

### Institute Members Exchange Gifts, Sing Christmas Carols

The annual Christmas meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson, decorated in keeping with the festive season, and the president Mrs. Charles Cutts presided in the absence of the secretary Mrs. W. Meddow. Mrs. Fryer acted as secretary. Everyone responded to the roll call with an exchange of gift. The correspondence included a very nice note of thanks from Mrs. William Leslie in appreciation for a gift presented her as she was leaving town. The annual donation of \$5 was voted to the TB fund and a donation was voted to Mrs. Meddow whose husband met with an accident and is in the hospital. The business included plans for the annual dinner party and date was set early in January. Mrs. R. L. Davidson who was convener, gave a very impressive reading, Do Not Switch Off the Lights after Christmas. Mrs. George Fryer gave the motto on Humility, Love and Hope. A special of carol singing was enjoyed with Miss Marjorie Hall presiding at the piano. The meeting closed with the exchange of gifts with Mr. Davidson acting as Santa Claus. A very delicious lunch was served convened by Mrs. Davidson assisted by Mrs. James Loonshi, Mrs. Cameron Winn and Mrs. George Lazenby. Mrs. J. Wilderspin expressed the thanks to the hostess and the committee.



HOLDING CANDLES FOR the annual C.G.I.T. vesper service at the United Church Sunday evening are Diane Ironside, Ann Gordon, Lyndy Lou Moon, Gail Reed and leader Miss Fern Small. The Sunday School attended and presented their white gifts.

### Decorations, Lighted Tree Gay For Greenock Institute Meeting

Gay Christmas decorations and a lighted tree gave a seasonal touch to the December meeting of Greenock W.I. Mrs. C. Aitken was the hostess. Vice-president Mrs. G. Wallace opened the meeting with Christmas verses, followed by all singing the carol "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated in union. Mrs. L. Wessenaar read the Christmas story. Members answered the roll call by displaying or telling of a Christmas gift that they had received as a child. Four members told of having attended the Wellington County Historical meeting held in Guelph recently. The many beautiful antiques were admired and an excellent program enjoyed. Two meetings of the Desert Course have been held with a good attendance. It was decided to have the card and flower committee to act as a visiting committee also. Shut-ins in the community will be given plants before Christmas. Several convener reports were given. Mrs. K. Eckerich gave the

C.A.C. report on household bleaches and Mrs. C. Allen reported on water pollution. Mrs. Basil Johnson will be hostess for an afternoon meeting in January. Miss E. Pearen and Mrs. G. Leslie arranged the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Leslie told the story of Canada's first Christmas Carol. Mrs. Gates read "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and Christmas Carols were sung. Mrs. C. Aitken read a story of Christmas Eve written by Edna Jaques. Colored slides of local scenes and holiday visits were enjoyed by all. H. Gordon Green's thought provoking article on The Framework of Happiness was read by Mrs. T. Hemmley. Brightly wrapped Christmas gifts were exchanged by all present. To close the meeting, God Save the Queen was sung, followed by the Institute Grace. Mrs. K. Eckerich, Mrs. Wm. Johnson and Mrs. J. McCulloch assisted the hostess with refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. J. Thompson was courtesied convener for the evening.

### Church Elders are Elected Choir Service Held Sunday

Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Sheldon Trousdale were elected elders for a three year term at Ebenezer and Mr. Malcolm Moffat to complete the term of Mr. Murray Mahon, who has moved to Campbellville. Choir Service The choir's annual Candlelight Service on Sunday evening was well attended. The choir rendered the anthems, From Heaven Above, Shepherds in the Hush of Night and Eastern Monarchs, Songs Three, in their usual inspiring manner. The choral selections were interspersed with readings by Rev. Wallace Leeman, Prophecies, Annunciation and Magnificat, Holy Birth, Shepherds, Magi and Fulfillment. A generous sum was donated for overseas relief in the White

### Don't Expect E.M.O. Cutback

The Canadian government's recent cut in spending on defense projects will not have any effect on Halton County's Emergency Measures Organization, according to Reeve H. H. Hinton of Acton, chairman of Halton's E.M.O. committee. Reeve Irv Ryckman of Burlington wondered, during the Tuesday meeting of Halton County Council, if the cutback in spending would harm Halton's E.M.O. efforts. But Reeve Hinton assured council it would not affect E.M.O. "The indication from both the Federal and Provincial government is that the emphasis is being put on national disaster, rather than atomic warfare," he suggested. And for this reason, he felt the government grants to E.M.O. would continue in spite of the defense cutback.

### Scottish Club

Omitted in last week's account of the Scottish Dance party were several names. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blundell had put in a great deal of time organizing the draw; Charlie Rocher accompanied Mrs. Joyce Carpenter and her pupils on the guitar; and in one of Miss Carol Wharton's groups, Singing in the Rain, were Bonnie Armstrong, Barbara Fowler, Cathy Lawson, Susan McPhail, Susan Mills, Trevolyn Patrick and Ann Toth.

## Rockwood, Eden Mills Pastor Dr. G. Aitken Buried Thursday

Rockwood and community were saddened to learn of the passing away of Rev. Dr. George Aitken, minister of Rockwood and Eden Mills Presbyterian Churches, in Guelph General Hospital last week following an illness of two months. The funeral took place Thursday at Eden Mills Presbyterian Church with Rev. L. H. Nanson, interim moderator in Guelph Presbytery, conducting the service, assisted by Rev. D. Crawford Smith of Knox Church in Guelph, Rev. W. A. Young, padre of the O.A.C. in Guelph, and Rev. H. Vair. A group of ministers from Guelph Presbytery were present. Following the service, the casket was borne by pallbearers Albert Gray, Peter Sim and Roy Young of Rockwood church, and Roy Gordon, William Lovrie and William McLean of Eden Mills church. A number of floral wreaths bore silent tribute to the memory of the deceased. Rev. L. H. Nanson officiated at the committal. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Aitken in her bereavement, also to her son George and daughter-in-law of Queen's University, Kingston. Despite unfavorable weather last week, the roof was laid on the addition to the town hall so that inside work could proceed. Duncan Kingsbury is in charge of the work. Owing to the alterations to the rear of the town hall, services of Emmanuel Bible Church were held in a room of the public school, Sunday. Since the first week of the month, young people of the village are enjoying skating and hockey on the river adjoining the highway. Thompson attended the funeral of an uncle, Mr. Alfred Naylor, at London on Monday. Sgt. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson and family of Camp Borden visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie, a brother, Mr. Westie Johnston of Southey, Sask., who has been visiting with the Binnies, returned with his brother to spend Christmas holidays with them. The correspondent and friends who helped make our news items of interest with the Free Press and staff a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous 1964.

### Plan S.S. Concert At Church on Friday

The Church Hill Sunday school concert is being held this Friday evening, December 20 in the church at 8.30 o'clock. There will be a carol song service on Sunday evening at eight o'clock in Church Hill church. Everyone is welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. William

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