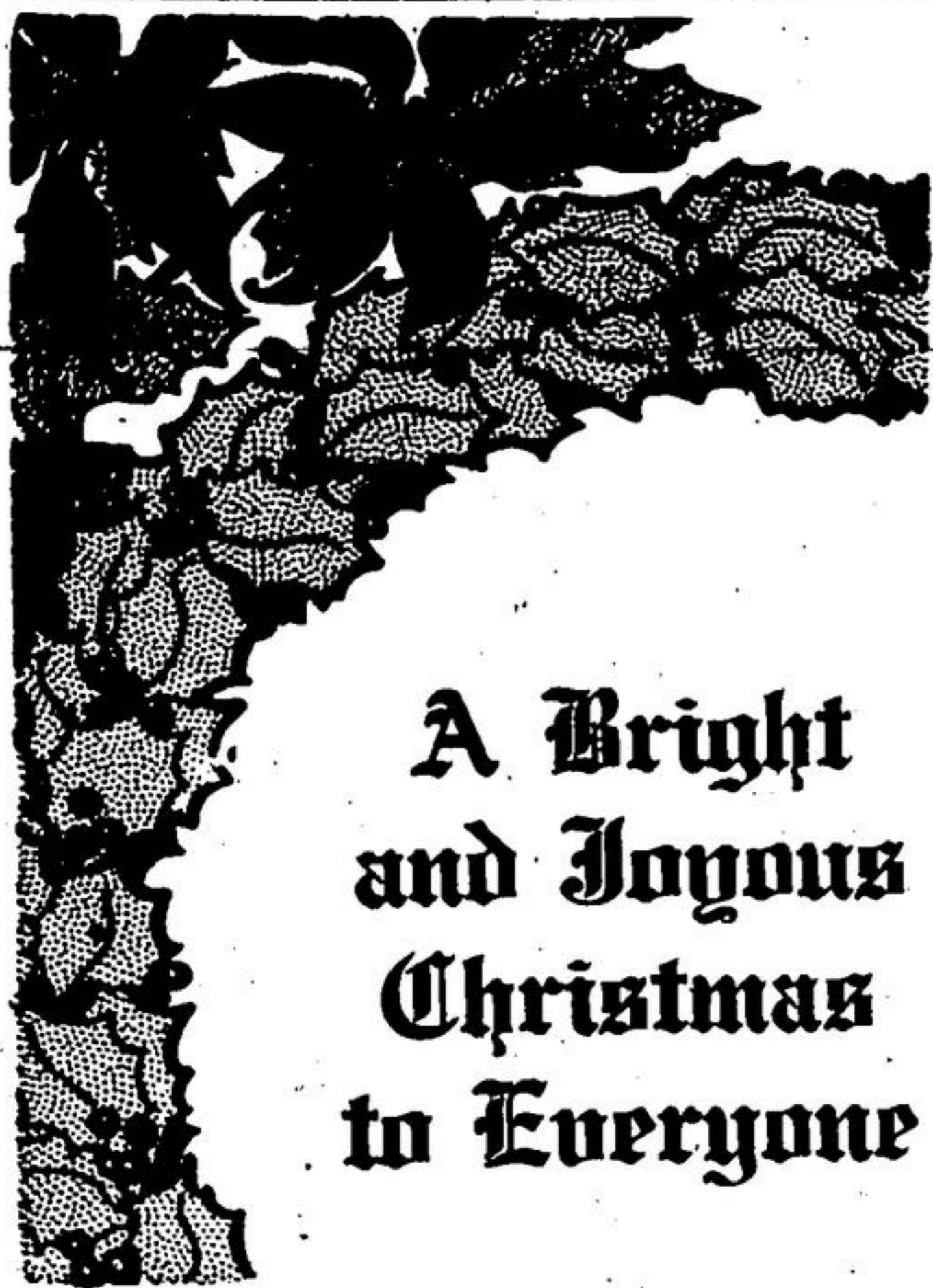


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A Bright and Joyous Christmas to Everyone

Two W.M.S. Life Memberships Are Presented at Meeting

Acton United Church W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Peter Smith last Thursday. The President, Mrs. Caldwell presided. After a short business period, the installation of the 1945 officers was conducted by Rev. Mr. Fosbury. A very fine friendship service interspersed with many Christmas hymns and carols sung as solos and choruses followed.

A very happy feature was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Miss E. Hawthorne by Mrs. E. J. Caldwell on behalf of the Society and Mrs. Fosbury presented the pin. Mrs. Jas. Symon presented Mrs. E. Veldhuis with a life membership certificate and the Church choir through Mrs. Gardiner gave a life member's pin. Grateful acknowledgement was voiced by the two new life members.

After this very helpful program, Mrs. Smith and Miss Pearl Smith served Christmas refreshments. A hearty vote of thanks was given the hostesses.

Mr. Fosbury closed the meeting with prayer.

Following are the officers for the year 1945.

Past President—Mrs. E. Mowat. President—Mrs. E. J. Caldwell. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. S. J. Reid. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. H. N. Wilson.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. R. J. Johnson.

Recording Secretary—Miss E. Hawthorne.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. A. Dills. Mission Band—Miss M. Z. Bennett. Christian Stewardship and Finance—Mrs. A. W. Fosbury.

Community Friendship—Mrs. F. Cleave.

Associate Helper—Mrs. J. Gardiner. Affiliated C.G.I.T.—Mrs. Rognvoldson.

Missionary Monthly—Mrs. T. Watson. Mrs. L. Agar.

Life Membership—Mrs. T. Watson. Baby Band—Mrs. R. McArthur. Supplies—Mrs. J. Moore.

Pianist—Mrs. R. R. Arnold. Asst. Pianist—Mrs. M. Burns.

Press—Miss E. Hawthorne. Auditors—Mrs. J. Symon, Mrs. F. Cleave.

MATERIALS SENT FROM RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS HERE

Materials forwarded from Acton Red Cross headquarters this week included the following:

- 7 pair mitts; 17 pair bed socks, 4 sweaters, 2 scarfs, 15 pair gloves, 10 pair socks, 13 pair pyjamas, 60 girls' nightgowns, 10 babies' nightgowns, 113 khaki handkerchiefs, 44 white handkerchiefs.

ACTON ENLISTMENTS This Week's Register

Beatrice Creamer, granddaughter of Mrs. G. Creamer has joined the W.R.C.N.S. and is now stationed at Cornwallis, N.S.

Employees of Beardmore Co. Give Christmas Party

A band and Santa Claus draw big and little children at this season of the year like the Pied Piper. In spite of strong and blustery weather, the Acton Boys' Band paraded Santa Claus behind the team of Mr. Evan Jones from the Beardmore & Co. gates on Elgin Street to the Town Hall. All along the route the children tagged on. It was the Christmas party of the Beardmore Employees' Association for the children and the versatile Reeve, J. M. McDonald was the jolly Santa Claus and the centre of the party, while Bobby Anderson was the clown. It was held on Saturday afternoon.

Needless to say, the Hall was packed. It was a children's party and the star performer was the funny man who led the singing and was general master of ceremonies. A professional artist with a group of trained dogs also gave a performance.

Of course the highlight was the arrival of Santa Claus, who claimed the last mile was made on snowshoes, owing to the heavy snow. There was a mountain of Christmas gifts with a package for every child and a big Christmas orange. Santa Claus and his committee had a busy time distributing them, but none were missed and all were happy.

FRIENDLY CIRCLE/CHRISTMAS INVASION AT HOME OF LEADER

The Friendly Circle invaded the home of their teacher, Miss M. Z. Bennett. Led by Lois Dawkins and Alzelma Priestly carrying a miniature Christmas tree, the class marched down Lake Avenue and serenaded Miss Bennett on the porch. After she recovered from the initial shock she invited the girls in. The tree was lit and each girl placed a gift for Miss Bennett under it. When the parcels had been opened amidst loud Ohs and Ahs, Miss Bennett thanked the girls for the shower of gifts.

A Santa Claus hunt was then started, the lucky finder being Alzelma Priestly, who was presented with a gift by the benevolent old gentleman. After a nice quiet "game of murder" the girls settled down and sang Christmas carols till the jolly old welkin rang. Doris Wilson presided at the piano during this period.

A very satisfactory lunch of doughnuts and coffee, Christmas cake was served by Stella Adamson, Doris Kenner, Edith Jennings, Lois Dawkins, Erma Wilderspin, Miss Bennett and Peg Richardson.

After the singing of "For she's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne" the company dispersed home as noisily as they arrived.

Pte. M. McMillan Invalided Home At Christmas Time

Another Acton soldier was among the fortunate and Pte. M. J. McMillan arrived home on Sunday evening in time to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Margaret McMillan and his sister Miss Jean and brother Bill at home on Frederick Street. He has been overseas for over two years and a half and while training in England had the misfortune to be thrown from a motorcycle and sustained extensive injuries to his knee and he had been invalided home.

In the army for three years he went overseas after six months training in Canada. Not only the family but his many Acton friends are glad to see him return and learn that his injuries are making satisfactory progress.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRESENTED BY UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL

A very fine Christmas concert was presented by the pupils and teachers of Acton United Sunday School last Wednesday evening and enjoyed by a large audience of parents and friends. Christmas hymns were of course a feature and Superintendent A. T. Brown and the minister Rev. A. W. Fosbury were chairmen.

Little Diana Baird gave the scholars welcome and other features on the program were; a play entitled "Light in the Window"; a playette "Choosing a Doll" singing of old English carols; a cornet solo by Ken Anderson; a little play "Fairies Christmas Party" and the tableau "The Manger Scene" with the organ chiming playing that Christmas hymn "Silent Night".

Of course the highlight was the visit of Santa Claus and the distribution from the Christmas tree of gifts for young and some old ones too.

Wolf Killed In Eramosa Brings Bounty of \$65

With a Township bounty in Eramosa of \$35 per head supplemented with a \$25 Provincial bounty, wolves in this district are pretty profitable game for hunters. On Wednesday Wellington and Arthur Stumph bagged a wolf on the farm of Reeve D. D. Gray of Eramosa, just north of Rockwood.

In view of the fact that Eramosa has paid this year over \$1000 in claims for sheep killed, the bounty on a wolf is pretty good business at \$35. It is believed a number of the sheep killed were the prey of wolves.

County Council Lauds Work of Warden for 1944

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WHEN SANTA CAME TO TOWN



Arrival of Santa Claus at the Christmas Tree and Parade of the Beardmore Employees' Association at Acton Town Hall last Saturday afternoon.

Concluding Meeting Esqueping Council For the Year 1944

Reeve May Thanked for Courteous Treatment and Conduct of Council Proceedings

The last regular meeting of Esqueping Township Council for the year was held on Friday. Deputy Reeve G. W. Murray, Councillors George E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present and Reeve G. H. May presided.

Accounts passed for payment included: Dept. Game and Fisheries, hunting licenses, \$2.50; Corporation of Georgetown, Division Court costs and rent, \$18.00; Bell Telephone Co. services, \$4.95; Acton Public Utilities, Crescent lights, \$15.00; W. J. Campbell, Wood Inspector, \$10.00; Georgetown Herald, account, \$24.69; Cecil Chisholm, attending court of appeals, \$6.35; A. W. Benton attending court, \$5.60 and stamps \$10.25; J. Sanford, fuel account, supplies, etc., \$19.65; G. C. Brown, insurance renewal, \$37.50.

Board of Health accounts for meetings and mileage were paid: J. H. Bingham, \$26.70; Dr. R. T. Paul, \$25.20; C. H. May, \$28.80; Y. M. Bennett, \$24.00; Dept. of Health, Insulin, \$9; J. Sanford, \$13.52.

Members of Council received the following amounts for meetings, mileage and commissioner: C. H. May, \$160.80; G. W. Murray, \$150.00; G. E. Cleave, \$132.50; Geo. Currie, \$134.40; Wm. A. Wilson, \$134.40.

At the afternoon session of Council the by-law providing for the holding of municipal nominations and elections was read and passed. Road accounts of \$4,905.29 were passed for payment; legal fees of Dale & Bennett of \$150.00 were paid, and refiled accounts of \$14.75.

Sheep claims included amounts to Stanley May, \$11.00; Spencer Hughes, valuator, \$2.00; Wm. A. Wilson, \$65.00; F. W. Shortill, valuator, \$2.00.

Mr. K. C. Lindsay was paid \$25.00 for services rendered regarding the county book.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Reeve vacated the chair and the Deputy Reeve G. W. Murray, put the following motion:

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to Reeve, C. H. May for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this Council during the past year.—Carried.

Cases Heard In Court In Milton This Week

In Police Court in Milton yesterday afternoon Arthur Clubine pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving and was fined \$25 and costs. The case arose from a collision of a truck owned by Gordon Snow and driven by Arthur Clubine and a car driven by Thomas Epstein, of Toronto. The accident occurred on December 2nd on the First Line of Esqueping.

Evidence showed that at the time of the mishap the windshield of the truck was nearly all frosted. The truck struck the front of the car, damaging the front fender and running board, amounting to \$114. There was no damage to the truck, Provincial Constable E. R. Lemon investigated.

On Monday at a special sitting of Court before Judge Munro, Thomas Burrows of Hamilton appeared on a charge of stealing a car and tires. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year in the reformatory on each charge, the terms to run concurrently.

Christmas Party Y's Men's Club Feature Night

One of the finest and largest social events at the Y.M.C.A. was the Christmas Party last Friday evening arranged by the Y's Men's Club. There was a splendid attendance, one of the largest of any event in several years.

The program bristled with features. Cards were enjoyed for an hour or so and the program proper opened with a demonstration by a group from Toronto on the parallel bars and the various holds in judo. In this group which kindly came to Acton were Ingram Jones, physical director of the West End Y; David Burgess, instructor of judo and Ken McCracken. Their demonstrations were most interesting and enjoyed.

Big feature number too, was the Annual Christmas Turkey Draw of the Y's Men. A couple of live birds were before the tree and with good old Santa Claus making the draw there was a real Christmas flavor. Mr. Chas. Heard was in charge of this item and winners announced were: H. Klauhl, Acton; Irma Watson, Acton; Frank Toth, Acton; Miss M. Close, Acton; Mrs. Irene Marshall, Acton; Mr. E. Cripps, Acton; G. Kalbfleish, Acton; G. Nelson, Guelph; Bruce Fox, Guelph; A. Burrows, Guelph.

It was announced that night and repeated now that winners should call to-night (Thursday) after seven thirty at the home of Mr. Heard, Frederick and Agnes Streets for their birds. We understand they're all ready for them.

The lunch provided by the ladies was another big feature—perhaps the word elaborate might be used in describing this part, as well as big—cold meats, salads, bread and butter, cake and coffee.

Eating together and singing together are said to be two of the finest attributes to good sociability and so a feature that followed the lunch was a rousing singing of the good old Christmas carols with Chas. Kirkness as leader. There was both volume and harmony and pretty fine enjoyment in this part of the program.

For the young people the closing feature was dancing on the fine gymnasium floor. It proved a grand Christmas party. Mr. W. J. Beatty was chairman and during the evening briefly addressed the audience.

Instead of trying so hard, as some of us do, to be happy, as if I would, if I were a boy again, try still harder to deserve happiness.—J. T. Fields.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Dance at Orange Hall, Brampton, on Friday, December 22nd, Stewart Elliot's Orchestra.

Dance—Odfellow's Hall, Milton on December 22nd, Bloomsbury Orchestra. Admission 40c.

Dublin School Concert, Friday, December 22nd at 8.15 p.m. Followed by dance. Admission adults 25c.

Come to the Christmas Concert at S.S. No. 7, Nassagaways, on Friday, December 22nd at 8.15 p.m. Ladies please provide. Admission 20c 25c.

Dance in Brookville Hall on Wednesday, December 27th, auspices Nassagaways Women's Institute. Stewart Elliot's Orchestra. Admission 60c per person.

New Year Frolic, Acton Town Hall, January 1st, Merry Makers Orchestra. Admission 50c. Dancing 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 a.m. (Permittees have been granted by Council for use of the Hall).