

Knox Presbyterian Annual Meeting

by Jessie Miller

Following the morning service on Feb. 7 and a buffet luncheon, those present were called to order by the Rev. G. Taylor-Munro. The hymn "The Churches One Foundation" was sung, the Apostles Creed repeated and the minister led in prayer.

Howard Elliott, chairman of the Board of Managers was named to the choir and Mrs. Lilian Lowes was elected secretary-treasurer for the meeting. The 1970 minutes were adopted as read.

The names of Bruce Miller and Clarence Swing were added to those of Charles Mitchell and Alfred Walker (secretary-treasurer) as trustees of the church.

Managers newly elected for three years were Russell Pond, Clifford McBride and Keith Chambers bringing the Board to nine members. Present members are Howard Elliott, Murray Fleming, Bruce A. Miller, Clarence Mitchell, Don Mitchell, Tom McBride. Newly elected chairman of the Board, Tom McBride; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lilian Lowes; Budget secretary, Don Mitchell; Auditors, James Brown, Alex Duncan; Organist and director of choirs, Mrs. Bruce A. Miller; Custodians, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blundell; Secretary of Presbyterian Record, Mrs. Cora McKenzie.

The financial report showed a substantial increase in all branches of the church organizations.

The annual reports of all groups within the church were adopted.

A period of silent prayer was observed in memory of Mrs. Lilian Hazel Fleming and Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Swing who departed this life during 1970.

The ushers will be appointed by the Board of Managers.

Chairman Elliott thanked all who had worked faithfully during 1970 to make this a year of prosperity within the church. He especially thanked the minister on behalf of the Board of Managers and the secretary-treasurer, who in turn thanked all who turned in their annual reports in good time and in any way aided in her work.

Mr. Taylor-Munro closed the meeting with prayer. Adjournment was declared.

CLOSE LOOK

SASKATOON (CP) — A combined study of the levels of pesticide residues in soil, water and food by the University of Saskatchewan's home economics college and the Canada agriculture department will include a close look at home gardens. Large amounts of pesticides have been used in backyard gardens for several years but no studies have been made so far to see if they have caused serious contamination.

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Federation News

by Roy Hagan

Indications show 1971 will be a most eventful year for Haldimand County people. The most prominent happening for the year is the International Plowing Match to be held at Harewood Acres in October. Many committees are putting an all out effort to make the event a traditional Haldimand County success.

This work is having an outstanding effect on the people of the county by bringing them together in a common project and enabling them to get to know each other through

co-operation. This will be a major event that is sure to leave its mark for many years to come.

There are a number of other plans besides the plowing match which are expected to help Haldimand farmers. Such events as the Crop Improvement Association having a number of dairy and beef cattle rations tested for protein. The results will be on display at the forage show in March along with recommendations as to what should be done to balance these rations.

This will give farmers a better knowledge of how to prepare feeds, as well as make a better profit.

In another change for farmers in the county is the recent increase in the price of milk equal to a half cent a quart. This compares with an increase to the consumer of several cents a quart. Its my understanding that the Ontario Milk Marketing Board agreed to settle for just a part of a cent a quart increase now and another part of a cent later in the year, to avoid undue pressure on the consumer.

It seems however, the rest of the dairy industry is not nearly as concerned about the consuming economy as the farmer. This seems to be the case for all farm products.

To join the ranks of the unconcerned is not the answer to the economic situation in Canada, so it seems to me the farmer has a much bigger job to do. This is to impress on people that being responsible thought and action is the only way to survive.

I think the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has already demonstrated this can be done.

Cayuga ACW

by Helen Hobbs

St. John's Anglican Church Women held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Ina Dye.

The meeting opened with Mrs. Isobel Sumner, president, in the chair. After the singing of a hymn the ACW prayer and Lord's

prayer were each repeated in unison.

The scripture reading was given by Mrs. Leafy Armstrong.

The roll call showed nine members and one visitor present. The social services report was given by Mrs. Elsie Reece. Four get well cards were sent out.

In the matter of new business: Our Diocesan Commitment was paid. The Palm Crosses for Easter Sunday are to be ordered; this task falls to the rector. The self-denial folders will be distributed again this year. There will be a make believe bake sale after

Easter. A letter will be sent out to all members of the parish soliciting funds. The same idea worked well last year. It was decided to send birthday cards to "The Little Helpers Group."

It is hoped there will be good turn out for the World's Day of Prayer March 5, at St. Stephen's. The guest speaker on the occasion will be Mrs. R. Vander Kwak, 52 Cathness St. East, Caldemore of the Christian Reformed Church.

From the bulletin: "One of our most distinguished Indian Priests Canon Andrew Ahenakew" of our sister Diocese in Saskatchewan will be at General Synod and will be available in Niagara Diocese from Feb. 3, to Feb. 17. He will be speaking at several churches. It is with much interest that the coming of the distinguished native son looked forward to in the different parishes he will be visiting. The Bishop says "The Indians have much to contribute to our culture and heritage."

The meeting closed with prayer by the president. Lunch was supplied by Lydia Thompson and Mrs. Isobel Sumner.

The courtesies were extended to the hostesses at lunch committee by Mrs. Leafy Armstrong. A social hour followed.

The next meeting will be March 3 at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lydia Thompson. Lunch will be provided by Mrs. Don Armstrong and Mrs. N. Wrightson.

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Editorial Comment

Snow Removal A Must

Jarvis seems to have problems in its snow removal program. In fact during the last two snow-filled months the high piles of snow left by shoveling and snowplows at the edge of the streets have only been removed once.

This is not a criticism of the hard working Village workmen but just of policy. It would seem that if snow removing signs to stop parking on the streets were placed early in the morning after each storm a grader could be used to push the snow away from the curbs. From there, if it is a heavy snowfall, it could be loaded and trucked away.

Probably this would have to be done four or five times a season to keep the through part of the road wide enough to keep traffic flowing safely.

Snow removal isn't as important for the convenience of parking as it is to prevent a hazardous situation when the piles of snow at the curbs grow larger after each storm and puts the parked cars out on the travelled portion of the highway.

This causes a holdup of traffic and impatient drivers who have to wait for oncoming traffic to be on their way. It is also a hazard for pedestrians waiting to cross the street because the piles of snow hide oncoming vehicles.

Thirdly, it does interfere with the commercial aspect of the Village. A customer probably won't stop in the Village for fear of being stuck or having his car sideswiped by another vehicle. Snow removal is expensive but it could be more so in the loss of a life or in property damage from collisions.

"Wise, Unwise And Otherwise"

by the Old Owl

NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY

In the middle of last December the Senate Committee on Science Policy issued the first volume of its two volume report, which is quite critical of Federal Government policy on scientific research, on which \$750 million was spent last year. Here is a quotation: "We must organize our national science effort so that it can make its full contribution to the solution of the social problems that will otherwise soon cripple our society."

The problems on which science and technology could be of help are listed as education, urbanization, pollution, bad technology, health care, social security, leisure and human maladjustment. Such a policy would require consciously directing scientists towards goals the nation wants rather than letting them run their own affairs at the taxpayers' expense. The second volume, to be published next month, will contain targets for Canadian science, a suggested control machinery and the stressing of the vital role of citizens' participation in science policy. It will be interesting to see how this works out. The committee suggests that the politicians and scientists will have to work as partners rather than at cross purposes.

One interesting example is given. The decision to enter Canada into the expensive nuclear power business was not made by the Federal Cabinet but by Ontario Hydro and Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. Apparently the report says that Canada wasted hundreds of millions of taxpayers dollars in the 50s and 60s on unsuccessful projects in computers, avionics (what are they?), supersonic aircraft, large jet engines and nuclear power plants. I wonder what it has to say about the heavy water plant in Nova Scotia.

How the grants for scientific study and research are handed out I do not know, probably on the advice of the National Research Council, but the report is not very partial to that august body. It says that the NRC destroyed earlier recommendations which would have helped Canada's science effort. It utterly rejects the NRC argument that science policy should be left to the scientists. "They are asking at the same time for more public money and less public control."

What will happen to this report? We must wait at least for the second volume. But science and research are such complicated matters that the politicians will be wary about getting entangled. The opposition parties may dip into it to find juicy bits they can throw at the government but beyond that I fear there will be a dead silence, which is too bad for there is much of value in the report, as I see it.

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which he has not completely recovered and he felt it advisable to dispose of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. G. MacKay, of Hamilton, and formerly of Nova Scotia are the new owners.

30 YEARS AGO

Mr. Fred W. Reicheld of the Jarvis Hereford Farms, was elected a Director of the Hereford Breeders Association at their annual meeting in Toronto on Tuesday of this week. Arrangements were also made at this meeting for the annual Field day this year to be held at the Jarvis Hereford Farms.

If we are to make the most of our War effort — if we are to make a creditable showing — we must, above all things, cease to criticize

the efforts of others and smile, smile, smile. A few unkindly words of criticism can do more harm than days of hard work can amend. In plain words, a critic is a fifth columnist. None among us can avoid making mistakes. None of us is always right. Let us ponder a minute over these matters and maybe our combined efforts will show a decided boost.

A problem with which the Village Council has been faced annually for many years, is in finding a suitable location to dump refuse which is gathered up every spring. Residents too, have found it a problem to know what to do with accumulated debris.

Councillors Blight and Pond in a report to the Council on Tuesday night

gave courage to the hope that this problem will probably never again cause the coming generation any particular anxiety. It seems now that only minor negotiations need be completed before the Town will have a dump adequate for out needs for many years.

Mr. Gordon Hazlett has agreed to rent, lease or sell a portion of his property, which was formerly the CNR right-of-way on the old Port Dover run where it went through a deep cut under the main line of the Wabash Railway.

While this was a minor problem in many respects, it will fulfill a long felt need in the Village. The present location is close by and no longer will residents need to throw their rubbish over in their neighbors back yard.



Scott Young

Orgy of outrageous praise

About three days after New Year's, my wife stamped into the house knocking the snow off her boots and stated, "Guess what I saw today."

Well, that was six weeks ago and I'm ready . . . how about you? To tell the truth, I used to think Valentine's was pretty well kid-stuff. There was a period in my life when, as far as I can recall, I didn't buy any.

Maybe I should have, but I didn't. I could go past one of those counters covered with heart-shaped chocolate boxes and never miss a step on my way to buy more important things, like hot water bottles and fresh supplies of castor oil.

However, I will tell you something about my wife: She likes both to give presents and cards, and to receive them. I was never much on birthdays either until we were married. I often forgot things like Mother's Day and other occasions that I really should have remembered.

Now I don't. Actually, it's fairly hard on the imagination to know what to get. But after Christmas there is Jan. 11, my wife's birthday (and because she's a red-hot Liberal I never fail to remind her that Sir John A. Macdonald and Premier John Roberts have the same one). Then there is Valentine's. Then our anniversary. Then Mother's Day. I remember every one. Keeps me broke, but keeps her happy, which is more important.

Another thing: I used to try to find cards for all those occasions that were rather sensible, and austere. Ones with real syrupy verses on them were out. Then, very early in my great transformation into being a home sentimentalist, one year I couldn't find a card that didn't have a syrupy message on it. So I bought one, and forgot to apologize for it. Imagine my surprise when my wife read it to herself and then said to me, warmly, "Thanks."

Stupid me. I'd been reading gushy verses on cards she bought me, and thinking, yes

sir, that paragon of virtue is me, all right; and yet not getting gushy cards for her.

I learned my lesson. I take great care in buying her cards now, on any of those occasions I've listed. I read the verse and make sure it says something about "my beautiful wife" and how she means more to me every day (in every way — hey, maybe I should start writing these things myself). And the thing is, I mean every word of it.

All my old indifference to the occasions is gone. As I get older, I have come to realize that every human being appreciates an occasional orgy of outrageous praise. We go through this life fighting our battles of one kind or another every day, often keeping the scars to ourselves. We can use a break. Such occasions may be artificial in one sense, but they do free some normally quite reserved people to declare what their loved ones mean to them. Even if someone else writes the verse.

In fact, there really is something kid-stuff or childlike about what I'm talking about. But you have to grow up to a certain age before you realize that a great deal of the real warmth in life, openly declared devotion, comes from kids. Maybe that is part of what makes most people feel nostalgic about their childhoods. They might not fully be aware of the reasons. But some of it, at least, is the feeling of security in a parents' love. That evaporates all too soon.

If you doubt me — well, think it over. I know that for myself there are not many moments that match when our own eight-year-old now will work at school to produce a wondrous Valentine's card in red crayon, with a printed message stating, without equivocation: To the best Daddy in the world.

I know I'm not the best Daddy in the world, or the best husband in the world. But I can dream, can't I? And on times like Valentine's day, sometimes I do.

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