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• THE BUREAU will be closed Christmas week-end from Friday December 21st until Wed., Dec. 26th, (inclusive)

## Sunday School Has White Gift Service

Each year at St. John's United one Sunday is set aside near Christmas on which members share some of their good things with less fortunate people.

It is called White Gift Sunday. Each brings a gift of food, good clothing, candy or money wrapped in white paper. During the service a procession is formed and it marches up the centre aisle of the hall to present the gifts. It ends up with a huge pile of good cheer for needy people and heaps of happiness for church people. The gifts, which this year amounted to twelve large cartons of canned foods, two cartons of clothing and one carton each of candy and toys were delivered to the Fred Victor Mission at Toronto. They will be carefully distributed from the mission to people in desperate need.

The carton of toys is of more than passing interest in that there are toys that have been salvaged by a small group of Rover Scouts under the leadership of Rover Skipper Ed Hall, Rover Scouts Bob Tracey, Bill Farmer, Fran Hulme, Don Livingstone, Jack Livingstone, Barry Jeffery and Terry Harley collected the damaged toys, mostly from Mr. Charles Wray and have repaired them. They have saved some for local children who are in need and the balance were sent in to the Fred Victor Mission.

## Reeve Linham Is Host at Township Dinner

Reeve Walter Linham was host to members of Esqueuing Council and township officials at a noon dinner at the McGibbon House on Saturday. The dinner, with a council meeting which took place that morning, concluded the year's council sessions.

Mr. Linham, who is stepping down from the reeve's chair to a council seat in 1957 was complimented on a successful year in office by a number of guests who spoke briefly during the dinner hour.

Those present included Deputy-Reeve George Currie, councillors Wilfrid Bird, Campbell Sinclair and Spencer Wilson, clerk-treasurer and assessment commissioner Arthur Benton, road superintendent William Fowndend, and members of the township works staff, Sam Mileham, Bob Lindsay, Frank Wilson and William Corley. Another works employee, H. W. Rosher was unable to attend. Other guests present included George C. Brown, who handles township insurance; Jack Hart, manager of the Bank of Commerce; and Tom Van Sicker, representing the firm of Dale and Bennett, township solicitors.

## FULL HOUSE TWO NIGHTS FOR ST. JOHN'S CONCERT

Those folks who enjoy lamenting on the damaging effect of TV on the younger part of our generation should attend a modern Christmas concert at their first opportunity. Here they would likely see their own and their neighbour's children telling the very old and yet quite new story of our Jesus of Nazareth.

Children have always been fine entertainers but it is quite possible that from attentive watching of professionals on their favourite TV programs many of them just know what to do with what talent they have.

St. John's United were forced to extend the annual concert to two nights in order to give all classes the opportunity to take part. It had been thought that the hall would perhaps be better than half full each night but one should never be too conservative when predicting what children will do. It seems that almost all parents were persuaded to join in the concert with the result being two capacity crowds.

It was estimated that approximately seven hundred people small and large attended the concerts. One fellow came both nights, and on both nights he was late but welcome just the same. He was dressed in his traditional Christmas best and his helpers carried boxes of candy, nuts and oranges, in bags (400), with one for each child. The children were also given a balloon each at Altou. As old Santa came in shouting Merry Christmas smiles and screams of joy came from young and old as they voiced their greeting by singing Jingle Bells. Santa greeted each child and went on his way to spread more cheer and happiness.

The purpose behind Sunday School Christmas concerts is not only to see Santa and to receive a gift. The purpose is to tell by various means the greatest story ever told, the best news ever given to the world, the story of the birth of Jesus.

On the first night this story was told by twelve classes beginning with Mrs. Harvey Chappel's class of eight year olds doing a description of Christmas morning in nine parts. Then Judy Richardson sang as a solo "It came upon a Midnight Clear". Gord Padfield's class did a skit under the name Christmas Campfire Capers. Mrs. George Grashy's class of girls sang a group of carols. Frank Whitmee's class of boys did a TV program featuring Christmas music. Mrs. Vern

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McCumber directed the program. Gail Livingstone sang Silent Night as a solo. Miss Fran Deans' class showed how they would decorate a tree with the good things of Christmas. Roberta Hawes sang a solo "The Santa Claus Express." Jack Runham's class of boys described Santa's visit. Mrs. Gordon King's class of girls sang carols. Barbara Evans sang a solo "Silent Night," accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. James F. Evans. Lynn Wyatt recited "My Sick Dollie." Robert Wrigglesworth played a cornet solo "Star of the East." "Christmas With a Bachelor" was the name of a play by the girls of Mrs. Bernard Shrubsole's class. A tableau on the birth of Jesus by Mrs. Vern McCumber's class was accompanied by soft Christmas music over the P.A. system. Wayne Fiebig and Peter Forgrave played "Silent Night", as a clarinet duet. David Kidney and Hubert Kux sang a duet "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Mrs. Robert South's class of girls gave a splendid performance in their fine play "Blind Beggar on the Bethlehem Road."

In the final number of the first night the Young People's class under the direction of Rev. Morgan McFarlane and Dr. O. M. Brewster and assisted by Mrs. Ruth Wrigglesworth, Mrs. Vern McCumber and Mr. Ern Hyde enacted the Nativity Scene. This class has been asked to repeat this scene on a Sunday evening during the Christmas Season.

On the second night the very young members of the school opened the programme. Mrs. Reg Broomhead who is superintendent of the Beginners' Dept. directed fifty children in the opening number. A welcome to all was given by Catherine King. The class sang Merry Christmas to You and Jingle Bells. Then recitations by Catherine Lince, Bobby McColgan, and Maureen Wyatt. Then a hymn they often sing in class "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." Five children did a finger play called "Five Little Children All in a Row." They were Vickie Chappel, Joe McFarlane, Philip Jones, Beth Richardson and Ray Inglis. Then a carol by the class "Away in a Manger." They concluded their number by telling the story of Jesus' birth by picture and recitation.

Mrs. Broomhead is assisted in this class by Miss Floria Alcott, Mr. Chester DeForest, Mrs. Ken Richardson, Mrs. Wally Henricks, Miss Toni Lee. Mrs. Ruth Wrigglesworth was pianist for this class.

The class of Mrs. Earl Lince assisted by Mrs. Trevor Williams, sang "O Santa Claus" and did an exercise showing "Our Gift to Jesus."

George Armitage's class sang a carol "We Three Kings." Neil Young recited Psalm 121. David Farnell sang a solo "Freddie the Little Fir Tree" and "Santa Claus" as an encore. He was accompanied by Mrs. James Evans. Mrs. Ernest Forgrave's class did three plays, "Mrs. Santa's Christmas Gift," "The Christmas Party" and "Shine Where You Are." Virginia Allen did a recitation "The Other Way Around." Mrs. Forgrave was assisted by Mrs. Jack Watson and Mrs. Dave Wood.

The second night concluded with a quartet of bandmen playing "Silent Night". Wayne Fiebig and Peter Forgrave on clarinets, Robert Wrigglesworth cornet and Ernie Forgrave alto horn.

This brought the 1956 Sunday School Christmas concert to a close.

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