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**ROCKWOOD**  
**Hold Special Services, Gathering At Churches Preceding Christmas**

Friday evening, the annual congregational supper of the Presbyterian church was held with a large attendance. Following the supper, all adjourned to the auditorium where the young folks took part in a program of much interest, with Mr. John Freeman, superintendent in charge of the program, which included: duet by Carol and Brian Hammond; song by Margot Jackson; organ selections by Martin Bauer; instrumental duet with Martin Bauer Jr. on his trombone and his mother at the piano; play by Mrs. Hammond's class; film showing by Mr. Dave D. Gray of his trip down to the southern States and up along the Pacific Coast to Canadian territory, and home through the Canadian north-west, Calgary and other points; duet by Linda Langdon and Margot Jackson; play by Mrs. Hammond's class; skit by Mrs. Frank Kelso's class; recitation by Janet Lowe.

At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus (Archie Gray) gave his appearance to the delight of all present and was assisted in the distribution of numerous presents.

Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church, Mr. Hugh Lloyd of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, conducted the service in the absence of Mr. Douglas Black, the student minister.

Sunday afternoon at St. John's church, Holy Communion was observed with the rector, Rev. E. H. Jones, officiating.

In the evening at the United church, the service was in the interests of the Y.P.U. with Allan Dadd in charge, along with Rev. John Dilts, who led in prayer. George Malby contributed a vocal number with Dave Benham at the console of the organ. The feature of the service was a film dealing with the birth of Christ, with Mr. Frank Ostrander in charge of the projector.

**CAMPBELLVILLE**  
**Mrs. Frank Quinlan Institute Hostess**

The Campbellville correspondent wishes each and every reader of its column a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Frank Quinlan was hostess to the December meeting of the Campbellville Women's Institute when Mrs. Sid Hartley presided. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was answered by members telling about their happiest Christmas.

The prize winners of the Nassagaweya public speaking contest gave their speeches. Terry Moore told of a Canadian hero, General Major Tom Strangle and Betty Jeffers told of her experiences of a day at Arabon Girls Camp at Westchester, Mrs. Hartley on behalf of the Women's Institute presented Betty with a pen and pencil set and Betty with a pencil, each suitably inscribed. Both thanked the ladies for their prizes.

Mrs. Wheelan thanked all for their kind wishes and gifts during her stay in hospital.

All new members were welcomed and others were urged to join.

Ideas for hall planning were taken up by Mrs. Lloyd Crawford. It was decided to send best wishes to all the shut-ins in the community. Five dollars was donated to the Children's Aid. A quilt was sent to the Unitarian service.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell took the chair for the Christmas program. Mrs. George Inglis read a poem entitled Christmas Thoughts. Mrs. James Wallace gave the Christmas story with Mrs. Lloyd Crawford assisting at the piano. Mrs. Lorne Mitchell demonstrated her Christmas cake. Mrs. Bert Walton her Christmas candy. Mrs. Regina Austin her Christmas cookies and all samples and recipes were handed to members.

An exchange of Christmas gifts among members then took place. After the close of the meeting 41 ladies enjoyed a social half hour.

Marilyn Ruth Martin, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin, was baptized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The sermon by Rev. G. Baugh was on Free Will. Mrs. Robert Early was guest soloist.

It is nice to see a little snow for the Christmas season.

**LIGNY-DUFFERIN**  
**Theme of Christmas Is Evident At W. I.**

Mrs. Les Willis was hostess to the Scotch Block Women's Institute on Thursday, December 8. The Christmas theme was quite evident in both the roll call and the lovely Christmas table decorations that were on display. While lunch of sandwiches and Christmas cake were being prepared, the ladies had a sing song of carols.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Brown spent the weekend at Vineland with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis on the arrival of their baby daughter.

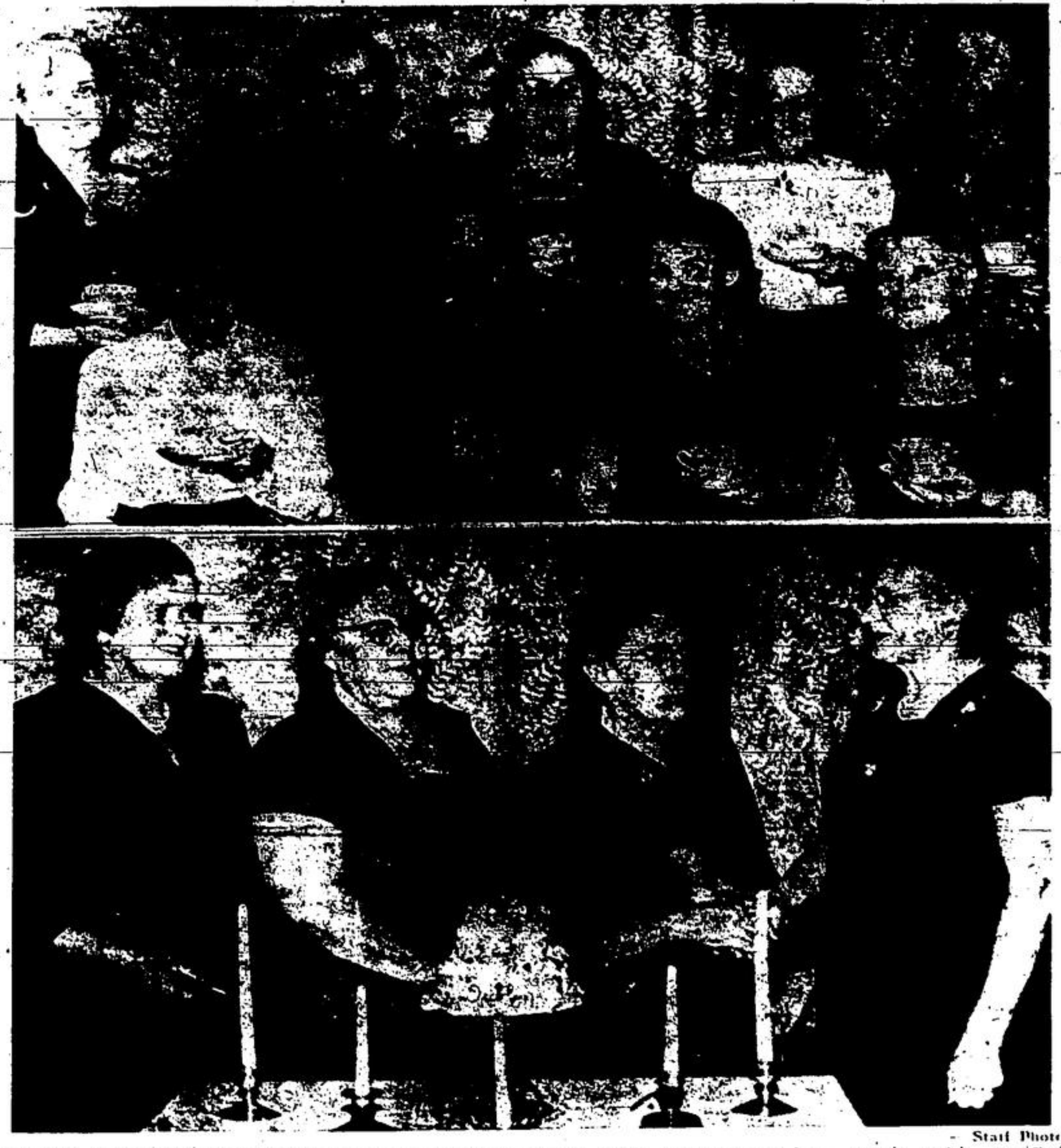
Mr. Francis Brown, Speyside, has left on a trip to the Old Country.

Ligny farm forum was held at Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown's home on Monday, December 12. Because of the number of Christmas concerts coming up, no more meetings will be held until the New Year.

Canadian railway companies paid \$38,284,010 in taxes in the year 1955.

**To the Electors of Acton**

You Honored me with your vote  
I shall honor your vote  
**THANK YOU**  
**WALTER COOK**  
SEASON'S GREETINGS



**DUBLIN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** members celebrated their 30th anniversary last week with several events. In the lower photo Miss Minnie Somerville is presented with a charter member's scroll and pin. Left to right are Mrs. A. Near, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. Somerville, W.I. district president for Halton, Miss Somerville, Mrs. W. McIntyre, president of Dublin W.I. In the upper photo are shown nine past presidents, back row, left to right, Mrs. T. A. Storey, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. G. Somerville, Mrs. N. Anderson, Mrs. C. J. Van Goozen; front row, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. C. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. W. McIntyre. Absent are Mrs. W. Watkins and Mrs. J. Stewart.

**Dublin W.I. 30th Anniversary Cake Is Cut By Charter Member**

The Christmas meeting of Dublin Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening, December 8, at the home of Mrs. Alex Near, Pine Valley farm, Nassagaweya. The home was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations. There were over 40 members and friends present at this meeting. As well as being the Christmas meeting, it was the Thirtieth Anniversary of Dublin Women's Institute.

It was in December, 1925, that this organization was formed. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John F. Robertson (now of Hamilton) and the first President appointed was Mrs. William R. Bracken, and the first Secretary-Treasurer was Mrs. Duncan McDougall, both of whom are now deceased.

The Dublin Women's Institute has continued uninterrupted during all these years and has been a source of help, comfort and inspiration to the people of the neighborhood. Miss Minnie Somerville, who is a charter member, and who also is the only continuous member during the 30-year period, gave a history of the Institute from its inception to the present, outlining the work in the neighborhood and the untiring efforts of all members during wartime.

A copy of Mrs. Gwendolyn P. Clarke's book, "Pages of the Past" is being given to the school libraries of school sections nos. 8 and 9, Nassagaweya and nos. 10 and 12. Esquejating by Dublin Institute, President, Mrs. William McIntyre, President, was in charge of the meeting. The roll call was responded to by a Christmas verse. Christmas donations will be given to the work of the Salvation Army cause and to a local girl who is convalescing in Arimat, the sick and shut-ins are to be remembered also.

A quilt that had been recently completed by a few of the ladies was shown.

At this time, a three-tiered anniversary cake was brought into the living room and a candle lighting service held. Mrs. Near representing the Past Presidents of the county, lit one candle and also Mrs. Somerville, representing the Dublin Institute and Mrs. Nellis, County President. Mrs. McIntyre, representing the present President, Miss Somerville, representing Dublin Institute and Mrs. Nellis, the future Institute.

At the time, Miss Minnie Somerville was presented with a Life Membership Certificate by Mrs. William McIntyre, and a Pin by Mrs. M. Nellis. Miss Somerville has been an untiring worker for the Institute during all the years and is keenly interested in anything pertaining to the work of the Institute. Miss Somerville had the honor of cutting the anniversary cake, which was made by Mrs. Nelson Anderson and beautifully decorated by Mrs. Nellis.

The Christmas Story was beautifully portrayed by Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. C. M. Davidson, Mrs. Blyth, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. McPherson. A trio by Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. E. L. Davidson, and a duet by Jean Somerville and Gladys Rennie added greatly in song to the Christmas story.

Christmas carols were sung and Mrs. George Robertson acted as accompanist for all musical numbers during the evening.

A particularly touching part of the meeting was an "In Memoriam" service for the members of Dublin Women's Institute who have passed on and a two minutes' silence was observed in memory of Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mrs. S. H. Webster, Mrs. D. MacDougall, Mrs. W. D. Barber, Mrs. John Brims, Mrs. A. Fell, Mrs. John McGregor, Mrs. G. Nellis, Mrs. John Frank, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. George Brownlow, Miss N. Whitley, Mrs. N. McLaughlin, Mrs. H. McIsaac, Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. T. Near, Miss Edna Russell, Mrs. B. Wallace and Miss Anna McGregor.

Of ten past presidents who are living, all were present at the meeting, with the exception of Mrs. Joan Stewart, who resides in Toronto. They were each presented with a cup and saucer by Mrs. Pearl Kennedy and included Mrs. T. A. Storey, Rockwood; Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. G. R. Somerville, Mrs. N. Anderson, Mrs. C. J. Van Goozen of Guelph, Mrs. George Robertson, Mrs. W. Watkins, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Nellis, the present president and vice-president, were also remembered.

There were a number of enjoyable games played with winners being Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. Van Goozen, Mrs. William Frank, Mrs. W. Watkins and Mrs. J. Dennis.

Of course it would not be a truly Christmas party without a visit from Santa and he, in the person of Mrs. L. Ferguson, distributed gifts to everyone.

A delicious and abundant Christmas lunch was served by the committee in charge and a jolly social time took place over the tea cups.

Mrs. Duncan Moffat was courtesy convenor and thanked the hostess for her home and the committee, which included Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Near, Mrs. Nellis and Mrs. Ferguson in for the very fine evening that they had presented, and the Thirtieth Anniversary of Dublin Women's Institute will always be remembered as a memorable day in the history of the Institute.

**Carry Holly Tree In Yule Procession**

In Westmorland, in the north of England, Old Christmas Night is known as "Holly Night" or "Hollering" from an annual procession which took place in the town of Broughton.

Here an ash or holly tree, lighted at the top of the branches to which firing material had been tied, was carried in procession through the streets. About eight o'clock in the evening the torches were lighted and, accompanied by the town band, the tree was carried in stately procession around the town. Rockets and squibs were discharged and many people also carried torches and lighted branches.

People buy the Free Press to read and read the Free Press to buy.

**Decorating Down By Jan. 6-Or Else**

Legend has it that misfortune visits any home where Christmas greenery still hangs after Epiphany, which is the night of January 6 or, more popularly, Twelfth-night.

From time beyond memory, Christians throughout the world have held with a pagan-like superstition that all holly, mistletoe and such, must be hauled down before the night of the sixth is out — or else!

**Two Contest Reeve's Seat In Eramosa**

Election for the office of 1956 reeve of the township of Eramosa will be a contest between 1955 deputy-reeve Fred L. Cox and Councillor J. L. Oakes.

This follows in the wake of a Monday night nomination meeting in Rockwood town hall at which four names were submitted for the office. J. L. Oakes, present reeve D. D. Gray, E. H. Benham and F. L. Cox.

By noon Tuesday, Dave Gray had officially retired from the field and Mr. Storey had posted his qualification for the position of deputy-reeve, leaving the field clear for the other two.

The deputy-reeve will be elected from Mr. Storey and E. H. Benham, who expressed their intention of running Monday night. The other two nominations will be contesting the position of reeve.

Eight councillors were nominated at the meeting, Max Storey, F. Armstrong, W. Hindley, H. Smith, C. A. McNabb, E. Boles, J. Thompson and J. L. Oakes. Mr. Oakes is running for reeve, W. Hindley and H. Smith resigned from the candidacy.

There were four nominations for the position of school trustee, three of whom are to be elected. They were E. Alexander, W. Oakes, G. Lash and C. McDougall. All have qualified.

About 200 attended the meeting, which included considerable discussion on bad township roads, the high cost of education, land use restrictions and a planning authority.

**OSPRINGE**  
**Salads, Recipes On Christmas W.I. Program**

Mrs. Bert Robertson was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute with an attendance of 26 ladies. With the president, Mrs. D. G. Robertson, in the chair, the opening ode was sung; the Mary Stewart Collect repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by something special I liked last Christmas, which showed everyone had the real Christmas spirit. Mrs. Wilfred Awrey read the minutes and financial report. She also reported a nice sum realized at the booth at Pemberton's sale.

The flower committee were authorized to send boxes of cheer to all shut-ins of the community at Christmas time. Mrs. Robert Taylor read a story, "Is there a Santa Claus?" Current events were reviewed by Mrs. George Robertson. Mrs. Norman McKenzie gave an interesting demonstration on making Christmas salads and also recipes for same. Miss Doris Fines showed colored slides of her recent trip to the west coast and also some taken in the community. An auction sale of home made candy provided lots of fun. After the National Anthem an exchange of Christmas gifts was enjoyed by all.

The hostess, aided by Mrs. George Robertson and Mrs. George Grundy, served refreshments. The next meeting is to be in the evening at Mrs. Len Buck's home.

On Wednesday evening, members of the Ladies Aid held a social time with one of their members, Mrs. James Struthers, who is a shut-in. Following an informal chat and get-together, lunch was served at the conclusion of an enjoyable meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson visited recently with the latter's sisters and brother, Mrs. L. Suter, Miss Lois Black and Mr. Hugh Black at Elora. Friends of Hugh will be pleased to learn he is now convalescing following a recent operation.

Mrs. H. R. Howard spent a week with her daughter and children at Richmond Hill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz De Haan (nee Mary De Vries) who were among the New Canadians that received their citizenship papers at Guelph on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunter and baby daughter of Guelph visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair.

**LIMEHOUSE**  
**W.M.S. Executive Is Re-Installed for '56**

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Beaton on Thursday evening, December 8. Twenty attended.

Text Word, Child, was answered in a verse of scripture and each lady read appropriate verses or stories for the Christmas season. Scripture was read by Mrs. Roughley and prayer by Mrs. Gisby.

All the executive was re-installed for the coming year as follows: president, Mrs. W. Mitchell; vice-president, Mrs. J. Roughley; secretary, Mrs. A. W. Benton; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Patterson; Glad Tidings secretary, Mrs. A. W. Norton; literary secretary, Mrs. S. Gisby; supply secretary, Mrs. A. G. Smith; urst; Home Helpers treasurer, Mrs. Mitchell; welcome and welfare, Mrs. Mills; Mrs. A. Norton.

After some discussion, it was decided to try monthly reviews of suitable material, instead of the suggested study book. A social half hour was enjoyed at the close.

Mr. Douglas Scott left by plane Saturday for Labrador, where he will be employed in civilian work for the United States Air Force.