



### Elgin U.C.W.

The Elgin U.C.W. met in the Centennial Hall of the Church for their May meeting with 20 members present. The President Mrs. Nina Churchill opened the evening meeting with a reading, "What is a Mother?"

The worship group used the theme "Stewardship of Our Talents" which is time, environment, treasure. Scripture used was Matthew 25:14-30. The offering was received and dedicated and worship ended with the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth".

The evening's study continued on the stewardship theme which was a film called "What Can a Christian Do?" Mrs. Seeley introduced a film discussion and pointed out that Mr. and Mrs. Hankins of Nepal have attended Elgin United Church when they were home on leave from their mission work in Nepal, where they work in a hospital. The film mentions that missionaries are invited only by that host country for certain areas. It was felt our own support could be in giving voice in countries where partiality and harm is shown to human races or the very poor.

The business began with the roll call and minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer gave the monthly report. It was decided to give a donation to the Leeds Cancer Society. New jugs have been bought for the kitchen. Labels are still being saved for certain projects and June's item for supply will be used eye glasses.

Several members have returned invitations from other U.C.W.'s: an Easter program with the Delta U.C.W. when their guest speaker reflected on the Year of the Disabled, a noon luncheon with the Olivet U.C.W. who had Mrs. Quammie of Seeleys Bay who spoke about Haiti; and the Portland U.C.W. who had a special display of quilts old and new. All were enjoyable.

The business ended with a reading and everyone enjoyed the lunch and fellowship with one another later.

### ELGIN LIONESS CLUB

The Elgin Lioness Club held their last regular meeting of the 1980-81 year on June 16th. Many items were discussed and finished off. These included:

- Yard and Bake sale to be held on July 4th at Lioness Naydene Shanks starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Muscular Dystrophy carnival to be held on July 22nd to coincide with the Lions' 2-pitch tournament at the South Crosby Public School.
- the new Liason officer is Lion Glynn Guthrie
- In October we will hold a membership drive.

All the Lioness members are looking forward to a good year beginning in the fall and wish to thank everyone in the community who has supported us in this, our first year.

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The June meeting of the Elgin U.C.W. opened with the president, Mrs. Nina Churchill welcoming the guests from the surrounding groups, and members for the evening program. Special guest for the evening was Mrs. Joan Simpson of Gananoque, director of the Gananoque Arc Centre.

The president opened the meeting with a reading "What Handicap Means", and the worship group continued the theme to give thoughtful and careful support to persons with a handicap whatever it may be.

The study period with Mrs. Simpson's talk and her slides showed her love and caring for the Arc Centre and the work accomplished there.

The U.C.W. were also fortunate to have Sister Julia Hamilton of Guatemala visiting her family in Elgin to attend the evening program. Sister Julia also gave an account of helping the handicap persons and how they try to help them in that country.

The evening was certainly a learning and beneficial one to all, showing great dedication and love for humanity by each speaker.

The meeting ended with prayer and lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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#### School Wins Award

South Crosby Public School received an award for studies in the work of St. John's Ambulance. Twenty-three Grade 8 students became qualified.

Shown holding the Award are John Kenyon manager of the Ontario Council and Ross Hawkins who taught the First Aid Course. Principal Clifford Smith looks on.



### ELGIN C.W.L.

The June meeting of the Elgin C.W.L. took the form of a beautiful luncheon at Hotel Kenney, Jones Falls. It is our 50th Anniversary year so all charter members were invited and we were pleased to see that some were able to attend. All Elgin born priests and former priests were also invited but unfortunately were unable to attend. Our own Father F. O'Neil opened the meal with Grace.

Former presidents were all in attendance and were introduced by our present president Mrs. Liz MacNamara whom we are sorry to lose as she and her husband are transferred to Hastings where Mr. MacNamara will again be Bank Manager. Mrs. Kathryn Scott paid tribute to Liz for her excellent work and presented her with a plaque from the C.W.L. We wish them all the best.

All of the charter members and former presidents were presented with silk corsages. Also a beautiful floral centre piece was made and donated by an artistic friend, Mrs. Joan Avery.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Cake was beautifully decorated. It was cut by the charter members.

After grace was said the group of 75 members and guests proceeded across to the Convention Hall where our guest speaker was Sister Julia Hamilton from Guatemala. She was introduced by Mrs. Margaret O'Meara who outlined a very interesting history of Sister's life in this vicinity. Sister spoke on her work in Guatemala and how our donations from Canada are spent. We have even furnished stoves for poor families. She also read a letter from one of our beneficiaries. Sister translated it from Spanish. She had many interesting pictures. Samantha Moylan thanked Sister for her lovely talk and donated a cheque to her.

Father O'Neil thanked the C.W.L. for their co-operation and congratulated them on their 50th Anniversary. The meeting closed with prayer.

During the month we had two projects  
1. a catering to a wedding reception,  
2. a dinner for the Legion. Both projects were most successful.

There was also a supplementary June meeting held at the Rectory following Mass. The president opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes and treasurers reports were read and approved. Teresa Vanderwerf reported on the Right to Life Meeting she attended.

President Liz thanked the members for her gift and for their co-operation during her term of office. Margaret Courneyea gave a report on the Convention held in Kingston. This was the 59 Diocesan Convention. A report was given on the preparations for the 150th Anniversary of the Rideau Waterway in 1982. This included an Ecumenical Service. Plans were made to have our usual coffee party after the Masses on the Sundays of the two holiday weekends of the summer. Mrs. Maureen McCarthy kindly consented to act as President for the coming term.

A vote of thanks was moved to our retiring President, Liz MacNamara, by Kathryn Scott for the fantastic job she has done during her office as President. She was presented with a Past Presidents Pin.

A delightful lunch was served to close the meeting.



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