

Charitable Hoss Held In Legion Auditorium

Public Relations Chairman of Hagersville Legion, A. Esselment organized another successful charitable hoss on Saturday afternoon, January 12 at 2 p.m.

The progressive party was held in the spacious auditorium of

the Canadian Legion, Alma Street North, when nearly 70 were in attendance. A hearty welcome he extended to each for coming as well as expressing thanks to all those who once again had donated the valuable prizes of the afternoon.

Assisting throughout the day, were Auxiliary member, Mrs. Edith Fincham and Legion member J. Stinson, with Mesdames V. Ferrett and M. Lougheed also giving assistance in serving the lunch and cleaning up.

Those winning prizes were - Ladies high - Mrs. Hilda Atkinson (342); Ladies Second - Mrs. A. Duxbury (335); Men's High - William Brooks (378); Men's Second - Robert Esselment (325); Ladies Most Hosses (3) a tie between Miss Myrtle Johnson, Mrs. Una Jepson and Mrs. Inson Gowen with the latter winning by drawing an Ace from the deck of cards; Men most Hosses (3) Robert Esselment.

The door prize which consisted of 10 ton of crushed stone was won by Mrs. Elizabeth

Smith with the ticket being drawn from the container by Mr. Ronald Walsh. Mrs. Smith declined the prize which could be sold for \$10.00 asking that the money also be turned into the fund. This donation is accepted with sincere appreciation, as is also the \$3.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brooks caretakers of the Legion who do a commendable task in keeping the auditorium in impeccable condition for each event.

Those donating the worthy prizes were - Harry Sloat of Haldimand Quarries Ltd.; Ken Watson of McCall-Watson Ltd., L. Smith and J. Dickson of Smith and Dickson's Barber Shop, King Street West; Oliver Sayer of Pro-Hardware, Main Street South; P. Salverda of The Import Shop, King Street West; V & L Furniture, King Street West; and The Canadian Tire Store, Main Street South. Other valuable prizes have already been received for the next charitable hoss to be held Saturday afternoon, January 19, 1974 at 2 p.m.

HAGERSVILLE Highlights

"Time To Spend" Theme Of U.C.W.

Mrs. Helen Davis of the Evening Group opened the General meeting of Hagersville United Church Women, on Wednesday evening, January 2 at 8 p.m. Her chosen theme was most appropriate for the New Year of 1974 being "Time To Spend". Following a brief poem, everyone joined in singing "Standing At The Portal," Hymn 571 with the portion of Scripture being read, and taken from Phillipians 4, verses 4 - 9.

Mrs. H. Stewart read a brief meditation on Time We Spend, in which she said we should think about all the things that are pure, true and lovely and not to spend time dwelling on unclean or untrue happenings.

In closing, she said "there are many things to be thankful for in this new year of 1974."

The offering was received and dedicated, by singing We Give Thee But Thine Own, with all joining in to read in unison, Hymn 403, "How Firm A Foundation." Mrs. Davis closed the Devotional with prayer, then turned the meeting over to President Mrs. Glenna Murdoch who welcomed the very few who were in attendance. "Perhaps due to so much sickness, the changing of the meeting

"200 Club Draw" Winners

Hagersville and District Lions' Club reports the following as monthly winners in the "200 Club Draw" for the year 1973, with each winning prize - money of \$100.00. January - R. A. Bennett; February - K. Helka; March - Doris Wardell; April - Phil Awde; May - Bob Bennett and Earl Brown; June - Lynn Smith; July - Norma Simon; August - Joe and Jack; September - Kay Stewart; October - Joe Kernaghan; November - Linda Brown; December - Mrs. Jack Berry. Winner of the 1974 340 Olympic Ski Doo (23 h.p.), supplied by Don Hyde Marine, was Mr. Alan Sheppard of Jarvis. This draw was made at the New Year's Eve Dance held in the Auditorium of the Hagersville Secondary School. Proceeds from the Ski Doo draw, go towards the local Davidson Centre.

night, and so close to New Year's Day," she said.

Mrs. Irene Johnson read the minutes from the previous meeting, and items of business were discussed.

Upon motion of Margaret Lougheed and Edna Esselment the U.C.W. will serve the lunch following the morning worship service on January 27th with the annual meeting to follow immediately after the luncheon.

Mrs. Lougheed also volunteered to be responsible for preparing the coffee and tea.

Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs. V. Racher on behalf of the local Baptist Ladies, also from Mrs. Maxine Hickey on behalf of the A.C.W. Both expressed thanks for joining with our ladies at the lovely Christmas meeting.

Also a letter of thanks was read regarding the offer to serve lunch following the funeral service of deceased member, Mrs. Arthur Bates.

Annual reports were presented from the following - Mrs. V. Jones (Afternoon Group) Mrs. A. Allison (Evening Group) General Secretary, Mrs. J. Johnson; Press and Publicity, Mrs. A. Esselment, who also stated about her correspondence with the U.C.W. adopted child in India.

Several letters together with each

Mrs. Gertrude Hendriks Hosts A.C.W. Meeting

The A. C. W. of All Saints Anglican Church, Hagersville held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Hendriks, 52 Parkview Road. A delicious dinner was served, courtesy of the hostess. The Slate of Officers for 1974 was presented by the Nominating Committee as follows: Hon President, Mrs. Jenny Eustace; President, Mrs. Maxine Hickey; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Madeline Young; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Violet Graham; Secretary, Mrs. Mae Kitchen; Treasurer, Mrs. Amy Elliott; Social Act. Sec. Mrs. Isabel Langley,

translation were passed for the members to view and read.

Mrs. Helen Hunter presented the Treasurer's report; Visiting and Sick report prepared by Mrs. H. Atkinson, and given by Mrs. Murdoch; Supply report, prepared by Mrs. Anna James and Mrs. H. Atkinson and also presented by Mrs. Murdoch; Mrs. C. Smith report on Social, presented by Mrs. L. Swing.

Program report, prepared by Mrs. R.A. Malcolm, was read by Irene Johnson.

A detailed report on the recently activated "Time - Out" program was presented by Mrs. Peggy Hyde.

The two groups then broke into separate rooms to elect the various officers for the coming year.

Following a time to do this, all were once again joined together in the parlour, where Mrs. Murdoch thanked each one for their co-operation given to her in the past two years. She stated she went into the Presidency hardly knowing anything about it, but felt she had indeed profited from the experience as well as enjoying the work entailed.

It is also an excellent opportunity to get better acquainted with many people. She asked each one present to seriously consider the matter of the President vacancy now before the groups.

The meeting closed with the Mezzopha Benediction and a delicious lunch of Christmas cookies and cake served by those in charge.

Mrs. Hendriks thanked all for their fine co-operation during her past two years as president and presented gifts to her executive. A thank - you was extended to Mrs. Hendriks by the president-elect, for her fine leadership and she likewise requested the same service during her term in office.

History Of Hagersville

THE HAGERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hagersville Public Library was first organized as a Mechanics' Institute in March 1894, with the object: "the literary culture and general improvement of all classes by means of essays, public lectures, entertainments, and by the establishment of a reading room and library for the circulation of the best standard books, publications and periodicals."

On May 7, 1894, the first annual meeting was held and the following officers elected: S. W. Howard, president; J.P. Kayser, vice-president; Forbes B. Geddes, secretary; D. J. Almas, treasurer; W. H. Seymour, James McNicol, P. R. Howard, Elvin Dixon and W.C. Vanloon, directors.

The Provincial government encouraged the formation of Mechanics' Institutes and during the first year a government grant of \$148 augmented the one dollar per person annual membership fee to cover expenses: 1000 books, \$144.98; periodicals and newspapers; \$36.32, ten chairs for the reading room, \$3.00.

For some years the librarian's duties included supplying a room with heat and light and janitorial services. F.S. Lindsay was the first librarian, in premises located at 18 Main Street North, presently Gordon's Restaurant.

In 1897 a Free Library was established, giving every resident of Hagersville the right to use it at five cents for a membership, although out-of-town members were required to pay one dollar per year.

By 1902, financial difficulties made it necessary to raise memberships within town to 25¢ each or 75¢ per family. By this time there were over two thousand books, and a donation of \$25 was made by the Hagersville Dramatic Club to pay for printing a much-needed catalogue. Some of this

Installed As Moderator

Rev. Adam Thomson, M.B.E., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Hagersville, was installed as Moderator of the Presbyterian of Hamilton Church of Canada. The installation ceremony took place in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton on Tuesday, January 8, 1974. Rev. Thomson will succeed Rev. G. Taylor-Munro of Knox Church, Jarvis, who has held this office as Moderator. Coming to Canada in 1955, he has served in Montreal, Hawkesbury, Hamilton and at the present charge in Hagersville since 1970. Rev. Thomson is also Padre of Hagersville Legion Branch 164.

money had to be borrowed to meet more pressing expenses, indicating the shortage of money that was to plague the library for many years.

The government grant varied from year to year, dropping to less than \$28 at one point. The Town Council was repeatedly asked for funds, and often money had to be borrowed from individuals or a bank to tide the treasury over until the year-end grants were forthcoming. Personal notes from the chairman and secretary of the Library Board were sometimes issued in lieu of the librarian's salary. At one period the Council suggested that the library might better be abandoned, and was only prevented from doing so by provincial statutes.

During its first twenty-six years the library moved frequently. After Mr. Lindsay's room, space was rented, along with services, from W.W. Jennings in 1909. In 1910 Mr. Jennings, as librarian, moved with the library to a room rented from D.J. Almas. During 1911 and 1912 in J. R. Seatter's premises on King Street West near John, the entrance was shared with B. A. Kelley a photographer. In 1913 the library crossed the street to a room owned by David Rutherford, sold later that year to William Stewart. In 1919 another location was found, owned by J. B. Wilson on Main Street.

Discussions over a period of years finally led to the use of two upstairs rooms over the Town Hall from 1920 to 1962.

Mr. Jennings remained as librarian from 1910 to 1930, assuming the duty of secretary - treasurer in 1925. During this period, the library acquired its first woman member, Miss E.J. Hines in 1916. She was closely followed by others, one of the most notable being Miss Clara Quance, who became trustee in 1920, following the example of her father, Dr. Quance, who served for twelve years from 1899.

In 1930 Mr. Jennings resigned and Miss Anna Almas became the librarian and secretary - treasurer, and remained the organizing force behind the library until her retirement in 1970. Her teaching position made it necessary for her to find another librarian in 1932. Librarians during this time included Thelma Kett, 1932 - 33, and 1938 - 44, Stella Winger, 1934 - 37, and Mrs. Lucy Castleman for almost 25 years from 1944 - 68. In 1968 Miss Almas resumed the librarian position, aided by Dorothy Roulston and Mrs. Clara Roth. Miss Roulston became librarian in 1970.

In 1963 the Regional Library Cooperative was established, including the counties of Haldimand, Lincoln and Welland, becoming the Niagara Regional Library System in 1967. Through the Regional we have access to films, books on request, and such gifts as \$350 worth of reference books in 1965, a book truck and file cabinet in 1967, and in 1970 a film projector and screen to be shared with the Caledonia Public Library.

In April, 1971 the library guild was formed, and volunteers were found immediately for a regular children's story hour, followed shortly by the organization of the first Art in the Park, held in August in conjunction with the Hagersville Kinsmen.

Frequently the articles about the Library facilities and activities began to appear in the West Haldimand Record and Hagersville Press. As interest increased, the suggestion was made that the library needed larger and better quarters again.

At this time Gordon Davison, former manager of the Barry Manufacturing Company, arranged the gift of the "old glove factory" to All Saints Anglican Church, for community use. As their project in 1972, the Hagersville Lions Club adopted the challenge of renovating this building. Plans were drawn up by the Reverend John Roberts, a civil engineer, to make space for the library, a Scout Hall, a drop - in centre, and a pastoral counselling room. At a meeting of the Advisory Council of the church, the name "Davison Centre" was chosen, and rebuilding soon began.

Walls were torn down and re-located, panelling donated by the Canadian Gypsum Company was erected, a complete heating and cooling system was installed in the library by Ed Langley at cost, and on September 28, 1972, the move began. Volunteer labour from many sources turned out to box and tie books and periodicals. Trucks and station wagons were loaned. Many willing hands worked for three days to complete the move on September 30. On October 14, the library opened for business.

The grand opening of Davison Centre was held by the Hagersville Lions Club on November 29, 1972. It was closely followed by Open House in the library for members of the Regional Library System and residents of the Hagersville area.

Taken from booklet "Hagersville Public Library" - compiled by Patricia Mackereth

Presbyterian Ladies Meet

BY Jessie Miller

Mrs. Herman Fess was hostess to the Presbyterian Ladies of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. on the afternoon of Jan. 8 for their first meeting of 1974.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Standing at the Portal of the opening year." President, Mrs. Wallace Mitchell, led in prayer, followed by a Scripture reading and a poem.

The Secretary, Miss Helen Miller, called the roll, read the minutes and correspondence, and gave the financial report for 1973. Fees were paid in answer to the roll. The offering was taken and dedicated by the President. The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The W.M.S. was later convened by the President, Mrs. R. A. Miller. She called for the singing of "O God Our Help In Ages Past."

Rockford Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kitchen and family of Stayner spent a day during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and family.

New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall and Bonnie were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb, Isabel and Earl and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Norton of Hagersville and Mrs. Stanley Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Lynden left by plane Saturday night for their home in Calgary after spending a month with relatives. They spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Lemery and family.

Mrs. Wilbert Howard, Mrs. Gordon Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Fearman, Bob and Kathy spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fearman of Hagersville.

Mrs. Charles Hall spent a day during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Neeley of Brampton.

followed by prayer and the reading of a Christmas letter from the Rev. Harvey Sider, a missionary in India, who sent encouraging words of the work in the province of Bahar. He is superintendent of the work of the Brethren In Christ mission there. He expects to come home and may not return to India as there is a growing church established in that province, which may be able to carry on with the "good news." Also, missionaries do not find themselves politically welcome.

Mrs. Herman Fess, secretary, read the minutes, which mentioned the all day meeting of the Bible Society on Jan. 24. She gave the financial report which was favourable over that of last year. She also called the Roll. The offering was received and the President dedicated this, with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Mrs. Taylor - Munro, who was listed as program convenor was unable to be present because she was sick with the flu.


Mrs. Cora McKenzie gave the program she had prepared, reading from the Presbyterian Record the story of a missionary couple in the Bhil Field, India, which is the portion where Presbyterian Missionaries work. They have spent 10 years on the Bhil Field, supported by the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Toronto and have helped the Bhil's in their economic plight. It was noted that the story of this devoted couple was in many ways paralleled the life of the Siders.

Miss Helen Miller read the story of the Century Plant of the Yucca family. Comparing it to Christ, it dies, but its seeds are scattered throughout the earth to take root and be resurrected.

The 23rd psalm was followed by a prayer by Mrs. McKenzie. The president pronounced the Benediction.

Mrs. Charles Powell acted as Auctioneer. A dainty lunch was served. Mrs. Powell thanked all who had helped make this a fitting meeting to start the New Year.

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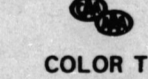
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at Garnet at 9:45 a.m. and at Wesley, Jarvis at 11:15 a.m. The Minister's topic will be, "What Are They Going To Do Now?"
The Garnet Church School will meet at the close of the service and Wesley Church School will convene at 10:15 a.m.

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