

## News of the district

### ERIN.....

Two foxes believed to be Rabid were shot in Erin. Residents on Dundas St. West, reported a fox running about in that area and called the local Constable, O. Peterson, who shot the animal. The same night a fox was running about in the yard at the rear of The Advocate office and attacked a neighbour's dog. Constable Peterson was called to the scene and shot the fox, the dog was later destroyed.

Expectant, eager children and grownups, lined Erin's Main Street on Saturday afternoon, awaiting the annual visit of Santa Claus to the village. The weather co-operated, with bright sunshine for the first time in over a week. The highly successful parade was organized by the local Fire Department, whose members are always ready to assist with any community venture most willingly and whole heartedly. Not only did Santa's visit bring people to the village, it also gave many little folks the one and only chance they would have to see this popular old fellow.

### MILTON.....

Despite a 49 name petition and letters from the candidate and nine other supporters, Milton Council this week refused to sponsor a recount of the ballots for council from last Monday's election. If she wants a recount, Mrs. Muriel Kerrighan will have to pay for it herself, council ruled Monday. Mrs. Kerrighan was just two votes short of winning a council seat in the 11-name race for six available seats in the December 4 vote. Incumbent councillor Gordon Krantz edged her out of the sixth seat on council, 873 votes to 871.

An ambitious \$17,000 program to rid the town of Milton of 319 diseased elm trees - 148 of them on private property - was launched by Milton Council this week.

A flu virus that struck Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton last week has taken its toll of both students and staff, and forced school officials to close down for the Christmas holidays by Friday of this week - two and a half days earlier than planned. "We feel there was little point in attempting to keep things open, the virus is hitting our staff now," O.S.D. superintendent Don Kennedy said. "The classes are so riddled by absence there is no sense in staying open."

### FERGUS.....

Eramosa Township has withdrawn from the Centre Wellington High School Area and this will mean a slight increase in costs of education for the town of Fergus. Their 4.5 per cent share will be divided between Fergus and Elora. The new apportionment of costs to municipalities in the Centre Wellington District was caused when Eramosa decided to join the Guelph suburban district high school area because it will cost less. The new cost splitting will have the following figures in 1968: Fergus 47.2 per cent; Elora 10.2 per cent; West Garafraxa 12.7 per cent; Nichol Township 14.1 per cent; Pilkington Township 10.5 per cent; East Garafraxa Township 2.8 per cent and Peel Township 2.5 per cent.

### LIMEHOUSE

#### S.S. concert last Saturday

By Mrs. A. Benton

Church service will be held at 8 p.m. next Sunday under the sponsorship of the young people's group. There will be no afternoon service.

The annual Sunday School concert was held last Saturday evening. Rev. F.M. Young was chairman for a program by different classes including a Christmas skit.

Santa arrived at the end to distribute the usual gifts and treats.

We extend Season's Greetings to one and all at the Free Press and their readers.

#### Starting Difficulty... in zero weather?

Will your present car battery be effective in below-zero weather? Starting difficulty irritates and delays drivers, who may try to make up for lost time by speeding. This can lead to accidents.

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### EDEN MILLS

## Groups have Christmas meetings four sisters baptized on Sunday

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Eden Mills Women's Institute held their Christmas Party and meeting last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Norm Marshall Sr.

After the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect the business was brief as a Christmas program had been arranged by the conveners Mrs. W. Lauby and Mrs. R. Wright. Using a holly wreath and five candles, the theme was A World Prepares for the arrival of God's son.

Carols were sung throughout the program and then gifts from under the beautiful Christmas tree were given out by Santa's helper.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and her committee. Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean Sr. were in London for the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Francis.

The sympathy of the Community is extended to Mrs. W.G. McLean Jr., Lorna and Lori also Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean Sr. in their recent sad bereavement.

A baptismal service was held recently in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church when the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilbertson were baptized by Rev. D.R. Sinclair, B.C., Janette Michelle, Vicki Francis, Sandi Lorraine and Sharon Elizabeth. Guests at the home for dinner were Mrs. J. Gilbertson, Mrs. W. Gilbertson,

Eden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Money, Mr. and Mrs. David Money and son Don, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Money and daughter Pamela and Mrs. Dorman, all of Toronto.

Mrs. H. Gilbertson opened her home for the Christmas meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid on Monday afternoon. The new president of the W.M.S. Mrs. G. MacDougall conducted the meeting.

Business was kept to a minimum as a Christmas program was arranged by Mrs. G. Aitken and her committee.

Mrs. Beryl Wright was in charge of the Ladies' Aid. Minutes and treasurer's reports were heard and roll call answered by 12 ladies.

A hearty vote of thanks was given by the courtesy convener Mrs. J. Gilbertson for the wonderful program by Mrs. Aitken and her committee.

Carols were sung and the gift exchange took place.

Mrs. Beryl Wright had a pleasant duty to perform when she presented gifts to three members, Mrs. G. MacDougall, retiring treasurer; Mrs. H. Gilbertson, retiring president W.M.S. and Mrs. R. Wright, retiring secretary.

Refreshments were served bringing a pleasant afternoon to a close.



A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE about all this, little Heather Michie of R.R. 4 Acton wasn't quite sure whether she liked sitting on Santa Claus' knee or not. Heather was one of 500 children from the Acton, Georgetown and Milton areas treated to presents and an afternoon of fun at the annual children's outing sponsored by Milton Court 1159, Independent Order of Foresters, at the Legion Hall in Milton on Sunday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

## Plowmen's officers

George Swann was elected president of the Halton Plowmen's Association at their annual meeting December 2 in Boyne Community Centre.

Other directors for 1968 include past president J. C. Cunningham, first vice-president J.C. Marshall and second vice-president Roy Currie.

### Record cow

A purebred Holstein cow in the herd of J.C. Reid, Georgetown, has recently completed a fine record of performance production test. As a two-year-old in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, Towervue Joan produced 15,359 lbs. milk containing 683 lbs. fat, average test 4.45 per cent butterfat. This record has a Breed Class Average of 161 per cent for milk and 195 per cent for fat.

### L.O.L. to continue series of euchres

Due to the success of the two euchres held at the L.O.L. Hall at Crowsons Corners, and to the requests from those who attended, there will be more euchres in the New Year.

The Committee consisting of Ken McDonald, Gary McFadden, Fergus Quee and Bill Carnochan, have decided there will be one every week starting January 6, 1968. Watch the Free Press for further notice.

Winners for last Saturday were Willard Britton, Louise Shannon, David Dwar and Bill Service.



LOCAL 479 PRESIDENT Herb Woods of the U.P.F.A.W. found time at the Beardmore Christmas party to discuss union business with left, Des Clendinning of the N.U.O.E., Pat Grasso, assistant director of the N.U.O.E. and Frank Benn, international representative of the U.P.F.A.W. (Staff Photo)

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