

January slate

Mrs. J. Kuiken is elected L'Arche Auxiliary president

L'Arche Auxiliary of Acton held its regular monthly meeting at the library at 8:00 p.m. on Thurs. Dec. 7. The president, Mrs. R. Loutlet was in the chair and 10 members attended. One new member, Mrs. H. Laughlan, was welcomed.

Mrs. J. Kuiken was elected president and will assume her duties in January. Other executive members assuming office are: vice president Mrs. R. Conroy; recording secretary Mrs. D. Dupuis; correspondence secretary, Mrs. H. Dods; telephone and lunch convener Mrs. W. Hartlin assisted by Mrs. G. Lee; Home care Mrs. J. Kuiken and Mrs. G. Lee.

Mrs. J. Beckman will continue her duties as treasurer.

The general meeting at Hornby was attended by Mrs. Loutlet, Mrs. Kuiken and Mrs. Hartlin. Mrs. Loutlet said that the guest speaker, Brian Holliday, Co-ordinator of Special Services, introduced an encouraging note by telling of the interest shown by youth in wishing to participate actively in work with the mentally retarded.

Mr. Holliday suggested that there should be a Residential Care Centre in each association's township.

Mince words

Many pies and tarts in Acton homes this Christmas will be made of Daughters of Knox mince meat. The members had to stir up extra batches to fill all the orders.

A dance is planned for March 29 at the Legion Hall. Bob Younger and the Swinglets will provide the music.

The local annual contribution to the Association at Hornby amounted to \$400, this year and was gratefully received. A gift of \$20, each was made to the Sunshine School and the Hope Workshop for their annual Christmas parties.

The Hope Workshop reports they are very much involved in the Christmas rush as they have many orders to fill.

The treasurer, Mrs. J. Buckman, reported a balance on hand of \$741.94. Mrs. R. Loutlet thanked the executive and the membership for their help and co-operation during her year in office.

Parish Guild to amalgamate with Anglican Church Women

The December meeting of St. Alban's Parish Guild was held in the parish hall with the president, Mrs. E.A. Pratt in the chair. The meeting opened with the Guild Prayer and a Scripture reading by Mrs. J. Bray.

The secretary's report was given by Mrs. C. Lindsay followed by the treasurer's report by Mrs. R. Hall. Corresponding secretary Mrs. C. Nelles gave her report.

Miss Millie Rowles and Mrs. C. Nelles are in charge of sending Christmas parcels.

The decision of the meeting of Guild members to accept the invitation of the Anglican Church Women of St. Alban's to amalgamate, was unanimous. An organizing committee of Miss M. Rowles, Mrs. J.C. Lindsay, Mrs. W. Denny and Mrs. J. Creasey Jr. will bring forth a slate of officers, from both bodies to the joint meeting on Jan. 10.

Those elected will be the executive for the new organization which will begin that evening.

The ladies will enjoy a pot luck supper and a social time also.

The meeting closed with the Minch Benediction. Mrs. V. Bristow introduced Mrs. W. Thompson who demonstrated how to make Christmas candles and also many lovely articles made from plastic bottles.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. J. Bray, Mrs. R. Hall, Mrs. C. Nelles and Mrs. J. Creasey Jr.



BAG of candy from Santa entrances youngster at Micro party in the R. L. school Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Chapter congratulated on 50th anniversary

A Christmas pot luck supper, exchange of gifts and carol singing brought the Christmas season to the December meeting of Lakeside Chapter of the L.O.D.E. The tables were attractively decorated for the supper, and Mrs. Stella Adamson of Galt was a special guest.

A letter of congratulations to Lakeside Chapter on its 50th anniversary from the national president was read by Mrs. Isabel Watson. A similar letter from the provincial president was read by Mrs. Adamson.

Plans were made for a chapter-chartered bus to go to the annual Christmas open house and tea at Halton county museum this Sunday, Dec. 17.

The guest for the evening was to have been Herman Freuler and Mrs. Freuler, but they were

unable to attend. A letter was sent to Mr. Freuler, with a silver-centennial spoon, expressing gratitude to him for his patriotic contribution to Canada in centennial year.

Mrs. Marks reported the Rotary Club is again willing to help with the Christmas hampers to the amount of \$100. She also suggested the chapter supply wool for the members to knit vests for Eskimos and this was agreed upon.

The Robert Little School is in need of two more flags for two new classrooms, the principal had informed the chapter, and these will be provided.

A letter was read from Trudy Morris thanking the chapter for the bursary and ring presented at commencement.

Mrs. Earl Lambert hostess Christmas meeting of W.I.

Mrs. Earl Lambert was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Acton W.I. Mrs. Lindsay opened with a poem "What is a smile." Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, minutes and treas. report were read and accepted.

Plans were discussed for the Christmas cheer for the shut-ins. Plans were also made for the annual penny sale to be held at the Parish Hall on Feb. 16. Articles are to be left at Mrs. Harris, Bower Ave. Committees were elected to look after this coming event.

The next meeting is to be in the new library the first Wednesday in January. Anyone is welcome.

The roll call was answered with Christmas recipes. Mrs. Graham gave a reading on "Christmas Love and Faith and to all a Merry Christmas." Mrs. Agnew read "God's Love letter to the World and again a Merry Christmas to all." Mrs. Lindsay read "How busy Grandmother's Day can be."

All took part in carol singing led by Mrs. Algie. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Algie won a contest on Christmas carols and colors.

Everyone enjoyed a Christmas lunch prepared by the committee of the month. Mrs. Denny thanked the hostess, Mrs. Algie and all who helped.

Daughters of Knox progressive supper

The Daughters of Knox held a very delightful Christmas supper and meeting on Monday, December 4. It was a progressive and most delicious supper with the hostesses being Mrs. Gladys Price, Mrs. Kae Hansen and Mrs. Rene Watson.

At the home of Mrs. Rene Watson, the president Mrs. Betty Ashley conducted a short business session and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Rene Watson and her group conducted the Worship service with each one reading scripture and lighting the advent candles. Christmas carols were sung by the group. The Worship closed with the benediction.

Games were played and the exchange of gifts took place. Each member presented a white gift also. Christmas cake and coffee was served.



PETITE charmer Marie Arbic was a happy guest at the Micro Plastics party last Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Old-Fashioned Tea last Guild project

The electric power was turned off and the oil lamps were turned on last Wednesday for a delightful Old-Fashioned Christmas tea sponsored by St. Alban's Parish Guild.

Guild president Mrs. Ted Pratt decorated her Willow St. home in the subdued, gracious manner of years ago. She borrowed ancestor portraits from someone's attic and swagged them with boughs. Cedar and red bows decorated other spots in a charmingly simple way. Oil lamps were lit throughout the rooms (all expect for the busy

kitchen) and the over 60 who attended even enjoyed the re-collected smell of kerosene.

In replicas of confederate-era gowns, rustling members served hot muffins, butter, jam, jelly, cheese, gingerbread and oatmeal cookies.

Busy tea conveners were Mrs. Vic Bristow and Mrs. J. Creasey Jr., and Mrs. Robert Hall was in charge of the craft table.

A door prize, a basket of groceries, was won by Miss Ruby Clark, Bower Ave.

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Mr. Harry Waterhouse is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. Friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ireland, Burlington, were guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Woods, Main St. N.

Former Actonian Lino Braida, now of Oakville, is at Micro Plastics plant here for a couple of weeks.

Mr. John E. Duncan, of Brigidon, visited with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dennis, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird McDonald of Detroit, Mich. and Mrs. W.T. A. Bell of Toronto, visited with their mother, Mrs. R.M. MacDonald last week.

Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby visited on the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michie Peterson, at Club Lake near Thessalon.

Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Robinson spent a few days last week in the State of Michigan.

The Acton friends of Mrs. Peter Murray who has been residing in Guelph with her daughter Mrs. George McBain and Mr. McBain, regret that she had to be moved to Elora Nursing Home recently.

At Guelph Real Estate board Christmas party, vice-president of the board J.J. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, welcomed the guests in the receiving line. These Guelph residents are formerly well-known Actonians.

The Rotary Club sponsored a very successful dance in the Music Centre last Friday evening, enjoyed by about 90. Wives of Rotarians provided a special Christmas buffet lunch and there were corsages for all the ladies.

There was a large crowd at the Music Centre last Saturday when the public school board, teachers, school secretaries, caretakers and crossing guards, with their husbands, wives and guests spent a pleasant evening together. After a buffet supper there was dancing.

Many Walker Lodge members, wives and families attended the lodge Christmas pageant in Hamilton Masonic Temple on Monday and Tuesday evening. Director was Howard Fairclough, son of the Hon. Ellen Fairclough, a former minister of the government.

Family baptism at St. Alban's

St. Alban's church was filled on Sunday afternoon for the second family baptism this fall. Those baptized by the Rev. Ritchie McMurray were Bonnie Lynn Dodgson, Christine Phyllis Forbes, Marlene Ann Garvin, Dale, David and Kathy Harnden, Shelley Ann Lindsay, Robert Christopher Spence and Robert Michael Porte.

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