

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott expect to spend Christmas in Comber.

Miss Agnes King is spending Christmas at her home near London.

Miss Fern Brown will be in Toronto visiting relatives for Christmas.

Mrs. Wilkinson of the public school staff is spending Christmas in Guelph.

Mr. John Barr of Toronto is spending Christmas with his parents in Acton.

Mrs. K. Alger flew Wednesday morning to Winnipeg for a family reunion at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenz. and family are spending Christmas week-end in Toronto.

Miss Joan MacPherson of Toronto visited with Miss Sayers and Miss Gibbas over the week-end.

Mr. C. G. Elliott and Mrs. Creasey of Comber are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott.

Miss McDougall of the public school staff has left to spend the Christmas holidays at her home at Port Elgin.

Miss Jane Elliott of Toronto and Mr. George Elliott of Port Colborne are home in Acton for their Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon, Toronto, and Mrs. Stanley Coy and Sandra, Willowdale, visited friends here on Sunday.

Miss Edythe Harris of the high school staff has left to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents in Toronto.

Miss Jean Robertson, Toronto, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson, R.R. 1, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning and Miss Etta Dills of Toronto are spending Christmas in Acton with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills.

Mrs. David Hutcheon of Galt flew last Monday to Vancouver to visit her brother Mr. Harry Sayers, who is convalescing after an illness.

Miss Ruth Hogue of Welland, nurse-in-training at Guelph General hospital was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper and children of Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDougall of Woodbridge will be spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper.

Mrs. Ada Robbins of Niagara Falls, Ont. has been visiting in Acton with Mr. and Mrs. O. Robbins and Daugie. They all motored this week to Niagara Falls to spend Christmas there.

Mrs. F. Blow and Mrs. J. Graham attended the capping ceremony of St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph on Monday. Miss Margaret Hogg was presented with the Hospital Board of Directors award.

Mr. Nellie Kelly travelled over to the States by plane to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Peary and Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelly and also her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schiffer, New York city.

Ladies' Auxiliary Present T.V. Set

A TV set was presented on December 18 to D. Block, Sunnybrook hospital by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, Zone 10.

President of the Georgetown branch, Mrs. Taylor; of the Milton branch, Mrs. E. Patterson; of the Brampton branch, Mrs. Fields; along with the treasurer of the Acton branch and Mrs. W. J. Finlay, Zone Commander, travelled to Sunnybrook on Wednesday to make the presentation. Eric Robertson, recreational supervisor at Sunnybrook received the set and thanked the ladies. Presents from Oakville branch, Mrs. Eastwood and president Mrs. Corbett of the Bronte branch were unable to be present.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Swackhamer Dies in Michigan

Miss Helen Swackhamer (Nelle), daughter of David and Mary Swackhamer, sister of Margaret (deceased), passed away following an operation in the Women's Hospital, Detroit, Michigan on December 6, 1953. She had been in ill health for many years.

The family had resided in Lamehouse, Ontario, for more than 50 years and was one of the pioneer families of the district. Miss Swackhamer attended public school at Lamehouse, Ontario and went to the United States about 1906 where she completed a business training. For over 20 years she was a Foreign Exchange Teller in the People's State Bank of Detroit and later in the National Bank of Detroit, following reorganization after the bank failures of the thirties. For a few years previous to retirement, she was with the General Finance Company of Detroit.

Following retirement, she made her home at Wheatley, Ontario, with Mrs. Ethel Tremblay.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Cecil Diefenthal (Glen) of New York city and Mrs. W. J. McKechnie (Laura) of Toledo, Ohio; two brothers, Vern of Albany, New York and Fred of White Rock, B. C.; nieces, Mrs. Frances Miller of New York; Mrs. J. Rex Tracy of Culver City, California; Mrs. Geo. Milliere of Toledo, nephews, David Swackhamer of New Westminster, B.C. and John Arrow-smith of Toronto.

Funeral services were held at the Chappeller and Saal Mortuary, Toledo, Ohio by the Rev. W. H. Smith, First United church of Wheatley, Ont., and the Rev. T. W. Overton, Boulevard Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio. Interment was in the Toledo Memorial cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

ROCKWOOD

Christmas Concerts Presented Here

Christmas entertainments were in the order for the latter part of last week Thursday evening, the young folks of St. John's church and their parents were guests of the church at a supper in the parish hall which was well attended, followed by a program with Mrs. George R. Perry in charge. The young folks did well with their parts.

Mrs. Ritchie was pianist for some numbers, where short songs were contributed, including accordion selections. Mrs. Perry called on a number of fathers for a brief sing song with Mr. Thomas C. Wintow at the piano.

A guitar selection was also given by one of the Sunday school members. Following the program, Don Hills showed comic films, one section showing Santa Claus giving out presents to members of a family. Another film dealt with a house hold not going through with a haul of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, which was amusing to those present.

At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus put in his appearance to the delight of the young folks and was assisted in the distribution of the Christmas gifts.

Hold Annual Program Friday evening, the annual Christmas entertainment of the United church was held which was well attended by parents and friends of the young people. Prior to the program a number of Christmas hymns were shown on the screen and the audience joined in the singing. Robert Leslie had charge of the program which was of a varied nature and all who took part, did well. One portion of the program dealt with the cantata shown the previous Sunday evening.

Christmas, Sunday Theme

Sunday services were in keeping with the Christmas spirit and were well attended. At the Presbyterian church in the morning the 30 voice junior choir of Knox Presbyterian church Guelph was present and assisted in the service. Martin Bauer Jr. presided at the console of the Hammond electric organ. Two numbers during the service were "Polish Carol" and "Westminster Carol" sung by the young folks which were much appreciated. Following the morning service the choir were served dinner in the basement of the church by members of church choir. Prior to the service and at the conclusion of the service Mr. Hunt gave organ recital.

Dedication Service

At St. John's church in the afternoon Rev. R. E. Price, conducted a brief dedication ceremony for the new altar frontal, pulpit, fall, lecture fall and Bible marks during the service.

Good Skating

As a result of the cold spell last week the young people had some good skating on the river, which was open the previous week-end. Pretty close chances for venture some youngsters.

Schools Close This Week

Schools close this week for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Students of G.C.V.I. are enjoying hours at present.

Mr. Neil Lambert of Ingersoll in the Royal bank, is enjoying holidays along with his brother, Norman of Georgetown. Both were up to Lion's Head over the week-end as guest soloists at the wedding of

Rev. George Hamilton Anglem, minister December 18.

Friends of Mr. Dave Gerrie are pleased to know he is home from the hospital in Guelph, after some ten days' illness.

Friends of Lynda Langton regret her illness in Guelph General hospital.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McLaren in the sudden death of their seven-months-old infant.

Rev. and Mrs. James Neave are visiting in London with Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson and family.

Mr. Hugh Land, who has been in the west, is home on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Land and sisters, Misses Marie and Rita Land.

Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year to the editor and staff of the Acton Free Press and readers of the weekly paper.

The year 1943 was the big meat-eating year for Canadians. The average Canadian in that year ate 155.5 pounds of meat, to establish a record.



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