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NEWSLETTER

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MAY MART
(SECOND TIME AROUND)
A.C.W.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, May 26, 1984

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

The pace is hotting up as the date for May Mart draws near!

Snr. Alderman Rev. Derwin Shea will be opening the event. We hope that the splendid advertising efforts by way of well scattered leaflets, TV notice on Channel 10 and The Villager will be rewarded by a great turnout.

The more customers that are expected, the more we'll need your help with "gently used" clothing - men's, women's and children's (preferably summer wear) and, of course, your "baked goods" specialty. The White Elephant Table will be just the place for the whats-its-name that Aunt Maude gave you last Christmas not knowing you already had two, or the lamp that went beatifully with everything until you redecorated the room and so on!

There'll be some good Raffle prizes too, so bring your friends and neighbours.

If you can give some time to help on the evening of May 25, it would be much appreciated. Please call Milly Bateman at 766-5881.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
A.C.W.

Saturday, June 25, 1984

After such a long winter, the very name has a delightful sound!

All the details in the next bulletin.

FALL DINNER & DANCE
Outreach Committee

Saturday, September 29, 1984 7.00 p.m.

Another important date ahead. This is to be the Outreach Committee's main fund-raising event of the year. Lot's of time yet for the details, but I can tell you that this will be a first-class BBQ roast beef dinner and an evening of music and dancing to suit all tastes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steele who are celebrating their
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on May 12

and

Mr. and Mrs. George Varty who celebrated their
FIFTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on May '5

We hope that they have many more years of happiness.

"THE PERFECT PASTOR"

(Taken from the Sunday Star, May 7)

"The results of a computerised survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8.00 a.m. until midnight and is also the janitor.

He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car, and gives \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old, has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins, and hospital patients, and is always in his office when needed.

If your pastor doesn't measure up, simply send this letter to 6 other parishes that are tired of their pastors too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the Church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1643 pastors. One of them should be perfect. "

NEWS ITEMS

ANNUAL MEETING OF ANGLICAN CHURCHWOMEN

Report from Irene Munroe, President, St. John's ACW

Approximately 500 women attended the Annual Meeting of Anglican Churchwomen on May 5, held at the Holiday Inn, Dixon Road. Five of our members represented St. John's ACW.

During the morning session, we were addressed by the Rev. R. Grisdale of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, who spoke on the theme of the day "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only".

After the lunch period, referring to the same theme the Hon. R. Welsh, Deputy Premier of Ontario - In Charge of Women's Concerns, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Niagara, included in his remarks much information about various issues pertaining to women.

The Service of Dedication and Installation of Officers was conducted by Bishop Basil Tomks. "Each of us has been given her gift - of the building up of the Body of Christ", were the opening words of the ceremony.

Financial Statements for 1983, approved by the voting members, stated that \$70,000 has been forwarded for Diocesan and National Outreach Programmes; plus sizeable donations for special projects such as Homes for Women in Crisis; Refurbishing of Rectories in the Diocese of Moosonee; Fundings to the Dioceses of Athabaska, Moosonee and Saskatoon, (former bale recipients); Transportation Costs for the Clergy in the Diocese of Amritsar, India; the Anglican Youth Movement; The Church Army in Canada; The Flemington Park Ministry here in Toronto.

Much singing was a happy highlight of the day!

VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S, York Mills and CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, Avenue Road

It was a beautiful afternoon for the visit to the two Churches on Sunday, May 7. Every seat was taken on the bus - a total of 36 from our own congregation and St. Mary the Virgin and St. Cyprian.

St. John's, York Mills, is a beautiful Church in a lovely setting. The impressions I had were of warmth and simplicity in the remodelling of the Sanctuary; the wall hangings are quite stunning. The Church of the Messiah has combined a simple beauty with a highly practical lay-out which provides maximum use of the main body of the Church for activities in addition to Church services, for example, concerts and even banquets.

Everyone felt that it had been well worthwhile to see the ways in which other Churches are meeting the needs of their congregations.

AIM - OUTREACH

-Coffee and Tea supplies from Bridgehead are now on sale regularly each Sunday after the service. If you haven't tried it, take home a packet next week. We hope it will become your favourite brand.

-"Buddy, can you spare a dime"

Actually, we would like you to spare 365 dimes - one a day in 1984. Just think that a dime a day is \$36.50 for the year, times 100 is \$3650 - a long way towards the target of \$7080 this year for the Outreach commitment. We have some shiny new cans for you to get started - please take one on Sunday after Service. And because time has flown by already, you'll still make it if you put two dimes in every other day instead of one!

I'm sure you will be interested to read another letter from Joyce Gatonga:

April 1984

Dear Members,

I am very glad to pass my sincere greetings to you. How are you for so long? I hope fine. In fact, it has come into my mind that I should jot you a letter before we break for our holiday.

Here in school we are very busy reading for the forthcoming examination which is approaching at the end of this year. The climate here is terrible with hot nights and days. We are very worried because of the problems of rain. The rain starts March but now it is too late and now is April. In fact the last years there has been (little) rainfall.

We are closing our school on the 5th but we don't know the day we shall open. We have been committed very much this term because of many activities taking place in school, e.g. our drama club had to prepare a dance for entertaining and most of the time games competition. I am one of the schoolgirls who take part in games, e.g. playing netball.

I was very happy to receive your photographs which really drawn much of my attention. I really like girl guides although I am not one of them.

Now for the time is rushing may I wish you a happy holiday.

Yours, love

Joyce Gatonga

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

There was lots of fun on April 28 for the wind-up of the Circle of Friends year, with games to test our sporting skills, not to mention our mental agility, and of course lots to eat - the dessert table made us forget all about our diets!

Circle of Friends takes a break in the summer months (sorry, I mentioned May in my last bulletin).

Joan and Garnet Devitt handed over the Presidency to Ruth and Marilyn Shortt; Lyndell Mitchell and Ethel Jackson take over from Ruth and Marilyn as Secretaries; John and Milly Bateman have kindly agreed to carry on as Treasurers.

The next meeting will be the last Saturday in October. I hope we will have a long hot summer to talk about by then!

JR