

school, we didn't call there.

It was not so quiet at the Chalmers ave. clubhouse as there were more dike workers, hereinafter to be termed dikers for the sake of brevity. There were more dikers having meals and recreation, all seeming so young and quite as many girls as boys.

Naturally the radio was going full blast so that we had to more or less shout at one another to be heard. Two petite ladies in slacks gave us a humorous account of the start of this emergency canteen. For a day or two, like the others, they served sandwiches, and then on Sunday, May 7, they decided hot breakfasts were needed so, with only half a pound of bacon, a pound of sausage and a dozen eggs, these intrepid women prepared hot breakfasts, literally not knowing where their next meal was coming from.

But like all works of faith they reaped their reward, for in no time at all the 'teen ager who had been summarily despatched to ask her Mum for some eggs, went the rounds of her chums who not only canvassed their mothers, but all the neighbors as well and supplies started rolling in.

"It was just like the miracle of the loaves and fishes" said one of the workers, with no little awe in her voice. At noon a neighbourhood Sunday roast was sliced up

after that, not meals. Sunday, the 14th, was the peak day here as everywhere and 500 hot meals were served Sunday noon, which seemed incredible as there were only two tables along each wall. The overflow was sent along to Gordon United Church as workers realized a waiting diker was not a working diker. And time was the essence at that crucial period.

Here, too, was the same marvelous story of almost incredible assistance. Hot meals and potatoes were rushed in from the women's organizations in response to a plea sent over CJOB by a local woman whose work for the past 18 years had brought her into very close touch with church and association groups.

One woman who found it impossible to give of her time outside her home came to the canteen faithfully every evening with 10 to 11 dozen piping hot home made doughnuts. You can just imagine how long they lasted! The workers here were on eight hour shifts with 20 workers to a shift, and the chief supervisor was a man, who proved a leavening influence in a group of women, with the result that harmony prevailed.

At the Kelvin st. clubhouse we encountered our first St. John Ambulance First Aid Post. Three men

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A soft spot in the corner of the dike at the foot of Rossmere ave. gave way and the hole torn in it was impossible to plug.

On Sunday an estimated number of 80,000 bags of sand were dropped into that part of the dike and five caterpillar tractors piled tons of mud at the base of the dike to no avail.

The workers wallowed in a sea of mud and towards the end of their fight it became so bad that the bags had to be transported from Lay ave. to the dike on the "cats."

Following the levelling off of the river a second dike was started immediately to protect other homes that are on higher ground. This dike threads its way between houses just west of Woodlawn ave.

It has been built to a height of approximately three feet and is now being watched closely, although no more diking is expected to be necessary.

A small area that was almost lost to the flood last week was on East Kildonan's last street, McLeod ave.

Not being on the banks of the turbulent Red River the residents of McLeod ave. were overlooked entirely as all materials were being rushed to the priority areas along the river.

About five families on McLeod ave., east of Henderson Highway,

firm determination held together and when the Leif Lake caved in more was made available for them

Now they have a subst foot dike extending 200 of Henderson Highway not only their own home

## SERVICES TO BE HELD AT ALL CHURCHES :

Permission has been given by the Army authorities for a special service of worship at the Memorial Church on Summit St. Rev. H. S. Doxey will therefore conduct a service at 11 a.m.

Worshippers are urged to come warmly, if the day is cold. Motors have been rented for the furnaces.

There will be no evening services. The basement of the church is still free from water.

At time of going to press the Herald has been informed that services will be held in all churches. Please refer to "Services" column for all details.

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The regular meeting of Chapter No. 22, O.E.S., Friday, May 19, has been