Around Castleton

with Joyce Buchegger

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DECEMBER 4

Quote: "If your children want to take driving lessons, don't stand in their way."

The Castleton Sunday School was in charge of the White Gift service Sunday morning at the United Church. The theme was "A Festival of Lights" and was under the direction of Mr. W. Pratt with Gary Perdue as lead reader. The church was decorated with a tree and many candles which the children lit. There were readings and carol singing by the young people.

The Castleton Brownies entered an attractive float, "The Wizard of Oz" in the Colborne Santa Claus Parade Saturday, and the Girl Guides marched in the parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Langford Oddie of Regina, Saskatchewan spent a few days with Mr.s Oddie's cousins, Mrs. Jean Papineau, and Mr. Don Ducie, and their families fast week. Mrs. Oddie, a home economist, is the 1st Vice President of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada and writes a weekly column in the "Western Producer".

Mr. Eric Slater received a pin at the Warden's Banquet Wednesday night recognizing his 20 years of service in the counties. The banquet was held at the Cobourg Legion Hall for retiring warden, Mr. W. Rutherford, and several others received awards.

Thursday evening the annual Christmas dinner for county employees was held in Cobourg with several from this area attending.

Mrs. G. Papineau, Mrs. J. Blakely, Mrs. V. Darling and Mrs. E. Herren attended a UCW executive meeting at Horde's Station Monday night.

Mrs. L. Quinton attended a Girl Guides Area Arts weekend in Port Perry where there were workshops on drama, dance, crafts, and song.

The Brownie mothers had a busy time Wednesday as they gathered at the church and worked all day at crafts making lovely items for the bazaar, under the leadership of Mrs. Caroline Jones.

Mr. Harold Forster is happy to be home after a two-week stay in hospital in Toronto.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harnden, Grafton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lew May.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gaudaur were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Turney.

Miss Leslie Quinton was weekend guest of Janice Jackman, Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Buchegger were guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bickle, Port Hope, Friday evening. Sunday the Bucheggers visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis, Toronto.

DECEMBER 11

Quote: "Sing ye joyful, happy notes, Christmas time is near. Sing out the olden Yuletide songs to spread bright, sparkling cheer."

At the Cramahe Baptist Church Sunday evening sixty adults and children

sat down to a delicious turkey supper prepared by Mrs. D. Ducie, Mrs. W. Turney and the ladies of the church. Following the supper, a delightful Christmas program, under the leadership of Mrs. E. McKague, was enjoyed by all. There were recitations and carol singing with Mrs. M. Grills at the piano. The Christmas story in pantomime was performed by earnest shepherds and wise men, a worried looking little angel, and a joyous Mary and Joseph, all appropriately costumed. Narration was by Catherine Tobey and Ford Church. Pastor G. Tobey spoke briefly on the true meaning of Christmas, and the happy evening closed with the distribution of treats to the children.

There were many mothers and friends at the successful Girl Guide and Brownie bazaar, Saturday afternoon at the Town Hall. The tables were laden with delicious home baking, lovely knit and crochet articles, and attractive hand-made crafts and novelties.

Friends and neighbours are happy to know that Mrs. D. Dingwall is home from hospital in Toronto.

We're sorry to hear that Mrs. Dora Lamont is back in Cobourg hospital.

Miss Beverley McBride had her tonsils removed Monday in Peterborough hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Makin, Toronto, and Miss Cynthia Quinn, Peterborough spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Quinn.

Mr. Robert Bailey, Shawville, Quebec, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron, Harwood, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey on the occasion of Mrs. Bailey's birthday.

Soft light from the Nativity scene, the Christmas tree and the candles gave a warm glow to the Castleton U.C. Sunday School rooms as the UCW met for their meeting the evening of December 7. There were 42 present, including several gentlemen. Mrs. E. Slater read the Christmas story from St. Luke, and Miss L. Arkils sang "Lullaby, Thou Art the Newborn King" to autoharp accompaniment. Mrs. J. Blakely and Mrs. G. Papineau, in charge of the program and worship, gave readings on Christ's Gifts of Joy, Love, Light, Peace and Hope, lighting a candle for each. Miss Arkils sang "There's a Song in the Air". The film "O Holy Night", depicting the events concerning Christ's birth, was shown. A time of carol singing was enjoyed by all. Following the meeting, a lovely lunch was served by Mrs. J. Bailey, Mrs. G. Ellis, Mrs. J. Osborne and Mrs. A Young. Roll Call was a gift for D'Arcy Place.

C.P. Rail Station Lec 6/78 to be demolished

Cramahe made its choice of appointments to the Colborne and Cramahe Recreation Committee. Councillor Morris Tait and Deputy-Reeve Earl Harren will again represent the council. Bill Pratt and Alie Ryken were returned to the committee for another 2-year term and Henry Wisniewski was chosen as the new member, replacing Marvin McComb who chose to step down. Mr. Wisniewski will serve on the committee for the traditional one-year probationary term after which he will be considered for re-appointment.

Council learned that a preliminary survey, conducted at the township gravel pits revealed that the township supply of gravel guarantees no more than a 40-year supply. A decision was then taken to discontinue the selling of gravel to the general public.

George Blyth presented an information kit from the Ontario Heritage Association. The kit describes the means of preserving buildings of historical importance in the township.

Blyth requested that council study the Heritage Act in the light of current moves toward the establishment of Salem United Church as a Heritage Site. The councillors were receptive to Blyth's proposal and promised to give the matter their consideration.

George Blyth submitted a proposal to Cramahe council that they consider sending a letter to the Northumberland and Newcastle Board of Education. The letter, Blyth said, should request that the board restrain spending in their 1979 budget in light of the general 5 per cent limit on provincial grants to the municipalities next year. Blyth said that the time to complain about overspending at the board is before and not after the budget is struck.

The value of new construction, as revealed through building permits issued by the township of Cramahe for the month of December, was \$143,000.

Cramahe council received correspondence last Friday from the town of Oakville requesting endorsement of a resolution forbidding the engagement of topless waitresses. No action was taken on the request and council, after a brief discussion, decided to file the letter.

New Liquor Control Board guidelines were presented to inform council that as of January 1, 1979, it will be necessary to have an employee or employer and the applicant present at all future functions in the town hall when a Special Occasions permit has been granted. Council decided to appoint the hall caretaker, Ellen Lindle, to represent them as an employee on such occasions after the new year.

Cramahe's choice of a representative to the Land Division Committee for the coming term of County Council will be Don Campbell, the former reeve of Haldimand township. An appointment will be made on the basis of the candidates chosen by Cramahe, Colborne and Haldimand who join together in sending one representative to the committee. The present representative is Charles McGuire of Colborne.

Council agreed to a proposal put forth by Via Rail that it be allowed to proceed with the demolition and removal of the old CP railway station situated on Lot 32, Concession 1 of the township. Council agreed to the suggestion and remarks were made to the effect that snow removal on the hill leading to the station had, in the past, presented problems for the road crews.