

Mrs. A. Frank Heads W.A. Mrs. Robertson Life Member

Everyone present enjoyed a pot luck dinner in the Sunday school room of the church for the annual meeting and the election of officers for the W.A. of Ebenezer.

Before the dinner hour, K. Griffiths, minister in charge, offered prayer, then took the chair for the installation of officers for 1961, proposed by Mrs. E. Ward, convener of the nominating committee.

State of Officers
The following state comprises some new officers, some unchanged: president, Mrs. A. Frank; vice-president, Mrs. M. Howard; secretary, Mrs. S. Trousdale; treasurer, Mrs. J. Henry; W.M.S. convener, Mrs. H. Blyth; W.A. convener, Mrs. G. Thomas; good cheer secretary, Mrs. E. Ward; mission band leaders, Mrs. W. Dunbar and Mrs. E. Watson; baby band superintendent, Mrs.

A. Diamond; cradle roll, Mrs. L. Ferguson; supply secretary, Mrs. S. Trousdale; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. W. Freeman; pianist and reporter, Mrs. W. Early.

Mr. Griffiths thanked the retiring officers for their hard work through the year and welcomed the new officers. He also urged the members to study the following pamphlets, "The Commission on the Work of Women in the Church" and "The United Church Women".

Year of Preparation
He pointed out that 1961 will be a year of preparation for introduction of the organization of United church women. Mrs. A. Diamond moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Griffiths for so graciously performing his duty of installation. Mr. Griffiths closed this part of the meeting with prayer.
A film on the Christmas story,

with carols interspersed throughout, was shown by Mrs. H. Blyth for the devotional period. Mrs. G. Thomas acting as commentator. Mrs. A. Norrish also read a Christmas story entitled, "Those Gracious Gifts".

New Life Member
A happy moment in this part of the meeting was the presentation of a life membership and pin to Mrs. G. Robertson, who was taken by surprise. Mrs. M. Moffat spoke a few words and Mrs. H. Blyth made the presentation of the certificate and pin. Mrs. Robertson sincerely thanked the members for honoring her in this manner. She said it was truly one of "those gracious gifts".
Mrs. K. Griffiths favored with a lovely solo. Business items were dealt with and Mrs. H. Blyth and Mrs. M. Hayward were appointed to look after the Christmas cheer boxes for the sick and shut-ins.

After singing a carol, Mrs. J. Robertson closed the meeting with prayer.

S. S. Meeting
The Sunday school teachers and officers met at the Blyth home for the December meeting. Sandra Blyth was pianist for the half hour of singing favorite hymns. H. Blyth led in prayer and Mrs. E. Watson read a passage of scripture.

Final plans were made for a special service in the Sunday school on White Gift Sunday, which is the 18th, also for the Christmas entertainment which will be held in the church on the 22nd.

Try Air Layering To Aid Old Plants

It doesn't take long for some house plants to develop that long, straggly, highly unattractive look. They get too large for a room.

More often than not, they are removed to some far-away place—the porch for instance—where they live out the duration of their lives in awkward seclusion. This is the fate of too many good house plants.

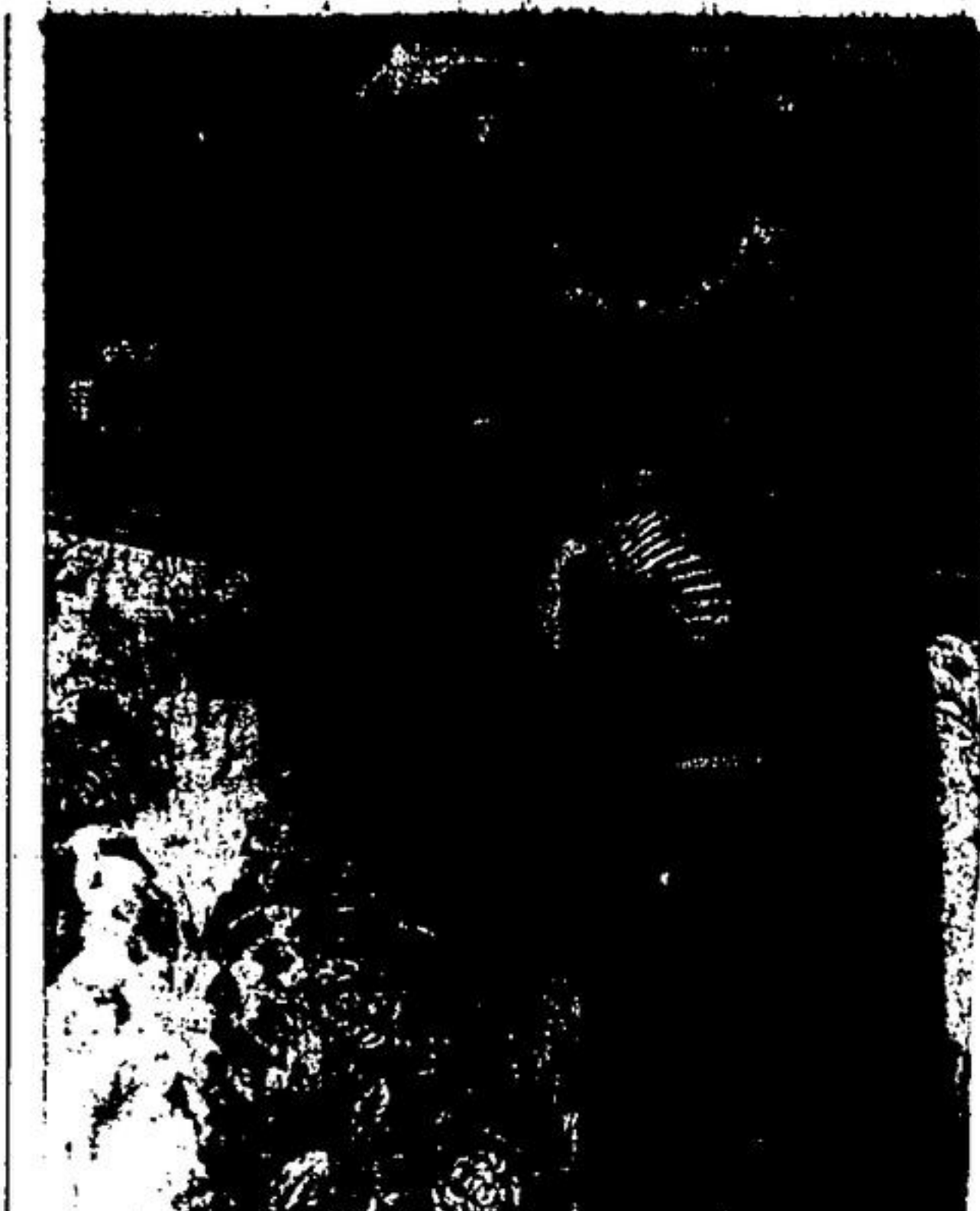
When a plant outgrows its attractiveness, it can often be helped by a simple method of propagation called air layering, say horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Produce Roots
This practice lets plants produce roots on shorter stalks. Smaller yet fully developed and attractive offspring result. Plants most suitably propagated by this method are the erect foliage types such as philodendron, rubber plant, dracaena and dieffenbachia.

TIME OUT
Employer: I wish you would not whistle while you're working.
Employee: I wasn't working, just whistling.

Here's how it's done. First, notch the stem where you want the roots to form. Keep the wound open with a stick or pebble. Add a root-growth mixture and wrap wet sphagnum moss around the stem. Tie it tightly in place and cover with a piece of polythene bag. When the roots have formed, the shoot may be removed from the old stalk and planted. While the young roots are still forming, be sure to keep the moss in a moist condition.

80 per cent of Canadian forest fires are due to negligence.



CHARRED BEAMS indicate the headway made by fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Britton, R.R. 1, Acton, Tuesday afternoon. Acton firefighters made a fast run to the farm home and had the blaze under control in short order. Caused by overheated stove pipes, the fire had gained access to the attic before it was extinguished.

Santa Claus Distributes Gifts To Members of Mission Circle

The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist church held their December meeting and Christmas party at Mrs. W. Gordon's home on Churchill Road. The president, Mrs. C. Landsborough, opened the meeting with reading a Christmas poem and the group singing a Christmas carol "O Come All ye Faithful". Prayer was given by Mrs. Landsborough.

Miss Pilkington in the secretary's absence read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved. Roll was called and visitors welcomed. After a short business discussion, "Joy to the World" was sung by the group with Mrs. L. Bulmer accompanying at the piano.

Miss Elda Fryer brought an interesting and timely devotional reading from Luke's Gospel, chapter two, and a meditation on Christmas, old and new. Mrs. D. Dunk and cast put on a play, "Self versus Missions". Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Dunk supervised the contests which everyone enjoyed following the carol singing.

Santa appeared and distributed gifts from under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Refreshments were served by the tea hostesses, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Helwig, Miss Pilkington and Mrs. McCutcheon. Mrs. L. Hilsley moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gordon for opening her home for the Christmas party.

Get Six Good Weeks Out of Poinsettias

As a Christmas plant, poinsettia has few equals. Yet isn't it maddening when the plant fades just as the holiday season rolls around!

Horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture say that you can get six good weeks out of your poinsettias if you bear in mind these tips: keep the plant in a bright, sunny location; avoid drafts or hot-air registers (poinsettias need steady temperatures); water as soon as the soil appears dry.

Temperature is the important factor. If a day temperature of about 70 degrees Fahrenheit and a night temperature of 60 to 65 are maintained, your plants will thrive through and for some time after Christmas.

Plant Ailments
If the lower leaves turn yellow, wilt and drop, blame dry soil and a sudden temperature change. If the plant is stunted, with yellowing of the top leaves, a nitrogen deficiency is probably the cause. After the plants are established, it's a good idea to feed them every two weeks with a complete fertilizer.

If you want to carry plants over for another year, here's what to do. After the flowering period, rest them in a cool spot and let the soil dry out. Cut the plants back part way. Then place the plants in larger pots, water them, give them lots of light and 65 to 70 degree temperature.

Mrs. H. Mainprize Hostess to Chapter

The Christmas meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize. The Christmas meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize.

At the close of the business, Miss Daisy Folster and Mrs. George Young entertained with Christmas readings. Mrs. J. Whitlam led a singsong of carols and Christmas songs with her banjo.

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Annual Awards Given To Eramosa 4-H Clubs

The Eramosa Junior Farmers held their regular meeting recently in St. John's Church Parish Hall and it was the annual award night of the 4-H clubs of Eramosa. Ken Jessop, the president, called the meeting to order and thanked the parents, 4-H members and friends for such a splendid turnout.

The guest speaker was Professor Robertson of the O.A.C. staff, who spoke on "Father and Son Partnership". He was introduced by Gordon Leslie and thanked by Dave Freure.

Sponsor Calf Club
The Junior Farmers sponsor the calf club with John Benham and Earl Osborne as leaders. Calf club 4-H awards were presented by Earl Osborne. The Junior Farmer trophy for the calf club 4-H member obtaining the highest marks was presented to Ron Storey by Ken Jessop. The Wilbert A. Freeman showmanship trophy was donated for the first time and won by Ron Storey with Wilbert A. Freeman presenting it.

George Leslie presented gifts to the following 4-H members: Shorthorn calves: Clifford Allan, Larry Dyer, Brian Lowry, Susan Pearl and John Rutherford. George Storey presented the Angus awards to Don Carney and Ron Storey.

Grain Awards
Charles McNabb, leader of the South Wellington Grain Club, presented awards to Alex McNabb, Sandy McPhedran, Harold McEachern and Garry Ritchie. Grain shown at Erin was in the first prize group at the Royal Winter Fair. The boys obtained fifth, eighth and ninth placings. Alex McNabb was winner of a trip in 1961 for the land tour.

This club was sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture, who also sponsored the Tractor Club. Awards in this division were presented by Bruce Hindley. At the inter-club competition, Doug Rowan and Bob Lowry placed fifth out of 35.

Henry Stanley, assistant agricultural representative, was called on and congratulated all 4-H members, thanking the ladies and parents for their splendid cooperation. He mentioned some 4-H members who did well at various fairs, Ron Storey was class A at the Royal Winter Fair.

At Erin show in the beef section, Ron Storey was in A group with Susan Pearl and Clifford Allan in B group. In the dairy class, Gerrie Freeman was in A group while Sandy McPhedran, Harold McEachern and Bernice Freeman were in the B group silver dollar competition.

At the Kitchener Trade Fair, Alex McNabb and Gerrie Freeman were two of the seven from Wellington County.

Certificate of Merit
Mr. Stanley presented Alex McNabb with a Certificate of Merit for completing 18 projects, the highest in Wellington county. Gerrie Freeman has completed seven agricultural projects. Certificates were presented to Sandy McPhedran and Bernice Freeman for completing six projects.

The Junior Farmers held a short business session after which lunch was served and a social half hour was enjoyed.

First Skating
As a result of the recent cold weather last week and over the weekend, there was good ice on the river adjoining the highway. Young people of the village have been skating for the first time this season.

Due to Saturday night's and Sunday morning's cold weather, the feed pipe for the furnace at St. John's church was affected, resulting in cool temperatures for the services. Rev. H. B. Stok reef conducted a brief service in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hatch and children of London were weekend visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Lin loot.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L.Th. S.T.B. 185 Jeffrey St., phone 265 The Fourth Sunday in Advent SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 9.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School 11.00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist 7.00 p.m.—Candlelighting and Carol Service MID-WEEK CELEBRATIONS Wednesday, 21 December, 1960 Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr—10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Saturday, 24 December, 1960 Christmas Eve—11.30 p.m.—Midnight Choral Eucharist All Are Welcome! ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 33 Churchill Road Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., phone 648-W SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors You Are Always Welcome CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister 301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 698 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 10.00 a.m.—English 2.30 p.m.—Dutch The Church of the Back to God Hour	BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Pastor: James M. Rudd 39 Nelson Court, Phone 206 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 11.00 a.m.—The Advent of the Saviour 7.00 p.m.—The Song of Mary 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School Wednesday, 7.30 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study All Are Welcome PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 9.45 a.m.—Church School, White Gift Service 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship Theme: "Messages from the Manager" Junior congregation (ages 3-7) meets during sermon. Pres-nursery children cared for at Manse 8.00 p.m.—Annual CGIT Christmas Vesper Service UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Dwight Engel, B.A., Minister Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Master SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1960 9.30 a.m.—Early Service 9.30 a.m.—Senior Sunday School, grade 4 and up 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship up to grade 3 with nursery 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Concert, Robert Little Auditorium 8.00 p.m.—CGIT Christmas Vesper Service 7.30 p.m.—Young People's meeting.
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