

### Lengthy trip, presentations U.C.W. bazaar in district news

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and girls, June, Kathy and Debbie have returned home after spending a month's holiday, during which they travelled across Canada to Vancouver Island and also down the Pacific Coast of the United States as far as Los Angeles, returning home by Oklahoma City, St. Louis and Detroit. They especially enjoyed the beautiful 100 degree weather in Los Angeles.

The Churchill U.C.W. held their program and tea and Christmas bazaar on November 9 at Churchill church. Mrs. Black of Ballinacred favored all with an organ instrumental and Miss Fee of Hamilton, a returned missionary from China, was guest speaker. She gave a very vivid description of the life and her work in Hong Kong. The ladies were pleased with the turnout despite the bad weather that day.

Ralph and Ethel Denny hosted a dinner party for their family and a few friends at Churchill on Saturday, November 12, on the happy occasion of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. At the close of the delicious dinner, the couple were taken by surprise and were presented with a clock, a trilight lamp and a silver dish from the group.

The presentation was made by Mac Sprowl, Wallace Swackhamer and Clarence Denny. The rest of the evening was spent in Ballinacred Hall, playing cards and dancing.

The Churchill and Ballinacred community gathered at Ballinacred Hall on Saturday evening, November 12, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent dancing and playing cards.

At the close of the evening, the couple were presented with a silver tea service. Walter Linham acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Fye Somerville read the address. Mrs. A. Brooks and Miss Beverley Leitch made the presentation, after which a lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter were pleased with their results at the Royal Winter Fair when two of his brood mares received prizes — Lady received a second and Bess won a fifth. A colt Hank Portie returned home last Thursday after being a patient in Guelph hospital for a month. He is still in a cast but is happy to be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Freeman and boys entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman on Sunday afternoon, it being the occasion of Frank's birthday.

### Dispersal sale

A dispersal sale of the Holstein herd of the late R. H. Matson at Georgetown Sales Arena on the Seventh Line of Esqueping produced the second highest average price per head in Canada this year. Fifty-eight cattle were sold, realizing \$67,200, an average of \$1,160, with the top price being \$7,500.

Mr. Matson of Tottenham was in the process of developing one of the country's top Holstein herds when he and two members of his family met a tragic death in August.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William McArthur and Mrs. Tressa Keeler attended a family dinner held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur's 54th wedding anniversary held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin in Erin.

### Advent service at St. Alban's

The Holy Season of Advent is initiated at St. Alban's with a special service of "prophecies" and carols suitable to the period before Christmas.

"Advent" means the "coming" and refers, explains the rector, the Rev. R. McMurray, to the coming of God into the lives of his creatures through the life of one man, Jesus, whom the church has realized to be His Son. The hopes and prayers of God's ancient people the Israelites will be heard once again in the prophecies or readings from Holy Scripture as they are read from the great lectern at St. Alban's.

In the darkness of an unlighted church the voice of the preacher is heard crying, "I look from afar," to which the people respond, "I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth" . . . and so on to the commissioning of the prophet Isaiah to preach repentance among the peoples of all nations.

Shortly is heard one of the most beautiful Eucharistic hymns ever written, whose opening verse goes like this: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand." This hymn is from the ancient Liturgy of St. James, a fifth century rite of Eastern Christendom.

And so on to a later hymn from fifteenth century Europe, sung first by the Troubadours of the Langdoc: "Lo, how a Rose upspringing on tender root, has grown in . . . It came a flow' of winter in stillness of midnight" . . . another beautiful tribute to the approaching newborn Christ. So on and on through the Scriptures into the Gospel or the Good News of Christ's immediate presence in the midst not just of the world or this little part of it, this town of Acton, this congregation. Indeed for those who are willing to receive Him, the Gospel preclaims the very presence of Christ in each believer's heart.

Thus the service ends with a twelfth century Latin hymn, "O come, Emmanuel!", an appeal closer to yearning, even in this day and age, for the living Christ to come and capture our hearts and lives.

The Parish of St. Alban is expecting that a good number of the congregation and friends of the Parish will be on hand this Sunday to participate in this striking service, and extends a welcome to all members of the community of Acton to join with it in praising God and His Christ at this service.

### Massey-Fabian wedding in Rockwood United Church

Rockwood United Church was decorated with baskets of white mums and red roses for the marriage of Patricia Ann Fabian and Keith Gerald Massey. Rev. Gardiner officiated at the ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on October 29, and Mrs. Stuart, Guelph, played the organ.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fabian, 48 Main St. N., Acton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey, R.R. 4, Rockwood, and is employed at Michigan Bulb Company.

The bride chose a floor length gown of white chiffon with lace overlay. A pearl crown held her shoulder length veil. She carried red roses and white stephanotis.

Matron of honor was the sister of the groom Mrs. Eula Tomlinson. Bridesmaids were the sister of the bride, Jane Fabian and a friend, Wendy Jank. Their gowns were of turquoise with lace overlay, and pearl headpieces held their shoulder length veils. They carried nosegays of white mums and pink ribbons.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Groomsman was the groom's brother, Richard Massey and the ushers were brothers of the bride, John and Bill Fabian.

Dinner was served the guests at the Legion Hall. The bride's mother wore a deep pink dress with three-quarter length coat to match, overlaid with lace, white and black accessories and a corsage of white mums.

The groom's mother wore a navy crepe dress with light blue feathered hat and a corsage of pink mums.

The couple left on a trip to New York State, the bride wearing a green and black checked suit with black accessories.

Special guests at the wedding included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Robert Bastell of Acton and the groom's grandfather, John Massey of Guelph. The wedding cake was made by the groom's mother.

Guests were present from Guelph, Islington, Richmond

Hill, Kitchener, Rockwood, Clinton, Elora, Humber Summit, Rexdale, Blenheim, Etobicoke, Newmarket and Acton.

There were several gatherings held in honor of the bride before the marriage. On September 22 Miss Yvonne McGladrey held a miscellaneous shower in Acton.

Mrs. Don Tomlinson, R.R. 4, Rockwood, held a linen shower on October 11.

On October 13 Mrs. Alice Vivian and Miss Wendy Jank of Acton held a miscellaneous shower. There was a presentation at Michigan Bulb Company for the groom of an electric four-slice toaster. At Mason Knitting Company, where the bride is employed, there was a presentation of an electric floor polisher.

### Buy books

There was a book buying bee at the library Monday night, with W. Johnson of the Ryerson Press there. Looking over book lists with him were chief librarian Mrs. Watson, Miss Madge Chapman, Miss Esther Taylor, and library board members: George Lee, Fred New, Rev. R. McMurray and Mayor Duby.

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### Church's growth in west topic at W.M.S. meeting

Thoughts for Remembrance Day was the opening message by the president, Mrs. Fred Anderson, when the members and guests of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S. of Knox Church, met at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize on November 10.

Mrs. G. Sprowl was convener of the program, the theme for which was the Church goes West. She was assisted by Mrs. A. M. MacPherson and Mrs. Mainprize in the service of worship and with several other members as they made the presentation of the mission study.

In this presentation it was shown that the Baptist denomination began work in Winnipeg in 1873, the Methodists in Saskatchewan in 1862 and the Anglicans erected their first church in 1822 in Kildonan, followed by

a school for Indian boys and girls.

Brief biographies were given on the life and work of John Black, James Nesbet, John McKay, Lucy Baker and James Robertson, all of whom had built up a strong Presbyterian church in western Canada.

Annual reports were presented, officers elected and plans made to have the Christmas meeting held in conjunction with the Ladies' Aid on November 29, with an exchange of gifts and a white gift to bring cheer to someone in need.

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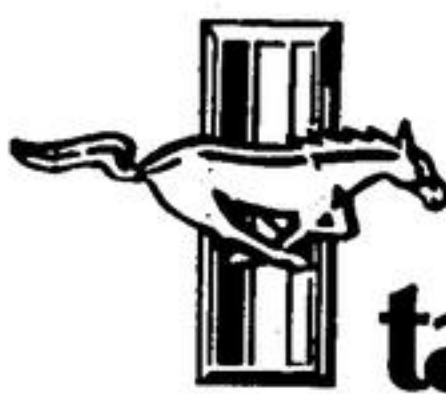
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