

### DELTA DATA

# DELTA UNITED CHURCH

On a delightful Autumn Sunday, with the beauty and colour of nature, the sparkling waters of Upper Beverley Lake and evidences of God's presence all around, Delta United Church held their Anniversary Services with Reverend Grant Richardson officiating.

In 1828 the first Methodist minister visited Delta, then Beverley, coming from Kingston on horseback and preaching in the school at frequent intervals. From 1845 to 1874 Delta was part of the Crosby charge. In 1862-1863 a white brick church was built, serving the Methodists until it was replaced by the present church in 1888.

The guest minister was Dr. W. Franklin Banister of Kingston. Dr. Banister has capably served God and the Church in a variety of ways, informally by being an approachable caring person. His Scripture reading was the story of "seven loaves and a few little fishes." When this meagre offering was dedicated to God, great things followed. The minister said, "God has given to each person a loaf of life which can be spent for the good of mankind and to the Glory of God or it can be wasted." The challenge of Christ was convincingly presented through Dr. Banister's unforgettable sermon.

New choir books were presented to the church by Mrs. David Halladay and dedicated in the memory of Noah Halladay and Gary R. Cook, the gift of Mr. & Mrs. David Halladay and family.

Heart felt prayers were offered for the sorrowing families of the young victims of the week-end tragedy in this community. As always the service was greatly enriched by the music of the choir singing "Great is Jehovah", and the morning worship was brought to a glorious finale with the choir singing "The Great Parade."

Mrs. Glenn Chant is choir leader and organist.

At the evening service music lovers were thrilled with the outstanding renditions of sacred and other well loved numbers by the male quartet, the River City Rascals of Brockville. They also led in most enjoyable congregational singing.

A joyous social hour followed the service, when the male quartet guests again delighted the congregation with several requested numbers closing with their unforgettable rendition of "Now The Day is Over."

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the U.C.W. were enjoyed.

Again this congregation has given thanks to Almighty God for the Faith and Zeal of the pioneers who built this church, which has stood through the long years as a beacon of Faith, pointing men and women to a way of life that is Life indeed.

#### ALLYN MISSION CIRCLE

The Thankoffering meeting of the Allyn Mission Circle was held Tuesday evening October 9th in the Sunday School Room. Miss Jean McMachen welcomed the ladies from Athens. Jean was in charge of the devotional due to the absence of Mrs. Irene Stevens. The meeting opened by singing two verses of the hymn "Come ye Faithful People Come." Jean read the Scripture taken from Psalm 92. The devotional was entitled "Thanksgiving." We have much to thank God for. She closed the devotional with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Pastor Neilson MacBeth gave the topic which was "The high-lights of the Federation", held in Regina, Saskatchewan last July which he and Mrs. MacBeth attended. The Federation theme was "Expect a difference." The study was from the book of James. We must witness to others. Mrs. Willison thanked the ladies for their hospitality. The Benediction was repeated in unison.

A delicous lunch was enjoyed by all.

#### DELTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Delta Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Miriam Bryan, on the afternoon of October 16th at 2:00p.m. Mrs. Rose Jones was her assistant.

The meeting was conducted by the Vice-president, Mrs. Dione Kirby, in the absence of Mrs. Sid Talbot, due to a severe cold.

The opening ode was sung, and the Mary Stewart Collect recited, followed by Roll Call answered to by eleven members and one guest Mrs. Shirley Wilson, with their opinions as to why Canada attracts people from other lands.

The motto was discussed on the theme of Education and Cultural Activities and all agreed that Education means developing the mind, not stuffing the memory.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the Financial report given.

A report of the first day of the Area Convention at Chaffey's Locks, October 1st, was given by Mrs. Florence Molony and that of the second day, October 2nd, was given by Mrs. Miriam Bryan who went as delegates. Highlights of the Convention were the addresses by the T.W.L.O. president Mrs. F. Diamond, Board Director, Mrs. G. Collins, the Home Economists, Miss Jean Riddell and Irene De Bium, also the various Convenors' reports, the election of officers, with Mrs. Clara Hallett of Elgin as the new President, Mrs. Robert Brown of Napanee as 1st Vice-President and Mrs. J. Holmes of Yarker as 2nd Vice-President. These were the only changes.

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