

News of the district

University's own poet

GUELPH—Irving Layton has consented to become Poet-in-Residence at the University of Guelph for the winter semester January 3 to April 3. The well-known Canadian poet made his decision after being on campus and talking to students for three days in November.

Many Canadian Universities have author-in-residence programs, but the University of Guelph is the first where such a program has been initiated and sponsored by the students. This was a "major factor" influencing Layton's decision.

Involvement and interaction with students is the idea behind the poet-in-residence program. Irving Layton will occupy an apartment in Complex B, the newest and largest residence on the campus. Approximately 30 men and women students who have indicated a particular interest in poetry will move into regular residence rooms immediately adjacent to Mr. Layton's apartment. Irving Layton says, "as far as I know I will be the only Canadian poet-in-residence who will actually be living in residence. Most others live off campus."

While at the University of Guelph Mr. Layton's duties will remain as unstructured as possible in order that he will be able to move freely.

Mr. Layton's visit to the University of Guelph will be sandwiched between a tour of Eastern European Countries from which he has just returned and a tour of South America which he plans for next summer. "I will fit in a month or so of writing poetry. I will do it for five or six months of the year and then for the other five or six I squeeze myself," he says.

Mr. Layton's wife, who teaches high school in Montreal, will remain at their home in Montreal for the semester.



CHILDREN at the Eden Mills nursery school show rapt attention as presents are distributed at their Christmas concert Thursday. They presented a nativity play, sang carols and received gifts while parents watched. (Staff Photo)

EDEN MILLS

Sunday School concert, White Gifts traditional parts of holiday season

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Eden Mills United church was filled Saturday evening for the Sunday school church concert. The kindergarten class was in charge of Ann Vos and Barbara Marshall. Twenty boys and girls in white gowns and red ties carrying lighted candles sang *Angels in a Manger* and *Silent Night* with poems by Janet Tolton, Bradley Scott and Delia Chesworth.

Kathy Tomlinson and Judy Bould's primary class, performed a skit "A Birthday present for Jesus" and sang *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

The junior class in charge of Margaret Shrive and Joan McAlpine presented a skit, *Lost in Santa's Palace* with costumes of elves, reindeer and Santa.

Margaret James' class sang *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and the Angels of Christmas dressed in costume. Mabel Parker's senior girls, Wendy James and Diane Jackson sang a duet. Philip Shrive, senior boy, gave a Biblical skit. A piano solo by Marie Parker was given.

The orchestra composed of Margaret James piano, Ed Watson organ, Philip Shrive banjo, Robert Wardle guitar rendered several selections.

Rev. Russell Finley was chairman and thanked the teachers and superintendents for their work in making the concert a success.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson replied and asked all to join in singing *Jingle Bells* as Santa arrived to give out the gifts. Ralph Thompson acted the part in a suitable manner.

The White Gift service in Eden Mills United Church was taken by the Sunday School. Rommy Marshall offered the prayer. Ian Mitchell read the Scripture taken from Luke 2:1-20. Barbara Marshall gave the story, "A Small Gift means a Lot." Delia Chesworth in the third Advent candle and gave a poem.

The children brought their White Gifts to the front to a white basket. John Vos and Taylor Clifford collected from the adults. The orchestra played for the hymns and Mrs. Ann Vos closed with prayer.

observed in Eden Mills Presbyterian church at the morning service. Rev. D. R. Sinclair told the story of how the White Gift started which proved interesting to children and adults alike. The gifts were brought forward during the singing of a hymn and will be donated to a worthy cause.

The Eden Mills and Rockwood Young People's Group met at the Church Sunday evening to further plans for their candlelight services Christmas Eve in both churches. An invitation is extended to everyone. Support these youngsters in their endeavours. A pot luck supper preceded the Sunday School Christmas concert at Eden Mills Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening. Rev. D. R. Sinclair entertained with slides pertaining to the birth of Christ. After carols Santa Claus arrived and gave out the gifts.

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Firefighters' dispute

FERGUS—Fergus will undergo a municipal fire survey early in the New Year to determine just what fire protection it really has.

This is the outcome of a dispute between the council and the local volunteer fire department over wages. The firemen put a claim for extra time that was spent at a mill fire last August which the council refused to accept. The firemen then threatened to stay off duty during holidays, starting in 1969. Finally the fire marshal's department was asked to step in.

A complete inspection and report will be made on the present equipment, fire hall, firemen, water supply and even traffic conditions that might affect the time needed to answer a call. Mayor Campbell said that the police chief, the manager of the public utilities and the town superintendent would be consulted by the examiner along with the firemen. Recommendations for improving service will then be given to the council.

How right he was

FERGUS—"I hear figures for the Highland Games have been released. As most people expected, they had the biggest crowd ever. There's quite a reserve fund piling up in the bank. No longer do the sponsors have to worry about one rainy day wiping out the bank balance. This year the Highland Games, which have a backward look" might well be applied to the Highland Games. The Fergus park is ideal. I believe it was back in the 1890's when the Fergus Council bought the land for Victoria park and planted a nice mixture of maples and evergreens on the hillside. The Games have come a long way since the executive of the chamber of commerce sat around on egg cases in an hall's office one night and heard Alex Robertson suggest that Fergus, having a Scottish background, might be a good place to hold such Games. How right he was!"

Great ball of fire

MILTON—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bourne of Milton had just picked up a Christmas tree a week ago Monday and were travelling towards Milton on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya when they saw what Mrs. Bourne called a yellow ball of fire in the sky.

Mr. Bourne, a constable with the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, said his wife saw what they thought was a meteorite.

She said it looked like a yellow ball of fire, then broke into a stream of fire coming from the west and seeming to land near Milton Heights only two miles from where they were.

When asked what it was, Mrs. Bourne said it was too big to be anything else but a meteorite. "It was huge and really a beautiful sight," she said.

The object fell about 200 feet and dissolved before it hit the ground. "It turned a bright red, then a yellow red, to a pure white just like magnesium burning," Mr. Bourne said.

"Being a cop I took jog of the time and it was 5:23 p.m. I was more fascinated than afraid because I knew the area it landed in, and it is just an open field," he added.

Reports about other U.F.O.'s landing in Lake Ontario, New York State and Brighton led Mr. Bourne to suspect what he saw may be part of the same object reported elsewhere.

Point zero eight

With the Christmas party scene just around the corner, CTV's safety special, **POINT ZERO EIGHT** is a timely reminder of the dangers of drinking and driving. On Thursday, Dec. 19, 10:30-11:00 p.m. "OUR WORLD" will present this widely praised special.

Eight racing and rally drivers are shown undergoing scientific tests under the direction of Dr. H. Ward Smith, director of the Ontario Centre of Forensic Sciences. Watched by the scientists, the drivers first complete the tests while sober. Their blood alcohol content is gradually brought up to .08 per cent by means of a few mixed drinks. They then repeat the tests, designed to determine their driving ability, vision, reaction, depth of perception and judgment.

The drivers' gradual impaired ability, poor judgment and mistakes are presented as a warning to viewers. The **POINT ZERO EIGHT** study indicated that the permissible blood alcohol level probably should not be higher than .05 per cent. The study was conducted at Harewood Acres, an Ontario racing track.

The film was produced and narrated by Ed McGibbon, and directed by Gordon Farr. Local police recommend every motorist should see the program.

Typical comments after the first showing were: "Imaginative and effective application of the television medium to focus attention on a problem of great concern to us all." (H. David Archibald, executive director of the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto).

"An outstanding institutional program. It is a credit to CTV that this program was presented to the Canadian viewing audience." (The Canadian Highway Safety Council.)

"A journalistic coup—as a contribution to cutting down mayhem on our roads, CTV distinguished itself." (Roy Shields, Toronto Daily Star.)

"A fine record of a much needed piece of scientific research—the difference was that the research was not only reported by the network, it was commissioned by the network." (Bob Blackburn, Toronto Telegram columnist.)

"A blunt, toughly revealing documentary—recorded, measured, coldly observed, this was a dramatic illustration of what happens to a driver when he drinks what actually happens to his sense of balance, the speed of his reactions; not what he tells himself is happening." (Pat Pearce, Montreal Star columnist.)

The program has been screened and sold to over 60 organizations in six countries, including many highway safety councils and health education groups.



Rockwood U.C.W. holds successful bazaar, tea

UCW held a very successful holly, tea and bazaar in the Sunday school hall. An exceptionally large display of baking was for sale as well as aprons, fancy work, knitting and Christmas gifts.

The rooms were tastefully decorated in Christmas designs. The tables were lighted with candle centre pieces and candles and a gay Christmas tree decorated the large tea table. A green tree sparkled with lights, and Christmas records provided music.

The guests were received by Mrs. P. Tucker, the minister's wife, and Mrs. J. Hill, president. Decorations were in charge of Mrs. R. Thomson and Mrs. G. Brace. Mrs. G. Hanna was tea

hostess. Serving tea were Mrs. G. Cox, Mrs. G. Ostrander, Mrs. G. Bruce, Mrs. R. Tripp, and Mrs. M. McLaren. Pouring tea were Mrs. J. A. Little, Mrs. F. Ostrander, Mrs. A. Root and Mrs. C. H. Harris.

Kitchen: Mrs. F. Alton, Mrs. G. Lawrence, Mrs. B. Hill, Mrs. R. Gordon, Mrs. P. McGillivray, Mrs. S. Harris, Mrs. A. Root. Sewing and gifts: Mrs. L. Marsden, Mrs. B. Richardson, Mrs. G. McRae, Mrs. C. Petty and Mrs. D. Brace.

Baking and candy: Mrs. A. McPhedran, Mrs. F. Ostrander, Mrs. H. Bayne, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. G. Day and Mrs. F. Hosking.

The messengers, under direction of Miss H. Bayne and Mrs. E. Tosh had a table of miscellaneous articles for sale, including the United Church calendar. They were assisted by Roger McGillivray, Linda Cox, Allison Brace and Susan Tosh.

New crown takes over

A new crown attorney began serving Halton County Monday, following swearing-in ceremonies Wednesday, Dec. 11 by Judge Alan B. Sprague.

Douglas Latimer of Georgetown, appointed to the post nearly a month ago, takes over from Ronald Thomas, who was acting crown attorney after Peter K. McWilliams resigned last Spring to pursue his political career.

Mr. Latimer is 39, married, with two children.

He has practised law in Georgetown for the past nine years, and is vice-president and a director of the Halton Law Association.

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U.C.W. Christmas program shower for bride in news

By Mrs. Ron McLean

The December U.C.W. meeting was held with 21 ladies present, and the president, Mrs. Joss, in the chair. The conveners, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Keith Anderson, had prepared an interesting Christmas program. Mrs. Darby and Mrs. McLean served lunch.

More than 40 friends and relatives joined to honor Mrs. Doug. Hope of Galt, formerly Shirley Frank, a recent bride, at a shower. Christmas carols were

sung, and a number of contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Bill Davies (Sue Richardson) and Mrs. Lloyd Lucas helped the bride open her many useful and beautiful gifts. Shirley expressed her appreciation and lunch concluded the evening.

The Christmas concert is to be held Monday, Dec. 23.

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