

**ROCKWOOD**

**Mrs. L. Marsden  
W.A. President**

The annual meeting of the United Church Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. James Hill with Mrs. Lloyd Marsden, president, presiding, with 20 members answering the roll call.

Miss Gladys Hanna presided for election of officers as follows: president, Mrs. L. Marsden; vice-president, Mrs. E. Johnston; recording secretary, Mrs. Gordon Harris; treasurer, Mrs. Freeman Wilson; press secretary, Miss Pearl Hamilton; pianist, Mrs. Dave Armstrong; convener, Mrs. Lloyd Thomas; Mrs. Oscar Dryber, Mrs. Lloyd Dyer, Mrs. Dave Armstrong and Mrs. Duncan McPhedran. During the meeting Mrs. D. Armstrong contributed two piano selections.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Garnet Petty and Miss Gladys Hanna assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Under the auspices of Sacred Heart church, a bingo was held in the town hall last week, Tuesday evening and was well attended.

Those responsible for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Saunders, Mrs. Roy Bacon, Mr. Paul Franck, V. and E. Synnott, Mrs. P. Dales, Mr. Leona and Miss Armstrong. Charles Keane each won an electric kettle and food hamper.

Miss Joan Kucharski, A.R.C.T., was in Toronto recently attending convocation to receive her vocal degree.

Mr. Martin Bauer Jr. has been successful in making an excellent standing in recent Kiwanis Festival competitions. His wins were in baritone or bass solos in open (over 21 years), second place, 86 marks, winning the silver medal; first place in baritone, 21 years and under, winning the gold medal with 88 marks; third award and certificate in senior open, vocal, 52 marks; oratorio solo, 88 marks; also won a scholarship in E. Johnson Chapter, O.D.E., competition.

Mr. Douglas McNabb left Saturday, November 24, with three carloads of Holstein and Jersey cattle for Florida. Shipper was Mr. J. Miller and destination Durant's Tropical Dairy Farm at Oklawaha, Florida. Mr. Alex McPhedran disposed of a heifer from his stock.

There are no elections in connection with Eramosa township council nomination meeting Friday, except for the school board, as four are on the list as candidates, two to be elected. Rockwood police village trustees Clifford Meadows, James Milne and Frank Keisa are in by acclamation following the meeting in the evening in the town hall.

The changeover in telephone system Sunday morning and Monday was a busy time for employees making changes in connections.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Carson of Ottawa were recent visitors with Rev. and Mrs. James Neave.

Miss Linda Thatcher spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thatcher, Alma St., Guelph.

Miss Leona Bolton of Guelph is in the Royal Bank in place of Mrs. Dean Taylor (nee Jean Hill).

The local stores in town are in preparation for the Christmas trade.

The W.A. of the United church held their annual bazaar and tea in the town hall Saturday afternoon, which was well attended.

**Oatcakes, Shortbread  
On St. Andrew's Day**

The jolly evening spent by the Scottish Dancing Club in the Parish Hall on Friday—St. Andrew's Day—testified to the fact that the spirit of those from the land of the heather is far from dormant.

A goodly number of people swelled the crowd and all enthusiastically joined in perfecting the Gay Gordons, the Dashing White Sergeant, Petronella and the Eightsome Reel. M.C. Jack McGeachie and Pete Marshall from Guelph were most helpful in setting all the dancers at ease.

Dr. and Mrs. Raffan delighted everyone with lively steps. Miss Maureen Marshall executed two solo dances, Highland Fling and Shean Trews, showing fine talent and training. Mr. Gruchow and Mr. Fleming both gave humorous readings. A fine touch on the semi-serious side was a little talk by Dr. R. R. Buckner, who spoke of the impression made on Canada by such names as Bell, Fraser, MacKenzie and McDonald. Outlining the antiquity of the Scottish patron Saint Andrew, he said the traditions of Scotland were not forgotten although all had become good Canadians.

The Scottish people's independence and love of liberty has ever been known and honored and will forever continue to be so, he said.

Among those present from Guelph were Dr. and Mrs. Raffan, Miss Paddy Lambert, Miss E. Jackson, Dr. K. K. Jack Crisby, Mons. Robert Champell, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patterson, Mrs. Mervin and Mr. Dunworth.

The dances were stepped to traditional Scottish airs played by Mrs. George Robertson on the piano. Pictures were taken of groups of the dancers by Mrs. Dorothy Calder and Mrs. Marguerite Robinson. A real Scottish lunch with scones, shortbread, oatcakes and crumpets gave a welcome break.

Plans are already afoot to have a real celebration on Burns night and will be announced later. The next meeting of the club is January 11.



**DIAL OPERATED TELEPHONE** service was inaugurated in Rockwood as well as in Guelph on Sunday. The conversion from manual to dial operation brought the number of modern dial phones in Ontario and Quebec to 80 per cent. Pictured is the first exchange in Rockwood. —Photo by Richard Harris

**Engraved Gold Watches Given  
Five Employees for Ten Years**

Five engraved gold watches marking ten years' service with Baxter Laboratories of Canada were presented at a dinner marking the 25th anniversary of the parent plant in Morton Grove, Illinois. About 220 employees with their wives and husbands gathered in the Legion Hall Thursday for the event.

Turkey supper was served by members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Lloyd Clifton, the plant manager, made the presentation of watches. Recipients were Jim Hufnagel, Reg Hoare, Eddie Lindsborough, Lorne Simpson and Jim Robertson.

The three who have been employed by Baxter's the longest, Eddie Hufnagel, Joe Heveran and Harold Kinroad, reminisced with Mr. Clifton. They came to Acton from the original plant in Toronto.

A sing song was led by Ken Mann with Mrs. J. Bradshaw at the piano.

**George Lee Elected  
President of B.A.C.**

George Lee was elected president for the coming year of the Brotherhood of Anglican churchmen at a dinner meeting held in the parish hall of St. Alban's church on November 28.

Also elected to offices were Bill Barrett, vice-president; Elmer Lasby, secretary; George Hargrave, treasurer; Bob Vincent, reporter, and selected for the entertainment committee were Les Duby, Vic Bristow and Bill Denny.

After the meeting, which opened with a prayer by Rev. Evan Jones, the members were entertained with films and slides shown by Owen Masales.

**New Ontario Plan  
Aids Handicapped**

Toronto (CP)—Welfare Minister Cecilie of Ontario says the province's rehabilitation program for the handicapped can be judged a success although it has been in operation only three months.

The Ontario government's program, actually three schemes in one, involves medical treatment and examination, training and support of the person being rehabilitated during his training period and finally placing him in a job.

Mr. Cecilie said he finds it strange that Ottawa should be unwilling to contribute the cost of providing artificial limbs, which is at present shared by the province and the municipalities.

Aside from this lack of federal government support, Mr. Cecilie said the program is working out very well. At the end of September, its third month, over 60 persons had received or were receiving vocational training.

The program provides maintenance allowances from \$60 to \$115 a month and may be supplemented up to \$16 a month in certain needy cases.

**URGES UNDERSTANDING  
CHATHAM, Ont. (CP)—**Women should not be too hard and too efficient, a meeting here was told by Henry Bialski, Toronto director of a sales training institute. He said their greatest contribution is to discipline, encourage and love children.

**LIKE HOME TOWN  
KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—**Quizzed a Kitchener Chamber of Commerce survey why they liked their home town, teen-agers said it was because of the cleanliness of the community and the friendliness of the people.

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**From Grey Cup to Christmas**

By E. L. Homewood

The Santa Claus parade and Grey Cup Day are over, and now comes Christmas! And as Christmas approaches, into most homes comes a little goodness (displayed particularly by children), a little confusion, a little merriment, a little debt.

Thousands of little hearts thrilled as Santa arrived for his pre-Christmas interviews. In the big cities, he allowed tractors and trucks to pull his reindeer and sleigh atop huge trailers. In the smaller centres, he turned to such modern conveyances as the helicopter. It was a happy time!

It was a different story when

**Basement Completed  
At Reformed Church**

Progress on the new Christian Reformed church being erected on No. 7 Highway east of Acton has reached the point of a roof on the basement section.

Members are hoping to use the basement as a meeting place before Christmas or shortly thereafter.

**Many Lovely Gifts  
Received by Bride**

On Wednesday evening, November 21, Mrs. R. Puchon and Mrs. G. Puchon were joint hostesses at a shower given to honor Miss Eileen Barbour prior to her marriage to Garry McFadden.

The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts, after which the guests enjoyed a very delightful lunch served by Ruth Kay and Pamela Puchon.

**Presbyterian Home  
Voted Club Donation**

The Heather Club met at the home of Mrs. J. Innes for their regular meeting on November 28. Mrs. Bennie opened the meeting with prayer. Oral Norton read the scripture lesson.

During the business session, plans were made for a dinner meeting in January. A donation was voted to the Presbyterian Home in Toronto. A chapter of the study book, *Five Upon the Earth*, was read by Francis Loughheed.

Lunch was served by the committee in charge and a social time was enjoyed by all.

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Every year, more and more people who are going visiting over the holidays, go

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**From Grey Cup to Christmas**

Grey Cup Day was over. Happiness was governed to some extent by geographical location.

And geography and circumstance will have some effect on the happiness of many this Christmas season.

It will be a bleak Christmas for the half-million or more refugees from revolt-torn Hungary who look to the free world for help and understanding. The handfuls of Christians in some lands where freedom is almost a stranger will gather to worship this Christmas in an atmosphere of fear and apprehension.

And here in Canada, hearts will be heavy in Springhill, N.S., where families have been broken by disaster, and in thousands of homes where traffic mishaps have taken their toll.

Amid the colorful decorations of the Christmas tree, the gay wrappings of the gifts we give and receive, the warm and merry greetings we extend, we pause and wonder. What is Christmas? What does it mean to us in this year of strife and restlessness?

And wondering, we discover that Christmas is love. A love that does not end with the giving of gifts, or realizing that we have the responsibility of being our brother's keeper, but goes on to recognize that we must be our brother's brother. With this, we have found something of the real meaning and spirit of Christmas.

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