

Reviews C.W.L. Branch Activities

The following is a summary of the report presented by Mrs. C. L. MacDonald, Recording Secretary, at the annual meeting of the Charlotteville Sub-division of the Catholic Women's League held last week.

There was a splendid attendance at the nine Executive and ten regular monthly meetings held during the year.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Griffin, reported having had twenty-three masses for deceased members of the League and deceased relatives in the immediate families of members.

The Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Conroy, told of monies raised in different ways and distributed as follows:—Diocesan and National Adues, prizes to Notre Dame Academy, St. Joseph's Convent, Queen Square School, St. Dunstan's University, Girl Guide Camp, Catholic Girl's Scholarship Fund, Hospital Bazaar, Precious Blood Monastery, Social Welfare Bureau, Playground Committee, St. Vincent's Orphanage, T. B. Seals, Musical Festival, Missionaries of Mary, Sacred Heart Programme, Christmas Party for New Canadians, flowers for St. Dunstan's Basilica and Holy Redeemer Church at Christmas and Easter.

The Education Convener reported having attended and presented prizes at the different school closings as well as those of St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales and meetings of the Home and School Association. The President, Mrs. F. J. Steele spoke on the radio during Education Week. Successful Study Clubs were held during the winter months.

Mrs. Frank Walker reporting for institutions said that 150 magazines were sent to the City Hospital and on Sanatorium Day 56 members donated candy, flowers, magazines and books to this institution. At Christmas hampers of apples were sent to the Precious Blood Monastery, Sacred Heart Home and Provincial Infirmary.

The Social Service report by the Convener, Mrs. Catherine Creamer, stated the usual work was carried out for the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau each week and a total of 353 knitted and sewn articles completed for clients of the Bureau. In addition the Sub-division contributed \$100.00 towards the work of the Bureau and packed Christmas boxes of food for four of its needy families.

Mrs. Lorne Noonan, Convener of Citizenship and Immigration, reported monetary assistance given to New Canadians as well as participation in the Christmas Party sponsored by the Canadian Citizenship Council at the Clover Club for upwards of 400 of these new residents of the province. Members are faithful in using the franchise and a goodly number of League members voted at the civic election. A wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day and members assisted at the Mass which the League had offered that day. Members are very active in community affairs and gave freely over 115 hours of their time in collecting for worthwhile organizations including Red Cross, Cancer, March of Dimes, Catholic Social Welfare, etc. The Sub-division has representation on—Music Festival Assoc., Red Cross, P. E. I. Chapter of Polo Foundation, P. E. I. Drama Assn., Cancer Society, Institute for the Blind, Canadian Association of Consumers, T. B. League, Home and School Assoc., Provincial and Local Association of Girl Guides, Canadian Citizenship Council and Playground Commission.

Miss Marion Dougan, Programme Convener, told of the different items arranged for the monthly meetings and the social hours that followed each. The Lay Retreat Convener, Mrs. John L. McGuigan, reported on the Retreat held at Notre Dame Academy last July, the Communion Breakfast in November, the Lecture by Rev. Daniel Lord which was sponsored by the Sub-division, the hours of adoration taken by the members on the First Fridays, the Spiritual Bouquet prepared in conjunction with Sub-divisions across Canada for presentation to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, for her Coronation.

Mrs. Peter Holland, Convener of Book Review, stated that three new books were donated to the Charlotteville Library and the Book List which hangs in the vestibule of the Basilica was revised and renewed during the year.

Mrs. Arthur Decoste, Convener of Girl Guides, stated that at present there is one L. G. Pack and one Guide Company at the Basilica under the sponsorship of the C. W. L. composed of 45 Brownies and 50 Guides. The Brownie Pack is under the leadership of Mrs. Leo Dowling, Jr., Misses Mabel Saunders and Jeannie Gillis. The Guide Company is under the leadership of Miss Elaine MacDonald and Miss Beryl Beagan and both groups have made excellent progress during the year. An outstanding event was the presentation of the Gold Cord award to Miss Jeannie Gillis by W. L. Prowse at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Girl Guides Association held at Government House last April. This is the first time that a Guide from the Basilica Company has merited the Gold Cord which is the highest

award in Guiding. Miss Patricia MacInnis was one of two Princes Edward Island Guides to attend a Guide Camp in New Brunswick. Brownies and Guides took part in the different church parades, Thinking Day Rally and 15 Guides attended camp at North Rustico. The Convener pointed out that at present both the Brownie Pack and Guide Company are overcrowded, with others on the waiting list and that every effort should be made to secure new leaders so that these groups could be divided next fall.

The Membership Convener, Mrs. P. J. Nealis, reported an increase of 20 members during the year bringing the total membership to 161. The Sub-division lost the following members through death:—Mrs. James Landrigan, Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Mrs. Maurice White, Mrs. D. J. Riley and Mrs. J. E. Cullen.

Mrs. Ernest McTague, Publicity Convener, reported the ten monthly meetings to both papers, and advertised all projects in connection with the Sub-division.

The Sick Visiting Committee with Mrs. Stephen Trainor as Convener reported visits made to all sick members who were also sent get-well cards.

Mrs. Peter LeClair, Convener of Ways and Means, reported that funds for the Sub-division were raised in various ways including—annual tag day, two rummage and two cake sales. This Committee also looked after a booth at the Hospital Bazaar.

Sincere thanks were extended to the Knights of Columbus for the regular monthly meetings and to Mrs. Lorne Noonan and Mrs. Peter Holland at whose homes the Executive Meetings were held. Appreciation was also expressed to Rev. P. F. MacDonald, Chaplain, for his attendance at all meetings and his words of encouragement and guidance and the efforts of the Catholic Women's League to serve "God and Canada."

Hampton And Vicinity

Hampton School team defeated Westmoreland School team, by the score of 6-0 in the game played in Crapaud Rink, on April 5.

Recent reports indicate a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. Basil Holm, who was seriously injured by a car on the T. C. Highway, near her home, on April 2.

Rev. Dr. W. A. MacQuarrie, has returned to his pastoral charge at Hopewell, N. S., following a brief and an enjoyable visit at his old home, guest of his mother, Mrs. Morley MacQuarrie.

During the week a number of cars and light trucks, made at intervals, return trips, on business, to the city, and reported very heavy traveling conditions off the paved highway.

An unfortunate accident occurred to Mr. Billy Myers, while engaged in splitting wood, on April 8, causing, through a glancing axe, a cut below the knee requiring a number of stitches to close the wound. Bill's friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Approaching the closing and a busy program of games, and an enjoyable period of skating with ideal ice conditions, a most interesting game of hockey between the married men and unmarried men's team, witnessed by a large crowd of witnesses, resulted in the score of 12-2, favor of the latter team.

Included among week-end visitors, combining business with pleasure were Messrs. Kenneth MacNeill and Keith Dixon, residents, respectively of West and Clyde River.

At the North Tryon Presbyterian Church at 2.00 p.m., on Sundays.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Having four calves in 10 months and 25 days is the prolific record chalked up by a purebred Holstein cow owned by a farmer at Vinton, Quebec. This prolific mother produced twin calves, a heifer and a bull, in the spring of 1952. This past spring she gave birth to twin calves. Only 10 years old, the cow has already presented her owner with 13 calves.

Canada's first leather tannery stood in Quebec City (1870). If you like to take stook of a spider's web after a rainfall you will see those busy insects plucking at the anchor lines to free

day, April 11, and again in the Tryon United Church, at 8 p.m., the community choir presented a program of Easter music, which was enjoyed by the large congregations privileged to be present.

Congratulations are accorded to the teacher at South Melville School, who resides approximately 20 miles therefrom, and whom during the long period of exceedingly bad roads and weather, has daily traversed the distance to and from her school on a farm tractor, when such conditions prohibited the use of her car.

The recent sounds of wild geese hovering near here, and a traveling salesman's report of Brant at Kildare River, the return of the crows, black birds, sparrow, etc., are harbingers that spring is at hand, and the co-operation of sun, wind and government road at all meetings and his words of encouragement and guidance and the efforts of the Catholic Women's League to serve "God and Canada."

Sympathy of relatives and friends is extended to the nearest-of-kin of the late Mrs. Charles W. Judson, whose death occurred at the P. E. I. Hospital on April 7, including Mr. Willis Judson, who, for a considerable period of time, was domiciled at Hampton, while engaged as a mechanic and owner and operator of a large garage business, and who recently transferred his business to Moncton, N. B.

A fine percentage of district citizens availed themselves of the privilege of hearing testimony to the esteem entertained for the late Senator J. Walter Jones, by attending the services held for Senator Jones in the Charlotteville Baptist Church, on April 5.

Many citizens attended the morning Easter service, in Hampton United Church, on March 11, to hear the message, and to join with a largely augmented choir, in the singing of the very fine old Easter hymns, and to enjoy those special choir selection applicable to the time and season. —CE.

the web so that vibration can shake all drops of rain off. The spider goes through the same procedure to rid their webs of dew drops.

With the present high prices of feed, a hen must lay between 90-100 eggs a year before she becomes a money maker.

Believe it or not, but Canadians eat about 15 times their own weight in food each year. Broken down into figures it would read like this:

150 pounds of meat, 100 pounds of sugar, 100 tins of canned meat, 200 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of butter, 360 pints of milk, 200 eggs and 300 pounds of refuse.

Another amazing thing about us is that we are producing 60% more than we were 40 years ago, and producing it with 20% fewer man hours of labor and only 11% more harvested acres.

85% of the earth's tillable land is still cultivated by horse power.

A corked bottle tossed into the sea in 1905 by an antarctic expedition was picked up the other day off the coast of New Zealand, which incident brings to mind the duties of "bottle uncorker" in the days of Elizabeth I. This court official was appointed by the queen herself and it was a capital crime to neglect to deliver to him all bottles taken from the sea and containing written messages.

This law was abolished in the reign of George III.

We think of the United States as a nation with all the modern conveniences yet 6 million Americans live in homes with no kitchen sink, and 40 millions have no bath tubs.

Switzerland permits anyone to have a bank account by number rather than by name.

When Germany seized the Norwegian freighter Templar during the 2nd World War they put their crew aboard to run her. At the end of the war the Templar went back to her former owners and so did some ghosts. Now they find it difficult to get men to sign on the old ship because they say she's haunted. Headless ghosts, dressed in Nazi uniforms pop up every now and then, give orders and disappear.

Giants traditionally are not supposed to haunt ships because they are assumed not to like water but the Templar would appear to be an exception to the rule.

The British whaler Greenland, nosed through Arctic waters in 1775 and was caught in a bad storm and was almost driven to disaster on an ice pack.

As the men held on to the ship's rail and wiped the brine from their eyes a strange vessel came racing towards them from the north!

The skipper bulged his eye in amazement — no ship could find her way through that treacherous ice field in such a storm — yet there she was.

As the strange vessel drew nearer the men aboard the whaler went dumb. The strange vessel was completely covered with ice and snow. They hailed the ship but there was no reply. Then the Captain of the whaler decided it was time to investigate. A boat was lowered into the water and he and three of his crew rowed across to the mysterious ship. They boarded her with difficulty and with difficulty they crept over the load deck and entered the galley. What they saw made them halt for a moment. Lying on the floor were six men, all completely mummified by the intense Arctic cold. They looked more like men in sleep than dead men.

In another cabin the searchers came upon the body of a young woman, wearing a frozen smile on her handsome face. Near her a seaman sat bent and rigid over a stove. Like the others he was frozen stiff.

Finally they came to the log book which disclosed the mystery. One by one the crew had succumbed to the cold. But it was the date at the bottom of that report which made Captain Jones stare in amazement. It read: November 14, 1782. All those frozen bodies had been drifting around through those treacherous Arctic waters for 133 years! How she managed to avoid being crushed by the ice flows no one will ever know.

Another mystery of the sea concerns the Hamburg steamer Pickhuben ploughing her way through the Indian Ocean in 1864. Suddenly against the horizon appeared a fully-rigged ship speeding along swiftly despite the fact that no wind was blowing at the time.

When the two vessels drew up alongside of each other they made out the name of the strange ship — Abby S. Hart. But seeing nobody aboard her they decided to investigate.

Three men were found dead in their bunks, a fourth, whom they took to be the Captain, stared at them through the eyes of a madman.

They took him aboard their own vessel but he died shortly afterwards without saying a single sensible word.

The Abby S. Hart was towed to port but exactly what had occurred on that mystery ship has never been revealed. It is known however, that she sailed from Java fully manned and that her cargo of sugar was intact.

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Mr. Angus MacDonald was the groomsmen.

Ushers were: Raymond Milligan, brother of the groom, and Willis MacLean, brother of the bride.

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