

Port Rowan Notes

David Boychuk and his father Steve Boychuk, of Sanboy Marina at Long point Beach, left Wednesday for Mexico, where David will be Navigator of an 18' Lund Boat with a 400 H.P. Motor, from Ackland Marina, Hamilton, in a 400 mile race starting November 12 on the Rio Balsas River, from Santa Tomas, ending November 16 at Zihustanejo. Steve Boychuk will be one of the pit crew. This race is an annual affair, and has been running for five years, with Canadian boats this year taking part from Ontario and Alberta, and is sponsored by Del Rio Balsas and the Mexican Boating Federation and the Canadian Boating Federation.

This event will be televised over CTV on the Wide World of Sport Program.

Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Archibald were in London last Thursday, and visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Midwood and family.

Mrs. John Shaunessy of Teeswater is spending a few weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Hathway.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Fralick and Mary were in Wingham one day last week to visit Mr. Fralick's mother, Mrs. Margaret Fralick, at Brookhaven Nursing Home, and entertained her to dinner and a motor tip through the countryside.

The Anglican Church Women of St. John's Anglican Church of Pt. Rowan were entertained by Mrs. Hugh Ward, at her home for the November Meeting, at which Mrs. Frank Hodges presided.

The President opened the meeting with a brief devotional, and extended a welcome to the members. She expressed appreciation to Mrs. Ward for her hospitality.

The Secretary's report was given by Mrs. Ward, who also called the roll.

Treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Ross, reported that the amount owing on repairs to the church organ had been paid. Profits from the lunch served at the recent Long point Ratepayers Association

dance at the Community Center, for which Mrs. Catherine Moulton, Mrs. Lillian Jukes and Mrs. Ross had catered had been turned over the ACW towards the cost of organ repairs. The small amount still owing was paid by the ACW.

Mrs. Ross also reported on catering for the Long Point Lions.

Sunshine convener, Mrs. Moulton, gave her report on birthday cards sent, and suggested that three residents at Rest Haven Nursing Home be adopted in addition to the ACW's one adopted resident there. The suggestion was approved. Remembrances will be sent to them at Christmas and on their birthdays. Gifts will also be sent to shut ins and elderly Church members at Christmas.

Fund raising was discussed and a motion that a draw be held at each meeting, with members taking turns to donate the prizes, was approved.

Mrs. Georgina Brown will be hostess for the Christmas meeting, when response to roll call will be a Christmas poem. An exchange of gifts is planned.

Mrs. Hodges closed with the Mirzapah Benediction, and a work meeting followed when members prepared baby booties for sale to a florist. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Port Rowan Branch of the Auxiliary to Norfolk General Hospital and Nursing Home held the October meeting at the Canadian Legion Hall, with fifteen members present.

Mrs. Ferman Harris, Chairman, opened the meet-

ing with the Auxiliary Prayer in unison. Mrs. Gordon Smith, Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and also read the correspondence.

Mrs. Harris gave a brief report of the finances, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Howe, showing an approximate balance of \$408. The pledge to the Auxiliary of \$200, was paid in June.

Net proceeds from the Tea and Bake Sale in April were \$125. from the Tag Day in July \$250, and donations from groups \$45, plus membership fees. A motion was made that \$50, be retained and the balance be turned over to the Auxiliary Treasurer.

Mrs. Ben Clemens' report on membership showed 30 active, 4 associate and 2 groups. Mrs. James Thomson, sewing and knitting convener, reported 95 towels hemmed and 93 kitchen aprons completed; 55 knitted articles were made for the Fair Booth, plus an afghan donated by Mrs. Madeline White and Mrs. George Stewart, on which tickets were sold at the fair booth, realizing \$197.67. The afghan was won by Mrs. Chopitta of Simcoe. A wool poodle was donated for the gift shop, and a baby set was brought to the meeting by Mrs. Ross Leedham, and a pair of slippers by Mrs. Edyth McKinley for the gift shop.

Mrs. Norman Ferris, Convener of Volunteers, reported that five members assisted at the fair booth, and five members worked at the Nearly-New-Opportunity Sale. Helping at the October Birthday Party at the Nursing Home were Mrs. Ben Clemens, Mrs. J. Peters, Mary Fralick and Mrs. Harris. There are eighteen members working as volunteers at the Hospital from the Branch. The Secretary was authorized to send thank-you letters

to Mrs. White and Mrs. Stewart for the afghan, and to the Neal Memorial UCW for the truck load of good used clothing they donated and delivered to the Armories for the Sale.

Mrs. R. C. Biddle and Mrs. E. A. Hathway were appointed to act on the Nominating Committee with Mrs. Wilbert Fralick, Convener, and they were requested to bring in a slate of officers to the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Canadian Legion Hall, November 26, at 12:30, in the form of a pot luck luncheon.

Mrs. Fralick was a delegate to the Fall Conference of the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario, held at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, Ont. and reported on the meeting, which was well attended, and proved to be educational as well as entertaining. The theme was Preventive Health care.

Mrs. W. F. McLean was the chairman of a panel discussion - Dealing with nutrition, mental health, and physical fitness. There was a morning session, a noon luncheon, and an afternoon session.

Mrs. D. A. Archibald moved the adjournment of the meeting, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in making tray favors for the patients at the Hospital and the Nursing Home residents.

Tea was served by Mrs. Alex Hamm and Mrs. Biddle

Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Parry held at the United Church, Cayuga on Sunday and the reception after at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Parry, Cayuga.

Mr. and Mrs. George Axford, Stratford, have been guests with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Parry before leaving for Florida for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bouck and Garry have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strome, Parry Sound.

Mrs. Wray Dedrick accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Donald Taylor, Simcoe and visited Mr. and Mrs. Royce McFail in Thorold during the week end.

Several from here attended the Mudford-Beernaert wedding at the United Church, Delhi, and the reception after at the German Hall, Delhi.

Miss Florence Tomsett, Ottawa, spent three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Howe; Mrs. Janet Mudford, St. Thomas, also was a recent visitor.

Mrs. Lillie Gates accompanied Mrs. Earl Boyd to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Franklin, Simcoe during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lounsbury and daughter spent a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lounsbury and family in Sudbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morris, Norwich, were Friday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lounsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howe, Brantford, have been recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lounsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Parry, Mr. and Mrs. George Parry and Geordi attended the christening of Mathew

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Letter to the editor

The following is a copy of a letter written by the Hamilton Transit Commission to Premier William Davis regarding funding.

Dear Sir:

The Hamilton Transit Commission is a body corporate established by Special Act of the Ontario Legislature in the year 1960. Included in its responsibilities and jurisdiction is the direction of the affairs of two public transportation operations, The Hamilton Street Railway Company, incorporated 1873, and The Canada Coach Lines, Limited, incorporated 1924, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the former.

The Canada Coach Lines, Limited provides service between, and within, the municipalities of Regional Niagara, Regional Hamilton-Wentworth, Regional Halimand-Norfolk, Brant County Oxford County, Regional Waterloo, Wellington County and Regional Halton, and between a number of the principal cities, towns and

hamlets within those larger municipal units served by the main provincial highway network.

The Canada Coach Lines, in common with other public passenger carriers, has been suffering severely over the past four years from the effects of rapidly-spiralling costs. Fare increases in amounts acceptable to the riding public have not been able to produce revenues to keep pace. Successive fare increases have produced a decline in patronage. Additionally, the consolidation of municipalities under the restructuring of municipal government program has had the side effect of eroding the passenger loads within the territories served by Canada Coach Lines through the expansion of local transit operations.

This Company has no source of income except the revenues generated from its varied operations. In order to maintain its solvency the City of Hamilton has made payments to the Hamilton Transit Commission to cover the

deficits for the years 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974. The amounts provided exclusively by the Hamilton taxpayers for these years were \$35,783., \$192,257., \$48,130. and \$170,277. respectively. At the close of the present calendar year it is anticipated that Hamilton citizens will be asked, and have agreed in advance through their Council, to cover a further deficit of \$580,000.

It is now established Provincial policy to foster public transportation as an integral part of transportation planning. We feel that the time has come when the burden of support of the services provided by Canada Coach Lines should be lifted from the local taxpayer in Hamilton and borne on a broader base. The Government has recognized this principle in its direct support of inter-regional and intra-regional service in Peel York, Durham, Halton, and Metropolitan Toronto through the agency of GO-Transit. It is our view that the same support is an urgent

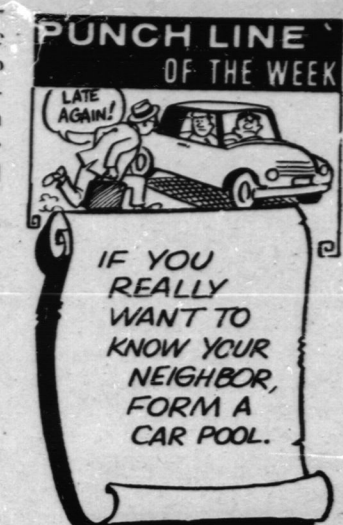
need in the territory which we serve.

We are, therefore, requesting that you authorize direct payments to the Hamilton Transit Commission from the Provincial Treasury to support the Canada Coach Lines' regular route operations on the same per passenger scale as is currently extended to the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority to sustain the GO-Transit operations. Our understanding is that in the calendar year 1974, this amount was 42 cents per passenger.

We believe you will agree that there is reasonableness

in the premise to the proposal we are placing before you, that it is equitable to assist directly from Provincial funds the population served by our system to the same measure as that served by the GO-Transit services. We respectfully ask for your early consideration of our petition and would welcome an opportunity to meet with you and the Honourable J. W. Snow to discuss the request further.

On behalf of The Hamilton Transit Commission,
T. A. Rice,
Chairman



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