

Triple F Meet

Nearly 30 members were present for the monthly Triple F meeting held in the Women's Parlour of the Hagersville United Church. The meeting was held on Saturday evening, October 20, beginning at 8:15 p.m., with President Margaret Loughheed presiding over the business portion of the meeting.

Secretary Ted Heinrichs read the minutes of the previous month's Travelling Supper meeting when the various homes were visited. Dr. W. C. Powell presented the Worship portion of the program, with the audience participating in the required responses.

Mr. Russell Miller accompanied at the piano for the singing of the Hymn, after which Mr. A. C. Smith asked Ted Heinrichs to take the group on a trip, through the media of the screen. No formal introduction was needed

for Ted, since he is past-president of the Triple F.

Everyone present enjoyed the pictures of the Scandinavian countries that Ted had visited, as well as his most interesting commentary throughout the showing of the slides. Items for discussion included the second annual Arts and Crafts Show to be held in April 1974, as well as the visit to Marion Emery's Studio on the regular meeting night in November, with everyone to meet at the Church.

Mention was made of the March 16 meeting, when a tour of the Nanticoke Hydro plant has been arranged. The committee in charge of this sightseeing tour will be the Rev. and Mrs. Don Eustace, and the A. Esselmans. The meeting closed with angel cake and ice-cream served by the committee, over a time of lively conversation and enjoyment.

HAGERSVILLE Highlights

Friendship Club Meets

There were 22 members in attendance at the weekly Friendship Club gathering at the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoon, October 11.

Following the singing of O Canada, the president Mrs. Hilda Atkinson welcomed each one on this beautiful autumn afternoon.

Ten games of hots were enjoyed, with winners being - Mrs. Hilda Atkinson and Mrs. Leone McKeen. Mrs. Helen Stark, Mrs. W. R. Evans and Mrs. W. Murray had to break a triple tie, each having two losses, with Mrs. Evans being declared the final winner.

The total membership now stands at 35, with one more being added to this date. Mystery Prize winner was

Mrs. Annie Winkworth, she being the 11th person to register that day, October 11th.

During the business, no delegates were chosen to attend the Zone 3 rally to be held in Burford on October 17. The Christmas Dinner was discussed and the Project Group of All Saints Anglican Church will cater to the dinner on Thursday, December 13.

Rev. John Roberts extended an invitation to tour Sprucedale School and the Chapel, which was accepted; the date to be arranged at a later time. Lunch was served by the committee comprised of Mrs. Gertrude Hunt and Mrs. Edna Hodgson; after which the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Celebrate 40th

A family supper was well attended to honour Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayor on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

The happy time was held in the Canadian Legion Auditorium on Saturday evening, October 6, when the bounteous supper was catered to by the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 164. Master of Ceremonies for the

occasion was Mr. George Mayor, son of the honoured couple.

Other family members included son Ronald, a daughter, and six grandchildren. Many friends and relatives attended the dance which followed the family banquet.

The honoured couple were married in the Clanbrassil (Gore) United Church, with Rev. Gilbert Gomm performing the sacrament of marriage, on October 21, 1933.

Clanbrassil W.I.

The October meeting of the Clanbrassil W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Herbert Roberts, when President Mrs. Victor Anderson opened the meeting with the Ode, Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

A poem, "October's Party," was read by program convener, Mrs. Frank Peart, who also introduced Miss Lynn Bilton. Lynn demonstrated her hobby of making candles, showing many various shaped candles. She very kindly donated a candle to be given as a draw prize for the members of the Institute, with Mrs. Pat Young being the winner. Mrs. Peart thanked Lynn, and presented her with a token gift.

An extension course on working with knits was discussed, with Mrs. Jack Herod and Mrs. John Reid as the

leaders. Mrs. Herbert Roberts will be attending the Area Convention at Niagara Falls, as our representative. The report of the Fall District meeting, held in Caledonia, was presented by Mrs. Victor Anderson.

Mrs. Peart introduced Mrs. Harold Johnson, school nurse of Jarvis, who gave a very informative and interesting talk on her recent tour of Moscow and Stalingrad in Russia, also showing slides of her tour. Mrs. Johnson was thanked by Mrs. Herbert Roberts for the interesting talk and pictures and presented with a token gift.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ken Anderson on the 13th, at 8:15 p.m. Everyone joined in singing "The Queen" and the Institute Grace, with a lovely lunch being served by the hostess and her committee.

Union Meets

The International Woodworkers of America, A.F.L., C.I.O., C.L.C., met in the Auditorium of the Canadian Legion on Thursday evening, October 18 at 8 p.m.

President, Margaret Chrysler presided over the business, while Secretary Lloyd Mulkins read the previous minutes of the September meeting. Mr. J. McCool, of Tillsonburg, who is District Representative, spoke on negotiations, etc.

A donation of \$25.00 was made to the local Hagersville and District Charities.

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History Of Hagersville

By 1886, the population was over 750 -- 600 more than it had been a decade before. With the establishment of the railroad, King Street began developing into a major commercial street in the 1880's. Residential streets sprang up in the downtown vicinity of the town, and by 1890, the core of Hagersville looked much like it does now.

Northview School was built in the 1880's, and the old school house, located north of town on the plank road was soon abandoned.

In 1880, the Hagersville Blue Stone Quarry was in full swing, and the West End was opening up as a residential area -- most of the occupants logically being employed by the quarry.

It was in the same year that the Old Stone Mill on Main Street North was built. Imagine that building being the pride of Hagersville in this time period. Even now, over eighty years later, and in its present run-down condition, I admire it for its fortress-like sturdiness and air of one-time greatness. Imagine that same building busy with farmers coming and going, and the crunch of flour being ground, giving off that wonderful smell.

With the current trend towards natural foods, I wouldn't be surprised to see someone re-open the mill and once again make it a busy place.

HAGERSVILLE 1890-1900
Half a dozen local

farmers tired of trading their farm produce with the merchants for money owed tied their horses to hitching posts along the street and sold their produce for cash. This was the birth of the Hagersville Farmers' Market.

Of course, this rebellious act by these six radical farmers was met with fiery opposition by the local merchants who wanted this outrageous practice to be forbidden by law.

A hotel keeper then operating the hotel on the corner of King and Main Streets allowed the farmers to use his vacant lot to continue this weekly sale of fresh produce. You can be sure that he was less than a popular fellow with the shop keepers.

In 1892, Mrs. James Irving and Mrs. Clark were the first people to buy a licence to sell their goods, and the weekly market has never looked back since. We now have one of the best open air markets in Ontario, and buyers are attracted from miles around. Due to its central location, the market square has doubled as a spot for fairs and celebrations in the past.

The first market faced Main Street, but chains and eight links when the new Town Hall was built, the market was moved to its present location facing Alma Street. If anything, the market has gained in popularity of late because with the rising food prices, you are assured of fresh locally-grown produce, with the

savings incurred by the absence of a middle man.

In 1894, the library, then known as the Mechanics' Institute opened for the cultural advancement of the community.

It was in 1886 that the first long distance telephone lines were strung. The first telephone switchboard was installed in Seatter's Drug Store on the corner of King and John Sts. An article printed in the Hagersville Press on April 2, 1959 describes early telephone as follows: "It must have been the talk of the town when the Messrs. Howard had their phone installed. They could make local calls to Mr. Seatter's store where the small switchboard was installed, but think of the time and money saved on contacting their out-of-town clients." In 1892, Mr. Seatter was still the Bell Agent in Hagersville, and Howards the only listed subscribers. By 1906, Hagersville printed its first telephone directory. It listed four numbers.

Advertisements from the West Haldimand Record show in general what prices were like in the 1890's. For instance: Single fold plaids at 12 1/2¢, 20¢, 25¢, 35¢, and 40¢ per yard in all the leading patterns. A fine assortment of black and coloured silk net with chenille spots were the very latest for party, ball and evening dresses at 25¢ per yard. A line of pretty strip dress goods, splendid for school wear, house wear, etc., at 7 1/2¢. Ask to see our cashmere at 50¢.

Garnet W.I. Meets

On Thursday, October 11 the Garnet Women's Institute met in the home of Mrs. Mildred Harrop.

The meeting opened with a poem given by the president Mrs. W. North who then turned the meeting over to the program convener, Mrs. Mildred Harrop. Mrs. Grace McBride gave an interesting motto on How to be Happy and Retired.

A paper touching on different aspects concerning health was given by Mrs. Edna Beischlag. Mrs. Iona Meehan then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Boyer, a teaching homemaker. Mrs. Boyer gave an interesting account of what her job consists of.

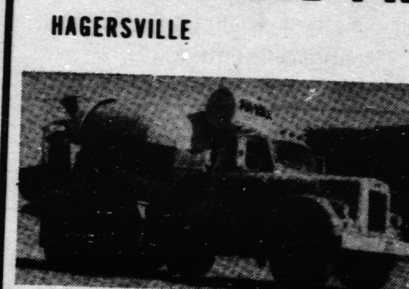
She teaches sewing, homemaking, budgeting and anything connected to family life to help keep them interested in their community and life. She was very enthusiastic about all that she did and one tip we were given during her talk was "watch for bargains, but make sure a bargain is a bargain." Everyone joined in on current event, which always proves interesting. The business part of the meeting opened with Roll Call. A health habit I practice, minutes and correspondence.

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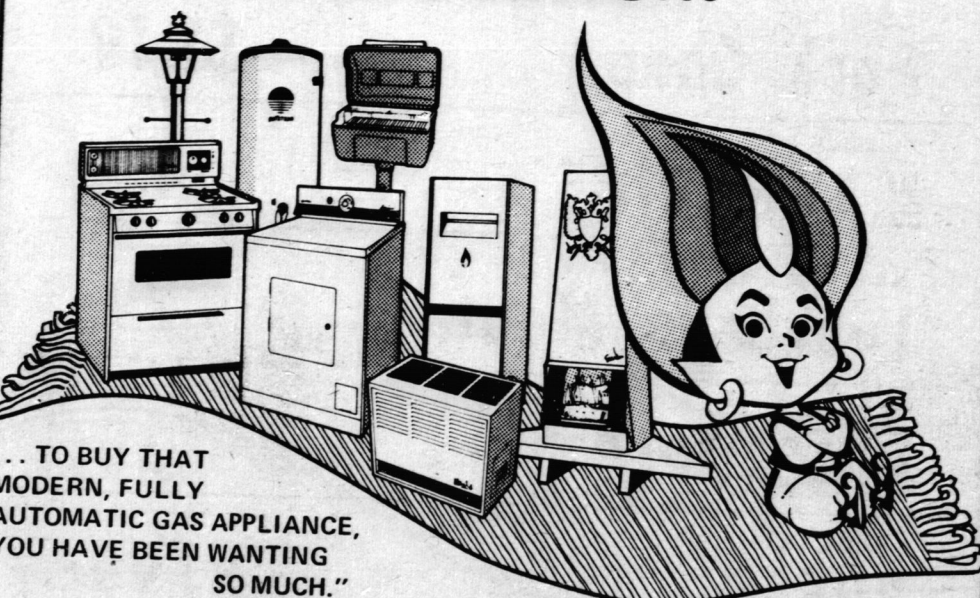
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Mr. Bob Hill of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Nicol and Mrs. Maud Barnes.

Master Stephen Lefler spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Nie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Werner of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Werner and Alan and attended the service at Cheapside United Church.

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