

Christmas Parties, Concert Highlight the Festive Season

The members of the WA met for their Christmas meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. George Edmunds on Tuesday afternoon last week. The program included the singing of Christmas carols and suitable readings by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Perryman. There was an exchange of gifts and each one brought a present for their unknown friend, and plans were made for Christmas treats for others. The executive for the coming year was named by the nominating committee and is as follows: President, Mrs. T. Given; vice president, Mrs. F. Smith; secretary, Mrs. R. McEnery; assistant secretary Mrs. E. Perryman; treasurer, Mrs. C. McEnery; pianist Mrs. A. Black; mass committee, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Starrett.

After the benediction a delicious supper was served by the hostess and the social committee Mrs. R. McEnery and Mrs. Starrett.

The Evening Auxiliary held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Elwood Snow. Gifts were brought in by the members for their sunbrite friends and in place of the topic, each member gave a Christmas party on the Saturday evening before Christmas when the associate members and husbands will be the guests of the group. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. N. Sinclair; vice president, Mrs. J. McEnery; secretary Mrs. F. Shortill; treasurer Mrs. Elwood Snow; citizenship convener Mrs. A. Low; mission band Mrs. Leo Jamieson and Mrs. J. McEnery.

Visitors on the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McEnery were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dampier and family from Johnston City, Tennessee. Mrs. McEnery's mother, Mrs. Dampier, who has been making her home with her daughter for some time returned home with her son to Tennessee and will spend the winter with them and another son, Rev. Ross Dampier at Bristol, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Norton are enjoying a five day holiday in Miami, Florida, as guests of the Case Company. While there they are attending a sales convention.

The children of the Sunday School enjoyed their annual Christmas concert and supper on Friday night. Due to poor weather conditions at the supper hour there was not so many out for the first part of the evening but there was a fine turnout later. The children all did very well and the leaders and teachers are to be congratulated for their fine work amongst the young people. A visit from Santa Claus brought the evening to a close. Awards were presented to each class and a gift was also given to Mr. Duncan Gibson who is giving up his position as superintendent.

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Margaret A. Hadley, Deceased.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Margaret A. Hadley, late of the Village of Glen Williams in the County of Halton, married woman, who died on or about the 23rd day of October, A.D. 1959 are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Executors of the said estate on or before the 11th of January, 1960, full particulars of their claims, after which date the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the Executors shall then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, Ontario, the 11th day of December, A.D. 1959.

William Hewitt and James Sargent, Executors, by their Solicitor, M. E. Manderson, 61 Mill Street Georgetown, Ont., 12-31

—Don't forget your Xmas Greeting ad next week. Call TR. 7-2201 this week end.

HALF TON GIANT BEARS DISCOVERED IN ALBERTA

A super-race of grizzly bears, and whites before he saw one, has been discovered in an Alberta highway, recently opened up as one of the country's hottest oil-prospecting areas.

The huge beasts are believed to be remnants of the plains grizzlies which once roamed with the buffalo herds across the prairies and were thought to be extinct before the turn of the century.

An article in a recent issue of Imperial Oil Review reports that discovery of a "Valley of the Giants" in the Swan Hills area 150 miles northwest of Edmonton poses an intriguing zoological riddle for naturalists throughout North America.

The bears are of eye-popping proportions. They measure up to 10 feet from nose tip to hand paws and weigh up to half a ton. In the bear kingdom, only the Alaska Kodiak tops that.

Fewer than 400 of the sky-monsters are believed to have survived in an 8,000-square-mile domain of woods, babbling streams, and small mountains which, until recently, was one of the continent's few primeval spots. Today oil has been found in Swan Hills, and more than 100 drilling and seismic crews are operating in the region.

The Swan Hills grizzlies are not Rocky Mountain or coastal grizzlies, nor do they appear related to any other type of bear now living on the continent. However, their skulls are strikingly similar to those of the plains grizzly exhibited in the National Museum in Ottawa.

Michael Hendry and other early explorers reported seeing thousands of "big bears" roaming the prairies, and prior to 1850 Fort Walsh in southern Saskatchewan was shipping as many as 600 bearskins a year. These grizzlies were described as longer than any other, with needle-sharp claws and colors ranging from chocolate to silver brown. The Swan Hills grizzlies match this description.

The Imperial Oil magazine tells how Albert Frederick Oeming, zoology graduate and Edmonton wrestling promoter, heard rumors of a giant race of grizzlies in the Swan Hills area, spent years questioning Indians

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS portrayed some of the Alice in Wonderland characters in the Chamber of Commerce float in Saturday's Santa Claus parade. Good sports, too, for they could still smile after a two-hour drenching when this picture was snapped by Jay's Studio.

Offer six prizes for home decorating

Six local home owners will be winners in a Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest this season.

The rules have been somewhat altered from last season when the town was judged in three zones and competition broken into three classifications — door decorations, a Christmas scene and the use of lighting.

This year the panel of judges, comprising members of the Chamber of Commerce committee, will pick their winners during a blanket tour of the town between Christmas and New Years. Decorous lights should be left on between 6.30 and 11 p.m.

The judges will award prizes to the three top home displays and three seconds, and in case of a tie a special judging committee will choose the winners.

This is the third year that the contest has been handled by the Chamber of Commerce.

Today the huge bears appear to be moving north again, as supply roads and clanking bulldozers enter their once-silent kingdom. This has pushed them closer to the settlements along Lesser Slave Lake, and Oeming has been concerned about their survival.

Oeming fashioned a 10-foot-long trap, by which he could first knock out the grizzlies with ether, then tag them and transport them deeper into the wilderness. He also went from oil camp to oil camp, telling the story of the bears and asking crews not to shoot them. The Canadian Petroleum Association circularized the industry, asking co-operation. Garbage dumps, always a magnet for bears, were moved farther from cookhouses, and some camps banned rifles. Then the Alberta government backed up the conservation effort by placing Swan Hills off-limits to all bear-hunters.

"There's a good chance now that the plains grizzly won't vanish from the earth," Oeming says.

CWL HOLDS CHRISTMAS DANCE IN SCHOOL

Holy Cross School was the scene of a Christmas Dance sponsored by the Catholic Women's League Friday night and attended by some twenty-four couples.

A door prize was won by Mr. O. Paul and spot prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gwizdala. The music was on records.

Lunch was served by Mrs. J. O'Sullivan, Mrs. J. Nieubos and Mrs. R. Hulpe. The dance committee comprised Mrs. S. Walsh, Mrs. G. Levy, Mrs. J. A. Fagatell and Mrs. G. Mundy.

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LIMEHOUSE

MISSION GROUP OFFICERS TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM

Communion services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church last Sunday were well attended. Christmas services will be held next Sunday.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A. W. Benton on Thursday evening, seventeen ladies attending Mrs. Nutma, wife of the Christian Reform Church minister of Acton was a visitor and spoke a few words of encouragement. Mrs. Leferink read scripture and her well-prepared paper telling the Christmas story. A number of ladies read Christmas verses and articles. Mrs. Roughley played a piano number "Chapel Chimes". Text word "real" was answered in a verse of scripture.

Mrs. Culp read Christmas Scripture and Mrs. Sanford led in prayer. Mesdames A. Benton, Bert Benton, Smethurst, Kirkpatrick, Patterson, Mills and Noble took part in a candle lighting ceremony. The meeting was unanimous in returning all former officers to office for 1960.

Mrs. W. Mitchell, Vice Mrs. Roughley; Sec'y, Mrs. A. W. Benton; Treas, Mrs. A. C. Patterson; Supply, Mrs. Smethurst; Glad Tidings, Mrs. A. Norton; Literature, Mrs. Gasby; meeting. Home helpers, Mrs. Mitchell; Congratulations to newly-weds of a few weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt, nee Do-Patterson; Supply, Mrs. Smethurst; Glad Tidings, Mrs. A. Norton; hostess served lunch after the meeting at Port Credit.

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