

HAGERSVILLE

Highlights

Six - Eight Club

Roll call "What I do to beat the heat" was responded to by eight members for the August Six-Eight Club meeting, held at the home of Evelyn Allison, at which time three visitors were also present.

Second vice-president, Josephine Gibson, presided, with the singing of O Canada and repeating of the Lord's Prayer opening the meeting.

A poem entitled "Everything Seems to go Wrong" was amusing and enlightening. Jessie Sheppard, secretary, reported on the July 1973 roast held in the Romkes' home; also the farewell party for Jean Stallard held at the home of Evelyn Allison.

Cards and crokinole were enjoyed with prize winners being Hazel Wellings and Helen Hunter (hoss), and Emelia Sherlock and Ida Kiefer (crokinole). Ruth Holyoak will be hostess for the next meeting.

Misener Reunion Held

A milestone was reached on Saturday, August 25th when the 70th annual Misener Reunion was held in the Community Hall at Wellingport. Many from Hagersville and the surrounding area attended, when a bountiful pot-luck dinner was served at 12:30 p.m.

Items of business and interesting family trees were observed, prior to the entertainment portion. The soloist was

Hi - C Arrange Worship Service

Many from Hagersville and district attended the Sunday morning worship service at Uheapside United Church at 11:15 a.m., September 2nd.

The Hi-C Group of young people, together with their leader, Mrs. Lloyd Fess were in charge of all arrangements. Special speaker, was Dr. D. Marshall of Cayuga who chose the subject, "God-Given Talents."

Dr. Marshall emphasized the challenges present for young people today, whether they choose the field of Agriculture, Space, Food Shortages or Health Problems. In each instance, he elaborated on how modern-day young people have so much going for them, with education available to all, enabling them to push and work hard, and to "conquer the world," so to speak, no matter what field or

with the lunch committee to be Jean Yule and Ruth Holyoak. Visitors will be Reta Ebert and Priscilla Emshie.


The topic chosen by Maude Smith was an article from the Reader's Digest written by Pierre Berton, entitled "The Palace of Tears and Laughter," - the "Palace" referred to being Toronto's Union Station which was completed in 1927. Most were in agreement to the author's closing words - "It seems insane that a building constructed so solidly, designed to last for generations, should be demolished after less than half a century."

The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen, followed by contests conducted by Maude Smith and Vera Hagan. A pleasant social hour followed when salads were enjoyed by all. After this Vera Hagan expressed courtesy remarks to those concerned.

Mrs. A. Esselment, who had written a special song for the occasion.

Races and various games concluded the afternoon, prior to the serving of ice-cream and lemonade in abundance, due to the hot, humid day. The 71st reunion in 1974 will be held in the Junior Farmer's Building at Simcoe Fairgrounds, during the month of August.

vacation they, as individuals, may choose. In closing, Dr. Marshall related how people on earth remind him of fish being caught and placed in the bottom of a boat. Some he said, "seem to struggle and work harder than others, some struggle longer, others may give up very easily." "Life," he said, "is like the fish, but challenge the work young people, and don't give in too easily." Following the worship service, a bountiful luncheon was served in the Sunday School rooms to all those in attendance with the Hi-C group catering.

BECAUSE YOU GIVE

SOMEONE WILL LIVE

Volunteer Firemen Have Active Summer

The Hagersville Volunteer Firemen have had a most active summer, with calls of various conditions being received.

On Tuesday July 31st at 5:40 p.m., a call was necessitated, when an electric transformer on a hydro pole at Hewitt Drive just off Parkview Road was ablaze. Upon arrival of fire chief William McClarty, the main source of electricity supply was switched off. Minor damage resulted.

During the month of August, numerous calls were taken. The first was on Thursday, August 2 at 12:55 p.m., when inhalator equipment was needed for the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nixon of R. R. 5, Hagersville.

On market day, Wednesday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m., firemen were called to the Hagersville Co-operative Ltd.,

on John Street where much smoke was visible. No damage resulted from this occurrence.

Saturday evening, August 11 at 9:30 p.m., a grass fire near the Dufferin Quarry, adjacent to the railroad tracks was extinguished by the volunteer firemen upon their arrival at the scene. This fire was believed to have been ignited from train sparks.

Another grass fire was in progress on Friday, August 24, when a call was received at 1:05 p.m. This fire was on the farm of Arthur Harvey, 14th Concession, R. R. 1 Hagersville, where a brush fire got out of control, necessitating the firemen to remain two hours at the scene in order to extinguish the flames.

On September 7, Friday evening at 8:30

p.m. firemen were called to the Haldimand Quarries, No. 6 Highway North, where garbage which had been illegally set ablaze was burning. This was rapidly extinguished. A warning to all - in future, anyone caught lighting fire to garbage will be charged a maximum of \$500 fine.

On Saturday September 8 at 1:45, the Hagersville volunteer firemen quickly responded to a call, when the barn-garage owned by Mrs. Margaret Lougheed at 70 Main Street North was completely gutted by fire. Even though the fire had rapid headway, the firemen were able to extinguish the flames upon their arrival. Cause of this fire, which resulted in 100% loss, is under investigation.

NOTICE - The Fire Chief wishes to issue a warning to all parents regarding frequent fire calls being made by children. If these nuisance callers are caught, their names will be turned in to the local police department.

Afternoon U.C.W.

The afternoon unit of the Hagersville United Church Women held their monthly meeting September 4th at the interesting and nearby Wilson MacDonald Museum at Chapdeside.

President of the joint UCW groups, Mrs. Glenna Murdoch, also attended when the theme was "God's Presence In Our Midst." This was felt immensely because the meeting was held on the spacious grounds adjacent to the Museum.

Leader, Mrs. Mabel Wilson read some friendly thoughts she had received sometime ago from a former member, now deceased, Mrs. Mel Shidrick; with others taking part. Mrs. Mae Awde read "I'm So Glad I'm Living This Morning." Mrs. A. Esselment gave a reading portraying "Everyday Thoughts," and sung a solo "God Reveals His Presence."

Hymns chosen for the program included "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "O Love that Wilt not Let me go," with the Psalm being read in unison. Mrs. Pearl Parkinson received the offering, after which Mrs. Wilson closed the worship with prayer.

Mrs. Jean Hesse presided over the business and extended a welcome to each on this beautiful afternoon. Secretary, Mrs. Della Jones read the previous minutes; after which roll call showed nearly 20 in attendance, including guest Rev. Mrs. E. M. Sider, curator of the Museum.

The Treasurer's report was accepted, with a volunteer for this position being needed, since Mrs. S. Beck wishes to resign this office.

Mrs. Vera Young, card convenor gave a detailed report, after which a motion was made to give her a donation for cards and

stamps to further her work. Discussion included plans for a combined meeting in October and perhaps invite other church ladies; also recent literature received from Compassion regarding a donation for clothing, etc., for a child.

Mrs. A. Esselment reported on correspondence she had sent to the UCW adopted child in India who has a birthday on October 15. The meeting closed with everyone repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

Everyone went into the Museum and listened attentively to Mrs. Sider describe the early history of the McGaw's area, including the cemetery and school, which was also used as a Church in those years. Following her interesting portrayal, everyone was free to view the many antique items on display throughout the school; many having been loaned by residents of Hagersville.

After signing the guest book, a summer lunch was served by the group on the picnic tables provided at the Museum, at which time Rev. Sider joined the ladies and graciously closed the enjoyable afternoon with the benediction.

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50 - 50 Draw

Winner of the monthly 50-50 Draw held at the Hagersville Branch of the Canadian Legion, Branch 164 was Miss Pat Morris. The lucky draw was made on Saturday evening, August 25th at the Branch. At the draw on Saturday evening, July 28, Mrs. Blanche Gee was declared winner of the \$100, 50-50 draw for the month of July. The remaining 50% of each month's ticket sales goes to charity.

Time Out Program

A committee meeting, to make further plans and preparations regarding the Time-Out Program to be held in the Christian Education Wing of the Hagersville United Church was held recently.

"Get-Acquainted Coffee Party" will start the ball rolling and will be held on Tuesday morning October 2, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

It is felt a "Time-out" program is needed in this vastly-expanding area in order to give ladies with small children a change to get away from the house or apartment, bringing the little ones where baby sitters will be supplied.

Various handicrafts will be taught the ladies (those who prefer to learn), commencing each Tuesday morning following the initial coffee party.

Similar programs have been undertaken in other towns and cities, with much interest being shown. This is an endeavor being undertaken by interested ladies, who wish to make known the United Church has "open-doors" to all, regardless of their religious faith.

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History Of Hagersville

The History of Hagersville and area is being written this summer by Mary Lou Willard, Audrey Graham and Janet Carr on an opportunity for Youth Grant.

The following is the fifth installment of their book.

JOSEPH SEYMOUR
Joseph Seymour was born in England. His fathers regiment was transferred to Toronto (then York), so the family, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour and their three sons moved to Canada. Due to the early death of both their parents, the three boys became wards of Bishop Strachan. Joseph came to Hagersville in 1845, and became an important citizen. He became a Justice of the Peace, was one of the first commissioners of the town, served as a council member on the first town council after the incorporation, and served as reeve from 1889 to 1891.

It was at his suggestion that the town was named Hagersville, and he founded the first newspaper in town, the "News."

About 1860 Joseph Seymour married Emily Burns, a sister of Mrs. David Almas, and went into the carriage-making business. Later he established a furniture and undertaking business.

An old story tells of Joseph Seymour and Henry Byers walking from Hamilton to Hagersville with one hundred pound sacks of flour on their backs.

JOHN PORTER
John Porter was born in 1837 in Vaughn Township, in the west riding of York, Ontario. He moved to Hagersville in 1874, and in 1875 he built a handsome white brick block two storey home in the west end of Hagersville.

In 1876, he became a Justice of the Peace for Haldimand County, and was President of the reform association of Walpole.

He was owner of what is now the West End of town, and became noted as a wealthy grain buyer. Later, he lost his money, and between the years 1876 and 1888 he sold off several parcels of land from his farm. According to the 1950 Haldimand County Centennial History, the buyers of these lots were: John Henry Hammond, 1876; John Wesley Swartz, 1879; James McLean, 1881; William Thompson, 1881; Consider Shaw, 1881; Donald Campbell, 1881; William Agnew, 1882; John A. Sutherland, 1883; John Ward Park, 1884; Thomas Spavin, 1884; James Fawcett, 1886; Harry Alfred Shelley, 1886.

JOHN KENNER
John Kenner was born in Tresmore, Cornwall, England, only seven miles from Lostwithel, the birthplace of Thomas Bewetherick.

He came to Hagersville in 1884, when about seventeen years of age. In 1859 he purchased Henry Justin's blacksmith shop on Main Street. While blasting a well on his property Mr. Justin met with an accident which caused the loss of an arm. He then sold out to Kenner. The blacksmith shop was located on Main Street South on the spot where the Masonic Hall now stands.

John carried on an extensive business. He not only made shoes for horses but supplied the iron fittings for the carriages manufactured in Joseph Seymour's carriage shop next door. He employed as many as five shoers at a time, as they had the business of caring for the stage horses. The apprentices, as well as their keep, were paid \$35 the first year, \$40 the second year and \$50 the third year.

Mr. Kenner first married a Miss Rae and afterward Miss Ann Giles, of Garnet. Their house, which was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1865, stood on the east side of Main Street just north of Church Street. They had the doubtful distinction of being the first family in Hagersville to be burned out.

(Taken from "Hagersville Past and Present")

DOCTOR QUANCE
Dr. Quance was born the seventh son of Richard Quance, in Binbrook, Wentworth County. After a few months practice in Peel County, Dr. Quance located in Hagersville in 1888. A booklet published in 1903 says of Doctor Quance, "One of the best evidences that can be adduced to show a man's wisdom or sagacity in the practice of the healing art is his ability to cope with diseased conditions as they appear and also at the same time to increase the confidence of the public in his ability. During the twenty years practice here the Doctor has striven to merit the public approval by close application and untiring attention to his profession."

He served as Coroner of the County of Haldimand, was reeve of the town, for several years

was a member of the High School Board, and served as the Chairman of that Board. He was also a long time trustee of the Hagersville Library.

J. H. SCOTT
John Heard Scott moved to Canada from Scotland in 1851, and taught school in Caledonia and Springvale and later engaged in cheese making in Springvale. He moved to Hagersville in 1876, and opened an office for conveyancing and fire insurance which he conducted up to the time of his death.

In 1877, when Hagersville was incorporated as a village, he was appointed the position of town clerk -- a position which he filled most satisfactorily for twenty-five years.

He was County Auditor for several years, and a member for many years of the High School Board. He had a most genial personality, made many friends and in financial matters held the confidence of the people in a marked degree.

THOMAS HARRISON
Mr. Harrison was a son of John William Harrison, born near Palermo, Ontario in 1842, and moved to Hagersville in 1871. To him is credited the distinction of building the first flour mill in this district which proved to be a great convenience to the farming community in this territory. The mill he built is the stone mill at the corner of John and Church Sts., and he built the fine white house next door to the mill.

He served as town Constable, and on the Town Council. He was a man of rare personality, and combined a happy disposition and unflinching good humor with good judgment and a keen sympathy for those in distress, always looking upon the bright side of life.

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Toronto's Norm Lelliott lead the winnings with \$20,295 with his Castrol GTX Performance Engineering Camaro. Lelliott picked up a total of \$7,450 from the points funds while his balance came from

Meeting To Be Held

It is anticipated a large turn-out will attend the public meeting, to be held in the Hagersville Community Centre on Thursday evening, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.

This is a public meeting for the citizens of Hagersville to determine the future use of the present Community Centre, situated at the

corner of Walpole St. and Main St. South (No. 6 Highway). The Volunteer Fire Department propose that this building could be renovated and so constructed that the building could be used as a 3-bay Fire Hall.

Many feel by converting this present structure, it would save the local taxpayers a great sum of money in not having to build a new building elsewhere in town.

Don't wait until after the meeting and say, "I should have voiced my opinion - but just stayed home instead."

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