

THE LAKELAND PLAYERS

LAKELAND PLAYERS EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Lakeland Players executive met January 19. After the acceptance of the minutes, the financial report was presented. The chairman Henry Boston was pleased with the response to the First Annual dinner meeting and also the excellent reception given to the last production "Bed-Room Farce". June Greisamer explained the upcoming workshop to be presented by professional actress Ann Hardcastle. A series of 5 voice and 3 acting sessions will be conducted for the players and other interested parties. Announcements will be forthcoming when dates and times are finalized. These workshops are being presented through a grant from Theatre Ontario.

Plans were outlined for an advertising cover for the years programmes and initial plans were begun for the next dinner theatre (September).

It was decided by unanimous vote that costumes belonging to Lakeland Players would not be loaned to individuals. Theatrical groups may arrange to rent such items with the written consent of the Costume Committee.

Lakeland Players are preparing for their Spring Production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town". One of Wilder's most loved plays "Our Town" is a moving picture of small town life. While the setting is American, the situations, events and emotions are "every-mans". Set in the 1900's, the play weaves through the lives of the residents of "Grover's Corners and touches everyone with humour, sadness and joy.

Directed by June Greisamer and stage managed by Marjorie Fielding, the production will be staged in early April.

The cast is large and there are many non speaking and/or unison parts. It provides an ideal opportunity for newcomers to the drama scene to try their hand. Anyone wishing to become involved with this production should call June Greisamer - 273-2147 for rehearsal times. Due to the numbers involved, costuming becomes a challenge. The Players APPEAL to area residents for items of clothing etc. from the 1900's. Coats, dresses, suits, umbrellas or shoes would be gratefully received. (These items would be returned after the presentation) If you have any such articles that you would be willing to lend, call June Greisamer 273-2147, Westport or Pat Little 359-5741, Elgin.



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Chaffey's Lock

Chaffey's Lock Women's Institute met on Thursday, Jan. 15 at the home of Janice Cross. A number of our members were away vacationing in the sunny south but ten of us enjoyed the lovely afternoon of sunshine, beautiful scenery, looking across Lake Opinicon, watching the two bird feeders (one with a squirrel visitor) and even a pileated woodpecker vigorously finding his lunch.

We began with dessert and coffee and a friendly chit chat. Thea Dodge presided and opened our meeting with our institute creed and Ode read in unison.

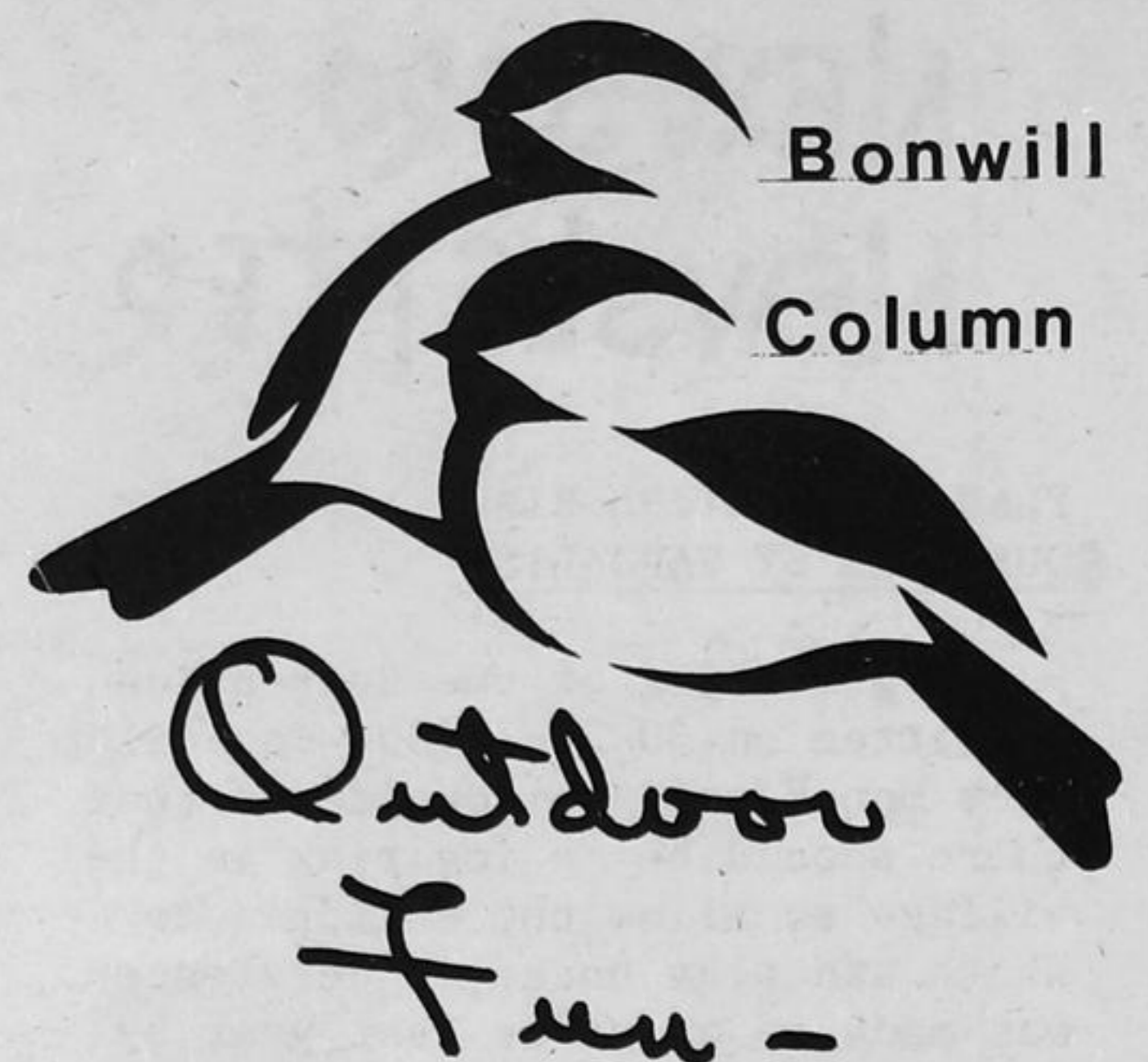
Our motto for the day was "it has been said that you tend to become who you think you are. If you think people are critical, your self-esteem shrinks and with it your capacity for living."

The roll call "Discuss the potential of the handicapped child" was responded to with many examples of courage and admiration. As a result of this interesting discussion Hazel Jarrett suggested the following resolutions for our personal consideration. "We resolve to assist the handicapped to lead a normal life by understanding and appreciating the many adjustments they so bravely make."

Ellen Bonwill read our minutes and correspondence.

Janice Cross gave a splended paper on the hobby of shell collecting and stated "it was one of the top five hobbies in the world". She had a display of her own collection and all present found it most fascinating.

A vote of thanks was made to the hostesses Janice Cross, Hazel Jarrett and Linda Pyme for the fine afternoon and our meeting was adjourned.



HOW CAN YOU CHANGE THE WORLD? No one can do, alone, the big things that we think need to be done - but there is many a little thing that you, alone and unaided, CAN do.

Our personal feeling of having changed the world ever so slightly, but for the better, comes when we hear reports of the fruitfulness of trees we have planted in the past, in other days, in other places.

Think of this for yourself - have you not enjoyed the fruits from trees that others, older and now gone, planted long ago? Perhaps you don't even know who those people were, but perhaps you may, as we do, sometimes say a quiet "Thank you!" to them.

Speaking personally, we treasure a certain tree, a Yellow Transparent apple probably a sprout from a still older tree, that grows near the foundation of the old log cabin on our property. It had become hemmed in by young elms, and was hampered in its growth and productivity by the watersprouts which were sapping its energy.

Clearing around it, giving it light and air, pruning it of dead wood and useless growth, then mulching it well, we have brought it back to good health and fruitfulness. Now? We looked at it the other day, and the fruit buds are all ready thick on its branches. Makes you think of that line of poetry - "Reach out and take the hand of God -"

If you don't have an old tree to work on, plant a new one. There are many new varieties of apples, now, which do not need spraying, and are dwarf, needing but a small space.

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