

News From Knowles

The government reconvened the House of Commons session April 13, after an Easter recess which began March 30. During this time at home I was in daily communication with Mrs. Edey who was still on duty at my office in Ottawa. There were unemployment insurance problems to clear up and regular correspondence to be answered.

While at home I also attended Citizenship Court in Simcoe, presided over by His Honour Judge James Brown. It was a pleasure to represent the office of M.P. and to join with other Provincial, County and other local officials to make this important ceremony meaningful to our new Canadian citizens.

Your Member was highly honoured to be asked to be the speaker in the riding of Hamilton West at the nomination meeting for Lincoln Alexander. Needless to say, that popular Member was nominated unanimously and I was warmly welcomed by his enthusiastic and dedicated supporters. Some of you may remember that "Linc." was guest speaker at the Haldimand County Annual Meeting in Dunnville in 1969.

Nixon Visit
On April 13 President Nixon of the U.S.A., accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, arrived with his top advisors for a state visit to Canada. They were welcomed by Governor General Roland Michener, with

all the pomp and ceremony accorded a head of state. Since all his visit has been so well covered by the news media it will be unnecessary to recount all the details of this international event.

It was an historic moment to be a Member of the House of Commons when the President addressed a joint session of that body and the Senate. It was the more gratifying to me to have Vera admitted as a special guest in the gallery. Mr. Nixon received a standing ovation and his remarks indicated a warmth of friendship and felling among all present in the crowded chamber. Incidentally I was extremely fortunate to procure one extrapass, which I gave to Peter Hill of Caledonia High School who was in Ottawa on a school visit.

Election Rumours

Mr. Trudeau's government will have been in office for four years in June of this year. Over the years it has been customary for a government to call a general election at the end of that period although, by our constitution, the present government could continue until June of 1973.

The news media and Members of Parliament have created considerable excitement and news by speculating as to the precise date. Many are calling it for the latter part of June this year. Mr. Trudeau is playing it cool and saying nothing.

I have no more information than anyone else but my own opinion is that the election will not be held until late summer or early fall. However I am not certain enough to place bets on my prediction. In the meantime, we should hold ourselves in readiness to move when the time comes.

Speaks Again

This time Bill C-183, an act to amend the Canadian Labour Code was up for debate on a second reading. The specific division being amended dealt with labor disputes, strikes etc., and the setting up of procedures for settling these deadlocks. The report of my speech said, and I quote: "Bill Knowles (Norfolk - Haldimand) told the Commons that it is the little man, not represented by either labor unions or management, who suffers during prolonged strikes. He called them the long suffering, silent, impotent majority of unorganized Canadian citizens."

Mr. Knowles suggested that the government appoint one or two representatives from consumers groups in



Past presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary, Hagersville Legion, took turns in lighting the 20 candles on the birthday cake marking the 20th anniversary celebration of the auxiliary in Hagersville on Saturday night. (Staff Photo)

the country to the new Canada Labor Relations Board. He said they should be persons not involved in either labor or management groups and preferably those on fixed incomes or pensions."

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Lambs Corners WI

The April meeting of Lambs Corners W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Osborne Lamb. The retiring President Mrs. Russell Hare presided, opening in the usual manner.

The roll call "Name your favorite fruit and how you serve it," was answered by 12 members and one visitor. The minutes were read and approved. The report of the visiting committee was received and correspondence dealt with. The 4-H Girls achievement day was announced for April 29 at Kohler Youth Centre.

A donation was made to Rev. and Mrs. Sider in appreciation of their work at the Wilson MacDonald School Museum. A committee was named to find what could be done toward improving the community hall at Nanticoke and Cheapside. This committee is to enquire of other committees and of the Walpole Council. A plaque will be presented to the South Walpole school in recognition of a school project for 1972.

The group will visit the home of Mrs. Marion Emery at York for the regular May meeting. Standing committee reports were given.

BOY SCOUT BASKET AND Paper Drive

The Jarvis Boy Scouts Paper Drive will be held on SAT. MAY 6, at 12.30 pm. Please separate magazines, etc., containing staples in order to enable the Scouts to realize a higher return for waste paper. Tie bundles securely and place where the boys can see them by 12.30 pm.

Anyone wishing paper picked up other than in the Village of Jarvis, please phone Steve Payne, 587-2566 or in Nanticoke and District, phone C. McBride 587-2959 and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

Rummage and Auction Sale

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The nominating committee brought in a slate of officers which was accepted as follows:

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Standing committee conveners - Agriculture and Canadian Industries Mrs. Jack Atkinson; Citizenship and Education Mrs. Howard Dennis; Historical Research and Current Events - Mrs. Freeman Steele; Home Econom-

ics and Health Mrs. Jack Wood and Resolutions - Mrs. Wray Dennis.

District Director is Mrs. William Lamb. Alternate director is Mrs. George Bassindale.

Branch directors are Mrs. Hubert Field, Mrs. Jack Hamilton and Mrs. Clifford McLean.

Card Convener is Mrs. Osborne Lamb; Visiting Convener Mrs. Jack Wood and Mrs. George Bassindale; Auditors Mrs. Townson, Mrs. McLean; Pianist - Mrs. George Hedges.

A gift and flowers were presented to the outgoing president Mrs. Hare in appreciation of leadership and time

devoted to the W.I. during her term of office. A corsage was presented to the incoming president Mrs. Weaver.

The program convener then took the chair Mrs. George Bassindale called on Mrs. Osborne Lamb for the motto "Plant seeds of Kindness and watch them grow" who demonstrated by story and poem.

The topic was prepared by Mrs. Jack Atkinson and read by Mrs. Jack Wood "Progress made to date in control of pollution."

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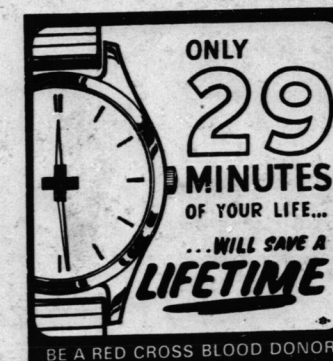
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