Christmas Curry Dinner on Leaf For Rev., Mrs. J. Rudd in India

Curry for Christmas! The former minister of Acton Baptist Church, Jim Rudd and Mrs. Rudd have sent another letter from India, and most of it follows. They made many friends in Acton whose thoughts and prayers are with them in their work.

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Pithapuram,
East Godavari District
Andhra Pradesh, India
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Dear Friends,

Instead of writing to you before Christmas, we thought we would wait until now so that we could tell you about our Christmas activities and news regarding language examination results.

This was our second Christmas in India—hard to believe—time passes so quickly. This year we went to Yellamanchili to Delong's house for Christmas (Mr. and Mrs. Delong, Beverold, Elaine and 15-year-old Lorwald). We put our gifts in a separate suitcase, packed the needful clothes and took refushees to the Pithapuram station. We were surprised that our train was only 30 minutes late instead of the usual hour. As a matter of fact, the train was so close to being on time at Yellamanchili that even the Delongs were taken off guard and we had to wait for a few minutes at the station.

Christmas Carol

On Christmas eve we went to the Yellamanchili Baptist Church and enjoyed curry dinner eaten with our fingers off a leaf plate. The people erected a pandal, or shelter, of palm branches at one side of the church and everyone sat under it on benches with another bench for a table. (This was extra special, for we usually sit on the ground at an Indian meal).

Afterwards the Christians joined for a short worship service. The ceiling of the little church was decorated with coloured folded tissue paper cutouts and there was a Christmas tree trimmed with Christmas cards. Indian people usually eat late and go directly to bed, so during the service the little boys on the front benches full of curry, began to nod. The usher simply came to the front and laid them on the floor to sleep or took them to the parents (the women all sit on one side of the church and the men on the other).

This church for almost a year had been badly split and no services had been held. This Christmas function was an indication that the wounds are healing.

Tree, Carols

Our hosts had a wonderful Christmas tree with plenty of lights and decorations (Canadian style). We sat around on Christmas Eve, listened to carols on the hi-fi and enjoyed talking about things dearest to our hearts just as we do when in Canada.

Carollers? Yes, young people go carolling here, too. The Yellamanchili carollers were all men — a dozen of them — ranging in age from 8 to 45. They started out right after the evening service, and arrived at our house at 4 a.m. announced by loud firecrackers. They sang lusty, swingy tunes, and kept time with loud clapping.

Wears Sari

Christmas morning was spent opening gifts and happily anticipating the turkey dinner which was a-cooking. There was a 10 o'clock church service with Gordon Delong preaching in Telugu. People at home wear new clothes on Easter Sunday, but in India everyone wears new clothing on Christmas Day. Marion wore a sari, as she usually does when she goes to church or to an Indian function.

John and Jessie Wuellie joined us for Christmas dinner. They made the two-hour trip from Vizakhapatnam on their motor scooter. What a feast we had — turkey with all the trimmings. Christmas day was a "day of rest and gladness" and fellowship which was very comfortable and which we all enjoyed thoroughly.

Barbara Delighted

Having Barbara made Christmas an especially happy time for us. She is 17 months old, and was able to appreciate Christmas a little more than last year. She touched most of the low hanging decorations in the tree, and she did a messy but thorough job of opening her gifts. Her favorite is a furry white bunny with pink ears which the Main St. C.G.I.T. had given her at our Farewell. She goes to sleep with her arm around him every night. And you can be sure that she enjoyed all the good food available on Christmas Day.

The highlights of her visit were the Delong's six chickens that were penned near the front entrance to the house, and the two kittens. When Barbara saw any of them she screamed in sheer delight.

Next day we were more active. Late morning saw us at the top of the hill behind the bungalow viewing Yellamanchili and the surrounding area — a real birds-eye view of a small Indian town nearby and of beautiful land scape in the distance.

Spirits High

Afternoon found us at the sea side looking over the ruins of an old British military installation and enjoying a swim in the brine. Some of our clothing got wet in an unguarded moment when a wave took us by surprise. But our spirits were high as we wended our way home by jeep at dusk and sang Christmas carols for the last time that year.

All in all we had a very refreshing and rejuvenating time of it, and not the least among our thoughts throughout that blessed time was the fact that "God sent His Son," and that all the blessings we enjoy we owe to Him who was born and Who died for us.

Language Exams

Some of you will have already heard about our language exams. In the oral examination the average mark was 73 per cent — a very high percentage. Seven of the nine students were Canadian Baptists, and of the four who achieved distinction, three were of our number. We are still waiting for the results of our written examinations. We are all very happy with our success and thank you all for your prayers in our behalf . . .

There have been many people from many quarters asking to be baptized as a public confession of faith in Christ. One notable instance is the village adjoining the hospital compound where, through the efforts of the hospital chaplain and several other dedicated Indian Christians, a movement is starting. God willing, we would like to do as much as possible to fan the spark.

Yours sincerely,
Jim, Marion and
Barbara Rudd

P.S. Christmas is an especially nice time of the year because we have heard from many of you via your cards and letters. Thank you all very much.

Invest Cub Leader Monday

New Assistant Cubmaster Dorothy Jordan was invested Monday evening at the scout hall by District Commissioner Vic Gunn of Georgetown. Two new Ballinafad leaders were invested too, Doreen Cudney and Murray La Rose, both Assistant Cubmasters of the First Ballinafad cub pack.

Mrs. Jordan has taken training at the last basic course in Georgetown, early this year. She is assistant to Cubmaster Murray Scoyne of the Monday "A" pack. She's known as Baloo to the boys.

She was presented with the neckerchief in pack colors by Mrs. H. Wilkinson of the scout group committee.

A representative of the district council, Tom Pettingill of Sorval was present as well.

Add Fire Truck for Area Use Will Locate in Milton Hall

Halton County's fire truck population increased by one last week, when the Halton County Mutual Aid Association was presented with a welcome gift — a 1963 Chev 500 gallon pumper complete with equipment that will be available for training and emergency use.

It will be stored in Milton Fire Hall with Mutual Aid Coordinator Chief Douglas Wilson of Oakville, and Deputy Coordinator Chief Rube Clement of Milton in charge. Last week, a presentation of the keys ceremony was held, with members of the Milton Area Fire Committee in attendance to accept the new vehicle.

Milton Fire Department already has two pumpers plus a van truck. Chief Clement sees the vehicle as an ideal "spare" for emergencies or for use during the spring and fall grass fire season when alarms start pouring in three at a time. He has been given authority to use it whenever necessary.

Accommodation Problem

The pumper belonged to the Provincial Government and was formerly used as an I.M.O. training vehicle in the St. Catharines area. Accommodation became a problem there, and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office was asked to find it a new home.

The Halton Mutual Aid fire fighting association applied for it, and permission was finally received to bring it to Milton. Chief Wilson will be in charge of the truck, with Chief Clement assisting, wherever it is used for Mutual Aid work.

Milton was the only fire hall in Halton with room to store the vehicle, Chief Wilson noted. All other fire halls are in full use.

The truck features a six-man cab as it was originally designed for work in the north, where men would not ride on the back or sides of the truck. It carries 1000 feet of 2½-inch hose, 400 feet of 1½-inch and 200 feet of three-quarter inch booster hose. There is a 500 gallon storage tank and it pumps water at 500 gallons per minute. There also a portable pump, hand pump extinguishers, spot lights, a 24 foot extension ladder and a 14 foot roof ladder on the vehicle.

While the Province retains control of the machine and will pay for any major repairs, the operation of the truck is to be provided by the Milton Area Fire Committee in return for its use.

Members of the committee are Oakville chairman A. B. Sovereign, Georgetown — chairman Charles Wilson of Milton, Burlington councillor William Green and Esquesing councillor George Curry — who were on hand for the keys ceremony.

SILVERWOOD

Silver Bells Plan Spring Wardrobes

The first meeting of the Silver Bells 4-H Homemaking Club for the spring season was held February 22 at the home of Mrs. Harry Marchington. The meeting was opened with election of officers: president Jo-Anne McKrown, first vice-president Lisa Kelly; secretary, Dianne Miller; treasurer, Debbie Rogers; courtesy convener, Laura Henderson; press reporter Sheila Campbell.

Project for the season is "What Shall I Wear", with Mrs. George Henderson Jr. as leader and Mrs. Harry Marchington as assistant. As the girls are to make blouses, they were shown the proper way to sew on buttons and make button holes.

The meeting was closed with refreshments served by the hostess.

The second meeting was held February 28 at the home of Mrs. P. Rogers with six girls present. The leaders had sample books of material and helped the girls choose the most suitable for a blouse. They were also told how rules for choosing a spring wardrobe. The meeting closed with refreshments served by the hostess, Mrs. Rogers.

The University of Guelph, a reality with the new Guelph college announced as it was set up in the budget, has been presented to the Ontario Legislature. A $1,200,000 grant to the University of Guelph was announced. There will be a new arts college, Wellington College, which with the OAC and OVC will form the nucleus for the university.

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