

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting Items Concerning Other Centres and Communities in which Many of Our Readers are Interested

## BALLINAFAD

W.M.S. and Mission Circle united for the December meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Robt. McEnery on Friday, December 12th with an attendance of 25. Mrs. McEnery took the chair. Mrs. Flindall had charge of the candle light service. Nuptial officers for the year are: president, Mrs. Stantley Sinclair; 1st vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Shortill; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. F. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Warne; assistant secretary, Mrs. Robt. McEnery; treasurer, Mrs. Takwood; friendship secretary, Mrs. McCluskey; associate secretary, Mrs. Norman Sinclair; temperance secretary, Miss Hilt; baby band, Mrs. Jesse McEnery; mission band, Mrs. Flindall; mission circle, Mrs. Flindall; organist, Mrs. Robert McEnery; literature secretary, Mrs. F. W. Shortill; supply secretary, Mrs. McKay.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Robert McEnery on Tuesday. The president, Mrs. R. McEnery was in the chair. Final plans for the play were arranged. A report of the nominating committee was given; president, Mrs. F. Smith; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Marshall; secretary, Mrs. Robt. McEnery; assist. Mrs. Henry Hilt; treasurer, Mrs. J. Snow; assist. Mrs. E. Perryman; organist, Mrs. Flindall; social committee, Mrs. D. McLean and Mrs. Stewart; music committee, Mrs. Janie Gieve and Mrs. McDill; visiting committee, Mrs. J. W. Shortill and Mrs. Flindall.

Christmas concerts are the order of the day. Mrs. Shortill of Penecoe School held hers on Wednesday night. Miss Dodd at Blue Mountain School had hers on Thursday afternoon and Mrs. Jesse McEnery at Woodside School on Thursday night. All were well received and teacher and pupils all deserve credit. Santa Claus was the final attraction.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs. Lloyd McLean on the arrival of a young son.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Dampier being confined to bed. We trust she may soon be up and around again.

Farm Forum met in the Hall on Monday night, it being reunion night. Progressive euchre and crokinole were played as recreation.

The snow glow has been busy keeping the roads open.

A Merry Christmas to the editor and staff and also all the readers of Acton Free Press.

Rev. Mr. Flindall spent a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Frank Flindall at Smithfield.

## MOFFAT

Again the Christmas holidays are here and the boys and girls of our schools are free to enjoy this fine winter weather, so brightened and enlivened by our Christian and traditional customs. The many Christmas programs were a fitting close to the term and a change from the anxiety of the examinations that are usually on at the close of the year.

The scholars of No. 3 put on a very fine musical program entitled "Bringing up Santa" under the leadership of Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Clement, our teacher and musical instructor. In spite of the storm and the bad roads, a fine audience of ratepayers gathered to enjoy a very fine entertainment. Our homes and children are greatly indebted to our teachers who give their best to our community.

Mr and Mrs. H. Hitchen of Northampton, England, and son Robert are now nicely settled in their new home. We heartily welcome them to our community and hope their first Christmas among us may be pleasant and enjoyable.

Mrs. Anne Wilkinson is spending the week-end in Hamilton before returning to her home in Guelph for the Christmas holidays.

We are glad that Mr. W. H. Black, home from the hospital in Toronto, and is able to get about his usual work.

Mr. and Mrs. Doble are spending the Christmas season with relatives and friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Thos. Simpson has been on the sick list but we are glad that she is much improved.

Mrs. Ames our oldest resident of the community is quite ill at present. Let many friends are very anxious for her recovery. She has seen over ninety Christmas seasons come and go and has retained much of her good cheer in her life and general personality.

The C.P.R. section-men gathered at the home of Mr. Charles Roberts on Wednesday evening to enjoy a social evening and to express to him their kindly feelings toward him in his retirement from the section. A fine evening was enjoyed and the men presented Mr. Roberts with a well filled purse. He made a suitable reply.

We extend to our amiable Editor and his very capable staff heartiest Christmas greetings and every good wish for continued success in the New Year.

Checkers developed from an Egyptian game played 3,500 years ago.

## NASSAGAWEYA

The annual Christmas concert of Bloomsbury School, S. S. No. 9, Nassagaweya, was held on Friday night. There was a large crowd present to enjoy the program of carols, drills, recitations, dances and dialogues, which were well performed. Mr. C. J. Van Goozen in his jovial manner acted as time-keeper and the teachers, Miss Lydia Snow, the principal and Mrs. Clements, the music teacher are to be congratulated on their work of training the pupils for their entertainment. The Christmas tree looked beautiful—decorated with lights and presents which were distributed by Santa Claus to the delight of the children. The meeting was closed by all singing God Save the King.

This community was deeply shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. George Gordon, widow of the late George Gordon of Rockwood, who passed away suddenly on Thursday evening. The deepest sympathy goes out to the two bereaved sons and relatives in this their sad and sore bereavement at the Christmas season.

Nominations for the next Monday, December 29, for reeve and councillors and three trustees for the school area No. 1 of Nassagaweya Township.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson and son of Milton visited for a short time on Friday last with relatives at Knatchbull.

The Ebenezer United Church was decorated with Christmas trees and electric lighting and candles for the service of worship on Sunday morning and white gift offering and in the evening for the carol service of praise to God the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Merry Christmas to all is the wish of this correspondent.

## NASSAGAWEYA

S. S. No. 7

The school corner residents enjoyed a visit from Mr. Dan Heatley of Carney, Ont.

December Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson where 26 members attended and took part in the discussion. They enjoyed a game of cards and a social hour or more.

December 15th Farm Forum was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Service. Owing to school concerts and other events of the week and stormy weather, the attendance was not so large but those attending report an enjoyable evening.

There was a good attendance at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Sunday School concert. The little ones entertained the crowd, enjoyed Santa Claus and gifts from the tree. A number received awards for good work and attendance during the year.

The Busy Bees Women's Institute meeting for December was held at the home of Mrs. Irwin Little where members enjoyed a good day together.

Mr. Peter McLean is convalescing from a severe illness at the home of his daughter, Mr and Mrs. Broomer, Toronto.

Mrs. Paul and her pupils held their Christmas tree concert on Monday evening when No. 7 upheld its record of always having a good concert. There were songs, carol singing, recitations, drills, folk dancing and several plays that at times held the crowd convulsed with laughter. Speeches were enjoyed from a few men in the audience. A trustee from the area, Mr. Wilfred Kennedy was chairman of the evening. Mrs. B. Clements, area music teacher, was pianist. Four of the ladies acted as lunch committee and coffee, a sandwich and sweets were served to everyone. Santa Claus with able helpers, handed a gift to all the youngsters there and some of the not so young were remembered.

Mr. R. S. Heatherington Federation of Agriculture field man for Halton, showed films at No. 7 school on Wednesday afternoon to children but as the night was very stormy and a Christmas tree entertainment at a neighboring school, there was no night showing. A good program had been planned and films on a trip up the Alaska Highway and a Calgary Stampede were to have been shown. We hope we may have the pleasure yet of such an evening.

I think it should go on record that budgets as high as 75¢ a lb. One pound per person per week is considered the amount used by the family so figure it up. Yes, we know the farmer. What's your best about it? But not even they afford to eat it.

We wish Mrs. Hilt and her staff a very merry Christmas, also all who may read this column.

## BHC TOXIC TO LIFE

According to recent experiments, four pounds of a 50 per cent wettable benzene hexachloride product in ten gallons of water, applied as a spray, controls lice on cattle, hogs and in chicken houses. Control of stable flies and botflies can also be obtained.

## CAMPBELLVILLE

The Christmas meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. McPhedran on Thursday afternoon with the President in the chair. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Wallace. A commentary on the last portion of the Lord's Prayer was given. The departmental reports were given and were quite interesting. Mrs. MacNeil read a very interesting story, "The Lost Word" by Henry VanDyke. Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. T. Moore. Mrs. E. J. McPhail read a fine article "The Guest of the Soul" written by Rev. R. J. Renison. Miss Janet McPhail was presented with an Honorary Membership Certificate in the W.M.S. Mrs. Menzies made the presentation on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society. The offering was dedicated by singing of the Doxology. Mrs. R. B. Elliot, convener of the nominating committee, brought in a slate of officers for 1948. This was accepted.

An appeal for "Save the Children Fund" was read and it was decided to send twenty-five dollars from the Ladies Aid. The meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah Benediction. A pleasant half hour was spent over a cup of tea served by the hostess and a committee of four ladies.

## ROCKWOOD

Last Thursday evening the Town Hall was well filled on the occasion of the Public School concert which was well carried out by all who took part in the program. In the opening chorus, Master David Benham gave the welcome to the audience, followed by Christmas carols. The various items on the program gave some indication of the preparation on both the parts of teachers and scholars and all deserve credit for their efforts. During the program Mr. Elmer McCannell distributed prizes in connection with Field Day sports held early in the fall term. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus put in his appearance and with assistance of teachers handed out the numerous presents to the different classes.

Saturday evening the congregation of the Presbyterian Church held a supper in the basement which was enjoyed by all present. After full justice was done to the good things provided by the ladies of the church, all adjourned to the auditorium where a Christmas program was carried out with Rev. Fred Williamson as chairman. With Phyllis Gray at the piano a few Christmas carols were sung, followed by recitations, vocal numbers and instrumental selections by the young folks. Readings were given by Mrs. Max Miles. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus put in his appearance to the delight of the young folks and the numerous presents handed out. During the late fall the basement of the church was given a complete renovation, which made a big improvement, the walls being finished off in a green tint, the woodwork painted and ceiling varnished. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutchison did the work which reflects credit on their labors.

Following a short illness and removal to Guelph General Hospital last Thursday, Mrs. George Gordon passed away suddenly. Her death is a shock to her many friends and neighbors. Funeral took place Monday with a brief service at her late home, followed by service at the United Church. It was largely attended and conducted by her pastor, Rev. John Ward, who also officiated at the committal in the cemetery where her remains were laid beside her late husband. Pallbearers were Messrs. J. Gordier, F. Moore, C. H. Harris, A. B. Root, J. A. Little, B. Hosking. Flower bearers were Messrs. J. Henderson, L. Macdon, R. Watson, C. Lashy, A. M. McPherson, L. Nightingale and F. Wilson. During the service a quartet composed of Messrs. F. Day, J. A. Little, E. Boles and A. J. Elliott contributed a selection.

Numerous floral wreaths bespoke the high esteem in which she was held. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved. Mr. Noel of Guelph and Rev. of Rockwood, also a brother of the late Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Anderson as well as relatives and other friends.

Mr. Wm. Ross is home from the Christmas holiday from New Brunswick.

Mrs. Seth Ward and daughter, Barbara are spending the Christmas holidays in Toronto.

Schools closed this week for the holiday season.

Stuffed on Monday a Christmas school was held in the Town Hall with the Rockwood Musical Society. Entertainment and their conductor, Mr. S. E. Eddy of Guelph. Mr. Eddy was chairman for the occasion. During the program Christmas carols were enjoyed along with the band. Selections were given by the school choir under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Black and Bruce Hosking at the piano. A vocal number by Wm. Landall was enjoyed as well as numbers by John Rockwood and piano accordion selections and quartet numbers. Barol numbers were also enjoyed which shows our young musicians are doing well under their teacher.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the editor and staff of the Acton Free Press and all readers of the paper.

Sunday services were well attended and Christmas sermon and music were the order of the day.

## Ontario's Traffic Accident Deaths Totalled 72 in Nov.

Traffic accidents in Ontario took the lives of 72 persons in November and left a number of victims dangerously injured in hospitals. The fatality total for the month compares with 78 lives lost in November of last year and 85 killed in November of 1937.

A study of the fatal accidents as reported by Ontario papers shows that of these 72 traffic accident victims, 28 were pedestrians, 17 were drivers, 20 were passengers and the balance of 7, cyclists and unclassified.

Included in the above totals, 7 of the fatalities resulted from railway crossing accidents and 15 of the fatalities from "vehicles out of control."

Traffic safety messages issued in Ontario by the Hon. George H. Daulton and highway department officials emphasized that "people over 45 and under 65 are more exposed to traffic hazards at this time of year and consequently accidents increase in this group."

The November fatality records bear out this warning. Of the 72 killed, 40 were 35 years or over.

December, commonly regarded as the most joyful month of the year, is one of the deadliest in the calendar for traffic accidents. In the United States last year it topped the list with 3,300 deaths. Ontario's traffic death toll in December of 1946 was 62 lives lost compared with 84 losses in December of 1941, the worst year for traffic losses in the Province's history.

With the hours of darkness increasing, driving conditions more dangerous, heavy crowds of Christmas shoppers and the number of motor vehicles greatly increased in the Province, safety experts warn pedestrians and drivers both to take increased care.

## FORECAST TRAVEL ROOM CONTINUING

An American Express Travel Survey and Forecast suggests that despite increased travel costs at home and abroad, and the world's political and economic readjustments, a definite travel boom gives promise of continuing well into 1948. However, it is pointed out, in a late report from the All Year Club of Southern California, that the general trend concerns the fact that it is a buyer's market and that the era of easy spending is over. From January 1st to September 1st, 1947, visitors to the Golden State totalled 3,103,100, a rise of 5.1 per cent. over 1946. They spent \$467,000,900, a drop of 8.4 per cent. from 1946 expenditures. Per capita spending of winter guests in 1947 was \$202, as against \$246 in 1946. Summer-time visitors spent \$116 as against \$129 the year before. Based on these figures of greater volume and less individual spending, California has to handle nine tourists to get the same dollar value that it got last year from eight visitors.

## ROVER SCOUTS CYCLING AROUND WORLD

Two South African Rover Scouts, Harry and Geoffrey Caudwell, age 21 and 22 respectively, have arrived in Britain after completing 7,000 miles in a little over six months on a world cycling tour. To date they have averaged a distance of 75 miles each cycling day.

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## RAIN AND SNOW IN ONTARIO


Rainfall during the growing season for most crops April-September, during 1946 was 13.56 inches. This was 8.17 inches less than the preceding year and in comparison with a 65-year period 1892-1946, this was 2.29 inches below the average. One month was above normal and five below. May with 0.53 above and July 0.93 below had the greatest departures during the growing season.

The total amount of rainfall from November, 1946 to March, 1947, inclusive, was 5.17 inches, 0.53 below average for 66 years. In this period there was a snowfall of 88.5 inches or 19.9 above normal.

### Social Worker Wanted!

Application for a Social Service Worker will be received by THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON, MILTON, ONTARIO.


Applicants are required to state qualifications, experience, if any and salary expected.



Here's to a Merry Christmas and a New Year studded with old-fashioned sentiments, happiness, tranquility and prosperity!

## Wm. Bracken

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Santa's heading in your direction with wishes from us for a glorious and joyous Yuletide.

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## Hydro Users: ATTENTION!

The following letter was received from Osborne Mitchell, Secretary of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario and we pass it on for your consideration. Part of the letter was as follows:

December 15, 1947

To all municipalities in Southern Ontario:

Re: Power Conservation

Although there has been a substantial reduction in the demand for power, arising out of voluntary conservation and the application of restrictions, heavy cuts are still being made in the delivery of power to industry. Moreover, system power resources have recently been reduced owing to lack of rainfall causing poor water conditions.

Winter has now set in and little improvement can be expected in the replenishment of water storages, with the result that system power resources may be expected to progressively deteriorate throughout the remainder of the winter. In these circumstances, it is evident that unless additional voluntary savings can be obtained the Commission will be obliged to order Municipalities to reduce their load from time to time by as much as 15 per cent or possibly more. The Commission's engineers are now drawing up such reduction schedules in order that any necessary reductions may be equitably distributed amongst the municipalities.

The consumers are also warned in the letter that unless the necessary savings are made, the power may be cut off entirely during parts of the day.

Published by the Acton Public Utilities Commission in the hope that this drastic action may not be necessary.

## We Thank You ---

for the confidence you have placed in us in the past and extend to you our good wishes for a

## Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year

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