

Women's Institute spring meeting

By Mrs. R.H. Shoup

The Spring meeting of Haldimand West district was held March 17 at the Garnet United Church with 45 members attending.

Mrs. M. Dredge, president, opened the meeting with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Vargo, member of the Garnet group, welcomed the ladies and invited them to the basement at the close of the meeting for refreshments.

Rev. R. Reeves, minister of the church, gave the devotional taking his text from Proverbs Chapter 3 and closing with prayer. He told us the story of St. Patrick, how as a boy he was sold as a slave in Ireland. Later he escaped but went back to Ireland as a missionary and spread Christianity.

A lively sing song was much enjoyed with Rev. Reeves at the piano and leading the singing of Irish songs and hymns.

Mrs. Arthur Winger read the minutes, correspondence and treasurer's report. She said a donation had been sent to the heart fund

in memory of Mrs. R.A. Miller.

Mr. Stephen, assistant Agriculture representative, brought greetings and wished the W.I. much success. He told of 4-H work among the Young People. Their aims are to give young people more confidence, a sense of responsibility, and the ability to work with others.

He said there was to be a meeting at Kohler March 27 on Practical farming for the Young Agriculture groups.

Mrs. Carson sent regrets as she was unable to attend. Mrs. Fred Mathews, Provincial board member, said that this term there are 16 new board members.

June is to be W.I. month. Anyone wishing to send pictures for Home and Country magazine should send black and white photos.

She asked that the branch standing committees send in their reports promptly to the district Standing Comm. and the district to send them on to area.

Mrs. A. Eaker, 11 Henry St., Delhi, is finishing Mrs. Jamison's year, who was killed in a car accident on her way home from a Provincial board meeting.

More publicity should be given to the work of the Institute; she said bumper

stickers are available from the Department.

She mentioned the fact that there are two Mrs. Fred Mathews in Cayuga, her telephone number is 772-5206.

Roll call was taken and each branch drew a name of a branch they will entertain this coming year.

A letter from Grandview Lodge asked the branches to continue the monthly birthday parties. This was accepted.

Mrs. Kenneth Anderson is to complete Mrs. D. Cone's year as agricultural representative for the W.I.

Reported that the food forum held at Fisherville was not well attended.

Seven branches took the Stitchery course and the summary day was well attended.

Mrs. R.H. Shoup, Hagersville, is to be hostess for the various committees to plan for the District annual to be held at Nanticoke Parish Hall May 29, 1975 with Lamb's Corner hostess.

There is to be a Tweedsmuir history work shop at Kohler April 25 at 10 o'clock.

The treasurer Mrs. Arthur Winger asked that all reports and books be closed

March 31 and pennies for Friendship be held and handed in at the District Annual.

Mrs. W. Farrell gave the Tweedsmuir report and asked for each convenor to send in any additional items they had.

This concluded the business. Mrs. Whaley gave the courtesy thanking all for their part in the afternoon program. After singing the W.I. Grace and O Canada, the ladies adjourned to the basement where many beautiful articles that were made at the Stitchery course were admired.

Mrs. Roy Jepson introduced Mrs. John Rynsoul, a new Canadian who gave us an interesting talk on Switzerland and showed pictures of the trip she and her husband had taken. She told us how farming was carried on on the side of the mountains and many interesting customs of the land and people.

Mrs. Vera Harrop thanked Mrs. Rynsoul for her beautiful pictures and talk and presented her with a gift.

The Ladies of the Garnet group served fruit bread and coffee or tea.

Cheapside news

Sadly, we report the loss through fire, at the

Cheapside United Church on Easter Sunday morning which started in the basement. The beautiful memorial country church, with its new organ paid for and dedicated through many memorial gifts, has been a tragic loss.

Although he fire was contained to the basement, the beautifully designed chapel with memorial windows was badly damaged through water and smoke, and it will be some time at a great sacrifice and effort on the part of the small dedicated church to restore the place of worship to its original beauty. A loss such as this is always disheartening but "God is greater than the minds of men, and who can tell what he designs."

Catherine Hoover, a native of Rainham township, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Hoover, Eric Lake Shore, home from Sidney, Australia, called on Reverend and Mrs. Earl Sider Sunday afternoon. She has been teaching high school in Sidney and will be returning to her adopted country after a brief

holiday. From the sunny South Pacific to Canada's freakish weather pattern for Easter, didn't dampen the old time spirit of fellowship or relationships.

Reverend Mr. Harvey Sider, pastor of St. John's B.C. Church, with his wife Erma and children Cheryl and Steven, shared Easter Monday holiday with his parents in Cheapside.

In the absence of a resident pastor, Rev. Earl Sider was guest speaker at South Cayuga Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Sider accompanied him.

All day Bible conference is scheduled for Saturday at the B.I.C. Church.

Cheapside United Church shared Sunday School and morning worship hour with Nanticoke United Church on Sunday.

Charlie Byers, Pastor, Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver, Keith and June Lofthouse were among the delegates from Cheapside attending the annual Canadian Conference of B.I.C. Church held at Bertie Church near Stevensville on Saturday.

Band parents meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Hagersville Secondary School Band Parents met in the music room Wednesday evening. In spite of inclement weather conditions there was a good representation of parents present.

Mr. Al Scott reported that the 50-50 draw tickets are going fairly well, but that there are still some left to be sold, so urged everyone to get some from him before leaving. The draw will be made at the next concert April 30.

The report on the A & P Candlelight Dinner to be held on May 14 was given by Marion McKenzie. The dinner is put on by Ida Burns and associates to the A & P Stores. Tickets for this are available for this at \$2.50 each from the band Mothers. If you would like tickets please contact Mrs. McKenzie at 776-2831, or Mrs. Personnic at 587-4371 or 768-3164.

Mr. Shippey reported that we are unable to get a grant for the East Coast trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaslip then gave their report on

the plans so far, for the bus trip. They said they have a no smoking, drinking, or eating, policy on their buses for the comfort of all their passengers. The parents agreed that this should be enforced.

A curfew was then discussed for the said trip, and it was agreed that 11 p.m. would be late enough with exception for special events and at the discretion of the chaperones. The early curfew would also help make it possible for the chaperones to retire a little earlier.

Mr. Shippey reported that the "Choralairs" have accepted our invitation to sing at our concert April 30. At the same concert Bob Warner and Susan Catchpole will be singing together. It promises to be one of the best concerts yet. The 50-50 draw to be made also, so be sure to get your tickets from the band members.

Bill Mitchell then moved the meeting adjourn.

Several of the band members served coffee during the meeting, and this was enjoyed by all present.

Editorials

Last week the frozen body of a newborn baby was found in a downtown parking lot in Regina, Manitoba. The body, with umbilical cord still attached, was found in a garbage bag. The coroner said the baby was full term and showed no signs of injury.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Henry Morgentaler, a Montreal physician, began an 18-month jail sentence for performing an abortion.

Obviously everyone will say, this is an extreme case — no one would abandon a newborn baby to freeze unless they were slightly insane. We can go on saying that, and we can go on blindly turning our heads the other way, while hundreds of women either die under the ministrations of a backroom butcher abortionist, or bring children into a world where they will always know that they were not wanted.

There are few doors open to an unwed mother. She can carry her child through nine months of pregnancy, have it, and bring it up herself. And then she can watch while narrow-minded people call her child a bastard and treat the mother as if she were some kind of social disease. She is a product of social disease — mostly OUR social disease. A disease which breeds contempt for a woman who has "got into trouble" as it is commonly known.

The unwed mother can also bring her baby to full term and then sign papers for its adoption — without ever seeing her child. Admittedly, there are childless couples waiting and waiting for babies at adoption centres. Couples who would be glad of the opportunity to rear these children.

However, we must see the unwed mother's point of view. Imagine the heartbreak of signing those papers — of giving life to a child that is half of you, without ever seeing that child. Imagine going through the remainder of life knowing that somewhere there is a child that is half yours — a child that will never know its real mother.

Think of the child, too. Although most adopted children live a very happy, well-adjusted life, there is always the desire to know who your real mother was. Some adopted children spend their lives carrying around this burden of knowing "they were not wanted". From their point of view that is the case — they will never know the real circumstances that brought them to an orphanage.

The unwed mother has a third choice. She can have an abortion performed before she has reached the third month of her pregnancy. I DO NOT advocate abortion for abortion's sake. I do feel that abortion may be the only route for an unmarried woman who is completely alone, with no form of support for a child — a woman who did not get into that mess all by herself.

One fact which most of us tend to gloss over is that somewhere there is a man who helped in the conception of that life.

At this point, I know a lot of people will be saying that, of course, the only reasonable thing to do is to have the baby adopted out. Can we, however, ORDER a woman to have her child adopted? Can we sit in the judgement seat and play God? Shouldn't a woman be able to choose what course she will take? It is, after all, her child, and her body.

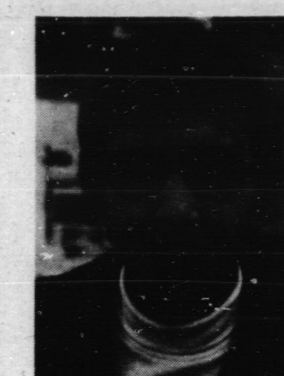
Where are our priorities? We have just sentenced a man to an 18-month jail term for helping women who had no other way to turn. Women who were told, "You made your bed, now lie in it." Society must develop a new tolerance and sympathy for the unwed mother or allow her to solve her problem in her own way.

Is it better to allow a fetus to slip away before it is fully formed, before it has taken its first breath, cried for the first time, or is it better to allow it to freeze to death in a downtown parking lot in a plastic garbage bag?

The People's Corner

Question

QUESTION: How do you feel about unions?



Mrs. Raney, Dunnville
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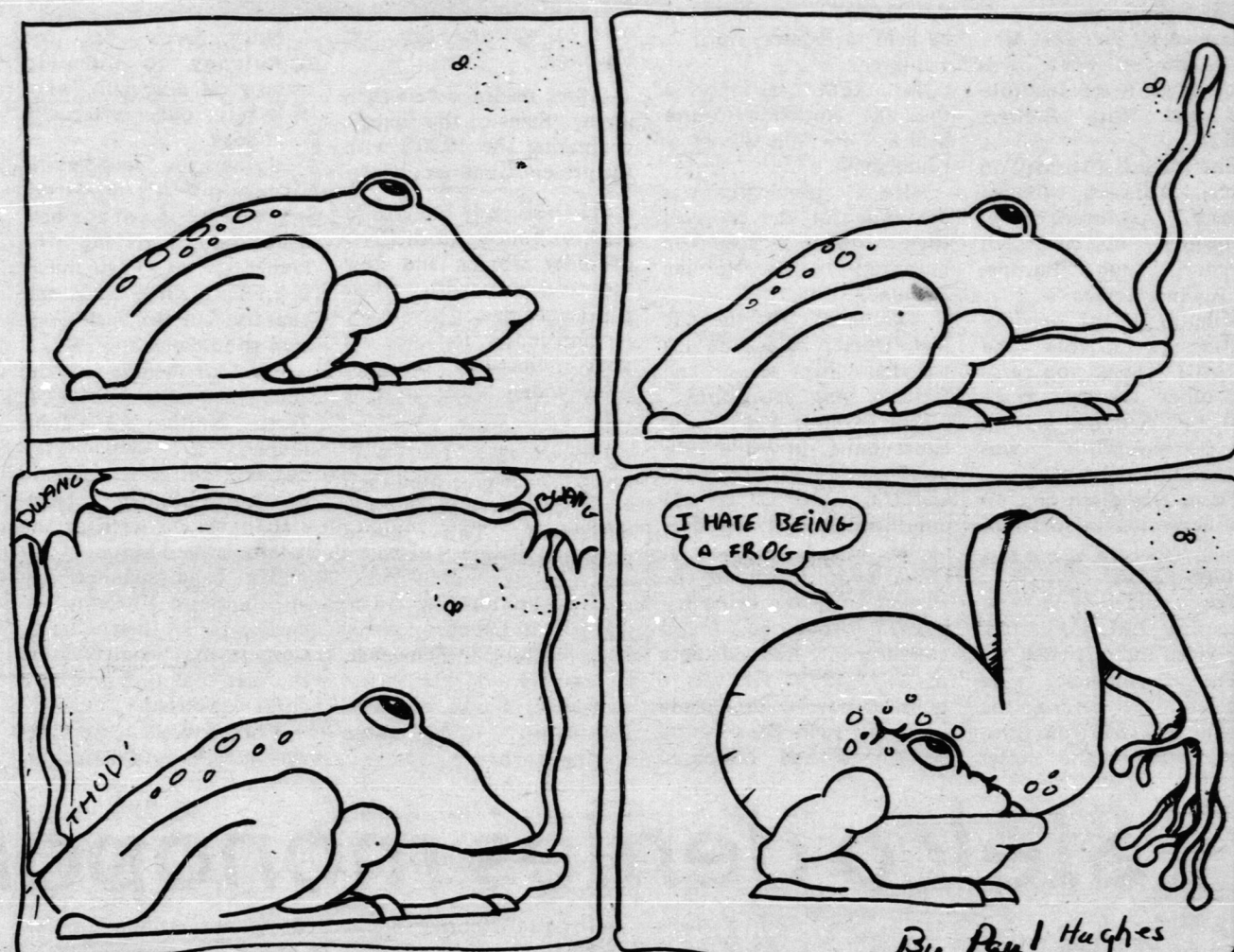
Larry Smith, Hagersville

"I think unions are alright in their place. I've never worked for one, but I don't think they are now. They have too much power now. Public Servants shouldn't have the right to strike."

and I'm not interested in them at all. I guess at a big factory they are all right." (The editor's apologies to Mr. Smith. His picture did not turn out.)

Maralyn Brown, Hagersville

"I think unions are good. Public servants should have the right to strike, and if they are on strike when trouble happens, I think they should stay on strike."



By Paul Hughes

Increase in education ceilings

A \$50 increase in the 1975 education expenditure ceilings was announced last week by Education Minister Thomas Wells.

Mr. Wells said the mid-year increase was granted to alleviate the effects of continuing inflation on school board budgets.

He said the increase will allow boards to cope with unavoidable rising costs, providing that they continue to budget in a responsible manner. He warned, however, that the ceilings are not high enough to allow school boards to accommodate "outrageously high salary increases and other excessive demands."

The new ceilings, he said, will allow all school boards enough money to maintain the present quality of education and at the same time bargain with their teachers for settlements that are fair, equitable and reasonable. Increasing costs of such

essential items as heating fuel, light, maintenance, paper and classroom supplies have continued to squeeze school board budgets even more than anticipated.

"Because of these trends, some boards are faced with budget decisions which could have a detrimental effect on classroom programs and pupils. We have said repeatedly that we do not want this to happen, and we intend to stand by that commitment," he said.

Mr. Wells said the policy of limiting the annual rate of increase in school board budgets through the expenditure ceilings stands firm. The policy, he said, serves as a safeguard for taxpayers while still allowing school boards to increase their budgets realistically in view of inflation. But he warned, that school boards that exceed the ceilings will face reduced provincial grants the following year.

The provincial government, Mr. Wells said, will continue to pay 60 per cent of the total cost of elementary and secondary school education in Ontario.

The revised ceilings are \$926 per elementary school pupil and \$1,441 per

secondary school pupil. Last October, the Ministry raised the expenditure ceilings by 13 per cent over 1974 with an additional \$80 per elementary pupil, added to encourage school boards to improve instructional programs in their elementary schools.

NOTICE

Subscription rates for the Jarvis Record and Port Rowan News have been raised to \$5 for Canada and \$6 outside of Canada.

The Editor has finally had a telephone installed. Please call anytime, if you feel you have news which should be included in the Record or Port Rowan News. The number is 768-5476.



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:55 a.m. Bible School
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Centennial Year
Second Sunday After Easter
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10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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Jarvis
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11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Dedication of
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The Rev. Arthur J. Tribe
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11 a.m. School

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(42 Main North)
10 a.m. School
11 a.m. Baptism
(Rev. Taylor-Munro's theme)
THE HUMAN CRY THAT IS PRAYER

THE JARVIS-GARNET PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
Rev. W. Mark Reeves
Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th:
Services will be held at
Garnet at 9:45 a.m. and at
Wesley, Jarvis, at 11:15 a.m.
The Minister's topic will be,
"Housecleaning and Heartcleaning".
The Sacrament of Infant Baptism
will be administered at
Wesley, by request.
The Garnet Church
School will meet at the close
of the service and the Wesley
Church School will convene
at 10:15 a.m.

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Friday April 18th 1975
Saturday April 19th 1975

Time: 8:00 pm

at Cayuga Secondary School Auditorium

Admission—Adults \$2.00

—Children \$1.00

Births

MORTON — Wayne and Claudia Morton of Cayuga, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Michael Andrew, six pounds, seven ounces. Born at West Haldimand Hospital April 7. A brother for Lea Kathleen.

BUNDY — Keith and Linda Bundy, nee Stasiuk, of Hagersville, thank God for the safe arrival of Carrie

Lynn, six pounds, 13 ounces, on April 6.

DOYLE — Larry and Cheryl Doyle, nee Butler, of Hagersville are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Wendy Jennifer Jeanne, seven pounds, two ounces. Born April 4 at Henderson General Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Lyons, Dr. Green and Dr. Dingwall.



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