

PROCLAMATION

By order of Council
I hereby proclaim

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th
AS BOXING DAY

and request that all citizens observe that day as such

F. TYLER, Mayor

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BALINAPAD

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Those who lived close enough to Ballinapad enjoyed the beautiful carols being broadcast through the generosity of our minister Mr. Ross. They were heard as far as almost two kilometers away.

Special Concert

Penstock school concert was held last Wednesday. Mrs. Ballinapad and children were in charge of the special concert.

Church Improved

Service was held in the church on Sunday although it is not quite completed. It is a wonderful improvement with the basement. Congratulations to all who so well thought contributed their time and money to such a worthy cause in making God's house a more beautiful place to worship.

Mrs. Henry Leley had the misfortune to break her arm and is a patient in St. Joseph's General Hospital.

We are pleased to say Mr. Arnold McKenry, who has been seriously ill in Guelph General Hospital for the past few weeks following two operations, is slowly improving. We trust he may continue to improve.

A number of the community have chicken pox.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Cameron McKenry able to be out again.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Ross's mother is quite ill. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Merry Christmas to the editor, staff and readers of the Acton Free Press.

Annual Meeting Ebenezer Groups

The annual meeting and pot-luck dinner of Ebenezer United Church ladies was held in the basement of the church. The highlight of the meeting was the presenting of a W.M.S. life membership to Mrs. S. Trussdale. Mrs. W. Darby, in a few well chosen words, told how well-deserving she was of this honour. Mrs. T. Diamond presented the certificate and Mrs. G. Thomas the pin.

Mrs. M. Mahon arranged the Christmas program which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. M. Moffat read the Christmas story with everyone joining in the singing of carols at intervals as the story unfolded. Mrs. G. Thomas entertained with a five-year-old version of that first Christmas Mrs. M. Mahon made the chapter from the Study Book "The New India", very interesting. Mr. Sinn conducted the election of officers which resulted as follows:

For W.A. past president, Mrs. M. Wilson; president, Mrs. H. Blyth; vice-president, Mrs. M. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Mahon; assistant treasurer, Mrs. A. Frank; cheer secretary, Mrs. B. Page; flower committee, Mrs. P. Kitching; Mrs. S. Trussdale; Mrs. W. Darby; Mrs. A. Frank; Mrs. B. Page; Mrs. W. Bewley; Pianist, Mrs. M. Anderson; Paragon Board, Mrs. P. Kitching, Mrs. A. Diamond, Mrs. G. Thomas, and Mrs. H. Blyth.

For W.M.S. past president, Mrs. S. Trussdale; president, Mrs. W. Bewley; vice-president, Mrs. W. Freeman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Diamond; Pianist, Mrs. G. Robertson; Supply secretary, Mrs. B. Page and Mrs. P. Kitching; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. W. Freeman; Cradle Roll, Mrs. N. Anderson; Mission Band Leader, Mrs. M. Thomson; and planning 1955 programs for W.A. and W.M.S., Mrs. W. Sinn, Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. W. Bewley, Mrs. G. Thomas, Press Reporter, Mrs. M. Moffat.

Gifts Exchanged By W.I. Members

Mrs. B. D. Young was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. The program convenor, Mrs. J. Robertson and Mrs. H. Wilson, carried out the Christmas theme throughout.

Christmas carols were sung. Bell call was answered by the exchanging of gifts from a gaily decorated tree. Mrs. M. Moffat gave a timely reading. The making of Christmas cookies was demonstrated. Mrs. M. Anderson played a Christmas selection on the piano.

An article, "Let's Keep Christmas", sent by Mrs. A. Frank, was read. Donations for a Christmas hamper for the Salvation Army were brought. A contest was conducted by Mrs. H. Wilson.

Final plans for a dance to be held in Brookville Hall early in January were made. A donation to Save the Children Fund was authorized.

Arrangements were made to send a Christmas hamper of apples to the Centennial Manor, Milton. Plans were made to remember the shut-ins at Christmas.

Lunch was served by the hostess and committee at the conclusion of the meeting.

Former Resident Interred in Acton

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In an atomic age there is almost daily new openings for capable men and women, and for this reason the school graduates of today can look forward to their future with confidence. Added to that confidence is the ability to think and work, the graduate of 1954 need have no fear of what lies ahead. -Hanna (Alta) Herald.

OBITUARY

A woman who spent her early years in Acton and a daughter of one of the early settlers in this county, Mrs. Gertrude Ramshaw, passed away on Friday morning at the home in Toronto, 18 Edenbridge Court, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mantion with whom she has resided and had affectionate care in her declining years. She was in her 88th year.

She was the daughter of the late John Brant Chisholm and Mary Craddock. For many years the family resided at Churchill. Over 40 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Ramshaw and the family moved to Toronto but on many occasions as long as health permitted, she took keen pleasure in visits back to the home community.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Frank Mantion, of Toronto, and two sisters, Mrs. Ada Johnson, of Johnstown, N.Y., and Mrs. Alice Ryder, of Brockville, Ont. Sympathy of many friends and relatives here goes there in the passing of a loving mother and sister.

Mrs. Ramshaw was a member of the Presbyterian church, first at Knox church in Acton and later at Victoria church in Toronto. The funeral service was held in Acton on Monday afternoon at the Rumley Funeral Home. It was conducted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox church. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton, where her husband, the late Alex. Ramshaw and two sons, Clifford and Chisholm, who was a veteran of the first world war, had been laid to rest.

Palbearers were Messrs. Robert Mantion, Frank Browning, E. B. Swackhamer, Allan Playter, Arthur Swackhamer and G. A. Dills.

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CUB & SCOUT News

On Monday night December 20 the Scouts held a special Christmas party in the Scout Hall. We had flag break and then the Scouts settled back to enjoy the program. The first items were two skits which were put on by the Foxes and Brangulls. This was followed by a song and which was led by the Foxes.

After the song the P. L. conducted a quiz program. Truth or Consequences in which Wayne Lottie was the master of ceremonies.

This was followed by skits from the Congrats and Antelopes, after which chocolate bars were passed out to the Seagulls and Congrats, who in the judge's opinion had the best skits.

This was followed by a presentation by Wayne Currie to Stewart MacDonald for General Proficiency in the Seagull patrol. Wayne Currie then presented Scouters Dills with a trophy from the troop. Scouters suggested that it be used as a prize for the patrol competitions and Roy Kirkness suggested that it be named the David-Dills Trophy. This was unanimously passed by the troop.

Then Harley Giles led the boys as they sang for their supper. There was lots to eat and the hot dogs topped off the evening nicely. Everybody in attendance had a very enjoyable time.

-Bob Armstrong

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