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Last Meeting:

Date: April 24, 1978
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. Joseph's Separate School
Attendance: 30 present (15 non-members)

Business Portion of Meeting:

We started the business meeting with a reminder that it was time to renew memberships. A letter from Shirley Edgar was then read to the members (details to follow).

Jacque Jessup reported on the last directors meeting.

Next we asked for nominations for director, and with none forthcoming, Jacque was again chosen to be our director. Thank you for serving a second term, Jacque.

The executive requested an opinion vote on the idea of having a trip to Stratford this year instead of holding a picnic. Those present agreed unanimously with this idea. (please note, we have just learned that Stratford is booked up for the date we planned on, June 24, so, it is back to the drawing board, I guess - Linda Bone)

Guest Speaker:

We were pleased to welcome Irma McDonough as guest speaker at the April meeting.

Irma McDonough - Kids and Books

Irma began her talk by stating that a child's love of books really begins at an early age with parents. The earlier a child is introduced to books, the more they are likely to want to read later. Motivation starts with storytime.

A question period followed covering In Review, Canadian authors and the Canadian Childrens' Book Centre.

A pleasant and informative evening was enjoyed by all.

-- Heather Chisnall

Announcements:

Members are invited to attend the next executive meeting. It will be held at Jacquie Jessup's. Please call her if you wish to attend (home ph. 438-3970 or work ph. 438-7224 ext. 35).

There is to be a rare book display at Weldon Library, U.W.O., from May 23 to June 7. Western is the only location in Canada that will be displaying these books and other items. Hours for public viewing are: May 23 from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.; May 24 to June 7 - Mondays to Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

London & Middlesex Public and Separate School Boards will be holding a display of Audio-Visual Learning Materials at Princess Anne Public School on May 10, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and May 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A job has been advertised at the U.W.O. bookstore located in the Community Centre. Anybody interested should contact the store directly.

It is hoped to see as many members as possible at this year's conference being sponsored by the Halton-Peel branch, to be held May 25 to the 28th.

Shirley Edgar

Last years' executive and membership discussed giving a bursary to a student in the Library Technician Program. However, it was decided upon recommendation from technician students to donate the money (\$50 annually) to the program.

Shirley Edgar, Coordinator of the Technician Program, has sent a letter thanking the association for the gift. It was decided to spend the money on the purchase of a collection of children's picture books.

It is hoped that this project will continue to benefit students in the Fanshawe College Library Technician Program.

As you all know, we like to receive items of interest from our members that we can include in the newsletter. Debbie Holme has submitted the following to us.

On Saturday, April 8, I had an exciting opportunity to participate as a resource person for the London Area Christian Librarian's Association's spring seminars. The two seminars focused on the financing and the acquisitions of the library. The first seminar dealt with the type of financial backing which was available for the library and the type of material purchased (whether it be hard or soft bound). No concret conclusions were

arrived at, but the advantages and disadvantages of funding and budgeting were discussed in great detail. Approximately 94 per cent operated from budgeting, 4 per cent budgeting and funding, 1 per cent strictly funding and 1 per cent private sources. Part two of the seminar consisted of the typer of materials that were purchased for the library and how the money was divided among the collection. With this in mind the quality of a book was discussed in comparison with economic value. We also discussed the purchasing of a book and quality of workmanship, what to look for when buying a book, and also we covered methods of book repair and preventative maintenance for books.

The second seminar I can only summarize from people I have talked with. Public relations could be incorporated as a subtitle for this topic. Some of the problems and ideas included getting the toddler to the senior citizen interested in reading. Teenagers were of special interest as they were problem to motivate. Suggestions were offered for getting people interested; put the books where the people are; attend meetings; promotion of books; specific books for specific people.

The idea was stressed that the library staff had to be enthusiastic and enjoy their work. Communication with the minister and staff is essential the the existing programmes.

If any of you are interested in becoming a member of the Christian Librarian's Association, please feel free to contact me.

--Debbie Holme
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--From Linda Bone's recipe file (at the insistance of the other executive)

Bran Muffins

(400°F for 20 min.)

1/2 lb. shortening	3 3/4 cups flour (white or whole wheat)
2 1/2 cups sugar (white or brown)	2 1/2 Tbsp. baking powder
3 eggs	2 Tbsp. baking soda dissolved in
3 cups sour milk	1 1/2 cup boiling water
1 cup bran	1/2 lb. dates (dust with flour)

Mix everything together. Wait at least 24 hours before using (improves with age). Can be stored for at least 1 month in frig. Just use the amount you want whenever you feel like muffins. I always add more fruit (raisins, walnuts, dates), or more bran. Make sure you use a large mixing bowl or else cut the recipe in half.

We would like to welcome our new members. It is good to see people taking an interest. The new members are:

Symone Cyrenne

Wendy Flavell

Jennifer Nelmes Chard

Geraldine Clarke

Tara Davis

The next meeting of the London Regional Branch OALT/ABO is scheduled for September. It is going to be an interesting one, with guest speaker, and a few other surprises, so plan to attend. We will let you know further details. We will also let you know about any summer events (picnic or whatever is planned).

Be Seeing YOU.