stewardship report was given by Irene on Bridge House which is a haven for the wives and children of men who are in prison. Pres. Irma, having the program, read from "Stories of Survival" on Ojibway Indians, about Indian students going to high school, which was their first integrated school. Their drop-out rate was 80-90% because of feelings of alienation. The author is working on his doctorate and did graduate work at Harvard and so he has adapted. His studies now are on ways to incorporate Indian studies into schools, so that their heritage and native culture can be maintained.

The meeting closed with prayer and all enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Mrs. Cardiff. Next meeting will be in the Sunday School Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

"And they said it couldn't be done!"

Due to unavoidable circumstances, your faithful editor was in Montreal as the Lantern "went to bed". With editorials left lying around, and a few loose ends untied, a low level of panic ensued. A fast couple of phone calls to the great team of Lantern volunteers and.... Voila, the paper.. looking great(maybe better than ever!)

Thanks -gang, you're really super! PL

GARDENING NOTES

by Doug Green

Well now that last month I mentioned how to force bulbs I thought that I would let you in on how to force other interesting flowers, such as lilacs, forsythia, pussy willows or other flowering shrubs. Most will bloom quite successfully if you follow a few simple rules. Collect pussy willow branches in January, forsythia in February, lilac or apple in March. Some authors like to scrape the bark off of the lower 3 inches and immerse the branch in warm water for 24 hours. While I like the warm water part, I prefer to mash the end of my branch with a hammer. After the first 24 hours in warm water, they should go into a change of water and put in a cool shady place where the temperature is about 60 degrees F. I have heard about putting charcoal into the water to keep it fresh but I have not tried it. Three days in the cool area is enough, put the branch in a sunny warm windowsill, change the water once a week. There is a suggestion that misting the buds will keep them moist and supple, this is supposed to give better flowers. I have not done this either but you can try it. Give the branch lots of light when it starts to flower but the best thing to do is to enjoy it.

You know I do not do much houseplant gardening but this year, we are not operating our propagation greenhouse until just after Christmas so I have brought all my 'pets' into the house. Our banana tree 'Chuck' is taking up a great deal of space in the house, while my Christmas Cactus (two of them) fill up the Southern exposures. We have our wedding ivy (still thriving after 13 years) and a host of other plants that I was too soft to throw out. It's an interesting experience not being able to water with a hose and fertilize with the injector system. Keeps me humble I suppose. I split the banana tree into several shoots before I moved it inside so I hope I can keep one part of Chuck alive through the darkness of our old stone house.

Next month I will tell you a little about my tour to Florida to the Garden Writers Conference. We are off to the sunny south and one thing that I am looking forward to is a 'behind the scenes' look at Walt Disney world - the nurseries, Epcot, etc. It's a little different than gardening up here where a friend reminded me that we only have 90 reliable frost free days give or take 45 days.

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