

West Haldimand Fall Conference

More than 50 members from 14 branches met at York Healy Church, when Mr. Healy W.I. acted as hostesses for the gathering on September 23.

Words of greeting were expressed by the president Mrs. Wm. Lamb, followed by the minutes of the last meeting, read by the secretary Mrs. G. Bassindale. The treasurer's report and current correspondence were dealt with.

Mr. K. Best and Miss S. Bryce sent their regrets at not being able to be present

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on this occasion, but wished the institutes every success during the coming months.

Members were reminded of the Sr. Training School on paper mache to be held in February, and of the Food Forum-Calorie Countdown, scheduled in May. Honourable mention was made of the county scholarships, winners, Murray Roulston, Marlene Coverdale, and Wayne McKeen.

Mrs. Zoeller, area president sent congratulations and drew attention to the new spoons available for purchase by the Institutes in 1970.

Attention was drawn to the Area Convention being held October 26, 27 in the Sheraton Connaught hotel, at which representatives for the offices of Agriculture and Canadian Industries, and resolutions are to be chosen. Controller Anne Jones is to be the guest speaker at the banquet.

A highlight of the afternoon, was the congratulations awarded Clanbrasil W.I., on their recent success at the national conference held in Winnipeg, when they won top honours in the

conference held in Winnipeg, when they won top honours in the local newspapers, and we are all justly proud of them.

Spring rally will be held the second Monday in March hosted by Noher W.I. The district annual will be in charge of Selkirk group. It is Caledonia's turn to purchase gifts for the men at Grandview Lodge this year.

It was agreed to take turns by the Institutes visiting Grandview Lodge and putting on the entertainment as previously done in the past.

Kohler Youth center has been sold to North Cayuga, but may still be used as a catering centre, as needed. The group were informed of a St. John's Ambulance Course which could be made available if enough interest was shown to warrant the need of said course.

Mrs. S. Beck reported on Tweedsmuir Histories and urged all branches to work on them and try to bring them up to date.

Mrs. Peart on behalf of the plowmen's association requested a draw prize to be donated from each Institute

for the match in 1971, and to bring some to next fall meeting.

It was agreed to prepare and print the yearly programs as had been done previously.

Following this business period Mrs. Cooke, from the Flower Pot Shop in Caledonia, gave a most informative and interesting demonstration on the arrangement of real and artificial flowers, suitable for any occasion and styling.

The hostess group served tea and fruit bread during a social half hour, enjoyed by all present.

On behalf of the Lamb's Corner W.I. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Bassindale were presented with a gavel for their splendid work as president and secretary. The meeting concluded with the singing of "O Canada" and the Institute grace.

In a few well chosen words Mrs. M. Dredge expressed sincere appreciation to all who had partaken of the afternoon's activities and to Mt. Healy W.I. our hostess group.

H.S.S. Going To New Lengths

The start of a new school year at H.S.S. brought with it the subtle invasion of the mid in corridors and classrooms. Although it got off to a slow start, the advent of cooler weather promises a battle of fashions and the mini supporters are well prepared to fight.

Next week begins a full fledged campaign waged against the mid and all students are urged to support "mini week" at H.S.S. Each student will be asked to fill out a prepared questionnaire and these results will be tabulated to determine the acceptance or rejection of the mid.

Watch for the outcome of this survey in your next week's issue.

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Haldimand County Museum Board General Meeting

On October 28 the Haldimand County Museum Board will hold a general meeting in the county court house, Cayuga, to which the public are cordially invited at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in historical county homes or buildings is asked to come and bring photos or snapshots to form a display. The museum board have been doing some research in this field, but there are some areas in the county that have not as yet been covered. There will be coloured slides shown to show the architecture of a century ago and this should help to classify some old buildings in your particular area.

Another field of research that has been carried out by the board is that of family histories. We receive many inquiries for family history data and find that in many cases we are unable to help with finding the required information. Mrs. Harris Hutton, a member of the museum board, is a member

Stone Church Evening Auxiliary

The October meeting of the Stone Church Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Roth.

President, Mrs. Lloyd Rutherford opened the meeting with a poem followed by the Lord's Prayer. Two hymns were sung.

Program convenor, Mrs. Earl Makey gave a reading on the letters of Thanksgiving, a message that could reach each one of us. Scripture was read by Mrs. Jack Biggar. A reading was given by Mrs. John Lightfoot and prayer by Mrs. Bruce Campbell.

Roll call was a household hint. Several cards of thanks were read. Committees were named for the Thankoffering meeting. The November meeting is the new slate of officers for 1971.

The president closed the meeting with a poem and

of the Ontario Genealogy Society and is also chairman of the Haldimand County genealogy. Mrs. Hutton will bring material to help find sources for local information for research.

The board would like to have a display of bibles and records. Anyone would appreciate anyone who would be prepared to give any information could perhaps be catalogued in the county museum.

A special invitation being extended to curators of the Tweedsmuir Village History books to attend this meeting and share any material they have pertaining to historical county buildings or genealogy in the books.

If enough interest is shown in this research buildings and family history, perhaps a work could be carried out during the winter months.

For further information call Roy Davison at the Elevators 768-5861. Trucking can be arranged.

Why Oyster Stew?

by G. T. Munro

Although we are surrounded on most sides by river or lake in the Haldimand area, the folks on the sea coast or in the Maritimes would still call us landlubbers. This would explain any look of surprise coming our way when we claim to have a

well cultivated taste for oyster.

On the other hand the Maritimers are going to swallow hard in chagrin when we insist on indulging in this tasty fare only once a year or so.

There are many reasons why lodges have oyster stew suppers, that is, over and beyond that* of acquired

taste. Erie 128 (LOL) have been having annual oyster stew suppers for at least 79 years. I know this to be a fact because I spoke to a man on Monday of this week who was born on August 19, 1891 and was taken by his parents for his first sipping of the stew in November of that year. He hopes to make it for his 79th time on November 6.

Another couple of folks in their 74th year (approximately) had their first date together at one of these suppers, and have been happily married ever since.

Of course, if you were not a member of the Orange Order you simply hitched on as one of the family and went along for the eating and social time following.

After the supper the finance committee usually got together, counted the cost of the oysters etc., divided that into the number of households and arrived at a fair share from each family.

It, the Oyster stew supper etc. has never been considered as a way of making any profit, money-wise, just a nice quiet social evening for oysters and folks alike, all getting together.

On the other hand the IOOF Primary Lodge 181 and their sister lodge Rebecca Primary Lodge 285 have been successfully appealing to the general public for at least 22 years for support of their C.P. & T. project here in Jarvis with a similar Oyster Stew Supper. The Odd Fellows have recognized that people will eat more and with a good digestion if they know the proceeds are going to help a worthy cause. In this case for a free-loan cupboard of crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds etc. Through the years the original label of Cancer, Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis has been broadened to Humanitarian Service.

Whether you attend the Erie Hall on Friday, November 6 and pay about four dollars for your family meal or the Jarvis Community Hall on Thursday, November 19 and pay two dollars and fifty cents for each adult meal you will learn to appreciate the likeable menu with oysters in a tasty butter and milk stew and probably feel much more homey and friendly toward your fellow humans for the evening out.

There's so much more to it than just eating.

Just a tip about ordering Oysters for your own banquet occasion; plan well ahead and get your order in with lots of time for any good retail grocery outlet. A popular price range is around \$12 per gallon for the standards. They should be timed to come in a day ahead. They will probably be packed in ice and should be kept around 32 to 34 degrees or in a good cooler and will take about 1½ to 2 hours from your setting on the stove of the milk, oysters etc., tapering off in a nice slow simmer so the flavor has had time to work through the whole lovely stew.

101st Anniversary

On Sunday, October 25, the Hagersville United Church will be celebrating its 101st Anniversary with two services. The guest speaker at the 11.00 a.m. service will be the Rev. Frank G. Brishin, B.A., B.D., D.D., the Secretary for the Division of Communication of the United Church of Canada.

The guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m. service will be the Rev. Harold M. Bailey, B.A., B.D., the secretary for the Board of Home Missions, the United Church of Canada. There will be special music by the senior choir under the leadership of Mrs. John Van Loon, and by the junior choir under the leadership of Mrs. Clare Dennis.

Everyone is invited to worship with us on our 101st Anniversary. Come and meet old friends. Come and make new friends.

Thank-Offering Meeting

The Thank Offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Stone Church was held in the church on Sunday night, October 18 with guests from Port Dover, Jarvis, Hagersville and Caledonia present.

Mrs. Lloyd Rugherford was in charge of the meeting with Mrs. Bruce Campbell at the organ.

The words of welcome were given by Mrs. Taylor Munro. Taking part in the meeting were Mrs. Hubert Lint, Mrs. Wilfred Roth, Mrs. Lawson Campbell and Mrs. Murray Biggar. Two duets were sung by Miss Reta Dreher and Miss Martha Lint.

Mrs. and Mrs. Don Lee Showed very beautiful pictures of their trip to the Holy Land. These were explained by Mr. Lee. Mrs. Lee read passages from the scriptures relating to the pictures shown.

Thanksgiving hymns were sung during the service.

Everyone gathered in the church hall where light refreshments were served.

Reception

On Saturday a post-nuptial evening dinner was held at the Cove Room, Port Dover, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rouse, (Nee Bertha Parsons) of Tillsonburg. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons, Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birk and daughter Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans all of Hamilton, Mrs. Emily Schmidt of Alberta, Mrs. Olive Gilbert and Mrs. Hazel Marsh of Port Dover.

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