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PUPILS PREPARE SKITS FOR SCHOOL CONCERT

David Smith, a Grade VIII student, welcomed friends and parents to the Christmas concert presented by the pupils of Chapel Street Public School on Monday evening. The concert was held in Wrigglesworth Auditorium.

One of the features of the concert was a Dickens skit "Christmas Carol" adapted and acted and by pupils of Grade VIII. Nearly everyone in the class had a share in writing the skit, which was narrated by Carolyn Biehn, and acted out by David Smith as Scrooge, David Hiddleston as Bob Cratchett, Judy Bonathan and June Lyon, Hans Bydevaale, Clarence Spence and Kevin Wareing. Dawn Piebig introduced the playlet.

Many Christmas musical numbers were included in the entertainment, by Grade Four choir and Grade VIII Choir, under the direction of Kenneth Harrison, and Grade Three choir directed by their teacher, Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth. Mrs. James Evans accompanied all the musical numbers at the piano.

Karen Norton, Barbara Lusty, Carolyn Biehn, Patsy Brunau, June Lyon, Margaret McFarlane, Marilyn McFarlane, Pat Sykes, Brenda Bell formed a triple trio, and sang "Wooden Shoes." A boy's trio composed of Charles Jewell, David Hiddleston, and Douglas Mills sang "We Three Kings" each of the boys taking one verse as a solo. "Silver Bells" was the number sung by a girls' quartette which included Margaret McFarlane, Barbara Lusty, Carolyn Biehn and June Lyon.

An effective and novel presentation was a "choral recitation" by the pupils of Grade V. They showed how beautiful the written word in the Bible can sound when spoken in unison and in solo. They recited the 98th Psalm and the story of the Nativity.

Scottish and Irish folk dances were presented by pupils from Grade V, and a skit "Boastful December" by Grade VII was very effective.

Another original skit acted out by three Grade VIII boys, who also wrote it, was entitled "Crazy Mixed Up Interview." Introduced by Fred Harrison, it featured Kevin Wareing, David Hiddleston and David Hamilton in a satire on a radio interview program.

During the evening the audience joined in with the choir to sing some favourite Christmas carols.

SILVER-WOOD Mambo Comes to Town At School Concert

The annual Christmas concert was held at the Stone School on Monday, December 20th, and once more proved to be a great success under the capable direction of the teacher, Miss Marjorie Shaw who was assisted by Mrs. Donald Lindsay at the piano for the musical numbers. The school was fairly bulging with the number of happy parents and friends who were present to watch the children in their various numbers and their hearty applause was evidence of their enjoyment. The audience displayed their pleasure in the "horses doing the Mambo" and had to have a repeat of the skit.

After the last number, each pupil was identified and introduced to the audience by the teacher, who then received a real round of applause for her splendid effort in getting 35 young children to work and display their talents and have everything run off so smoothly. And then the children were ready for old Santa who arrived at the opportune moment and amused the gathering and distributed to all the youngsters, the teacher and even to some of the adults and parents, gifts from his huge pile of presents and good things.

Following is the programme of the evening:
"God Save the Queen"; School chorus "The Little Engine That Could"; Junior Acrostic; A play "The Christmas Concert Rehearsal"; Recitation by Tommy Beoney, "Girls"; Square Dance by Intermediate pupils; Girl's Trio: "Silver Bells" by Christine Melanson, Mabel Greig, and Ilene Vary; Action Song by the Juniors; Monologue "A Christmas Predicament" by Ilene Vary; Boys' Chorus: "Santa Brought Me Choo Choo Trains"; Girls' Drill: "Alice Blue Gown"; Play by the Juniors: "Frostie, the Snowman"; Action Song: "They Were Doin' The Mambo"; Junior Chorus: "Doctor Sniffleswipe"; "Happy as a Christmas Tree"; Play: "A Photographer's Busy Day"; Square Dance by Senior Pupils; A Christmas Play; School Chorus: "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas."

ATTENDANCE AWARDS PRESENTED AT CONCERT

Presentation of attendance awards was one of the features of the Christmas concert at First Baptist Church on Friday.

Rev. Alfred Barker and superintendent Douglas Peck presented awards to Beryl and Pamela Williams, Sharrin Harley, Myra Breen and Beverley Emmerson, who had a perfect 52-week record, and to David Harley Glenn and Ruth Buttrey, Arlene and Carolyn Reeve, Alan Arnold, Peter Townsend, Lynda and John Hamilton, Patsy Laws, Brian Hill and David Carter.

Scholars and teachers were served supper before the concert, which featured carol singing, recitations and a play "No Christmas for the Perrys" performed by the Junior department. Barbara Lusty and Heather Arnold sang solos and Carolyn Reeve and Barbara Lusty a duet. Santa made his usual visit with candy and oranges to end the evening.

HALLIMAFAD First Church Service In Redecorated Building

With a feeling of thankfulness and some pardonable pride the first service was held in the newly decorated church building on Sunday morning. Although there is much yet to be done we are all thrilled to think the work has gone forward so well. A lovely basket of chrysanthemums adorned the communion table which were afterwards sent to the sick. Mr. Russ preached a very inspiring sermon on the Christmas theme of "The Three Wise Men."

The W.A. met for their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. L. Marshall. The worship service was in charge of Mrs. Smith with a Christmas theme. Love comes down to us at Christmas in a song, in a star, but best of all in a tiny winsome Babe, the Saviour of the world.

"Let not our hearts be busy inns, That have no room for Thee, But cradles for the living Christ, And His nativity."

After quite a lengthy business period a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. F. Smith. The following is the list of officers for 1955:

President, Mrs. R. McEnery, 1st vice pres., Mrs. Perryman, Secretary, Mrs. A. Starret; Assistant, Mrs. F. Smith, Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Shortill, Manse Comm., Mrs. D. McLean and Mrs. J. Kirkwood, Welfare Fund Treasurer, Mrs. J. Snow, Assistant, Mrs. L. Marshall, Card Secretary, Mrs. J. Kirkwood, Programme Committee, Mrs. F. Shortill, Mrs. Madill, and Mrs. Russ.

REEVE DINNER HOST TO COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES

During the noon intermission of Paquering Township's last 1954 council meeting on Wednesday, Reeve Wilfrid Bird was host to councillors and municipal staff at dinner in the McGibbon House.

Mr. Bird was chairman at the dinner and former clerk Isaac Bennett, LeRoy Dale, Q.C., who is township solicitor, and Jack Hart, manager of the Bank of Commerce spoke briefly. Present at the dinner, also were Deputy Reeve Walter Lanham, Councillors George Currie, Spencer Wilson and Campbell Sinclair, Assessor Arthur Benton, George C. Brown, who handles most of the township insurance, K. C. Lindsay, clerk treasurer and tax collector, road foreman William Townsend and his staff, Bob Lindsay, Herb Roshier and Sam Milham.

FARM NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS ON LIVESTOCK REPORT

Some of the highlights of the report prepared by the livestock meat outlook committee for the Federal Provincial Agricultural Conference are:

- (1) Increased output of meat animals is looked for in 1954-55 (October to September) with hog marketings expected to be higher by 19 percent, and smaller increases of from 5 to 7 per cent for cattle, calves, sheep and lambs.
- (2) Except for hogs, prices of livestock in 1954-55 are expected to show little change from 1953-54, but if anything may decline slightly. Hog prices may increase seasonably between now and next spring, but in the first half of 1955 are expected to average considerably below the high levels reached during the same period in 1954. Hog marketings in 1954-55 are expected to total about 5,800,000 head, an average of 112,000 hogs weekly.
- (3) Pork consumption in 1954-55 is expected to rise by about 12 per cent, with a disappearance of about 94,000 hogs weekly. Beef consumption may decline slightly from the relatively high level in 1953-54 but a disappearance of around 31,000 head per week is considered possible. Consumption of veal and lamb may increase by about 6 or 7 per cent.
- (4) Exportable surpluses expected in 1954-1955 include the equivalent, on a carcass basis of about 120 million lbs. of pork and 103 million lbs. of beef and veal. These quantities, in terms of live animals, approximate 900,000 hogs and 100,000 cattle.
- (5) The trend of hog and cattle prices in the US is expected to exert considerable influence on Canadian markets during the next few months.

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