

Christmas Party Features Town's First Lighted Tree

(Special to The Sudbury Daily Star)

MONETVILLE—The Star of the North Women's Institute held its regular meeting in the Memorial Auditorium, with the president, Mrs. Wilbur Allen, in the chair.

The December meeting, which always takes the form of a Christmas party, was originally to be held at the home of Mrs. Hubert Lawrence, Jr. However, with the advent of hydro in the school and since Miss Muriel Woodard, the junior teacher, was on the hostess committee, it was decided to hold the meeting in the auditorium. Due to sub-zero temperatures, fewer members than usual attended.

After the Ode and Mary Stewart collect, minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$27.15 as the total proceeds from last week's entertainment night, staged to augment the Institute funds.

The money was raised by a program of music, singing, drills, kits, readings, etc., by the school children.

Six members of the Women's Institute enacted a fantasy. Other members sold popcorn and fudge during intermission. A handmade plush toy dog was auctioned, bringing \$1.30. Due to the bad condition of the roads last week, only half the usual crowd attended. Tagging the fantasy again at a later date is being considered.

After bills for the concert were paid, a balance of \$82.65 remains in the funds. Some correspondence was read. The sunshine box collector reported two sunshine boxes sent and only 13 cents remaining in the cash box.

The Sudbury District Women's Institute calendars, 30 of which were purchased for sale at 50 cents each, were put on display for sale. It was decided to get four pounds of candy kisses and four pounds of peanuts to help fill the teachers'

candy boxes for the school children.

It was also decided that the Women's Institute give each child a bag of popcorn, and give Mrs. Burwell Malott and Mrs. Charles Allen the sum of \$7.00 to see what help they could find in Sudbury to improve Santa's wardrobe. The secretary, Mrs. Charles Purcell, tendered her resignation, which was accepted. Mrs. Harold Fryer was nominated as successor and elected by acclamation.

Roll call was an exchange of gifts left until the last part of the meeting, so as to include any late-comers. Each member brought a wrapped gift, which was dropped into a basket. When a member answered the roll call she backed up to the basket and took the first package that her hand encountered.

Piano selections were played by Leila Mercer, Ruth Douglas, Gay Lawrence and Jean Lawrence. Adults engaged in a stunt in which members were to remain sober-faced while doing and saying ridiculous things, or pay forfeits. Five were required to pay forfeits.

The rest of the social program was carried on at the beautifully decorated long table, at one end of which a Christmas tree glowed with colorful electric lights, the first tree to be so decorated in this community.

Christmas crackers with hats and jokes, and a candy snowman adorned each place and provided much merriment. An electric boudoir lamp was presented Mrs. Charles Purcell, the resigning secretary, as a token of esteem for work well done.

A Happy Birthday was sung and a cake presented to Mrs. Eugene Lawrence. After a bountiful lunch leaflets of Christmas carols were distributed and the evening ended with singing of all the old-time favorites.

Little German Girl Writes To Thank Group for Mitts

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MONETVILLE—The Star of the North branch of the Women's Institute held its 30th regular meeting on Thursday in the memorial auditorium. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Wilbur Allen. Twenty-two members answered the roll call, and two visitors were present.

The treasurer reported total finances \$37.68. Membership and convention fees have been paid to the district. All other bills have been paid. Two sunshine boxes were sent, one to Diane Gideon convalescing from an appendectomy the other to Alex Douglas, husband of a member who has been ill at his home for several weeks.

No more sewing has been sold but vanity sets, pillow slips, runners, doilies, tea cloth sets, aprons and pot holders are being completed and turned in to be sold now or held for a bazaar at a later date.

Patches started for a quilt over a year ago, were taken by Mrs. W. Allen since Christmas and finished into a quilt top. It was decided to have the secretary send for a cotton batt and five yards of print to finish this quilt. Also to get a bundle of remnants for more sewing or patchwork.

Plans for a bazaar and supper

were again laid over to the social afternoon.

It was decided to sell popcorn at the 'teentown' concert, March 17.

Connie Purcell, teen-age guest, read a letter she received sometime ago from a girl in Germany. The letter was written in German and Connie just recently succeeded in getting it translated at high school. Sometime ago a box of clothing was sent to an organization for the needy. It was a pair of hand-knit blue mitts for a child, with a slip of paper containing Connie's name and address slipped inside.

The mitts became the proud property of this little German girl's brother, and she wrote her an interesting Thank You note.

The meeting closed with singing God Save the Queen. After which games were played and a contest won by Miss Muriel Woodard. The prize was a Valentine. Each member brought a Valentine. There were placed around the lunch table and opened by the member at each place before starting lunch. The hostesses were Mrs. Layton Fryer, Mrs. P. Hunsburger and Mrs. H. Lawrence, Jr. After lunch members enjoyed a sing-song of old favorites, from song sheets supplied by the program director, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Jr.