

More Names Added For Arts And Crafts Show

Various committees of the 1974 Hagersville Triple F Arts and Crafts Show are finalizing plans for their "bigger and better" show to be held on Friday, April 26 during the afternoon from 1:30 - 5 and 7 - 9:30 in the evening. This event will be held in the spacious Christian Education Wing of the Hagersville United Church, corner of Main Street South and Church Street West.

Marie Hewitt, who did such a commendable task in arranging and planning the event of 1973, is once again the convener of this our Second Annual Show.

Many artisans will be present, both demonstrating and selling their various crafts, which will include copper enamelling, candle

making, decoupage, bows and their use in gift wrapping, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, petit point, ceramics, fused glass, oil painting, liquid embroidery, cake decorating, rug hooking, knitting, etc.

Several others to be added to the previous printed list of exhibitors, are Mrs. Ruth Clark - rug hooking and Miss Janet Plato - knitting.

Several from the Six Nations reservation will demonstrate their renowned skill with their hand-made leather jackets and copper enamelling.

Plan now to attend. All proceeds from the show will be given to the project of the Triple F Club, namely, the Adult Opportunity Centre at Canfield.

HAGERSVILLE Highlights

Sunrise Service Held At Lake Erie

More than 50 early morning Easter worshippers travelled by automobiles to the Lake Erie area, just off Brooklyn Sideroad on Sunday, April 14.

They left the Hagersville United Church at 4:40 a.m. and arrived at the Erie shoreline soon after 5. A brief time of hymn singing was enjoyed by the group, which also included Rev. J. Roberts and a group of boys from the Sprucedale and White Oaks School.

Mrs. Margaret Henderson, Superintendent of the Hagersville United Church Sunday School, led in the musical selections after which Rev. Martin Rule welcomed each to this memorable

occasion to witness one of God's greatest mysteries, the glory of the sunrise in the East.

He read an appropriate Easter poem, after which he conducted a personal Communion service, with each responding to the personal commitment as stated. Many clouds in the Eastern sky obliterated the beauty and majesty of an Easter sunrise. However, weather conditions were near-perfect compared to later in the morning and afternoon.

All travelled back to the Christian Education Wing of the Church where a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by the early lakeside worshippers.

Charitable Hoss Held For Cancer

Seventeen tables of enthusiastic people played progressive hoss on Saturday afternoon, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Hagersville Legion Auditorium, Alma St. North.

Public Relations Officer A. Esselment of Branch 164 welcomed each one in attendance and announced the following had made donations at the door receipts - Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brooks; Don Smith and Dave McNeilly.

Prize winners of the afternoon were - Men's High (378) - Mrs. Margaret Fleming (playing as a man); Men's Second (346) - Mrs. Annie Duxbury (playing as a man); Ladies' high (389) - Mrs. Margaret Lough-; Ladies' Second (361) - Mrs. William Brooks; Ladies' Most Hosses (5) - Mrs. Edna Cowan; Men's Most Hosses (3) tied between Mr. Wilson Herod, Miss Ruby Jepson, Mrs. Jim Mehlenbacher and Mrs. Ruby McCarroll who

won the prize by cutting a deck of cards for high score card.

The door prize of the day was drawn by Mr. A.C. Smith and was won by Mrs. Doris Cowan of Simcoe.

The prizes were donated by Mr. Joe Freund, Plant Manager of Livingstones Wood Industries; Miss Ruby Jepson; William Hodgson (Esso dealer) and Robert Slack of Cayuga International Speedway.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Edith Fincham (Auxiliary member), Mrs. Margaret Lough-; Mr. and Mrs. Don McCarroll, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Smith and other willing helpers.

Mrs. A. Esselment spoke briefly and stated this area's objective is \$3,500. The final charitable hoss at the Legion on Saturday afternoons for this season will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 20 at 2 p.m. when once again all receipts will be given the local Cancer Campaign.

Cancer Campaign

Sincere appreciation is given to those volunteer canvassers who have telephoned offering their valued support in canvassing door-to-door in this 1974 campaign.

More than \$600.00 has been turned in to date, with anticipation that by the end of April, our objective of \$3,500.00 will be greatly surpassed.

Another eager-worker for the Hagersville Branch of the Cancer Society of Canada, Mr. A. Esselment, recently realized a total of \$100.00 towards the campaign, by organizing and

carrying through a raffle where the raffled items were won by Miss Karen Esselment and Mr. E. Cote.

His extra efforts in organizing the two progressive hosses for Cancer at the Canadian Legion Hall on Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, April 20 are also much appreciated.

Remember, April is the month when the Canadian Cancer Society asks you to support with your prayers and financial assistance its 3 - fold program of Research, Education and Service to Patients.

Legion Branch 164 Meets

More than 40 attended the monthly meeting of the Legion, Branch 164, held in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 2, beginning at 8 p.m.

President Clarence Jackson presided over business and meeting procedure, with Secretary, Comrade O. Phillips reading the minutes of the previous meeting.

Other officers presented the respective reports to date, which included two members on the Sick list - Comrades H. Thomas and C. Alward. Public Relations Officer, Comrade A. Esselment reported

progressive hoss parties during March had been held for Adult Opportunity Centre at Canfield and to aid the Kinette Club of Hagersville with their Cystic Fibrosis project.

New business included donations of \$25.00 to the Easter Seal Fund; \$10.00 to H.A.A.A.; \$50.00 to Cancer Campaign (which will also be matched by a similar amount from the Ladies' Auxiliary); \$100.00 towards a fence at the Ball Park off Laidlaw Street.

A decision was made to allocate the sum of \$25.00 towards a trophy to be purchased and used for the Novice Hockey League of Hagersville, - this to be formally presented at a later date.

The meeting adjourned upon motion and lunch, prepared by Marie Brooks and Alma Krauskopf served.

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History Of Hagersville

THE HAGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There were Presbyterian Churches near Hagersville from 1850 to 1875. They were in Jarvis, Walpole and the Gore. In the summer of 1880, Rev. Alexander Grant held the first worship service in Hagersville in the old drill hall on Main Street South. It was large and cold, so that winter the Methodist Church invited the Presbyterian congregation to use their church for Sunday afternoon services.

Services were held there for nearly a year, but a certain friction arose between the Presbyterian congregation and the Methodist board, so the Presbyterians withdrew to an old hall attached to the Wilson House Hotel which was located at the site of the present town hall.

The Wilson House was not really a desirable place for worship, reflecting something of a dance hall, which it was on the other days of the week, and of the adjoining tavern.

This led to the decision to organize with the purpose of building a church. On August 6, 1880, Mr. Charles Hager sold Lots number 11 and 12 in Block G. of the village of Hagersville to S.W. Howard for the sum of \$200. Mr. Howard then sold this property to the trustees

of the Presbyterian Church in Hagersville. Stone was donated from the local quarries and gravel was teamed in from the lake front.

Much of the labour was given as an offering from members of the three surrounding Presbyterian Churches, and from the Methodist Church. The contractor for the construction was W. McKeen and his assistant and carpenter was Mr. G. Smith.

The upper space in the church is very high, and the story explaining this is that Mr. McKeen ordered the door and window frames from an out - of - town firm

and when they arrived, the upper window frames were about four feet higher than ordered. Returning the windows would delay the building, so it was decided to build the church higher to accommodate the windows.

The church was opened and Alexander Grant dedicated it on

January 29, 1883. There were about fifty - five members and the church cost about \$5,000.

In 1890 the congregation separated from the Oneida charge and became a mission served by students from Knox College. Unfortunately, very few records from before 1890 exist, because Mr. Caswell carried the books with him on trips by horse and buggy, and in some unaccountable way they were either jolted away from his rig or blown away by the wind.

In 1894 St. Andrew's became a regular charge and called Rev. C.H. Lowrey who served for sixteen years.

In 1900, George Smith was contractor for the fine manse which was built under stimulus from a donation from

one of the pioneer members, Mr. John Elliott. In 1920 a new pipe organ was installed.

The vote on church union with the Methodist Church in 1924 brought the congregation of St. Andrews a cruel test, and sixty valued members and the minister left the church on the first Sunday after the union was voted down.

In 1933, the church celebrated its Golden Jubilee, and the church had a week of religious celebration.

In 1953 there were about two hundred members of the church, and the building was in good condition with a new organ, kitchen cupboards, new roof, comfortable seats, new lights, communion table and chair, baptismal font, flower stands, piano and a new furnace room.

Miss Mary Elliott, the last of the original members passed away in 1964. Miss Elliott bequeathed a considerable sum of money to the church.

By 1970 the congregation had grown steadily and sod was turned for the erection of a church hall and suitable kitchen and washrooms. The building was officially opened in 1972, and in 1973, the Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's financed the redecoration of the sanctuary at a cost of \$2,000.

The ministers of St. Andrews to date are: A. Grant, 1880-1885; A. Caswell, 1886-1890; T. McLachlin, May 1892-Aug. 1892; C. Lowrey, 1925 - 1936; K. House, 1936 - 1939; S. Gordon, 1940 - 1945; F. Anderson, 1946 - 1953; J. Burgess, 1953 - 1955; G. Moore, 1956 - 1961; K. J. Mathews, 1962-1969; Adam Thomson, 1970 - present.

25th Anniversary Celebrated

More than 150 friends, relatives and neighbors signed the beautiful Guest Book, (which was a gift of Mrs. A. Awde) when a surprise 25th Anniversary Celebration was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. Esselment. The memorable occasion was held in the Hagersville Legion Auditorium on Saturday evening, April 6.

Master of Ceremonies Mr. A. C. Smith, welcomed the "surprised couple" to the Hall and began proceedings for the playing of progressive hoss, crokinole and cribbage, while others enjoyed a time of renewing friendships and a period of conversation.

The stage of the auditorium was beautifully decorated with streamers, bells, vases of roses, candles, and a large attractive anniversary cake.

A most interesting program consisted of various friends and

relatives speaking briefly and included Mrs. W. Doman, of Railway Street, Hagersville, who stated she "had known Essie from the time he had been a young lad in Alvinston". Other wishes were presented by Rev. Martin Rule, on behalf of his wife and family, relating in his well-known manner, humorous and interesting episodes.

Miss Myrtle Johnson, Jarvis, spoke on "long ago days", when Edna was a student of her first class at S.S. #18, Walpole, - renewing several long - forgotten events which proved most interesting.

Relatives who spoke briefly included Mrs. Mae Awde who thanked each for attending, and for all assistance given the committee who planned "the surprise of the Century".

Wallie Esselment of Sarnia stated how pleased he and his wife Marge were in being

invited to this occasion and to see such a packed auditorium of friends and relatives.

A most interesting poem, composed by Mrs. Ruby McCarroll was read by Mrs. Margaret Lough- after which Michael McCarroll and Michael Fallis presented the Esselments with a beautiful tri-light lamp, together with a large table and two \$50.00 bills.

Both Edna and Essie extended thanks and appreciation to everyone present, from far and near, and all those who certainly had spent much time in organizing the greatest and most unexpected celebration.

A bountiful lunch consisting of sandwiches, relishes, tea, coffee, assorted cookies and squares and anniversary cake was served the large gathering.

Friends and relatives attended from Sarnia, Port Dover, Drumbo, Jarvis, Caledonia, Selkirk, Simcoe, Cayuga, as well as Hagersville and district. While the couple were unwrapping the numerous gifts presented, dancing was enjoyed by a few enthusiasts, to music supplied by Mr. Lawson Nagel.

Northview Students Aid Junior Red Cross

Principal J. R. Lundy, together with the entire teaching staff of Hagersville's Northview Public School, held a "White Elephant Sale" in aid of the Junior Red Cross.

This interesting event was held during the noon hour of Tuesday, April 9 when a sizeable amount was realized from the sale of jewellery, toys, books, "odds and ends", baking, etc.

Sincere appreciation must be given the staff, whereby an opportunity was given each student to contribute something of their own and thus

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