

## **MEMORIES OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE 50's and 60's by Don Dalziel**

The church played an important part of the social life at this time. I am recalling memories from the United Church perspective.

Sunday school was held before church and each year based on attendance one would add a seal to one's certificate and also a bar to one's pin. The big events for the year would be the Christmas Party and up to 150 people could attend. Another important event was the Sunday School Picnic and in 1957 close to 190 people enjoyed a picnic at Musselman's Lake ( see photocopy).

There were two choirs a junior one and a senior one. The Nobleton, Kleinburg and Central Junior Choir in 1957 under the directorship of Miss. Dumbleton took second place at the Kiwanis festival. The junior choir cassocks were royal blue with white surplusses.

Rev. French , minister from 1952-1962, promoted youth activities. We had an Explorer group for the younger girls, a C.G.I.T. group for the older girls, a boys group called Tyros and later a young people's group called Hi-C.

The Explorers who met on Thursday evenings worked on getting stars and eventually the "E" pin which promoted you to C.G.I.T. Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Bones led the C.G.I.T. group for many years. It was involved in community activities, church services, raising money for the Cancer Society. Two special events were the Candelight Service and the Mother and Daughter Banquet.

The Hi-C became the Nobleton Central Hi-C. It took part in church services and got together for various social activities such as roller skating at the Terrace( old Mutual Arena ) in Toronto. I remember thinking that because I could skate roller skating would be a breeze but those rollers don't stop like skates and I crashed into a few walls. We went tobogganing at Cedar Glen and ended up taking one of our members to the hospital when he crashed into a tree. Who could forget the infamous hayride down the tenth and across the town line when we were ambushed by our local hooligans as they pelleted us with rotten eggs.

For the adults the women had two groups the W.A. ( which later became the U.C.W.) and the W.M.S They catered a lot of banquets small – large, (W.A. in 1957 for 400 people), funerals, etc. There was a bazaar and bake sale on the last Saturday in October.

One of the big events in the community were the community bridal showers. One could have 100 more people at the shower for example in 1961 over 109 people attended a shower for my cousin Evelyn Mactaggart.

In 1966 Nobleton the manse was located here and this manse served the Kleinburg – Nobleton- Central charge. ( see photocopy of open house Dec. 7, 1966)