



DELTA DATA

The Royal Canadian Legion

The Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207, was called to order on March 10, by President Lorna Henderson. O Canada was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Roll call was answered by 12 members. Zone Commander Edna Talboon installed Myrla Chismore and Betty Raison as new members.

In response to a letter from the Red Cross, it was decided to donate \$25.00 to help the Home-maker service.

Two fun days are being held with a charge of \$2.15 each. One in Kingston on March 26, another in Seeley's Bay on April 15th. Dues were received from six members. Decision was made to cater to a banquet in May. A quilt was donated to be drawn on June 9.

It was decided to send \$50.00 to the Bursary Fund. Some more equipment is to be bought for the kitchen.

The president read a letter from her foster child. There was discussion about the Auxiliary sponsoring one.

Decision was made to give \$1,500.00 for the Building Fund to the Legion Branch. President then asked Zone Commander to say a few words. She brought us 10 books of tickets to help fund the convention. Commander Myrla Chismore is in charge of tickets. Commander informed us that Auxiliary members are classed with the Legion branch, not separate as before. She spoke about bursaries and how money should be kept in the bank. She said a member is to be on the executive committee for one year before she can become an officer.

She congratuated our Sports Officer and bowling team for coming fourth in the bowling tournament in Gananoque.

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President Pearson thanked the Commander Talboon for coming and gave her a gift.

A social hour followed the adjourned meeting with delicious refreshments served.

Next meeting will be on April 14th at 7:30 p.m.

There is to be a Zone rally in Delta on May 3. Registration 12 noon. Meeting is to commence at 1:00 p.m. with charge of \$2.50. Replies are to be back the first week of April.

DELTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Delta W.I. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Russell on Feb. 19th, with 9 members and one guest in attendance.

Mrs. Audrey Talbot presided and opened with the singing of "O Canada", the "Opening Ode" and "Mary Stewart Collect".

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Financial report was given. Correspondence consisted of a letter from Mrs. Florence Diamond, the F.W.I.O. president, and notice of a course in Interior Decorating from Jean Riddell, Home Economist. Several members planned to attend at Athens on March 24th.

In Roll Call those members who had lived in Delta most of their lives, brought many interesting old pictures of Delta and the people. One was of the old Railroad station, another of Main Street, and several of the flood many years ago, the Old Mill, St. Paul's Anglican Church built in 1811, and several group pictures, many of whom are now deceased. These pictures will be entered in the Tweedsmuir History Book.

Mrs. Laura Russell, Curator of the Tweedsmuir History conducted her program entitled, "History of Delta and District". She began with a reminder that the date, Feb. 19, 1897 marked the 1st W.I. meeting in the world at Stoney Creek. Mrs. Miriam Bryan read of the opening of Beverly Lake Township Park on Aug. 6th, 1968, and that Delta's population of 420 swelled to 5,000 or more during Fair time and the Syrup Festival in the spring, also with campers and cottagers in the summer. Mrs. H. Gifford read that the Delta Fair will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. Mrs. Russell spoke about the 1st Maple Syrup Festival to commemorate Centennial Year in 1967. There were 500 in attendance. Proceeds went to the schools, and to pay expenses of Centennial Year.

Mrs. L. Raison read about the Centennial Skating Carnival. Buses were hired to transport school children to the World's Fair in Montreal.

Mrs. McElroy read an article about the B & W Railway which made its first run on March 4, 1888 with many dignitaries aboard and which took 8 hours due to snow drifts at Newboro. It was forced to close in 1952 because of lack of business.

Mrs. E. Dougall read of the yacht built in 1892 called, 'Ocean of Delta' which went down the Lyndhurst Creek with a load of hogs. One escaped and was never found. The year 1903 marked the opening of a branch of the Merchant Bank of Canada in Delta.

Mrs. Florence Malony read a poem concerning Delta and its people written by Mrs. Ada Spencer, wife of the United Church minister.

Mrs. Russell then brought her program to a close saying that of all the pictures which hang on the wall, those of dear old Delta seem best of all.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer Service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Delta, Friday March 7th at 2:30 p.m. with a good attendance.

Mrs. Joyce Frye, President of the A.C.W. of St. Paul's conducted the service with the help of two leaders from each church, namely Mrs. Nellie French and Mrs. Miriam Bryan from the United Church, Mrs. Audrey Talbot and Mrs. Mildred Aimer of the Baptist and Mrs. Marjorie Curtis and Mrs. Mollie Ursher of the Anglican.

The part of the young man was taken by Brett Crish and that of the young woman by Cindy Nichols from Beverley Elementary School with Mr. Peter Breedyk and Mrs. June Breedyk as the father and mother.

Dr. John Hodgkinson of Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit was guest speaker on the subject of drugs as affecting young people today and especially alcohol which has become the greatest problem with even very young children becoming addicted and the devastating effects on their minds and bodies. He stated that parents could best help by being at hand when needed and showing understanding and firmness in discipline and by their example. Also that children need much attention and love. Mrs. Frye thanked him for his interesting and enlightening talk.

Three hymns were sung with Mrs. Florence Malony as Organist. The service ended with the Benediction.

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