

ASHGROVE

**YOUNG PEOPLE, WMS
ELECT NEW OFFICERS**

The Christmas meeting of the WMS was held on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st at the home of Mrs. Wilfrid Bird with twenty ladies present. President Mrs. Frank Wilson opened with the hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful." Roll Call was answered with a verse containing the word "Adoration." Mrs. Williams had charge of the Devotional, the theme being "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us" with Christmas Bible readings given by Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Leslie Giffen, Mrs. Clayton Wilson, and Mr. John Bellbobby. Reports of the different departments were given by the secretaries, treasurer Mrs. Dick reported the year's give-ings were \$202.28. Mrs. Ward Brownridge gave the prayer for chosen missionaries, followed by the nominating committee's report given by Mrs. Hector Bird. Officers for 1954 are: president, Mrs. Frank Wilson, 1st vice president, Mrs. Leslie Giffen, 2nd vice president, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, secretary, Mrs. Vera Pickett, assistant, Mrs. John Ruddell, treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Dick, Missionary Monthly and World Friends, Mrs. Bruce Bridgen, Supply secretary, Mrs. Frank Ruddell, Temperance and Citizenship, Mrs. Thomas Giffen, Stewardship Secretary, Mrs. Wilfrid Bird; Literature Secretary, Mrs. George Nurse, Associate Helpers, Mrs. Ward Brownridge; Community Friendship — Mrs. Clayton Wilson; pianist, Mrs. Thomas Brownridge; Mission Band, Mrs. Fred Nurse, assistant, Mrs. Charles Austin; Baby Band, Mrs. Harvey Nurse.

The Young People held their annual banquet in the church basement on Friday evening, December 4th when eighty people sat down at prettily decorated tables to a turkey supper served by the ladies of the W.A. After everyone had done justice to the good things Mr. Ian Williams had charge of a short programme and proposed a toast to the Queen, and Mr. Fred Wrigglesworth a toast to the Young People which was replied to by the retiring president, Frank Wilson, Jr. The new officers for 1954 were installed: President, Elmer Bird; 1st vice pres., Jean Bird, Secty-treas. Marilyn Barnes. Violin selections were given by Bobby Ruddell accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Wright of Georgetown at the piano. A very challenging address was given by Rev. G. W. Leck of Grand Valley who spoke on "Your Faith and Your Future," impressing upon the young people the importance of being a member of that Society and the promise they make and their duty towards their pledge and the bearing it will have upon them in later life as adult church

**Nomination List for
New Esqueasing Council**

Although there were more than the necessary number of nominations for each office in Esqueasing Township this year, all offices were filled by acclamation when a number of candidates declined to qualify, and no election was necessary.

In the complete nomination list which follows, names in capitals are those who will hold office in 1954.

- REEVE:
WILFRID BIRD
George Leslie
- DEPUTY-REEVE:
WALTER LINHAM
George Currie
- COUNCIL:
GEORGE CURRIE
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- SCHOOL AREA BOARD:
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Stewart Elliott

members. Mrs. Leck sang two lovely solos. Gordon Wingfield in a very witty manner thanked the speaker and his wife for coming, and all who had made the evening such a success after which Mr. Leck closed with the benediction.

Miss Helen Porter of Toronto and Miss Barbara Farmer of Mimico were student teachers last week at the public school and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and Marilyn.

Miss Barbara Cunningham has returned from the Chicago trip last week which she earned on Achievement Day in June through her club work.

The Bright Star Mission Band held their Christmas meeting on Sunday afternoon at the home of Kent and Hugh Graham. Evelyn Bird presided, Vera Pickett gave the secretary's report and Margaret Wade the treasurer's report. The Scripture was read by Margaret Austin. Doris Pickett gave the missionary prayer, a piano solo by Catherine Hunter and the offering was taken up by Karen Bridget and Nora Barnes and dedicated by David Giffen. Valerie Nurse sweetly sang a solo followed by the Christmas story with slides told by Mrs. John M. Bird. Marilyn Wilson thanked the hostess Mrs. Gerald Graham, also Mrs. Bird for the slides, and their leader, Mrs. Fred Nurse for her splendid work with the Mission Band. Evelyn Bird is president for 1954, Sandra Tindale secretary and Vera Pickett treasurer. Allan Brownridge closed the meeting with prayer. There were twenty nine children and nine adults present.



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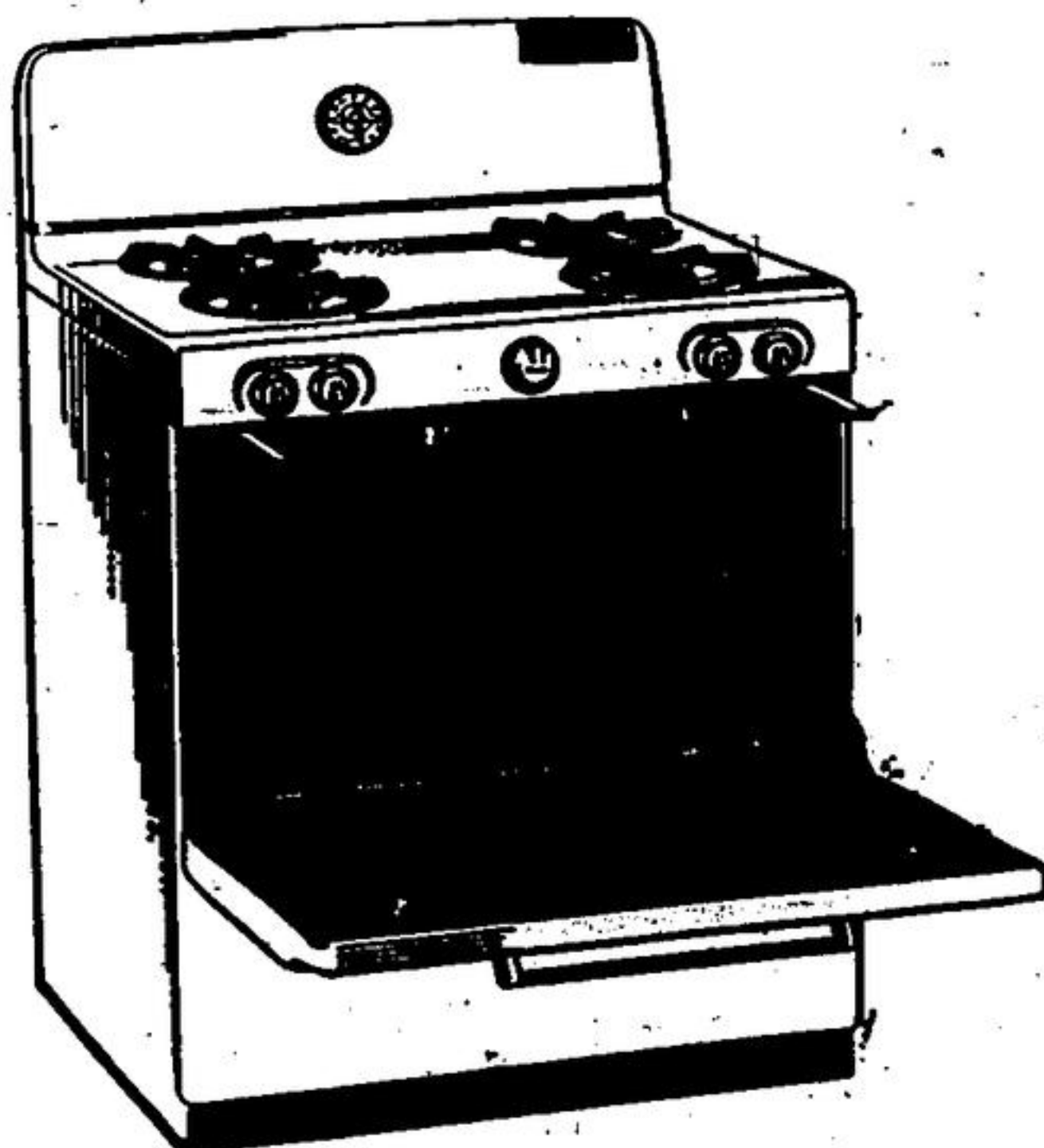
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