

Exchange of Gifts At Choir Dinner

Members of Knox church choir enjoyed their annual dinner and social evening on Saturday. The Ladies' Aid of the church catered for the meal.

Health Clinic Attendance Less

The second child health clinic was held in Eden Mills Town Hall on December 7. There was a good attendance, though not as many children as were at the November clinic.

Dr. Archie Bull, Medical Health Officer for Halton county, was in charge.

It is hoped that as many mothers as can do so, will attend the January clinic so that it may continue. The operation of this child health clinic in Eden Mills means a great deal to those living in and near Eden Mills.

The mothers, many of whom are young, have the opportunity to ask and receive good advice regarding their children. Family doctors are generally too busy to advise mothers about "little" things that are often a great worry. It has already been pointed out that only well children attend the clinic. By examination of these children and advice given, they stand a better chance of continuing well.

Eden Crest Women's Institute and Eden Mills Women's Institute have sponsored the health clinic.

Successful Bazaar Held By Ladies' Aid

The Eden Mills United Church Ladies' Aid held a most successful bazaar on Wednesday evening of last week in the church's Christian Education Room.

Many hand-made articles, particularly aprons and pot holders, were unusually attractive. There was everything to choose from including home-made baked goods, always in demand by a few men folk who live alone, and hand-made mittens by mothers who reluctantly admit they "haven't had a minute" to knit for their youngsters.

Christmas Theme For I.O.D.E. Meeting

The home of Mrs. H. Mainprize was tastefully decorated in the Christmas theme when the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held their December meeting there on Wednesday evening, December 7.

Two minutes' silence was observed in remembrance of a beloved member, the late Mrs. Peter A. Smith.

Mrs. W. Wolfe very ably presented the account of World Affairs in Mrs. Knox's absence. Mrs. Knox had chosen to spend on the situation in and around Palestine, which was most fitting at this season of the year. These talks are most enlightening and very much enjoyed.

Donations were voted to the various projects of the Order.

At the close of the meeting, Christmas records were played and a special Christmas lunch enjoyed.

Campaign Changes New Zealand Cards

A year ago a campaign started in a small town which has revolutionized Christmas cards in New Zealand. Its full effect is only now becoming apparent with the appearance of the new season's cards in the shops.

Church leaders in Kaitiaki, a township in the extreme north of the country, made an appeal against unseemly and pagan Christmas cards.

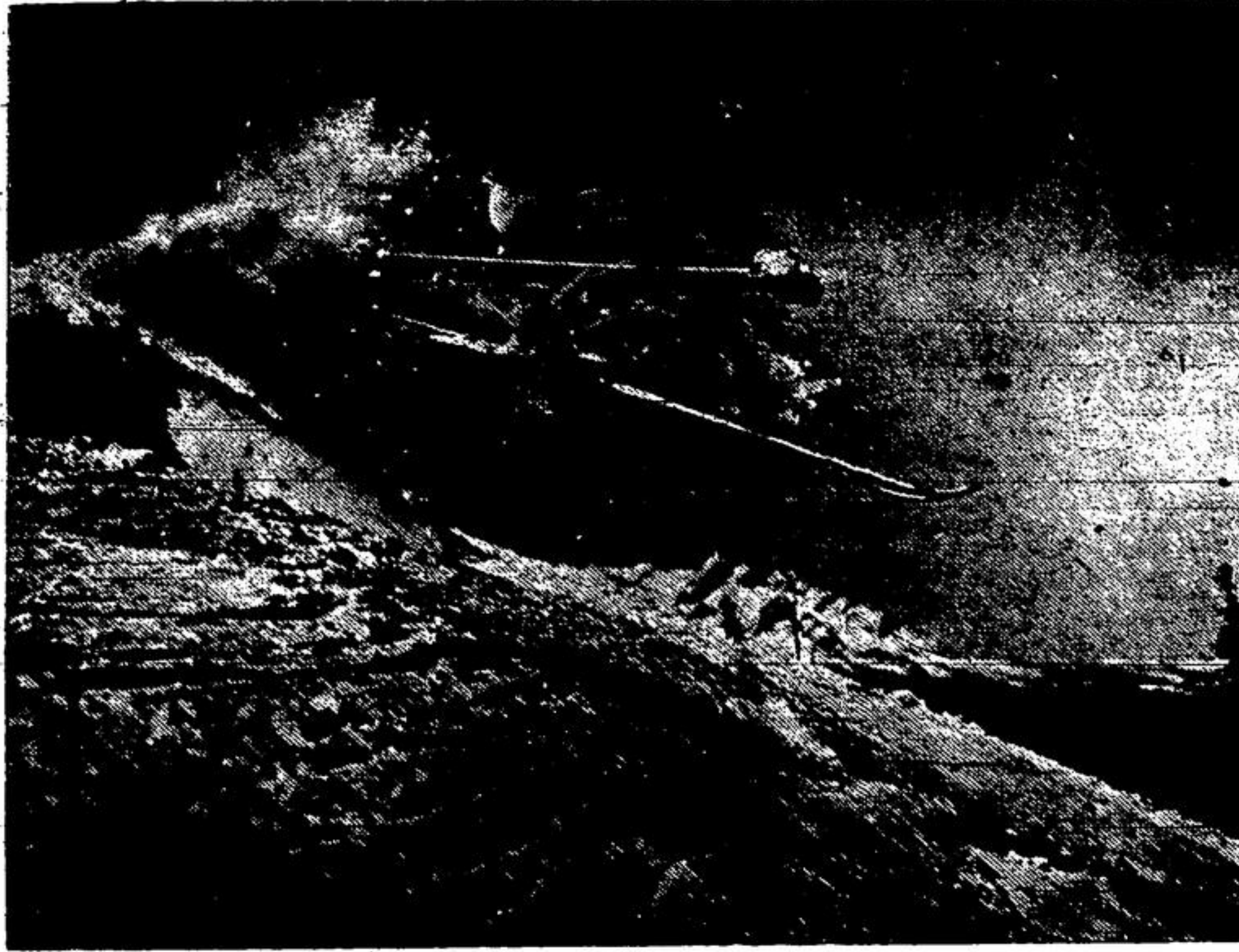
Priests and vicars joined in the campaign. "We aim to put Christ back into Christmas," they said. They ordered stocks of cards carrying a message relating to the meaning of Christmas and received so many requests for supplies that repeat orders were necessary.

United Co-Operatives Net Half Million

This is the first time in its history that United Co-operatives of Ontario netted half a million dollars. J. E. Nephew of Woodstock, and president of U.C.O. told delegates at the 50,000 farmer-member organization at its annual meeting held December 12 and 13 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

New Plant in Milton

Final moving operations are expected to be completed by the end of this month and the complete operations of the Canadian Meter Co. will be located in Milton by January 1, 1956. John Oetler, general manager of the firm, said this week it is expected a number of the present employees will commute daily from Hamilton for an indefinite period. At present about 75 of the employees and their families have already moved to Milton.



(Photo from Canadian Government Travel Bureau) TWO-MILE DOWNHILL slopes a mile wide are commonplace in Jasper National Park, Alberta. This Canadian skier spurts over a jump, leaving a spray of snow behind him.

HALTON CENTENNIAL MANOR

Santa Claus Visits Manor Twice; Christmas Music, Gifts Enjoyed

The Christmas season was ushered in at Halton Manor on Thursday evening, December 8, when 25 musicians came from Lakeview to present a varied program, including Christmas carols and other Christmas songs. The musicians were members of the Lakeview Choral Society, together with several instrumentalists.

Owing to slippery road conditions, some of the musicians were a bit late in arriving, but Mrs. Coates filled in the time very pleasantly with several selections on the piano. She played a medley of old time favorites. Later on in the evening, the same accomplished pianist played several stirring numbers from the score of the musical comedy, Oklahoma.

When the Choral Society members had all arrived, they were welcomed by Mr. Clarke, the superintendent. They presented a very lovely scene, with the ladies dressed in evening gowns of several pastel shades, with Christmas corsages and the men in white jackets and black bow ties. They were led in the choral numbers of the program by their talented and expert conductor, Mr. J. Sammers of Lakeview. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Luke.

The program opened with a lovely rendition of the very appropriate song, Bless This House. Then came a varied program of Christmas carols and of humorous and popular numbers, all beautifully rendered.

During two intervals in the program, three instrumentalists played square dance numbers that set everyone's feet tapping. Mrs. Coates played the piano accompaniments for these numbers. The instrumentalists were Mr. Steve House on the violin and the electric Spanish guitar, Mr. Bud Weeks on the guitar and Mr. J. Sammers on the accordion. One of the Manor residents, Mr. Norman Viggers, was requested to join in by playing the "bones".

A quintette of three ladies and two gentlemen, dressed in old-time costumes, delighted the audience with a medley of such old-time tunes as My Grandfather's Clock and Just a Little Bird.

Towards the end of the program the chorists sang the merry song, Dear Old Santa Claus, which was the signal for the entrance of the jolly old saint in his traditional red and white suit. Santa was accompanied by a very frisky snowman in white clothing, tall hat and the traditional black pipe. Santa proceeded to distribute a bag of oranges and candy to every resident, and the special gift of a toy guitar to Mr. Viggers. While these gifts were being distributed, the choir sang the appropriate song, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, bringing a thoroughly delightful program to a close.

Mrs. Clarke thanked all the musicians who had taken part, for having given their audience such a wonderful evening and the enthusiastic round of applause that followed her speech proved how much the residents had enjoyed this splendid program and how much they appreciated the Christmas treat of fruit and candy.

Santa by Jet
Santa Claus must use jet airplanes for his trips to and from the North Pole for he came to the Manor again on Saturday evening, December 10. He was accompanied by Fire Chief Clement, representing the firemen of Milton and Mr. Peter Thomas, representing the Milton Branch of the Canadian Legion. Santa's visit occurred just as the residents were finishing supper and as they sat at their places at the tables, each resident was presented with a very attractive basket containing fruit, candy and fruit cake.

The residents appreciate very much Santa's annual Christmas gifts and wish to thank the firemen and Legion members for making Santa's visit to the Manor possible.

Pre-Christmas Service
On Sunday afternoon, December 11, Rev. E. Orsborn, minister of Knox Presbyterian church, Milton, accompanied by several musicians

LEGION NEWS

Eden Mills was declared the winner of the first round at the final cribbage before the New Year held Tuesday night. After the games everyone enjoyed a lunch.

This week's results: Eden Mills 21, Union 11; Tiger Cats 16, Legion 16; Station Hotel 19, Ramblers 13.

Tom Bennett and Ted Elliott were the winners of the night with seven wins.

Dinner, Dancing For Ladies' Night

A turkey dinner, program and dancing comprised a pleasant evening when the Y. Men entertained their wives. The annual Ladies' Night was held Thursday of last week in the Y.M.C.A. The Y Ladies' Auxiliary catered for the dinner.

Elmer Smith, the president, conducted the meeting. Charles Leathland was fines master. The guest speaker was Rev. Gordon Adams who gave an inspiring and thought-provoking message. He was introduced by G. W. McKenzie and thanked by Bill Wilson. Mrs. Adams was also a guest.

A sing song was led by Charles Kirkness with Ralph McKewen at the piano. Dancing to the music of Les Dubsy, Mrs. Turner and Rino Braida concluded the evening.

Six Lbs. Of Ginger Surprise In Christmas Pudding Recipe

If someone told you to mix six ounces of ginger into your Christmas pudding recipe, you would probably imagine your guests reaching for lots of cold drinks, casting angry glances at you.

But that is actually what chefs of the Canadian National Railways have done almost daily for a month to make more than two tons of plum pudding for Christmas.

Even a tiny percentage of the huge pudding seems out of all proportion to household quantities. Each day's preparation called for 30 pounds of bread crumbs, mixed with 28 pounds of sugar and then added to the ingredients already mentioned, 12 pounds of almonds, the same of walnuts and 30 pounds of beef kidney suet completed the dry mixture.

Following the overnight soaking of the currants, raisins and sultanas, the chefs added 30 pounds of mixed peel, 25 pounds of diced apple, 25 diced oranges and juice and 25 diced lemons and juice were added to wet mixture kept in a huge kettle. Then 24 dozen eggs were poured over this mixture and the whole was stirred thoroughly.

But to produce similar quantities at home, Chef Nellis and his men probably give up in despair. So they have trimmed their famous plum pudding recipe to the proportions for a home-sized pudding.

Ingredients for 1 lb. pudding: raisins (seedless) 10 ozs.; currants 8 ozs.; sultanas 10 ozs.; mixed peel 8

Knox Evening Group Has Christmas Party

The home of Mrs. Cameron Leishman was the centre for a pre-Christmas party on Wednesday evening, December 7, for the members of the Alert Evening Auxiliary.

Mrs. S. Sinclair presided for an impressive Christmas worship service, assisted by Mrs. George Somerville and Mrs. E. Clifton, with carol singing by the group.

Mrs. James Inglis presided for a short business session. The treasurer, Miss Emma Cole, gave the yearly report, showing a splendid year of financial returns. The secretary, Mrs. A. McIsaac, gave a brief summary of the activities during the year.

Mrs. R. Turner and Mrs. A. Mann were appointed to take care of the Christmas cheer. A carol and the Lord's Prayer concluded the first half of the program.

The group who lost in the copper contest enjoyed the entertainment and lunch. Mrs. Earl Marshall was group captain, with the games and contests conducted by Mrs. J. Jocke, Mrs. J. Krapek and Mrs. F. Anderson.

An exchange of Christmas gifts added to the enjoyment of the party. Under the supervision of Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Leishman, a luncheon that delighted everyone was served.

Miss Bella Maye Rossell expressed the appreciation to the hostess and all who had contributed to the success of the evening.

Santa At Meeting Of Mission Circle

The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist church held their December meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Cripps, 119 Mill St., specially decorated for the occasion. The meeting, as is usual in December, took the form of a Christmas party.

The president, Mrs. Helwig, opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a reading by Miss Jessie Coles, Where Love Reigns. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered by naming a Christmas carol.

Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Dunk were in charge of the devotional. Mrs. Garner opened with prayer and Mrs. Dunk read the Christmas Story, with carol singing between stanzas by the ladies. Miss Faye Garner sang a solo, O Holy Night. A short time was devoted to carol singing and Mrs. Dunk conducted a contest on Bible characters.

Mrs. Helwig, acting as Santa, distributed gifts from under the Christmas tree. A social hour followed. Tea hostesses were Mrs. R. Costerus and Mrs. McCutcheon. Mrs. Chapman moved a vote of thanks to the hostess for the use of her home and all agreed it had been a most enjoyable evening.

Icy Roads Cause Three Accidents

Three minor accidents in the district recently were caused by vehicles skidding on slippery ice, police report. They warn motorists to be careful when driving conditions are not perfect.

Russell Elliott of R.R. 1, Campbellville, skidded on ice and ended up in a ditch with \$250 damage to his car on Saturday. The incident occurred on the Guelph Line just west of Campbellville.

A car driven by John Karavus of Milton skidded on ice, knocked down three guard rails and landed in a ditch on No. 25 highway near Speyside on Thursday of last week. Damage amounted to about \$400.

Stan Punter of Downsview lost control of his car and went into the south ditch, hitting a culvert, when he attempted to make a left turn from the Base Line onto Ontario Street Thursday of last week.

At the time of the 1950 census, there were one million Canadian-born residents living in the United States.

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Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Friends were sorry to learn that Mr. Russell Arbie was hospitalized in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Krapek spent the week-end with his parents in Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robertson, Stuart and Jimmie, visited friends in Toronto on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Brown of Galt spent the week-end in Acton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coy and Miss Sandra Coy, Willowdale, visited friends here and in Guelph on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason left this week to spend the winter months at their home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Friends in Acton will be sorry to hear that Francis Wilds of Galt broke his ankle and is a patient in the Waterloo Memorial hospital, Galt, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn H. Soyser of Oklahoma City are spending a month's holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Talbot.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cripps and family spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, St. Catharines, and attended the funeral of Mr. Morris' mother, the late Mrs. J. J. Morris of Niagara Falls.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Steele over the week-end were Mr. H. R. Hare of Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams of Clarkson. At the same home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dolson and Mrs. G. Smith of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicklin of Guelph.

Home for at least part of the Christmas season are three young Acton men who are in the navy. Bill McHugh arrived home last Sunday and has to be back in Halifax on December 28. He has been with the aircraft carrier Magnificent and since his last visit home he has been to England, Holland, Norway and Gibraltar. He expects to be on land for two years now, at a radio station. John Hufnagel has been to Panama and up and down the coast with H.M.C.S. Outremont. He arrived home almost two weeks ago and has to return to his ship next week. George Ware, who has also been to Europe with H.M.C.S. Magnificent, arrived home Wednesday.

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