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LAKESIDE CHAPTER I.O.D.E. held a pot-luck supper and gift exchange during their Christmas meeting Tuesday evening at the Legion auditorium. Mrs. Edward Footitt and Mrs. William Coon lift piping hot casseroles from the oven as they prepare to serve dinner.

Personal Notes . . .

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

Mrs. Anna Smith Lake Ave., has returned from spending a week with relatives in Toronto.

The UCW had a pot luck supper and Christmas program — with Santa — last night. Report next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leslie left by car Saturday for St. Petersburg, Florida where they will spend the winter.

Officers of Guelph Pipe Band elected this week include honorary president Fred Wright of Acton.

Friends are pleased to hear that Mrs. Charles Withers has returned to take up residence at her home on John Street.

Mrs. A. J. McCutcheon and Jack spent the weekend in London with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCutcheon and family.

Mrs. John Wood is home again after visiting with relatives at Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cutts attended the opening night of Carousel at Ross Hall, Guelph. A granddaughter, Mary Jane Magliesden played the part of Louise.

Principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little public school took seven graduating pupils of a class of the Sunshine School for the Retarded in Hamilton Tuesday afternoon.

High school students from Acton were guests of the Rotary Club at the Royal Oriole Museum on Wednesday. The grade 10 group was under the supervision of Mrs. Rogers.

Tonight (Thursday) the Y Merrymakers, having invited relatives and friends as their guests for Christmas time, Ladies Night at the Y. There will be dinner and dancing.

Christmas is happy season with thanks and love and family greetings. Be sure to phone the names of your visitors to the Free Press.

Both Georgetown and Milton had fine Santa Claus parades on Saturday and many Actonians were in the crowds. Acton Citizens' Band played in Milton.

Fred Euringer's regime as director of the Drama Guild at Queen's University is reported to be off to a happy start with his first production Duerenatt's The Visit. Mr. Euringer, who followed W. A. Aguns in this position was associate director at Stratford.

Georgetown curlers played host Thursday evening, December 5, to eight Acton rinks and came out on top with a score of 69 points to 51 over their guests. At the conclusion of play everyone enjoyed a roast pigtail dinner in the dining room. On Monday, December 23, Acton will host the Georgetown club.

Sixteen staff members of Ted Jess IGA went to Toronto Monday evening and enjoyed a tour of the Oshawa Wholesale Warehouse and then dinner at the Town and Country. Alex Ramey, director of merchandising for the company spoke to them and other guests including the meat, produce and grocery specialists and the sales and service supervisor of the company. Enjoying the evening with owner Dave Manes were Mrs. Harold Andrews, Mrs. A. Morrison, Miss Trudy Oost, Mrs. D. Clendinning, Mrs. Gars Dawkins, Mrs. A. Moore, Mrs. Bus Crichton, Bud Dawkins, Garth Jackson, Andy Bowman, Bruce Shipley, Bob Dye, Walter Widawski, Milton Ball and Don McIntyre. Five others were unable to attend.

Education

The Value of Education was G. W. McKenzie's subject when he spoke to the Rotarians at their Tuesday session. He praised the schools staff but said much responsibility lies with the home.

—Robert Little school students are practicing for a short Christmas concert on Wednesday evening, December 18. The climax will be Bible readings and carols.

—The number of spoiled ballots in the election brings up the possibility some people might have been marking their ballots in the wrong way for years without realizing it. You must make an X, a check mark is no good. And you must use the pencil provided in the polling booth, not a pen.

—The swamps are quite dry and there could be a shortage of water yet, the farmers say.

—The sun shone steadily Wednesday — and that's really news. We've had cloudy weather for weeks.

—Quite a few groups are having their Christmas parties after New Years. There seems more time then to enjoy a pleasant evening with nothing else waiting at home that should be done.

—Churches are planning some lovely Christmas services.

—Keep your car locked while you're shopping. Don't let anybody do his Christmas shopping in your car.

—Don't forget, the local stores have the gift you require for Christmas.

—If you have visitors for the Christmas season, be sure to let us know. It's news.

—It only takes a couple of cold nights to make a skiff of ice on small streams. The creek at the public school has had patches of ice already.

—A few local children who spent hours flooding outdoor rinks in their backyards were disappointed when the mild spell struck again. Everything was lost in a few hours.

—Christmas mailing rush is just beginning to swell to its crest, post office employees say.

—Don't forget the mailing deadlines. The postal staff is doing everything within their power to make certain cards arrive on time — but they need your help in mailing early.

—Broadcast from the city of Toronto are warning drivers about driving when drinking. This applies here in Acton as well, according to local police.

—Some hockey fans around town are disgusted with the display Saturday night when Chicago and Toronto players doffed their gloves and created a near donnybrook with their fists. Others take it in their stride as part of the entertainment.

—We heard from someone with three Christmas cacti all in bloom just in time for Christmas. Any challengers?

—Just about the first to send out '64 calendars is Ray Thompson Fuels. The attractive calendars have Canadian scenes paired with maps of the districts where the photographs were taken.

—Selling 1964 calendars as projects are the United Church C.G.I.T. and the Daughters of Knox.

—Members of other congregations have been invited to the dedication of the new sanctuary of Beth-El Christian Reformed church tomorrow (Friday). Pictures and story next week.

—Local merchants are doing their best again this year to meet dozens of requests for a variety of types of items of merchandise. Shop in Acton first, when you shop for Christmas. Your merchants will appreciate it and it helps build a better town.

Mrs. Gordon Currie Heads Guild Again

A new slate of officers was elected at the meeting of St. Alban's Guild, Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Gordon Currie has been returned as president for the second year; first vice-president is Mrs. Hugh Wilkinson, treasurer Mrs. Walter Dubois, secretary Mrs. Clayton Lindsay, correspondence Mrs. Clinton Taylor, reporter Mrs. Thomas Lynch, kitchen conveners Mrs. Cecil Nelles and Miss Millie Rowles, flower and gifts Mrs. Cecil Nelles.

The business meeting included preparations for weddings in the new year. The ladies are convening the Young People's turkey dinner on Sunday.

Instead of a Christmas party the members will have a pot luck supper in the new year.

Mrs. Harold Denny showed slides of Detroit zoo, Chicago and the interiors of various Anglican churches they have visited including St. Alban's here.

Lunch was served by the group in charge and everyone had a pleasant evening.

Life Membership Pin For Mrs. N. Lambert

The two afternoon units of the United Church Women held their Christmas meeting Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty. About 40 enjoyed the special joint meeting.

Members of the group of quilters presented a life membership pin in the UCW to Mrs. Nelson Lambert. President Mrs. H. R. Force made the presentation.

Group leaders of the afternoon groups are Mrs. Anthony Ironside and Mrs. J. Wilderspin.

The human heart rests about eight-tenths of a second between each contraction.

Former Missionary Now Translates Scriptures

The Acton Ba[illegible] adian Bible Soc[illegible] at Knox church on December 5. The president, Murray Cul[illegible] conducted the service which was opened with the singing of [illegible] Christmas carols. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie gave the devotional prayer and a delightful musical selection was given by Charles Landsborough, accompanied by his daughter Donna.

Sympathy was expressed for the illness of Tom DeVries who was to be soloist and also to Hank Barnes who generously contributed the programs. The Rev. S. Thomas introduced the guest speaker Miss Anne Cressman. Miss Cressman is a former missionary in Liberia with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and after 20 years on the field there is now on extended furlough in Ontario continuing the work of translating the Gospels into some of the Liberian dialects. She explained at length the difficulties of first reducing the language to writing and then spending months and years translating to a language that can be understood by the people. These people are rapidly becoming literate and reading everything they can find and so it is most important to provide Scriptures for them.

Miss Cressman thanked the audience of about 50 people for the faithful support of the Bible Society so they can translate and distribute the Scriptures at a cost the people can afford to pay and asked for all to pray for this great work.

The offering totalled $46.

The Rev. Stanley Gammon expressed the thanks of the meeting and Mr. Thomas pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. C. Shultis Returned Legion Ladies President

New officers were named when Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary held their December meeting at the Legion hall. President Mrs. C. Shultis presided.

President of Branch 197, Max Storey, conducted the election of officers. Re-elected president of the Auxiliary was Mrs. C. Shultis with first vice president Mrs. D. Rogers. Mrs. J. Higgins is the new second vice-president. Secretary Mrs. P. Toth Jr.; treasurer Mrs. A. Irwin; Sergeant at Arms Mrs. A. Ford and Mrs. G. James accepted the new post of sports officer.

Christmas gift cheques were approved for First War veterans and widows, also a cheque for $500 to the men's branch and a $25 cheque to be sent to the Salvation Army. A letter of thanks and a gift were to be sent to Legionaire Hugh O'Rourke for his assistance with Auxiliary bingos during the past year.

Mrs. D. Price was initiated as a new member and celebrated by winning the draw for a Christmas cake.

There will be a social evening held February 14 with five Auxiliaries of the zone invited to attend. Com. Mrs. L. Synott will look after the entertainment.

The Christmas dinner is on Friday the 13th, when the men's branch go all out to see they enjoy themselves.

After the meeting lunch and a social time were enjoyed by the members.

Yule Rocks

There will be a mixed bonspiel here Monday, December 23, with Georgetown as guests and on Monday, January 6, Erin men come here.

Turkey Dinner, Gift Exchange At Daughters of Knox Meeting

The Daughters of Knox held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Price with Mrs. W. Spielvogel presiding.

Mrs. A. J. Buchanan said grace, then the girls enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner served buffet style in the lovely decorated recreation room.

Mrs. W. Spielvogel welcomed Miss McConnell and after the reports and the roll call, Mrs. W. Spielvogel gave the slate of officers for 1964 which are as follows:

Past-president, Mrs. W. Spielvogel; president, Mrs. H. Coles; first vice-president, Mrs. B. Moore; recording secretary, Mrs. H. Price; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. Toth, treasurer, Mrs. J. Pink; assistant treasurer, Miss H. Holmes; glad tidings, Mrs. E. A. Hansen; press secretary, Mrs. W. J. McKnight.

Camp committee, Mrs. D. Cleland, Mrs. J. Robertson; welcome and welfare, Mrs. E. A. Hansen, Mrs. A. Holmes; literature secretary, Mrs. G. Withers; card convener, Mrs. B. Van Fleet; supply secretary, Mrs. C. Ashley, group leaders, Mrs. W. Spielvogel, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. A. Holmes.

The worship service opened by Mrs. E. A. Hansen reading the Lights of Christmas and the eight Christmas candles were lit by Mrs. D. Cleland, Mrs. W. Toth, Mrs. H. Price, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mrs. C. Kingsmill, Mrs. J. Pink, Mrs. W. J. McKnight and Mrs. H. Coles.

Miss Helen Holmes and Mrs. H. Price presented a life membership and pin to Mrs. W. Spielvogel for serving as President for two terms and also for filling other executive positions in the group.

Hymn 169 was sung and the last verse was repeated in unison as the benediction.

Mrs. H. Coles and Mrs. W. Spielvogel conducted several interesting games which were very much enjoyed by all the girls.

Gifts were given out by numbers with the girls given the opportunity to exchange, but all were pleased with the gift they received so no exchanges were made.

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