

"International Day" At Snowball



Last week the Women's Institute at Snowball held its annual "International Day" when Mrs. Marjorie Helgerson and Mrs. Sjell Styrmo provided an exhibit

of Norwegian handicrafts, and spoke to the members on interesting facts about their native land, Norway. Pictured above are Mrs. Helgerson, left, and

Lorna Wilson modelling native costumes and admiring a small section of the many crafts which were displayed.

Photo — F. J. Diamond, Aurora

Norway Subject Of International Day At Snowball W.I.

Annual "International Day" of the Snowball Women's Institute featured Norway when the members had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. H. K. Styrmo and Mrs. N. Helgerson, both native Norwegians, speak on their country, its crafts, industries, sports and beautiful scenery. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Joan Casey and the president, Mrs. H. Patrick, conducted the business session and introduced the speakers.

Both Mrs. Styrmo and Mrs. Helgerson had gone to considerable trouble to collect a wonderful exhibit of pottery, metal craft and weaving. Mrs. Styrmo also provided the refreshments which she had made from her native recipes. These included a delectable concoction called by the humble name of "crumb cake" which had been baked in a round skillet and while still warm, wound "Norwegian fashion" about a funnel shaped gadget to form a cone. She also served sand tarts the recipe for which Queen Elizabeth, when she was here on her official visit to Canada, had requested that she might take it back to Eng-

land in order that the Royal chefs could concoct this delicious shortbread type of cookie.

Native ski costumes were modelled by Mrs. Helgerson and Miss L. Wilson while Mrs. Styrmo explained that skiing was the chief sport and pleasure of her countrymen.

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Snowball W. I. Ladies Enter Many Snapshots For Contest



Blanche Morning, shown above with a background of Muskoka scenery, was the subject of a winning entry in the portrait class. The picture was taken by her mother.



One of the winning pictures in the portrait class was that of Bruce Davis, pictured above. The snap was taken by his brother Paul.

entry in each group but in two of them—portrait and scenic—entries were so good that the judge named the two best in each class.

Best in the portrait class were a picture by Paul L. Davis of his six-year-old brother Bruce, and one taken by Mrs. Howard Morning of her daughter Blanche.

In the animal class a picture of a deer in Algonquin Park taken by Mrs. L. Reddick scored the highest points. A picture of Mrs. Howard Morning in Halloween'en masquerade costume, taken by Mary Cain, was adjudged best in the humorous group.

A colour picture of a garden of lilies, taken by Mrs. F. W. Browne, and a picture of house, trees and water taken by Miss Sandra Harding were declared best in the scenic group.

The entries were judged by Col. F. J. Picking, publisher of the Aurora Banner. Winning entries in the portrait class are reproduced herewith.

Keen interest was aroused among the ladies of Snowball Women's Institute last week when an amateur photographic contest was held as part of the

organization's regular meeting. Many entries were submitted for the four groups—portrait, scenic, animal and humorous. A prize was awarded for the best

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1st Sec Mrs Josie Sloss
1st. Pres Mrs Leo Cull. -
(Bertha Ferguson)



Standing - Mrs Am Bodfish, Mrs Calvin Mitchell, Mrs Monte Appleton
Mrs Chauncey Conner, Mrs Bert Smith, Mrs Frank Williams, Mrs
Allan Bellamy, Mrs Owen Barr (Pres), Mrs Harry Mills, Mrs Leo
Wilson (1st Sec) Mrs Wm Davison, Mrs. Norman Seaside, Mrs. Beaton
Sitting - Mrs Wilford Elliott, Mrs A. Storey, Arthur Storey - Mrs.
Josie Sloss - Mrs Ida Tregill Mrs Dill Stephens Mrs Mabel
Chappell, Mrs Leo Cull, Mrs Leo Painter
In front - Mrs Ed Keddick, Mrs Allen Conner.



Historical Research Committee
in charge of meeting -
Mrs Arthur Manning, Mrs Ed Keddick conv.
Mrs Leo Cull, Mrs Wm Davison, Mrs Harry Mills.



* Snowball W.I. Display Antiques, AURORA HORSE SHOW. 1953. IN TOWN PARK,
Mrs. HOWARD MORNING, Pres. Mrs Ernest Copson- Convenor.

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She Taught Them Golden Rule

Happy to be renewing school days at Snowball School after more than 70 years are Arthur Storey of King, Mrs. Josie Scloss of ~~Snowball~~ ^{Winnipeg} and their teacher, Mrs. Charles Magill, Oxbow, Saskatchewan, who was the first woman teacher engaged by Snowball School Board in 1889. Her maiden name was Ida Bell

Chapel, and she attended this school before going on to High School. Her family were pioneers at Davis Corners, and her two pupils were children of former pioneers in the area.

Standing beside the older teacher is Mrs. A. Connor, who is principal of Snowball School this year, its first as a two-room

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Recall School Days Of Fifty Years Ago As Teacher, Former Pupils Meet Again

Three persons, whose ages totalled over 250 years, met after almost a lifetime when a teacher, Mrs. Charles Magill of Oxbow, Saskatchewan, spent last Wednesday afternoon with two former pupils who began school under her care at Snowball when she was a young teenager in 1889. To these pupils, Josie Davis (now Mrs. Saloss, Newmarket), and Arthur Storey, born, raised and still a resident of Snowball, the teacher was known as "Miss Ida Bell Chapell" whose family were pioneer farmers at Davis Corners, one and a quarter miles north of Snowball School. All three, teacher and pupils, attended Snowball School which was built on land sold by Joseph Spence in 1866.

Present to meet these interesting visitors at the first meeting of Snowball W.I. for the new season was Mrs. A. Connor, teacher of Snowball School for three years who this year will see the school extended to two rooms for the first time.

Members Reminiscent

The afternoon was arranged by Mrs. Edward Reddick, chairman of Snowball Historical Research Committee, and the program was composed of reminiscences of the times before 1900 in the Snowball school section. The hostess was Mrs. Clifford Seaton, whose farm was referred to many times during the afternoon as Snider's Bush, the place where many happy school picnics were held years ago.

Mrs. Magill, who has been staying with her sisters, Miss Mabel

Chapell and Mrs. Silas Stephenson in Aurora for the past two years since the death of her husband, was teacher at Snowball School for two years, until 1890. It seemed like modern times when she said that she had to return to High School after two years of teaching "because her third class certificate had run out". Now a straight and lively lady of over 90 years, she must have been a bright young teacher who admitted during the afternoon that her fear was not of the older boys who came to school in the winter months but of the first visit of the school inspector, A. B. C. Davidson. Anticipation of his visit was enough to make her sick, she recalled. After his day at Snowball School he handed her an unsealed envelope which she was to deliver to the School Board's secretary, Joseph Snider, who lived in the house where she was telling her story. "He found no fault with me," she remembered. Miss Chapell lived across the road

from Josie Victoria Davis. They walked to school together every day, teacher and little pupil. Both were glad, on winter days, when Josie's father brought his sleigh to the school door at dismissal time. Miss Chapell was first woman teacher at this school and her appointment seems to have been a happy experiment for several women teachers were engaged in the following years.

Happy Recollections

Mrs. Saloss, who celebrated her 80th birthday on August 4, and Arthur Storey, whose birthday in March makes him a few months older, recalled their school days with their teacher. Josie started in September and trotted off holding the hand of her young teacher and neighbour. Arthur Storey had been at the 4th school at Kettleby for a few weeks. This school had to be closed when the senior boys locked out the teacher (who wore long moustaches like a walrus, the little boy recalled) and refused to let him return. Arthur's grandfather paid taxes to both 3rd and 4th school sections and so Arthur was allowed to walk to Snowball School every day. The grandfather's house sat in a clearing on the 3rd concession of King and is now owned by Mrs. L. M. Hamilton.

Arthur was a good boy while at Snowball school with Miss Chapell who laughed when he said that "he had kept pretty clear of the strap in those days". Punishment to him was standing still for a long time with arms outstretched and holding a bottle of ink on a flat book. The arm got tired and wobbly but the ink must not be spilled.

Among reminiscences told during roll call was the statement by Mrs. Bill Davidson that three generations of her family went to this school: her mother, herself and her daughter, Sheila. Mrs. Rena Appleton, now a teacher at Oak Knives Public School, found her name, Rena ~~Appleton~~ at the bottom of the beginners' register, class of 1912. Mrs. F. Williams recalled with others, picnics at Snider's bush and afternoon school concerts at Snowball. History came into recollection when Mrs. Reddick remembered hearing Uncle Billy Appleton tell how his mother heard marching feet cross the bridge on the Schomberg Road when Mackenzie's men marched to Montgomery's Tavern.

History Repeats Itself

So the afternoon was spent in recalling many incidents. Some caused smiles to old residents

and surprise to new members of the community who scarcely realized that King Township was so primitive only 50 years ago. But

school books of 1889 and earlier, on exhibition, showed that boys in their books that modern boys wrote the same nonsense rhymes always use to identify themselves to book thieves. Allan Gellatly, who went to King School about 1910, wrote "Some Chicken" in fine round letters under an attractive young lady who decorated the frontpiece of his reader.

Three school registers were passed around. These were for the years 1907, in which were two dried beech leaves, and of 1911 and 1912. In the last book the teacher, Theo Harris, noted that on the last Wednesday in June the school went on an excursion to Guelph. On September 19 the pupils attended Newmarket Fair and two days later the King Township School Fair.

Corsages were pinned on the guests of honour who included Mrs. Magill, Mrs. Scloss, who was first secretary of Snowball W.I., and Mrs. Leo Cull, first president of this WI formed 26 years ago.

Tribute Paid

Before the afternoon closed with refreshments and more talk of old times, a few minutes of silence brought the memory of two former members back to the gathering. Remembered were Mrs. Howard Morning, immediate past president, and Mrs. Emma Farren, a life member of Snowball Institute, both having passed away since the group met last in May.



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