

Busy Christmas, New Year's season with services, visits, conference

By Mrs. P. McArthur

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, January 12, at Churchill Community church.

About 25 members of the choir and friends went carol singing on Monday evening before Christmas. In spite of the stormy conditions they visited the Wadlie and McDonald homes for the aged and the shut ins, returning to Norman Turner's home for refreshments. The youthful enthusiasm of the young singers aroused the real spirit of Christmas in their listeners.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr attended the funeral of their cousin, the late Mrs. Harold Smith, at the McClure funeral home in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr, also Miss Erika and Elizabeth Strokov, celebrated New Year's and had dinner with Mrs. Kerr's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vanatter and family in Fenelon Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Schindel and family of Beamsville and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Patterson of Guelph spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. C. Denny and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and Stephanie of Ballinafad spent Christmas at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family.

Christmas was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yundt when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dragocz and Miss Kathleen Dragocz of Cooksville, also an aunt, Mrs. Joanne Turek of Listowel visited with them and their little family, Sharon and Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yundt, Sharon and Kenny attended the family gathering on New Year's Day in Cooksville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilms of Hepburn, Sask., visited over the holidays with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lealie Swackhamer and Mrs. C. D. Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maltby, Greg and Guy, visited with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. David Maltby and family in Toronto for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr joined with her family in a Malcom family Christmas reunion in Broughman on Christmas Day.

On Dec. 29 Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and Miss Nancy Knox of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Down and family of Sunderland, Mr. Ken Knox and Miss Marj Kitchen of Woodstock, Mr. Brian Knox and Miss Faye Myles of Bowmanville all visited with Pat and Bob Kerr and had Christmas dinner with them.

During Christmas week Mr. and Mrs. Monte Emmerson of Belleville visited at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders, Norman and Stephen, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall, Kim and baby Charlene in Guelph on Sunday.

Churchill community were shocked to hear of the fire that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Craven and three children on Sunday night. It was a former home of the Mitchells on the third line, lot 10, Erin.

Mrs. C.D. Swackhamer, now of Sittsville, is visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and family. She was with them for the festive season.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, Donald and David, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr, also Miss Erika and Elizabeth Strokov, attended the Nutcracker Suite at the O'Keefe centre in Toronto on Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson had as their Christmas guests Donald and David's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Anderson, Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr.

Miss Carol Swackhamer attended the Ontario Junior Farmers conference at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Miss Kathy Bowman of Barrie returned home with her.

Mr. Paul Hamilton attended the same conference.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson held their family Christmas gathering on Dec. 22 when all the family were together. Those attending were Mrs. Tressa Keeler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, all of Erin; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin, Beamsville; also Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr attended the Ontario Junior Farmers conference held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Saturday. Mr. Allan Money of Windsor returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, David and Wilma, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Julian and family in Woodstock.

A small gathering was held on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner with Mr. and Mrs. Reg Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gadd, Mr. Stan Turner and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner of North Bay. The Turners are presently staying at Norman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McArthur visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green and Miss Edna McArthur in Toronto over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The family gathering was held at the same home on Christmas day.

Mrs. McArthur, the correspondent, wishes the Free Press staff and readers a happy and prosperous year in 1969.

OBITUARY

Miss Margaret Macdonald teacher for many years

After a lengthy illness, Margaret J. Macdonald of 2 Glen Elm Ave., Toronto, passed away December 17 in Toronto Western Hospital.

Her father farmed for many years on the second line before the family moved to Church St. in town. Many Actonians, who were students when Miss Macdonald was high school principal here, remember with affection and gratitude her capabilities and willingness.

She had been a teacher and principal at Grand Valley, Sutton, Coldwater and Acton, and spent many years at Northern Secondary School, Toronto, as head of the English department.

She retired from teaching in 1961 and devoted her time then to Junior Red Cross activities. She was national vice-chairman for a period of time, retiring in June 1968, because of ill health.

She was president of the Retired Secondary School Teachers Association in 1966-67.

She was fond of young people and their activities. In her leisure time, she

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Mrs. Fred Anderson was life-long Acton resident

Christmas was saddened in many homes in Acton by the death of a well-known, lifelong resident, Mrs. Annie Isobel Anderson. She had been in failing health for almost a year, but her condition had deteriorated in the past two months and she passed away in Guelph General Hospital on December 19.

A loyal worker in the Presbyterian church, she was executive member, at various times, of the Ladies' Aid, Evening-Auxiliary, and Women's

Missionary Society. She was also an active member of Acton Women's Institute, serving as secretary for many years.

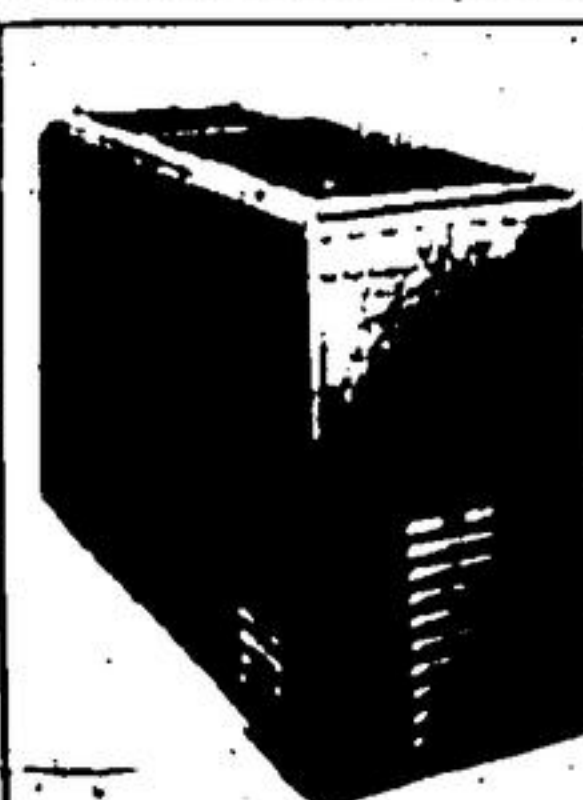
Always interested and concerned about her family and friends, home and church, she maintained a cheerful disposition that endeared her to many.

Interested in politics, she enjoyed serving as deputy returning officer during elections.

Mrs. Anderson was born at Acton on April 17, 1901, daughter of Elizabeth and William Collier.

She and Fred Anderson, who survives her, were married in Acton August 5, 1930. Also remaining are a daughter Donna (Mrs. John Krapek), Acton and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by one brother Melford Collier.

Funeral service was held at the Runley-Shoemaker Funeral home December 23, conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Mick Holmes, Earl Lambert, Harding Price, Jill Toth, Jack Greer, neighbors and friends and a nephew Melford Collier.



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