

Watch night service to begin centennial

Something to start off the Centennial Year in Eden Mills was a watch night service in Eden Mills Presbyterian church.

Members and friends gathered in the church about 11 o'clock, then adjourned to the Sunday school room for a social chat over a cup of coffee.

There was singing of hymns and a brief message from the minister, Rev. D. J. Sinclair, until the hour of midnight, when the church bells tolled for ten minutes. Good wishes were expressed by everyone present with the thoughts that it was good to be here.

The organist then closed with Auld Lang Syne.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean spent Christmas at Burlington with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dave McDonald, Mrs. McLean Sr. was in London for a couple of days with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis.

OBITUARY

Mrs. James Breen native of Ireland

Although she had been active as usual for Christmas, Mrs. Mary Ellen Breen was taken suddenly ill and died at her home, R.R. 4, Acton, on Tuesday, December 27. Her family and many friends were shocked to learn of her passing.

Throughout her years in Acton she was active in activities at St. Joseph's Church.

Funeral was at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday morning, December 29, conducted by the Rev. V. J. Morgan and interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Funeral services were Des O'Rourke, Walter Porty, Ralph Nystrand, grandson, Richard Nystrand, George Stull and Brian McCristall.

Mrs. Breen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, on March 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Breen were married in Ireland 52 years ago and came to Canada 42 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, son Kevin, Acton; daughters Sheila (Mrs. D. O'Rourke) of Acton; Eileen (Mrs. Walter Nystrand), Dobie, Ontario and Meave (Mrs. Walter Porty), of Acton. Also remaining are a brother James in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Joseph in New Zealand, sisters Lizzie, Sarah and Bridget, all in Ireland.

She had eight grandchildren. Mrs. Breen's sister Lizzie of Ireland, visited with her sister for the first time in 42 years, last summer.

Gaudy garbage after Christmas

Christmas wrappings added to the usually dull garbage collection again this year and the Tuesday following Christmas town workers were forced to use an extra truck as well as the garbage packer to pick up the unusually heavy garbage.

This Tuesday the extra truck was used again as garbage was extra heavy. On Thursday following Christmas garbage collection had almost returned to normal.

Several presentations made to Rev., Mrs. W. Van Dijk

At a tea social following the Sunday afternoon service over 100 said farewell to their minister and his family at the Christian Reformed Church. The Rev. and Mrs. W. Van Dijk and sons moved from Acton to Orillia on Tuesday.

One of the church elders, J. Proper, expressed the thanks of all the congregation. On behalf of the congregation, elder E. Hofstede, presented them with a rocking chair.

Others also spoke and had gifts for the family. On behalf of the Young People, Herman Proper presented them with a desk calendar and pen set. For the Calvinettes and Cadets, Lydia Venema and Sidney Bar-

New O.S.C.C. nurse will cover Halton

Ray Auld, executive director, Ontario Society for Crippled Children, announces the appointment of Miss Catherine McNaughton, Registered Nurse, to the society's District Nursing Office at 1125 Dundas Street East, Suite 28, Cooksville.

Miss McNaughton joins Miss Muriel Downey of the Cooksville office and will be responsible for Peel County north of the Queen Elizabeth Way and all of Halton County. Miss Downey's area will cover the remainder of Peel County and the new Borough of Etobicoke.

Both nurses will work in close co-operation with Easter Seal service clubs in Acton, Bolton, Brampton, Georgetown, Islington, Milton, Mimico-New Toronto, Oakville, Rexdale and Weston - Mount-Dennis (Rotary), Burlington and Credit Valley (Lions).

In preparation for her work with crippled children in the district, Miss McNaughton has completed a period of pre-service training at the society's head office at the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre in Toronto.

Miss McNaughton received her training in Scotland and her diploma in Public Health Nursing from the University of Glasgow. Her professional experience was gained in England, Scotland and Canada, where her previous appointment was with the Town of Mount Royal Health Department in Quebec. Miss McNaughton is bilingual.

Year round-Easter Seal services emanate from the society's 20 district offices staffed by 35 professionally experienced and qualified nursing personnel.

CHURCH

50th Anniversary, birthday visits, wedding in area news

Communion Service will be observed at the Sunday, January 8 service in Church Hill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Billinger at Gormley last week, and also spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bogle at Melgrove. Mr. S. E. Griffin spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and a few friends spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin-Erin.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Butler (nee Gail Spears) whose wedding was on Saturday, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and family spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Leslie, Guelph, with Rev. and Mrs. Earle Leslie and family of Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shindel of Beamsville and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Patterson of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graft of Powassan spent a few days during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garrie of Elora visited at the same home during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Peers of Guelph.

Mrs. A. Skoeh of Toronto spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. F. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family spent New Year's with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton and Mark of Georgetown.

Miss Shirley Brander of Milton was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family for New Year's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Near, Glen and Earl spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Gor-

don Fines and family, Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer, June, Kathy and Debbie, visited on New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and family of Detroit. On Wednesday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dyck of Virgil, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krockner and family of St. Catharines visited on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer, June, Kathy and Debbie had dinner and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer and Brenda, R.R. 4, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur celebrated Mrs. MacArthur's birthday and New Year's Day at the home of their son, Leroy, Bernice and family when they had dinner with them. A pleasant evening was concluded by singing "Happy Birthday Grandma" Tea, birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Church year

Summarizing the church register for 1966 on his service folder last Sunday, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie listed 13 marriages and 19 funerals, and the baptism of 35 children and three adults.

New equipment

With proceeds from sale of Christmas cards and wrapping, Robert Little School pupils have acquired more gym equipment.

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Presbytery will meet at Knox

Presbytery meeting will be held at Knox church, Acton, on Tuesday, January 17. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie is moderator of the Presbytery of Brampton and it is customary to hold a meeting of Presbytery in his church once during his term of office. About 40 clergy and laymen are expected here about 4 p.m. There will be a service of communion.

The last time Presbytery meeting was held in Acton was seven years ago, when the church was included in the Presbytery of Guelph.

The previous Sunday, January 15, there will be an area Sunday School teachers' conference at Knox under the auspices of the Presbytery.

The World Day of Prayer service is on Friday, February 10 this year.

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