



PORTLAND POST OFFICE

The Portland Post Office celebrated becoming part of a Crown Corporation on Oct. 16th. The office was nicely decorated using pretty arrangements of flowers in season. Children from nearby Rideau Centennial School came to visit and tour the office. The Postmaster, Pat McManus, gave a short talk on the history of the Postal Service from the time of the Persian Empire. He also told the children that history was being made on that day, and that their visit was part of it. Book covers featuring some of the prettier stamps issued during the past 50 years were presented to each child, and they all enjoyed refreshments to mark the occasion.

"Open House" was held from 3 until 4 o'clock and some 25-30 people dropped in for a cup of coffee and a cookie.

Existing records dating back to 1830 show that Portland Post Office is one of the oldest in the Rideau Lakes area.

The staff have agreed to have a party every 150 years.

THE LAKELAND PLAYERS

An excellent light hearted production is well into rehearsals for the Fall production of the Players.

"Mrs. McThing", written by Mary Chase of "Harvey" fame, contains the same magical fantasy theme which made such a hit for "Harvey".

The precocious son of a wealthy woman, is mysteriously removed and replaced by a "stick".

The search for the real son takes his mother into the seamier side of town and throws her into contact with some hilarious characters. The disappearance of toys, visits from a waif of a girl child and the resultant confusion are bound to delight young and old alike. Many regular Player members will be back on stage for this production and will be joined by several new-comers.

For a pre-Christmas treat and a night of fun for the family, plan on attending this show.

WATCH THE LANTERN, (Dec. issue) THE MIRROR and POSTERS for more information.

PERFORMANCE DATES-Dec. 2, 3 & 4. Wed., Thurs., Friday.

Curtain Time 8:00p.m. prompt. Tickets from any Player member or call Pat Little 359-5741 or June Greisamer 273-2147

BETA SIGMA PHI

Tuesday, October 6 was Charter night for the first Smith's Falls Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

A new Beta Sigma Phi chapter is formed as an extension of an already existing chapter. Iota Omega, Smith's Falls, is an extension of Eta Tau, Westport, Portland, Elgin. (members of the one chapter live in the vicinity of these three villages.)

In preparation for the new chapter's installation, several meetings and many phone calls took place between Eta Tau's past president, Barbi Bakker and extension officer, Marie Sharp and several eager Smith's Falls residents.

To date, a fund raising event has been held and a social event is being planned by Iota Omega. The Charter evening opened with dinner at Angelo's Restaurant, one mile north of Smith's Falls. Following dinner, Marie Sharp, on behalf of Eta Tau, expressed words of welcome and best wishes to the new chapter. Evelyn Churchward responded with thanks and presented Eta Tau with a gift.

The Pledge Ritual followed, during which the Smith's Falls girls became sisters in Beta Sigma Phi. Installation of officers for 1981-82 followed. Both ceremonies were conducted by Eta Tau president, Helen McEwen.

The evening ended with a presentation of a gift to Iota Omega by Sylvia Herlehey, a founding member of Eta Tau chapter.

The sisters of Iota Omega appeared to enjoy each other's company very much and seemed eager to become involved in the traditions and activities of their newly formed chapter.

The charter members of Iota Omega are; Evelyn Churchward, Jane Dobson, Wilhelmina Doef, Judith Garaway, Fay Gibson, Gwendolyn Gougeon, Blythe Hunt, Iva McGregor, Patricia Sibinski, Joyce Smith and Arlene Young. A model meeting was held Oct. 20th, at the home of Penny Capell. Guests included three visitors and speaker for the evening, Mary Klynkramer, the pharmacist at the Elgin Pharmacy.

Secret sisters gifts and cards were exchanged. Marie Sharp reported on recent activities of the Iota Omega chapter. Plans were finalised for a Halloween party. Preliminary details were discussed concerning the lunch room at the Rideau Crafts Christmas Market, Nov. 28.

Before giving her report, each executive member and committee chairman explained her role for the benefit of the visitors. All members were asked to think of how we might participate in the Rideau Canal's anniversary in 1982.

Jan Haskins introduced the guest speaker whose address included: the importance of knowing what is in the medication we take - both prescription and non-prescription; of following directions given with medication; of proper storage of medicines and of precautions such as keeping medicine locked and out of reach of children.

Mary also stressed that the role of the pharmacist is not just the selling of medication but of giving advice to patients, such as

not combining certain medications and being aware of possible side effects of a drug. Helen McEwen thanked Mary for her enlightening words of a topic of interest and importance to us all.

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Marie Sharp, Extension Officer
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