

DISTRICT NEWS

Various Items Concerning Activities in Communities Nearby Where Many of Our Readers are Interested

OSPRINGE

Mr and Mrs David Stewart visited on Monday with Mr and Mrs Robert King at Oakville. Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs Mary Dawson of Winnipeg, who came out at the time of the illness and death of her brother, the late Josiah Stewart, suffered a heart attack while visiting at the same home and is confined to bed there. All wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr Elgin Brown, a third year student at OAC has completed his Christmas exams and has temporary work at the College for the holidays.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs Annie Moore, the local teacher in the death last week of her aged mother, the late Mrs Watson.

The Christmas meeting of Farm Forum was held on Monday night at the school. Following the broadcast business was conducted and committees appointed for the New Year. Mrs Frank Davies was the winner of the lucky surprise package. For progressive euchre Mrs D. G. Robertson and Mr Alvin Fisher received notices for high scores. In the "Gift March" all received suitable packages, which caused considerable merriment. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

During the regular Church Hour on Sunday, a "White Gift Service" was held. Mrs Ward Bruce read the origin of this practise and all placed their gifts in a white basket at the front. Mr Alan Vair was in charge. Special mention was made of the Christmas Service to be held next Sunday night with Christmas music being supplied by the choir under the direction of Mrs G. Sunter.

The annual Christmas concert of the local school was held on Tuesday evening with a large turnout of children and parents. Mr Arthur McKinney acted as chairman for the program of songs, recitations, drills, dialogues and musical numbers. Credit is due the teacher, Mrs Moore, who under a severe strain and recent bereavement carried on and thereby gladdened the hearts of her pupils. Santa arrived at the close and presented each child with a suitable gift.

Your correspondent extends to the Editor, Staff and readers the old time but ever popular Merry Christmas!

EDEN MILLS

The management of the Lafontaine Fur Company entertained their staff at their annual duck dinner held at the home of Mr and Mrs T. A. Dagle of this village. Mr Dagle of Lafontaine expressed the firm's regret at losing the services of Mrs Dagle in the fur business and Mrs Lafontaine Sr presented Mrs Dagle with a diamond studded wrist watch. The evening ended with various card games being played by the twenty guests present.

Mrs Ellen Daniel of Toronto spent last week-end in the home of Mr and Mrs W. J. Lowrie.

Mr and Mrs Borden Sokye, accompanied by Mr and Mrs T. C. Atkinson and Lynn, spent last Sunday with friends in Toronto.

Mrs Will McLean has returned after spending several days with her sisters in Toronto.

Mrs J. D. Lowrie spent a few days recently in the home of her daughter, Mrs Frank Lemmer and Mr Lemmer at Lakeview.

Misses Mary Lou and Peggy Penfold spent last week-end with their aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs. Gilmore at Freelon.

The many friends of Mrs Penfold will be pleased to learn she is so much recovered from her recent serious operation and is at the home of her sister, Mrs Charlesworth in Guelph.

LAC and Mrs Fred McNiven and family of Rockville are spending two weeks in the home of Mrs McNiven's parents, Mr and Mrs J. A. Milne.

The annual concert and Christmas tree of the Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening with a good attendance and a splendid program of choruses, solos, duets and recitations by the S. S. pupils. A play by the young people entitled "Wanted: A Housekeeper" was well acted. Members taking part in the play were Messrs. Bill Lowrie, Jack Cantelon, Mansell Lowrie and Don McLean, and Misses Carol Field, Pat Nunn, Darleen Hamilton and Jean McLean. Santa Claus arrived at the close to distribute the numerous gifts. Messrs. Jack Cantelon, Willie Field and James Gilbertson held the lucky tickets on the Y.P. U. draw. Lunch was served, bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Your correspondent wishes the Editor and Staff of the Free Press a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

LIMEHOUSE

Miss Jan Rutledge and her pupils at S.S. No. 9 again presented a splendid concert on Friday evening in Limehouse Memorial Hall. Chairman A. W. Benton first announced the "Fir Trees Christmas", a musical playlet, followed by an operetta, "The Maid and the Golden Slipper" complete with Cinderella and the Prince, fairies, Cupid and all. The girls performed a drill. A number entitled "Christmas cards" was comprised of recitations and carols. Kathleen Kirkpatrick, the housewife Mrs. Hawley was somewhat short of eggs when she discussed the ages of the family too fervently with farmer, Bert Benton. Big black Dinah, Nell Benton, was so disappointed by her boy friend Sam, Jim Forbes, when he confessed that he loved her chum much more than her that she chased him from the room to end the program.

Santa Claus Jack Lawson arrived in due time to distribute oranges, candies and gifts from the tree. Philip Coulter and Bert Benton, on behalf of the pupils, presented Miss Rutledge with sterling coffee spoons afterwards. Mr Vacey and Mrs O. Mulder provided music with Mr J. McDonald as floor manager to bring the evening to a close. Mrs A. W. Norton spent the week-end in Hamilton. Mr A. W. Lane of Montreal visited with his mother. Mr Alex Wright was home from Toronto last week-end.

Ever wonder how and why the bones in canned fish are soft? It's because in the canning, the fish is subjected to intense heat.

Compliment '49 Council As. Session Completed

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A letter from the Workmen's Compensation Board acknowledging the increase in Volunteer Firemen protection, was received. The Public School Board notified Council that due to the annexation of the Crescent, pupils had to be reimbursed for fees paid. The Board could collect this from the Council but since they did not require this money they would not ask for it.

Council interviewed Constable Forester regarding the telephone account and the complaint of an elderly resident.

All the councillors were present at this meeting and Rev. T. Jones presided. Councillors elect J. Greer, W. Rowell, J. Hargrave, R. Thompson and Mayor elect A. Mason attended the meeting. A brief discussion on the inaugural session of the first Town Council took place and arrangements were made for a brief ceremony at which all citizens would be welcome.

Mayor A. Mason expressed his delight at the way the Council business had been conducted in the past year. He said, "I think you have done a wonderful job and you have my heartfelt congratulations all through."

Reeve Jones, in reply, thanked Mr. Mason and said, "Everyone on the council has faced every issue and done what they consider best for the community." The retiring Reeve felt sure that Mr. Mason would give excellent leadership to the following council.

NASSAGAWEYA

S.S. No. 7

A Dedication Service was held at Nassagaweya St. John's Church on Sunday for the new lighting installation. Master Martin Davenport sang a solo, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling", that fitted the lesson conducted by Bishop Bagnall, of Hamilton. Mrs. John Blacklock had a pupil light placed in memory of her late husband.

Messrs J. W. Wilson, Ivan Richardson, Nassagaweya directors and C. E. Davenport attended the Hog Producers Meeting at Milton on Thursday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Alex Pringle gave their home for the Monday meeting of the Farm Radio Forum for the discussion "Is there a Farm Housing Problem?" There was a splendid attendance and a good neighborly time enjoyed. A campaign for home improvement was discussed and decided upon. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess which all enjoyed.

Congratulations to Mr. George Service and his bride who were married at Ebenezer United Church last Saturday. Mrs. C. E. Davenport attended and conducted the December meeting of St. John's W. A. held at the home of Mrs. Ross Carbert Campbellville.

Merry Christmas to the Editor and staff of the Acton Free Press and to fellow correspondents.

The Busy Bees WI held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. David Henderson. There was splendid attendance in a busy season. Mrs. C. E. Davenport gave a paper on industries of Oakville which was very informative. Mrs. J. J. Kennedy was presented with two lovely fine china cups and saucers. Twenty-five dollars is to be sent to the Sick Children's Hospital and five dollars with a personal gift box to the Ontario Mental Hospital. A resolution asking for a community dumping ground is also to be taken to Nassagaweya Council.

Prior to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy from this district a good crowd of friends and neighbours gathered in No. 7 school on Friday night to bid them farewell and best wishes in their new home in Milton. Mr and Mrs. Kennedy and Marie have spent all their lives here and will be greatly missed by a host of friends. During the evening they were presented with two occasional chairs and a floor lamp and a bedroom lamp to Marie. They all fittingly replied and speeches were given by some of those present expressing regret at their departure. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mr. D. A. Henderson of Guelph, a former resident of this district, who is in the General Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The Farm Forum met in the school on Monday evening. This being review night the discussions were short and a social evening was spent by playing euchre and chess. Lunch was served at the close of games and all report a good evening.

W. T. PATTERSON R.O.

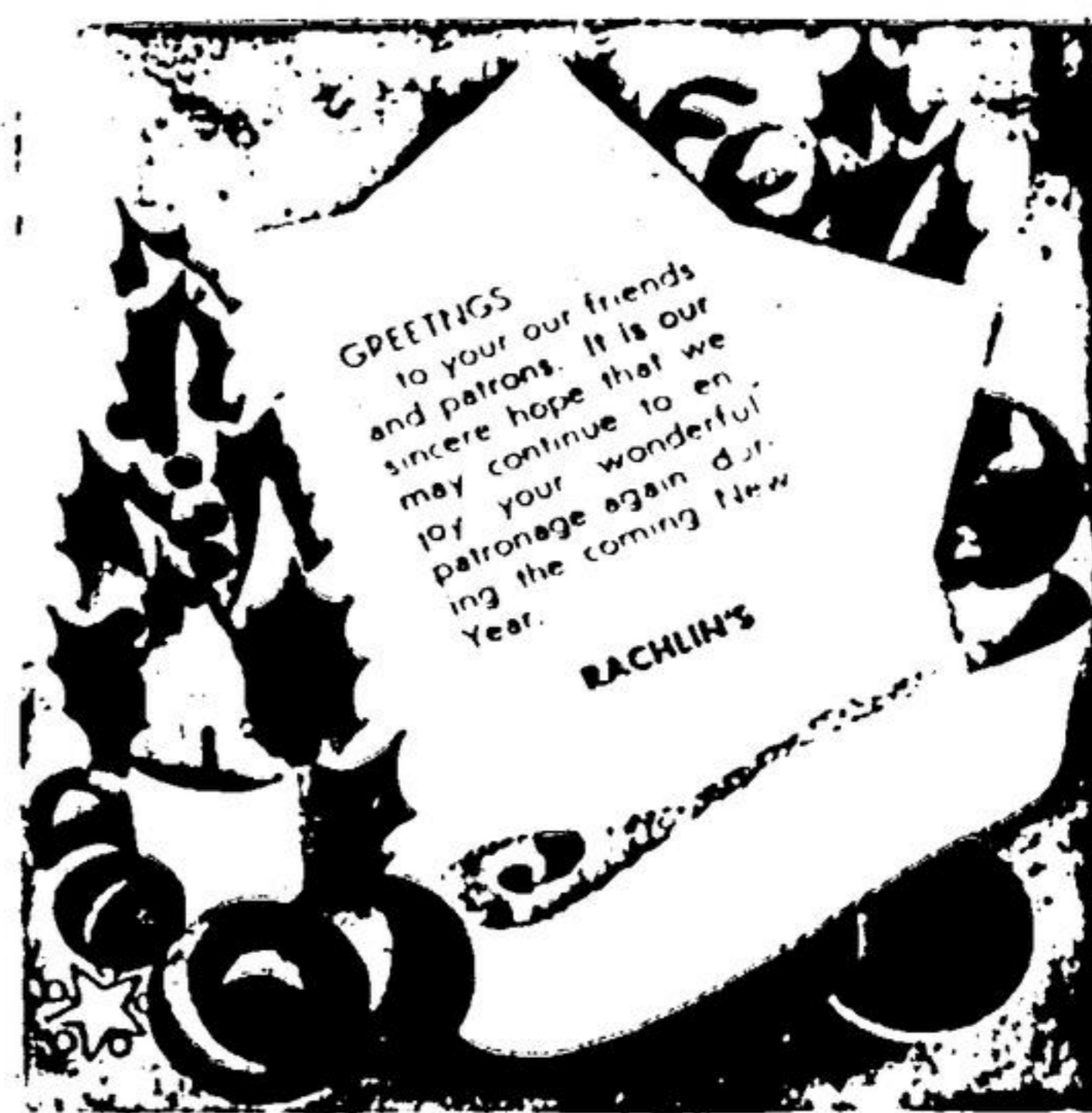
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Merry Christmas
The years go on and our celebrations may change with time but the wishes are always the same. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.
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ROCKWOOD

Last Wednesday evening, a fine program was enjoyed in the United Church when John Rockwood contributed several vocal numbers with Mrs. Dave Armstrong at the piano. Rev. John Oliver was chairman for the occasion. Mr. George Day presided at the organ for a few Christmas hymns. Between John Rockwood's numbers, other artists assisted in the program. A piano trio was given by Wayne, Bruce and Sheila Hosking, a reading by Joan Stout, a Christmas carol by the congregation and piano solo by Barbara Moore. A few from Acton and Hamilton were present.

Thursday evening, St. John's Church Christmas entertainment was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church and was well attended. Rev. W. G. Luxton was chairman for the program. Recitations and short vocal numbers given by the young folks were enjoyed. Music selections were also on the program and well rendered. Miss Catherine Linfoot presided at the piano for several numbers and Christmas carols. At the close of the program, numerous Christmas presents were handed out from the tree which was decorated for the occasion, followed by refreshments served by members of the congregation and a social time enjoyed.

Saturday evening, a pot luck supper was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church served by members of the congregation and enjoyed by young folks and grown-ups. A Christmas program was presided over by Rev. Fred Williamson, pastor of the Church and enjoyed by all present in the auditorium. Recitations, short songs and choruses were well presented. Music selections were well to the fore and music by members of the Bauer family, piano, violin and hand instruments. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus (Albert Gray) put in his appearance to the delight of the young folks and was ably assisted in distribution of Christmas presents off the decorated tree by Misses Phyllis Gray and Beatrice Swanston.

Sunday, pre-Christmas services were the order of the day. Sunday evening, a candlelight service was held in St. John's Church and largely attended. The choir carried out the theme "His Star" with Pat Linfoot reading portions of the story between choir selections and Lorna Linfoot and Patsy Piper taking solo parts. Toward the close of the service, the rector, Rev. W. G. Luxton, conducted a brief service with congregation joining in singing Christmas hymns.

Mr and Mrs. Lorne Linfoot spent the week-end at London.

Mr and Mrs. Hugh Alton of Galt were in town Sunday.

A Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to readers of the Free Press and to the Editor and staff.

Mr and Mrs. George R. Perry moved into their new home on Main St. last week. We welcome them to our community.

The Bell Telephone Co. employees have been busy in the removal of old telephone poles in the village. Telephone cables are now carried along hydro poles.

The post office is busy with the large amount of Christmas mail, a good deal of it coming from rural mail.



We wish you a season laden with cheer, followed by a year, brimming with contentment and good fortune.

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