SWINTON PARK

On Sunday next, Rev. Norman McDonald, will preach his farewell sermon in Swinton Park, after three years and three months of faithful kindly service. Long will he be remembered here, as the young man who could at any time and before any audience, without the aid of notes, deliver a good sermon, a gift that few have.

While working in Haw's Mill, Walter Knox had three fingers injured by the saw last week. A very close call as only the tips of the digits were injured. However he was laid off work for a few days. Walt. feels thankful that his whole hand did not go.

John McMillan, Con. 14, is buying wood for Hardy Brothers these days.

Quite a number of our citizens old and young were in Dundalk Saturday to meet Santa Claus.

A splendid school concert put on by Miss Stewart and pupils of Swamp College, was enjoyed by a full house.

In last week's items we said a Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment in Swinton Park Hall on Friday 18, that date is changed to Thursday the 17th. All children free, Adults 15c. Come and help the little folk.

MAXWELL

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mr.s Charles Long on Thursday, December 10th, with a good attendance, the President, Mrs. Geo. Ross in the chair. The Roll Call was answered by Christmas customs in other lands. Mrs. Bushell had charge of the program, which was in keeping with the Christmas season. Instead of exchange of gifts among members as in other years each made a gift of money to the institute. A nice sum was thus realized. The lunch committee, Mrs. Ed. Seeley and Miss C. Kernahan assisted the hostess in serving a dainty lunch.

Sorry to report Mr. C. Brodie on the sick list.

Mrs. Len Seeley and children are visiting Mrs. Seeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Long.

Miss Kathleen Hawton of Feversham spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Joe Wright.

Mr. Ted Bushell spent the past week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McLean of Feversham visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Priestly of Dundalk spent the week end with relatives here.

KIMBERLEY

(Last week's Items)

A pleasant social evening was spent by the members of the W.I. and families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wes McMillan. The meeting was conducted by the president in her usual efficient manner. The roll call "Why we want peace" brought many thoughtful answers. Over 50 were present.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. B. A. Carruthers and Mrs. Carl Carruthers on Tuesday afternoon, when over 20 ladies were present. The quilt was reported nearly finished.

On Friday night the community met in the C. M. hall and presented Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harris, recent bride and groom, with a beautiful mantle clock and an end table. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Miss Opal Weber and Miss Myrtle Fawcett attended the W.I. convention in Toronto and will give their reports at the January meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Chard and Miss Annie Burritt, Reg. N., motored to Toronto on Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burritt.

The Sunday School has a splendid program arranged for their Christmas tree on the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutchinson and children moved to the village during the week and are now residing in the south half of the parsonage.

SAUGEEN JUNCTION

(Intended for last week)

Mrs. Robt. Little is visiting at Mr. Joe Badgerow's.

Mrs. James Semple of Markdale visited recently with her sister, Mrs. Bert Badgerow.

Mrs. Wm. Halliday is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. Wilfred Batchelor was home over the week end.

Mrs. J. O. Patton of Flesherton visited one day recently at Mrs. Joe Sewel's.

He: "What do you mean—Cupid's no good as a marksman?"

She: "Well, he's always making Mrs."

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Ladies' Silk Underwear ..... 25c to $1.95
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Travelling Bags ..... $2.98 to $12.50
Ladies' Handkerchiefs ..... 5c to 25c
Ladies' Velvet Goloshes .... $2.95 & $3.45
Ladies' pure wool Sweaters .. $1.95-$2.45
Hot Water Bottles, heavy quality 35c
Hot Water Bottles, good heavy quality guaranteed one year, each 95c

FOR BROTHER

Heavy Rubbers ..... from $1.35 to $4.50
Mackinaw Coats ..... from $3.95 to $6.95
Sweaters & Sweater Coats, $1.19 to $3.95
Leather Coats ..... from $3.95 to $7.95
A large assortment of Gloves, Hosiery and Ties.

HARDWARE SPECIALS

Large Assortment of Electric Lamps from ..... $2.75 to $4.89
Alladin Lamps for the farm .... 7.25-$7.75
Glass Casseroles ..... for 65c each
Glass Casseroles with silver plated container $3.00
Electric Toasters ..... from 98c to $2.75
Electric Irons ..... from $1.25 to $2.75
Also a large selection of Rogers Silverware from which to choose.

HARDWARE SPECIALS IN THE FEED DEPARTMENT

Oyster Shell, per cwt. $1.15
Royal Purple Stock Food reg. 60c for 49c
reg. $1.75 for $1.35
Hen Concentrate, per cwt. $3.35
Cattle Mineral, per cwt. $2.85
Oat and Barley Chop, per cwt. $1.50

SUGGESTIONS FOR FATHER

Horse Hide Leather Coat ..... for $10.95
Horse Hide Leather Coat, with fur collar, for $12.95
Imported Fancy Wool Hose ..... at 75c
Fine Botany Wool Hose, Canadian made, at 50c
Fine Cashmere and Rayon Hose at..... ..... 35c; 3 for $1.00
Fancy Neckties, at 25, 35, 50, 75, $1.00
Men's Wool Scarfs ..... from 49c to $1.25
Men's House Slippers .... from $1 to $2.25
Men's 1, 2, 3 and 4-Buckle Goloshes at $1.95, $2.75, $2.95
Men's Fine Shirts with fused collar, all new patterns 98c, $1.50, $1.95

FOR SISTER

Kid Gloves ..... from $1 to $1.95
Wool Gloves ..... from 35c to 75c
Silk Underwear ..... from 25c to $1.95
Handkerchiefs ..... from 5c to 25c
Sweater Coats, various prices 89c to $2.95
Wool Twin Sets ..... at $2.95

GROCERY DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

New Seedless Raisins ..... 2 lbs. 25c
New Dates, pitted ..... 2 lbs. 25c
New Dates, with pits ..... 4 lbs. 25c
Mixed Cut Peel ..... 20c lb.
New Currants ..... 15c lb.
New large Raisins with seeds .... 2 lbs. 23c
Large variety Oranges 19, 29, 39, 50c
Choice Bananas ..... 23c doz.
Grape Fruit, good size ..... 5 for 19c
Mixed Candy ..... 2 lbs. for 25c
Creams and Chocolate .... 18c 2 lb. for 35c
Mixed Nuts ..... 2 lbs. for 29c

Community Santa Claus

By Alice B. Palmer

THE gigantic Christmas tree in Fountain square was ablaze with colored lights and decorations. Christmas eve had arrived and the snowy atmosphere was beautifully depositing the finishing touches to the grand and wonderful community tree. Even though all the celebrations had taken place elsewhere the big tree had never failed to stand in its place of honor in the center of town on Christmas eve.

Mirth, happiness and laughter fairly abounded through the joyous Christmas crowds as they thronged the streets blinking through the snowflakes and hurrying on to celebrations. They seemed to take the community tree for granted until the illustrious sound of sleighbells was heard in the distance. Sleighbells on Christmas eve—how delectable! All eyes were turned in the direction from which they came.

Soon the object of the delightful disturbance came into sight. A bright red sleigh drawn by six horses, cleverly decorated to represent reindeers, turned the corner and headed toward Fountain square. All traffic was stopped

instantly as the children made a frantic rush to meet their Santa—the real Santa Claus from the North pole!

"It must be the real one," shouted one little fellow, "for only the really true one has reindeers. I know, 'cause my mother told me so."

'Midst wild shouts of merriment Santa, himself, in his bright red and white costume and long white beard, alighted from the sleigh with a jovial, good-natured, "Merry Christmas, merry Christmas to you all!" The children swarmed about him in uncontrollable confusion as he joyously dragged forth pack after pack bulging with bright colored toys and dolls of all descriptions.

What could it mean? Who was this strange real Santa Claus with sleigh and reindeers from the North pole? The people marvelled! The children were boisterous and completely out of control. Everyone forgot his own particular celebration and lingered on to see what it was all about.

Then jolly old St. Nick, his beard flowing in the breezes, began digging down into his packs and passing out the toys to the youngsters.

"Oh, boy!" shouted one, "see what I got—an airplane." Then two little girls cried out, joyously, as they unwrapped golden-haired dollies.

On and on Santa continued as the crowd became greater and greater and the snowstorm grew heavier and heavier. Santa's packs seemed to be endless. Soon gay colored balloons, drums, harmonicas and gold and silver horns were in evidence on all sides, adding to the gayety of the Christmas party.

There was a lull as Santa Claus dug down into still another pack. This time he began hurling large oranges and sacks of candy into the crowd and they were catching them 'midst much laughter and excitement.

Santa himself was having the time of his life. Even more so, than the happy crowd about him For he was

chuckling within, because he had been reminded by a Christmas messenger of love to do this very thing and to become the community Santa Claus.

Finally the crowd became impatient to learn who their strange, chuckling Santa really was. Who could it be, who had given so generously and impartially to all? But before they had time to speak, the jolly old fellow was jostling past people, snow and traffic until he scrambled into his sleigh.

"Get up, reindeers!" he shouted.

With a jerk the sleigh bounded forward with Santa wildly shouting, "Merry Christmas, folks, merry Christmas to all!"

But he wasn't to get away so easily for the next moment a strong north wind, whistling around the corner, tore off whiskers, mask and all, and Santa Claus stood revealed in all his embarrassment!

A hushed silence at first and then a wild shout of joy and surprise rang through the Christmas atmosphere. 'Twas "Indian Pete," the town's most confirmed miser. Never in all their lives had they seen such a glorious smile on his face, as he gazed out from his Christmas regalia and offered his hand in friendly greeting to all.

"Indian Pete" (so named because of his love for the outdoor life), had given without thought of receiving; and had incidentally received more than he ever could have received materially—the respect and adoration of the whole town.

They say hard work never kills anyone, but it has scared a lot of people half to death.

EUGENIA

The Y. P. S. met on Wednesday evening of last week, with Miss Annieta Turner presiding and taking the devotional period, Scripture passages were read, the discussion topic was taken by the Christian fellowship convenor, Miss Irene Dinsmore. A duet was sung by the Misses I. Dinsmore and M. Park, with Miss Hazel Turner accompanying on the organ. An instrumental by Miss Dinsmore and Miss Doris Fawcett, with mouth organs and Miss Margaret McMillan on the guitar. For recreation Rev. Bushell conducted a "vehicle" contest. It was decided to withdraw the Y. P. S. on December 23rd. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held on Thursday afternoon in the basement of the Church. Mrs. L. Genoe presided for the devotional period after which Mrs. G. Magee, the president, took the chair. The minutes were read and adopted. The roll call was answered by an exchange of Christmas gifts. A letter of appreciation from Mrs. R. Purvis, was read, thanking the W. A. for their kind letter and treat during her illness, and also a donation in money was received with thanks. Election of officers took place, this was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bushell. The officers elected for 1937 were as follows:

President — Mrs. Francis Genoe
Vice Pres. — Mrs. Chas. Turner
Secretary — Mrs. Chas. Martin
Treas. — Mrs. Wilfred Magee
(The Sec. and Treas. were re-elected)
Auditors — Mrs. A. Cameron and Mrs. Court Smith.
Organist — Miss Georgina Smith.

After the election of officers the new president, Mrs. F. Genoe took the chair. It was decided to continue the units in W. A. and the same captains were re-elected. A committee for church decorating was appointed as follows. Miss G. Smith Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. H. Foester and Mrs. Stanley Campbell.

Flower Committee for sick members are — Mrs. Kaitting, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. F. Jamieson.

Parsonage Committee — Mrs. L. Genoe and Mrs. W. Gordon.

Mrs. Garnet Magee (retiring President) invited the W. A. to her home for the January meeting. Her kind invitation was accepted. The meeting closed with prayer.

We were very sorry to hear about Estelle, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Hammond of Toronto being very sick with lobar pneumonia, in the Western Hospital, under the care of Dr. Lane, formerly of Priceville, a serum was administered, which aided her greatly, otherwise it is not known how serious her case might have proven. Estelle is a very highly esteemed young lady and has many friends, old and young, rich and poor, are all the same to her. We sincerely hope that she will soon be restored to her usual good health. She was expected to leave the hospital on Saturday last, but owing to a little set-back she has to remain a few days longer. Mrs. M. McMullen of the village here, is Estelle's grandmother and Mrs. Bert Graham, her aunt.

Mr. Chas. Park has returned home from St. Catherines. His wife and little daughter have spent the past few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carruthers has returned home also.

Mr. Lundy has returned to his home at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Peter Munshaw has gone to spend the winter months with his daughter, Mrs. Large at Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Graham of Clarksburg visited over the week end with relatives here.

VICTORIA CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Talbot, Moorefield spent last week at the home of his father, Mr. Wm. Talbot.

Mrs. Jno. Henry Richardson has been quite ill, but is improving.

The ladies of the W. A. held their annual meeting, and the following officers were appointed:

Pres. — Mrs. Art Jackson.
Vice Pres. — Mrs. Chas. Moore.
Treas. — Mrs. Will Talbot.
Rec. Sec. — Miss Maud Acheson.
Asst. Sec. — Mrs. W. Gallagher.
Cor. Sec. — Mrs. Russel Patterson.
Organist — Mrs. Robt. Lee.

Committees — Devotional: Mrs. O. Patterson, Misses Iva Acheson and Winnifred Talbot; Sunshine: Mrs. W. Acheson, Mrs. Art Jackson, Mrs. M. Nichol; Buying: Mrs. Jas. Patterson, Mrs. Jas. Batchelor; Lunch: Mrs. R. Lee, Mrs. Sam Stewart.

A sleigh load of the neighbors spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Linton at Mount Zion.

Indian Summer at last! We heard of a man last week who is waiting for Indian Summer so that he can take his potatoes up. They say that all things come to him who waits. We were told of a young man who went away one Sunday evening, taking the horse and buggy as it was raining and, boys, he stayed so long that the ground was frozen to the wheels and when the horse started off he left the driver and buggy behind him. When the owner arrived home the horse was waiting to be admitted to his stall.

Patient (nervously): "I suppose the operation will be dangerous, doctor?"

Doctor: "Nonsense! You couldn't buy a dangerous operation for $40."

Unfortunate but true—Putting a man on a dole does not take him out of the dole class.

After all, it is probable that the only man who never said an unkind word about a fellow man was dumb.

The man who never made a mistake never made anything.

Small Ads.

FOR SALE — Young pigs 8 weeks old.— Johnson Bros., R. R. 3 Flesherton.

LOST — Between Maxwell and Hopeville, truck tarpaulin. Finder notify Geo. Long, Maxwell, reward.

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