

HAGERSVILLE

Highlights

Reunion Held

Many from Hagersville and the surrounding area attended the annual re-union of Crystal Springs Camp at Brantford on Saturday

Circus Tents Filled

A completely filled-house (or tent), was experienced at both showings of the Royal Brothers Circus at Hagersville on Thursday evening, May 17. The Hagersville Kinsmen arranged this show for children and adults, which proved most successful, even though inclement weather perhaps dampened the spirits of some of those in attendance.

The program included aerial performances, acrobatic marvels by the Lang family, clowns

May 12. Games, contests, suggestions, sing-songs, etc., all were enjoyed as well as a hearty luncheon at the noon hour.

dogs, Brahma bull-riding, chimpanzees, juggling, etc. Many teachers from the Elementary Schools took advantage of this very rare occasion, and took their students in the afternoon to the Kinsmen Ball Park adjacent to the Hagersville Arena to see first-hand the circus being set-up.

Sincere appreciation is given these teachers who "put a little extra into teaching" by escorting their students to see perhaps for some, a "once - in - a - life-time" event.

"Time-Out"

Mrs. Glenna Murdoch, President of combined Units of the Hagersville United Church Women, has felt there are many women in this area who would perhaps enjoy several hours a week "away from it all, of children, household drudgery, etc." Mrs. Murdoch, together with two representatives from the evening U.C.W., Mrs. Bev Millett, and Mrs. Julie

Rule, as well as two representatives from the Afternoon U.C.W., are forming a committee to perhaps get such a venture started in September or October. The group travelled to Sheridan Park Royal United Church, at 2501 Truscott Drive in Mississauga on Wednesday, May 9 to view such a "Time-Out" program,

Explorers Meet

Due to illnesses, there were only 10 Explorer girls present for the regular meeting on Wednesday May 16 at 4 p.m.

President Joan Shoup welcomed all and led in the various Explorer Opening exercises, after which Roll Call was replied with "something done for Mother, on her day, May 13."

This proved most interesting, from breakfast served in bed, to - coupons good for one ironing, doing dishes, etc.

Secretary Ann Brown read the minutes and they were seconded by Joanne McClarty.

Business and discussion showed some of the girls still have to bring their 25 cents to help defray expenses towards the Pizza Party on the final day of Explorers, May 30.

Plans were made for the swimming party on May 23, with all girls to meet at the Church at 4 p.m. as usual.

Girls who participated in the worship service were Joan Shoup and Tracy Hewitt, reading a story - "To Market, to Market. It told of an Indian girl enjoying a trip to the market with her mother,

Hagersville U.C.W. Meet

More than 40 were present from the combined units of Afternoon and Evening Hagersville U.C.W. on Tuesday evening, May 1, when the meeting was held in the Women's Parlour of the United Church at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Logan welcomed those in attendance and began the devotional with "Show Jesus Your Hands." Others taking part in this worship service were Mrs. W.C. Powell, reading material pertaining to the "nail-pierced hands"; Mrs. Ernest Quaburry, relating to "clean hands"; Mrs. Charles Smith reminding all of the "folded hands"; and finally Mrs. Fran Almas stating of the "open hands."

Portions of Scripture references were read by Marge Logan, who closed with prayer. Mrs. Don Smith was pianist for the evening service, when Hymns "More Love to Thee," and "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" were sung. Those receiving the offering were Mrs. C. Smith and Mrs. Helen

Hunter, after which it was dedicated.

Musical selections "I Am Thine O Lord," and "Thank You Lord" were presented by a quintet comprised of Mesdames Marg Henderson, Julie Rule, Rhoda Ann Malcolm, Doris Speller and Bernice Smith, with Mrs. Smith also accompanying at the piano.

Introduction to our special guest of the evening, Mr. Douglas Powell, was given by Marge Logan, who stated she recalled in his very early years his sincere dedication even as a Boy's Camp Leader.

A most interesting and informative selection of colourful slides Douglas had taken during his stay in Norman Wells, N.W.T., which is situated 1000 miles North of Edmonton, Alberta were shown the assembled groups. The commentary he provided during his portrayal via screen was likewise, thoroughly enjoyed, which was proven by the extensive question and answer period which followed. Douglas captivated

the audience for the evening's program, when he related events from the time of his arrival on April 28, 1972, until his departure several months later, also his excitement and delight in being able to return to Norman Wells for Christmas services and various activities as well as reminiscing with friends.

Mrs. Gerald Hyde fittingly expressed appreciation from the two groups to Douglas, in taking his time to spend the evening with the U.C.W. and make them acquainted with Norman Wells, N.W.T.

The two groups then departed into different rooms for the separate business discussions, prior to a brief combined business discussion led by President Mrs. G. Murdoch. Glenna welcomed everyone to this interesting meeting, especially the several visitors, and thanked most appreciatively everyone for assisting

in the numerous banquets - "just completed our fifth," she stated.

Motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Mitchell that the two combined units adopt a child from India, since we are presently studying that country; motion was seconded by Mrs. Bernice Smith. Some discussion was held pertaining to the sending of a child to Five Oaks summer camp. The groups decided to leave this matter with Rev. Rule for his consideration and agreement.

Rhoda Ann Malcolm spoke briefly regarding the June meeting, which will be a pot-luck supper, as is the usual custom for the combined groups. The worship service will be provided by Shirley Mitchell's group, and special speaker will be Miss Kajama Koravilla, a native of India. Presently Miss Koravilla, who is a registered nurse, is pursuing her vocation in the city of Brantford.

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W.I. Delegates Attend Officers' Conference

Of the 750 delegates from branches throughout Ontario who attended the 25th Officers' Conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario at the University of Waterloo, 540 members had a preview of the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek on May 1st.

The three day sessions began when a shuttle service of fourteen chartered buses operated between the University of Waterloo and the Erland Lee Home, the birthplace of the W.I. seventy-six years ago. The delegates were greeted by Mrs. Austin Zoeller, immediate past president of FWIO and chairman of the homestead Committee.

Members of the Saltfleet W.I. pointed out features and furnishings of the home which was purchased for \$40,000 in June 1972 and contains 2.6 acres. It has 12 picnic tables and all members of W.I.'s

are encouraged to visit this Home in the near future. The committee hope to have the official opening sometime in July this year.

Mrs. Zoeller said the home will be more than a museum and hoped to have it functional, as well, with members involved in quilting, weaving and other handicrafts.

The theme of the Conference was: "When the Freedom they wished for most was freedom from Responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again."

Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, Ottawa, president of F.W.I.O. gave the keynote address on the convention theme of the responsibilities that go with freedom. When Athens insisted on being free from the burden of life that was self-dependent and also responsible for the common good, it ceased to be free at all.

Responsibility was the price every man had

to pay for freedom. Athens had reached the end of freedom and was never to have it again.

Mrs. Noblitt stressed that we, too, have relinquished to Administrative bodies our rights and our responsibilities. More and more of our taxes are needed to keep the machinery going to serve us, instead of us serving it. We complain that we have only a token voice in the government of our country, but the truth is that not enough of us give enough of our time to see that we maintain our rights and responsibilities in our own hands.

She said, First, we can see that we accept our responsibilities in our homes as co-partners and as parents, where we are as good an example as possible and where we install the principles of religion, character and responsibility in our children so that when they go out into society they are well fortified,

capable of making decisions and of contributing positively to society.

We can accept our responsibilities as citizens of our communities. Whatever we choose to do here we can do with a will and a dedication. We can seek ways and means of doing more for ourselves instead of expecting others to do for us.

We can co-operate with our government levels in carrying out the projects they are trying to accomplish for our good. Like the Greeks, we should devote at least some time to our local politics.

The Officers' Conference is a unique idea said Mrs. Noblitt. No other provides the opportunity for W.I. members to get together for an exchange of knowledge and inspiration. The delegates share ideas and problems, take them back to their branches put them on record and pass them on to their successors.

Dr. Burton C. Matthews, President of the University of Waterloo welcomed the delegates saying, the W.I. has three quarters of a century of service in Ontario and Ontario is a better place because of the W.I.

Mrs. Helen McKercher, director of Home Economics Branch of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, brought greetings on Wednesday afternoon. She, who has advocated "programme planning" for the W.I. for many years, said the rural women's organization has mainly supported the best ideals of home, family and country, since its beginning. The W.I. Motto in fact is "Home and Country."

She stated that values in the home to-day are being challenged by people who deny the validity of any restraints at all. This has brought about a kind of revolution in churches, schools, social welfare, laws, morals and customs and domestic situations.

If Canada is to survive, all forces of society must unite in the preservation of good family values - things that esteem the family. Family life only fails because humans fail. Universal functions cannot change because

men and women cannot survive without them.

We want to teach youth to respect itself. No life is complete until it has been focused, dedicated and devoted to the principles of freedom, honesty, loyalty, fidelity, honour, respect for self, and fellow man, and reverence for life.

If you're between 35 and 55 you're what Miss McKercher calls the "Caught Generation." You're also the Financing Generation because you're caught between the demands of youth and the expectations of the elderly.

The Wednesday evening session having for its theme "You Can Do It" included a monologue and two skits written by W.I. members. This programme was much enjoyed and should give initiative and inspiration to take home.

The plenary sessions held on Thursday morning proved most interesting. Mrs. Claire Lunn of St. Mary's was chairman of the Group, Branch members - at large which she felt is the grass roots of the W.I.

Of the 8 million members of the W.I. in the world, 31,759 live in Ontario which has 1,306 branches and 142 branches and have increased membership by 20 per cent.

Speaking to the closing session on Thursday, Very Rev. Finlay G. Stewart, President of the Kitchener Waterloo Council of Churches and a Presbyterian Minister for 40 years, said the four freedoms should be replaced with a new credo:

Freedom to excel - in home, school, factory and organizations. Your delivery to your potential - that's the greatest freedom you have. Exercising this freedom is the real future of this country.

Freedom to believe - We cannot be a vacuum. We must believe in something, yourself, neighbours, other things. It gives you all that you need in life.

Freedom to exercise moral judgement. You must ask yourself what is right, is there an atmosphere of integrity when you are dealing with an issue?

The opportunity to be ahead of your time in your ideals means you can help shape the world 50 years from to-day.

Dr. Stewart said he envies the young people to-day. They are the ones who can determine the goals of 50 years from now. The secret is to get the technicians to drive us to those goals.

At the close of his address the delegates gave Dr. Stewart a standing ovation.

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