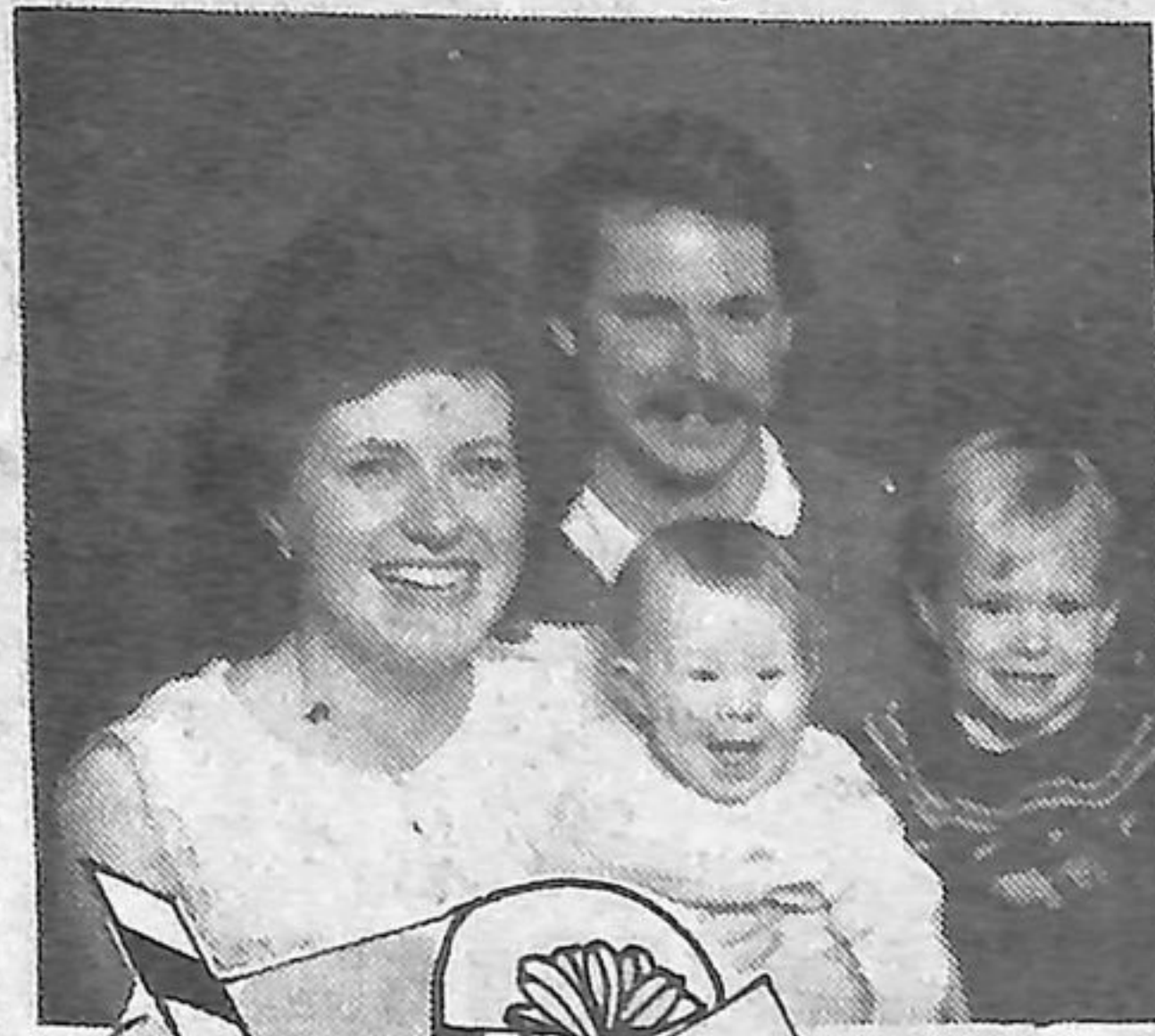


Part of our joy at  
Christmas is remembering  
friends like you.

## Merry Christmas



And A  
**Happy  
New Year**

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# Another successful year for Oxford County W.I.

The Oxford County Women's Institute Conference was held on Nov. 10 at All Saints Anglican Church, Woodstock, Ontario.

The meeting opened at 10 a.m. with the singing of O Canada.

The inspiration was given by Embro and West Zorra, W.I. by showing slides on I Believe followed by the hymn I Believe.

This year's theme was For Home and Country, Year of the Homeless. Roll call was answered by each branch donating canned goods or money for the Salvation Army. They were received by Major Dalrymple from Woodstock. She thanked everyone then told us some of the work the Salvation Army does. She spoke of the number of hampers the Army prepared last year, which included food, toys, etc.

Major Dalrymple asked that the group stop and think how lucky we are.

The chairperson, Mrs. Howe gave her report, then read a poem entitled A House is built of Stone.

Scholarship and Bursary was

given by Mrs. Leonard Caffyn. The three 1987 Scholarship recipients for Maryn Pardy are, Catherine Sutherland of Middlesex County, Susan Moodie in Oxford County, Heather Gillet of Oxford County.

It was decided there would be bursary awards given next year for boy or girl.

Mrs. Butler gave a historical report on their projects for the year. Their plans are to have the animal pictures in all the schools soon as possible. They have had a very busy year.

A potluck dinner was served at 12 noon with Jean Brumpton W.I. and Maple Park W.I., the kitchen conveners.

The afternoon session opened by singing Hymns Of All Nations.

Greetings were given from London Area., Oxford North, Oxford South.

The group was entertained with a skit and duet by Lucille Debus, Betty Addlington, Sherrill Babbey from Cornell W.I. and Springford W.I.

Mrs. Babbey introduced the guest

speakers for the afternoon, Mrs. Shirley McQuiggan and Mr. Ron Kittie from Springford Wood Carvers. They had some beautiful wood carving pieces they had done to show us.

They told us step by step how a block of wood, can be carved into ducks, eagle, signs, or whatever you choose. There are courses offered at Wood Carvers in the Springford School on Thursday nights. The amount taken in from the Country Store was very good. It was voted there will be a Country Store again next year.

Joyce Pettigrew spoke on family history, trying to encourage each W.I. member to do a family tree and log book. There is excellent information in your Tweedsmuir books. Visit the Norwich Archives and familiarize yourself with what is available in Oxford County.

The Oxford County Conference will be held again next year at All Saints Anglican Church on Nov. 8, 1988.

# 39 and Holding Club meet at Towle home

On Monday evening, Dec. 21, the 39 and Holding Club gathered at the home of George and Susan Towle. Harold Pickel opened the programme, greeted all and welcomed all the guests. The minutes were read and approved.

Audrey Wakem lead a very inspirational devotion period. The scripture passages told how often angels had appeared at the time of Jesus' birth and also later in his life. Angels were messengers.

Susan Towle welcomed Gordon and Georgie Smith of St. Marys, who

had been to Portugal last April. They gave an interesting report of various activities, showed a few items they had brought home, and also showed and commented well on slides that gave all an insight of that country.

A special collection was given by everyone for the Salvation Army. A contest ended the programme and a delicious lunch was served by the committee. They also presented gifts to the ones with Dec. birthdays and also two that had a lucky cup and another person who had a certain chair during lunch time.

## Browns news

The final euchre party of 1987 at Brown's school had 12 games on Dec. 17.

High prize winners were Joyce West and Ed Monteith; Lone Hands - Vi Pridham and Frank Levy; Low - Helen Elliott and Burns Innes. Lucky prize winners were Leta Wood, Cecil Armstrong, Robert Burgess and Grant Johnson.

Everyone is invited on Jan. 14 for the next evening of cards.

# Browns euchre

Browns euchre party was held Jan. 14 at Brown's School with nine tables.

The prizes were ladies' high Betty Johnson and men's high Bert Butcher.

Lone hands were Dorothy Kittmer and Frank Levy; low prizes - Vi Pridham and Ken Day.

The lucky draws were Jean Robinson and Bob Burgess. The next euchre will be held on Jan. 28 at 8:30 p.m.