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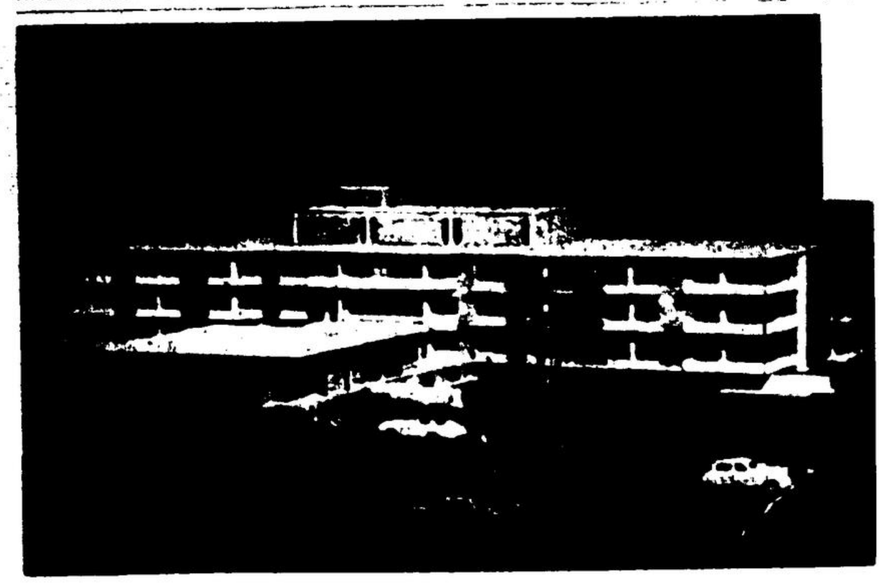

EXPANSION OF HALTON'S home for the aged facilities was assured when Halton County Council approved plans for this second Manor, a 150 bed three - storey structure. Architect Donald Skinner's revised scale model is shown here. The project is estimated to cost $1,600,000 and will be erected adjacent to the present Manor on Ontario St. S. Milton. The home will be constructed in 1965 and will be ready for use late in the year. Plans call for a 150 bed home with the addition of 150 beds provided for at a later date. The present Manor capacity of 225 beds will be greatly increased by the new home.

Name Officers At W.A. Meet

Rockwood - The annual meeting of St. John's Anglican W.A. was held recently in the church parish hall. The president, Mrs. J. Jones opened with the order of service followed by the roll call. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted and a short business meeting followed.

Rev. Allan Cook presided for the election of the following officers: honorary president, Mrs. A. Cook, president, Mrs. J. Jones, first vice president, Mrs. C. McQuillan, second vice president, Mrs. K. H. Waller, recording secretary, Mrs. D. Nelson, treasurer, Mrs. W. Fuhrman, J.A. leader, Mrs. McMinn, social services and card secretary, Mrs. R. Wall, educational secretary, Mrs. A. Towers, Dorcas secretary, Mrs. C. McQuillan, prayer partner secretary, Mrs. D. Nelson, and Living Message secretary, Mrs. W. Ritchie.

Rev. Cook gave a very helpful talk to the members, offering his help whenever needed.

Santa Pays Visit To Local Churches

Rockwood — Santa Claus paid an early visit to Rockwood on Sunday, December 13, when 100 children of Rockwood Sacred Heart Church and St. Peter's Church in Oustic were entertained at a Christmas party in Rockwood town hall.

Special guests besides the parents were six scholastics from Ignatius College, Guelph, who teach Sunday School to the children. A merry sing-song was held with carols, led by Ted Buczek.

To inject a quiet period into the party, movie cartoons were shown and greatly enjoyed, judging from the applause for "The Great Toy Robbery", "Woody Woodpecker" and "Christmas Carols Come to Life".

Santa was welcomed with enthusiasm and his gifts were greatly enjoyed. A lovely lunch was served by the party committee which included Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dupuis, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buczek and Mr. and Mrs. David Bacon.

Annual Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner of Our Lady of Lourdes Council of the Catholic Women's League of Rockwood and Oustic was held recently at Eleanor's Restaurant. Approximately 20 members enjoyed an appetizing smorgasbord. After dinner, a brief meeting was held and the ladies enjoyed a gift exchange.

GREEK WORD

The name "Christ" comes from the Greek word for "Messiah".

St. John's Altar Guild Elects New Officers

Rockwood—The St. John's Anglican Altar Guild held their annual meeting at the parish hall recently. Rev. Allan Cook opened with prayers. A very instructive talk was given the members by the president, Mrs. G. Perry, followed by the secretary's and treasurer's report, which were read and adopted.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas services and the decorating of the church for the occasion. New members were selected and plans for instruction periods were discussed.

Rev. Cook took the chair for the election of officers: honorary president, Mrs. A. Cook, president, Mrs. G. Perry, secretary, Mrs. R. Wall, treasurer, Mrs. E. Slipp.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Cook and a social time was enjoyed.

Date of Nativity Not Certain

Dec. 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 320 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

The present day was selected as a means of unifying the observances of Christmas, the mass of Christ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the light of the Star ever guide us and inspire us in our daily lives.

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Elect Officers, Hear Reports At U.C.W. Christmas Meeting

Rockwood — The annual meeting of Rockwood United Church Women was held recently in the church Sunday school room. The president, Mrs. F. Wilson opened with a reading, "Blest be your Christmas wherever you are", followed by a hymn and prayer with the Lord's Prayer in unison. A portion of the clip sheet was read by Mrs. Wilson, "How do I act in a group?" Mrs. Hill read the minutes and gave the roll call.

A letter had been sent from the U.C.W. to the Board of World Missions, and their reply was read by Mrs. O. Dreiber, thanking the members for their interest. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. A. Elliott, also several letters of thanks for donations sent to the C.N.I.B., the Victor Home and the Fred Victor Mission.

Life Membership

Mrs. A. Elliott presented Miss Gladys Hanna with a U.C.W. Life Membership. Miss Hanna, taken completely by surprise, thanked Mrs. Elliott sincerely. The members voted $75 to the United Fund and $300 to the church repair fund. Mrs. Hosking read a letter from Five Oaks, telling of different retreats for 1965. The offering was taken and dedicated by Mrs. A. McPhedran.

Being the annual meeting, the conveners each gave a report of their year's work.

Miss Pearl Hamilton on the program committee and Mrs. I. Marsden, the social convener, thanked everyone for their help during the past year. Mrs. K. Spence gave the community friendship report and members decided to again make Christmas boxes for the shut-ins.

Mrs. S. Harris gave the report on missionary and Christian education. The stewardship report was given by Mrs. H. Bayne and citizenship by Miss Helen Bayne. In the absence of Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. I. Marsden gave the manse report. On supply and social assistance, Mrs. Hosking told of the continued need of used nylons and good used clothing.

New Officers

Mrs. J. Little, chairman of the nominating committee, read the officers for the coming year: honorary president, Mrs. I. Hosking, president, Mrs. I. Wilson, vice president, Mrs. A. McPhedran, secretary, Mrs. J. Hill, treasurer, Mrs. A. Elliott, Unit 1 leader, Mrs. W. Guild, Unit 2 leader, Miss G. Hanna, program, Miss P. Hamilton, citizenship, Miss Helen Bayne, stewardship, Mrs. H. Bayne, manse, Mrs. McGilvray, missionary and Christian education, Mrs. S. Harris and Mrs. O. Dreiber, literature, Mrs. G. Lawrence, development and leadership, Mrs. F. Hosking, community friendship, Mrs. W. Patterson, social, Mrs. I. Marsden, and nominating, Mrs. J. Little.

The president, Mrs. F. Wilson thanked everyone for their past cooperation and asked for continued support in the future. The installation of officers will be at the January meeting.

Program Presented

Miss Pearl Hamilton took the chair for the program and Mrs. Dreiber introduced the guest speakers for the evening, Mrs. Grace McGee, superintendent of the Primary Sunday School at Harcourt United Church, Guelph, and Mrs. Ketchison, her assistant.

The new curriculum was discussed by the speakers and places where parents could help were pointed out. Parents should show their interest, said the speaker and since the lessons were taught in a series, it was important to have good attendance. "You cannot teach a child who isn't there," said Mrs. McGee. The importance of reading was stressed and of parents reading to pre-school children.

Mrs. Ketchison explained many activities to interest the children such as workshops and other projects. Both speakers stressed the need of the responsibility of teaching being passed around. Mrs. Dreiber thanked the speakers for their interesting message.

After the devotional hymn, a film was shown, "Each with His Own Brush". This was a series of paintings done by Chinese, Japanese and Indians, all depicting the Christmas story. Mrs. I. Marsden closed with prayer. Following the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign", the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Marsden.

Huron Carol

Message for Festive Season

The first Canadian carol was written over 300 years ago by a Jesuit priest, Father Jean De Brebeuf, for a tribe of Huron Indians living in the Georgian Bay district of Ontario. The message of Christ holds no racial prejudices or privileges.

HURON CAROL

'Twas in the moon of winter time,
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel chorus instead.
Before their light, the stars grew dim,
And wondering hunters heard the hymn.

Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria

Within a lodge of broken bark,
the tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty round
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high.

The earliest moon of winter time is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there
The chiefs from far before Him knelt,
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

Ice Your Cake For Freshness

Christmas cakes are not always iced say the food experts at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, but almond paste and icing will help to preserve the cake and add a decorative touch.

A glaze may be used instead of a frosting. To do this, brush the baked cake with one part slightly beaten egg white to three parts of water, or with one part of sweet table molasses to four parts water. Return the cake to the oven for a few minutes to set the glaze.

If almond paste is used, it should be rolled to half inch thickness and made the same shape as the cake. The cake is then brushed with one slightly beaten egg white and two tablespoons of water mixed together before the almond paste is patted into place. 24 hours should elapse before the icing is applied.

Blanch 1 pound of shelled almonds, put through a grinder and work to a paste. Add 4 unbeaten egg yolks, 1 teaspoon rose water, ½ teaspoon salt, and gradually knead in 1 pound of icing sugar until smooth. More sugar may be added if needed.

To Make Ornamental Frosting

Put 4 unbeaten egg whites into a large bowl. Sift in 1 pound of icing sugar and beat vigorously with a wooden spoon. Add 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and beat until the icing holds its shape well. More sugar may be required. This icing is suitable to keep the cake from drying and for decorating with a pastry tube.

Do-It-Yourself Christmas Play

This scene is played in the home of a Russian weather forcaster by the name of Rudolph.

Mrs. Ruddolph Bullinger is seated before the fireplace in an old rocker when in comes Rudolph.

Mrs.: Ah, Rudolph . . . and what weather did you predict for tomorrow?

Rudolph: Ah, mine dear . . . it will rain tomorrow.

Mrs.: Rain??? But Rudolph, all der otter forgosters predict snow.

Rudolph: No, my dear. It will rain.

Mrs.: But all der otters say snow.

(this conversation continues ad infinitum and finally Rudolph has had enough argument)

Rudolph: I care not what said der otter forgosters because . . . RUDOLPH THE RED KNOWS RAIN DEAR.

START RIGHT

Start your child's day right with a nutritious breakfast before school. Don't let him get into the habit of having an inadequate meal before leaving the house: juice or fresh fruit, milk, cereal, toast and an egg if possible, will allow your child to remain mentally alert throughout the morning.

TO WISH YOU

Christmas Blessings

May your family be blessed with a truly joyous holiday, filled with all the peace and happiness of that first Christmas Day.

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NOEL

The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys

FRED L. WRIGHT

Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world...the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come...leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

LEDGER'S I.G.A.