PRICEVILLE

The fine Christmas tree held at St. Columba United Church proved to be very satisfactory in all its musical numbers by the pupils. and their recitations, reading, dialogues, etc., were real good. A couple of numbers by the members of the male quartette in "Closed Lips," were well received. They were dubbed by the congnomen "Lion Tamers." The choir of the church gave two sacred numbers "Nazareth" and "All Hail the Mighty King." Santa arrived just at the close of the program and the distribution of presents took place, with many assistants, after which the young people filed past Santa, who gave each one a bag of candies. Previous to this certificates of attendance and proficiency in studies had been distributed by the School Superintendent, Mr. Arthur Bell. The National Anthem closed another fine annual event.

Speaking of Christmas trees! See the one erected on the public triangle with its 100 lights of seven different shades—a beauty in big letters. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." The tree is surmounted by a lovely star with a bright red centre. Commercial men say that there is no finer beween here and Toronto. We would be safe in adding Owen Sound, or London!

Another interesting event was on Tuesday evening in the school house, now illuminated by electricity, when the pupils again acquitted themselves creditably in their various offerings. A minstrel selection by the scholars, with Principal Bell accompanying on the guitar, was a pleasing number.

Principal Bell and his wife left on Thursday to spend their holidays at their old home near Drew.

Miss Anna Bell left on Wednesday for her home at Stouffeville.

A Happy New Year to all is our genuine wish.

Your humble scribe left for Holstein Wednesday with a view towards spending the holiday season with his dauhters and other old friends.

The skating rink is not available for practice, the water disappearing as soon as the ground is flooded. But "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." So wait, boys and girls.

Mr. A. A. McArthur, retiring Warden, with Mr. H. B McLean left for Toronto on Thursday with a view to convey their daughters home from business college. Not being able to see them was a fly in the ointment.

Keep in mind the concert in the Presbyterian church on Thursday night, Dec. 30th, by the Shiels family.

Mr. Donald Carson and sister, Bernice, spent the Christmas vacation in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCuaig spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seigner at Walkerton.

Mr. Stuart Carson returned from Toronto on Wednesday after his operation in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hincks of Hudson, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hincks and Marilyn, Misses Jean and Almeda Hincks of Toronto, along with the other members of the family, had Chistmas on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harrison, when 24 were present.

Miss Beatrice Watters of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Elford Watters.

Mrs. Ramsdell of New York was a Christmas visitor with her brother, Mr. John Stothart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichol and family, Mrs. T. Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. MacArthur and babe spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bennett at Durham

Mr. Murray Nichol of London has arrived home feeling much improved in health.

Mr. John Nichol Sr. visited with his sisters in London.

A Happy New Year to Editor, Staff and Readers.

Mrs. McMeekin has arrived home after spending some time in Hamilton.

(Last week's Items)

The W.M.S. and Willing Helpers' Societies held their annual meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Aldcorn. Mrs. Jack McMeekin was re-elected President and when Mrs. Bradey Irwin announced her resignation Miss Margaret Nichol was appointed Secretary in her place. Miss Nellie McLean was re-elected Treasurer and also gave a report of the work of the Society, which showed that they had a good year. Mrs. Thos. Nichol gave a splendid paper on the subject of Christmas. The roll call was answered by an exchange of Chrismas gifts. Considerable business was dealt with. Mrs. Sutherland presided over the W.M.S. and after the usual opening exercises Mrs. Sutherland gave a reading, as also Miss Nellie McLean. Mrs. A. L. Hincks gave a reading "Are you an active member or do you just belong?" The meeting closed by the singing of a Christmas hymn, followed by prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Watson.

A Sunday School party was held on Thursday night in the basement of St. Andrew's church, when the children enjoyed games and singing. Santa Claus appeared later in the program and distributed the presents from the tree. Each received a bag of candy, following which lunch was then served to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayes, Fergus, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hector McLean.

Mr. Castlor of Toronto occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church and gave a fine Chritmas sermon.

PROTON STATION

The United Church W.M.S. held their annual meeting in the church last week. The following officers were re-elected: Pres., Mrs. R. G. Acheson; Vice Pres., Mrs. A. Sherson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Neil McCannell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Lorne Hodgin.

The Christmas weather is ideal, being fine for either motoring or sleighing.

Some of those who came to their parental homes for Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Elzer Park and children of Toronto at Mr. Jos. Parks'. Mrs. Park is remaining for the week's holiday; Mrs. Wilson and Miss Muriel of Toronto at Mr. Consley's; Mr. Chas. Lyons' sons and daughters and their families spent Christmas with their parents.

Mr. Arthur Hergott of the Cochrane district came to spend Christmas with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wyville of Toronto were home, and also Miss Bertha and Mr. Andrew Hemphill.

Misses Katherine Barker and Susan Jackson, Eileen and Verna Baker, all of Toronto, were home for Christmas.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Vause is still in bed.

Mr. Peter Consley suffered a nasty fall on Christmas day, cutting his head so severely that a doctor had to be called to stitch and dress the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Acheson entertained the Inistioge Y.P.S. on Monday evening.

The most serviceable of all assets is reputation.

MANY THANKS

We take this opportunity of extending to all our friends in Flesherton and district

BEST WISHES

for a Happy and Prosperous New Year

May we also thank you for your kind patronage during 1937.

SUPERIOR STORE, FLESHERTON

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EUGENIA

On Thursday evening a shower was held in the hall for Mr. and Mrs. Norval Betts, recently married. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbours. The evening was spent in dancing. About midnight they were called forward and an address was read by Mrs. J. Porteous and a presentation on behalf of the community made by Messrs. Bill Hanley, Stanley Magee, Norman Williams, Joe Hawkins, Earl Gordon and Ted Campbell of a breakfast suite (a table and four chairs), also some pieces of graniteware. Norval, on behalf of himself and wife, made a neat reply thanking all for their lovely gift, after which all sang "For they are jolly good fellows". Lunch was served and dancing was resumed for a few hours longer.

A very successful public school concert was held in the Orange hall on Wednesday evening by the teacher, Miss Irene Dinsmore, and pupils. The program consisted of choruses, musical numbers by the orchestra, dialogues, monologues, recitations, a stocking drill and another drill, "In Grandma's Day", after which Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts to the children and grown-ups from the well laden tree. The hall was artistically decorated as was the tree for the occasion. The proceeds amounted to over $18.00. Mr. Will Walker was chairman for the evening.

Misses Mary and Isabelle McKee of Toronto visited over Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. McKee.

Miss Fern Magee of Toronto is spending the festive season at her parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Faris spent a few days the past week at Queensville.

Miss Bernice Campbell has returned home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Williams and son, Joey, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Legard and grandson, Edwin, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sherwood at Ceylon.

Mr. Jack Jamieson returned to Alexandria on Monday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Jamieson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Purvis and children visited over Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Purvis.

Mr. Argyle Martin of Toronto University is spending the Christmas holidays at his parental home.

Mr. Ken. Kaitting of Smiths Falls is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kaitting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Shortt and children visited on Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Shortt of Feversham and the Essland family at Rob Roy.

Miss Irene Dinsmore is holidaying at her parental home near Thornbury.

Miss Christena Magee is home from her school at Brewster's Lake; Miss Irene Martin from Orange Valley and Miss Dorothy Jamieson from Feversham.

Mr. and Mrs. Les. Ferris of Toronto visited over the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sloan. Mrs. Ferris remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Haney spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Doupe, and children in Flesherton.

Mr. T. Lever is spending a few days in Markdale.

There are a couple of cases of chicken pox in our vicinity. We hope the contagion doesn't spread.

There will be no Church service here next Sunday.

The Y.P.U. will hold a social evening on Wednesday of this week. Hope there will be a good attendance.

The Orange Lodge held a dance in the hall here Christmas night. There was a large crowd present.

(Intended for last week)

There was a good attendance at church on Sunday when Rev. Mr. Elliott delivered a fine Christmas sermon. White gifts were placed in the manger at the altar by the S. S. children and others.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Y. P. U. met with Miss Jean Tudor presiding, Miss Mabel Duckett was organist and Miss Phyllis Graham took the discussion period

On Thursday evening the Woman's Association held their annual meeting in the church basement. The meeting was opened by a hymn, scripture reading, and the Lord's prayer in unison. The roll call was answered by an exchange of Christmas gifts. The election of officers took place which resulted in the old officers all being returned. The executive for 1938 is: Pres. Mrs. F. Genoe; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Chas. Turner; Sec. Mrs. Chas. Martin; Treas. Mrs. Wilfred Magee. The 'unit' system of working in the W. A. was discontinued and all will work in one unit during the coming year. The secretary was presented with a lovely gift. Mrs. Martin was taken by surpise by the presentation and voiced her appreciation of and thanks for the gift and will endeavour to carry on her work to satisfy all. The W. A. has had a very successful year for after buying new tables and benches for the basement they turned over $25 toward the minister's stipend and $40 for the caretaker's salary. A sum was also reserved to pay Eugenia's share of the wiring of the parsonage at Maxwell after which there will be a nice sum with which to start the new ear. Rev. Elliott closed the meeting with prayer.

On Thursday evening of last week the Y. P. U. held an executive meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Faris Only six membes of the executive were present at this important meeting at which much discussion took place. Several resolutions were passed to bring before the union at its next meeting. The meeting closed in prayer after which lunch was served by the hostess.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 29, the Y. P. U. will hold a social evening in the church basement.

Mr. Fred Pedlar spent the week-end in Meaford.

Sorry to report Dalton and Florence Pocock also Freddie Williams on the sick list this past week. We hope they will soon be well again.

Miss Fern Magee has returned home from Toronto.

Mr. Roy MacMillan is spending a few days in Toronto and Oakville.

Mr. Thos. Gilliland had the misfortune to lose a work horse a few days ago it being the second one this year.

Messrs. Geo., Clarence, and Ernie Williams and Mr. Newly of Toronto visited over the weekend with the former's parents.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. E. Betts and relatives in the loss of her father, the late Mr. Jerry Thompson, of Flesherton.

EAST MOUNTAIN

We extend to the staff and readers of The Advance a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Miss Mabel Thomson of Clarksburg spent Christmas at her home here.

Miss Bernice Harbottle of the Flesherton high school, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harbottle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Idle spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Wickens of Kimberley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McMullen and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lever and family at Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Comfort Thompson and family were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Teed at Egypt.

The annual school concert will be held this Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, as owing to sickness it was unable to be held before Christmas.

FEVERSHAM

Hello, ye linotype operators, and the correspondents to the papers! We will have to be more careful in our budgets, and for mercy sakes let us not make any mistakes in the coming year. I got into trouble by being blamed for reporting that a young gentleman and his wife were visiting with friends in this locality, when "gosh durn it" he did not have a wife; it was his mother who was with him. Of course I blamed it onto the linotype operators. If anything is said about you boys, just blame it back on me and keep the ball rolling.

Mr. Hugh Davidson of Toronto spent Christmas and the holidays with friends in this locality.

Mr. Russell Hawton and Ronald Springgay motored to St. Catharines on Thursday last and returned Friday, bringing with them Miss Helen Springgay, who has a position in St. Catharines, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sled spent Christmas with the former's parents at Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawton, Kathleen and Carrol, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Wright, and family at Maxwell.

Mr. J. Patterson, teller in the bank here, spent Christmas at his home at Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pedlar and boys spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pedlar, Collingwood Gravel.

Mr. Burton Conron of Collingwood spent the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Conron, here. Burton is now a student in the Collegiate at Collingwood.

Four student nurses-in-training at the G. & M. hospital, Collingwood, were at their homes here for Christmas: Miss A. Robinson, Miss E. Smith Miss E. Hutcheson and Miss Pansy Thomson.

Misses Verna and Bernice Hudson of Toronto spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson. They returned to the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Short and daughters, Dora and Nellie, spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs. Frank Short, 10th line.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ottewell and son, Albert, were with Mrs. Ottewell's mother and brother for the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weldrick, 10th line.

Our teachers, the Misses Miller, Bonis and Jamieson, have gone to their respective homes for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Marion Eby is holidaying with her sister, Mrs. Thos. Forsythe, in Owen Sound. ?

Appreciation

The undersigned desires to thank his many Customers for their valued patronage during the past year and to solicit a continuance of the same.

We wish all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Fred G. Karstedt

Genera Store, Priceville

CEYLON

Sorry to report Mrs. Geo. Arrowsmith confined to her bed with pleurisy. Mr. Arrowsmith is now able to see a few of his friends after his lengthy illness. Trust they'll soon be out and around again.

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bailey and daughters of Dundalk to Southampton on Saturday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. M. Reany and family.

Mr. Grant Muir is holidaying with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Florence McInnis is spending the Christmas vacation at her home near the Soo.

The following teachers are home for the Christmas and New Year recess: Mr. Jackson Stewart of Cheeseville; Miss Dora Stewart of Swamp College; Miss Chris. McKinnon of Proton; Miss Mabel Parslow of Toronto; Miss Frances Collinson of Springhill; Miss Emma Oliver of Stone's Line; Miss Beth Hincks of Feversham.

Mrs. T. A. Gilchrist and Miss Nellie Genoa spent Christmas Day with Durham friends.

Christmas visitors in the community were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffin and Miss Catharine Cairns of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alton of Markdale with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns; Miss Irene Stewart and Mr. Will Stewart of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart; Miss Blanche Genoe of Owen Sound with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Genoe; Mr. Laverne Piper of Markdale with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Piper; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Leslie and two children, Fern and Orton, of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMullen; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Torry and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Torry of Lauriston with Mrs. Harry Piper; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huston and family of Oshawa with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir; Misses Elsie and Irene Fisher of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisher; Miss Jeanette McLeod and Mrs. Phil. Warrener of Toronto at Mr. J. D. McLeod's; Mr. and Mrs. Talbot and family of Flesherton at Mr. George Udell's; Mr. Stanley Hunt of Toronto at Mr. G. Arrowsmith's; Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White and Edna and Mrs. Walker and babe of Toronto with Mrs. W. White; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott and Miss Olive Marshall of Toronto at Mr. F. Marshall's; Mr. and Mrs. R. Rutledge and family of Holland Centre with Mr. and Mrs. George Jaynes; Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen and Mr. J. C. McMullen of Toronto at Mr. Archie McMullen's.

Miss Mary Mathes spent Christmas at her home in Priceville.

Miss Mildred Risk was at her home at Kimberley for the Christmas week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Staines and babe of Niagara-on-the-Lake are holidaying with the latter's brothers, Messrs. Bob and Dick Parslow, Old Durham Road.

Mrs. Robt. Dunn of Iron Bridge is visiting her brothers, Messrs. James and Joseph Oliver, and other relatives for a couple of weeks.

Miss Isabel McDonald of Weston is a visitor at the home of Mr. Geo. Cairns.

(Last week's Items)

Miss Blanche Genoe of Owen Sound is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Genoe, "The Cedars".

Mrs. Gordon Stuart spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Mr. Percy Hemphill and Mr. Sangster Hemphill attended the Poultry Fair in Owen Sound last week. Mr. P. Hemphill was the holder of one of the lucky numbes in the Merchant's Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair of Dundalk were Sunday visitors here.

Mr. Everett Talbot has secured a position in Toronto for the Christmas season.

Mr. Clark Wyville spent Sunday here with Mrs. Wyville at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMullen.

Mrs. Sandy McFadden received word on Sunday of the death of her sister Mrs. Murdock at Caledon. The community sympathises with Mrs. McFadden in her sorrow.

Miss Mildred Risk spent the week end with friends in Kimberley.

The Ladies' Aid held their monthly meeting and election of officers at the home of Mrs. W. White on Dec. 15th, when there was a good attendance. Favorable reports were received and at the conclusion of the business Rev. Service took charge and conducted the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. Geo. Snell; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Geo. Udell; Secretary Mrs. Geo. Jaynes; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Mathewson.

Friday evening the people of the community enjoyed the school concert which was largely attended. Rev. Service made a very capable and enthusiastic chairman. The concert opened with the "Welcome Song" by the pupils, followed by a short address by the chairman. Recitations were given by Mary McMullen, Kenneth Muir, Carman Plester, Edna Marshall Muriel Shaw, Joe McWilliam, Ruth Stewart, Harold Nichol, Barbara Marshall, Nancy McWilliam, Phillip McMullen, Gordon Shaw, Jean Marshall, Gordon Nichol, Gordon Stuart, Donald McLeod, Marion Collinson and Wallace Shaw. Several carols were also enjoyed by all. A drill "Grandmother's Day" depicted up-to-the-minute styles of a long time ago. Miss McInnis danced the Highland Fling and Mr Grant Muir gave a selection on the bagpipes. "The Old Spinning Wheel" was enjoyed by everyone, as also a monologue by Irene Mathewson. Two dialogues "Katherine Parr and Henry VIII" and "William Tell" were dramatized by several of the pupils. These are selections from the new curriculum. Another dialogue that was enjoyed was "A practical use for the paddler." At the close of the program Santa arrived and distributed the gifts to the children from a prettily decorated tree.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Muir Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, with a good attendance. Mrs. Fred Marshall, the president, opened the meeting with the singing of the "Ode." The fund for the Society for Crippled Children" was closed at this meeting and the treasurer was instructed to forward the same to the Society. Mrs. Marshall invited the members to her home for the next meeting. A lovely lunch was served by the social committee and hostess.

MAXWELL

The school concert, held last Tuesday evening, was a great success and much credit is due the teacher, Mr. Shouldice, for the way in which he had the children trained to each do his or her share with credit to themselves.

Mrs. Chester Cameron of Owen Sound spent last week visiting with friends here.

A number of people in this vicinity are enjoying the bright lights of the Hydro power, which was turned on last Thursday on the Feversham and Maxwell circuits.

Miss Margaret Hawton of Feversham visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Joe Wright.

Christmas visitors in this vicinity were: Miss Mary Findlay of Toronto with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McArthur; Miss Dolly and Mr. Nelson Pedlar of Toronto at their parental home; Mrs. Elliott and three children of Toronto at the parsonage here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morrison of Walkerton spent Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Kathleen Morrison is home for the holidays.

We have an idea that a boxer with the name of Baby Yack would just naturally have to do a great of fighing.