Saint Nicholas, the beloved gift-giver, was born in the Collect. The members observed helpers. semi-tropical city of Patara, Turkey, and lived a full and col- one minute silence, followed: prful life without travelling very far from home. .

of his birth, at which time, according to legend, he stood up in memory of Mrs. J. Sanford, of a few extras to make sure In his mother's arms to give thanks to God for being born. Even as an infant, he refused to nurse on Fridays, and he. observed this fast day as long as he lived.

inodern pawnshop is found in a tine, the first Christian emper-well. typical story about Saint Nich or, released him. olas. Three daughters of a poor To-day, Saint Nicholas is the with members returning the Re. opportunity to wish the Editor mobleman, so poor they had no priron saint of many countries, larded Children jars, given out and staff of the Herald, as well dowries, were trying to decide of children, and of sailors. which one of the three should Saint Nicholas died in 342, on As usual, a donation was sen: Christmas. sell berself as a slave so the December 6, and for centuries to the Hospital for Sick Childothers could marry. Saint Nich- his fame was restricted to the ren. cias heard this discussion and small area in which he had Mrs. Walter Lawson was elec. HIDDEN FOR CENTURIES tossed a bag of gold through lived and died. In the 11th ted as Hall Board representa- Through his unforgettable the open window and he repeat- century. Italian sailors took his tive for another term, and Christmas stories, Charles Di ed the act of generosity until bones from the chapel in Myra gave a very good report of past ckens brought the spirit of all three girls were suitably and brought them to Bari, Italy activities of the board. Mrs. Christmas to millions. and married. This was the begin. The voyage was an excellent Lawson, as Historical Convener, achieved much fame during his

saintly donor of gifts. performed miracles which brou- far corners of the earth.

, It is said that he was marked for holiness from the day Phalm by Mrs. Robert Lawson, families in our midst in need

The origin of the three gol. ght him widespread fame. The and she will be greatly missed, de your shopping, will you help den balls which hang over the threw him into prison; Constan regularly, and took her part blessed to give than to receive.

bing of legend of Nicholas, the one and since that time sailors also read Current Events. have revered Saint Nicholas -Tater, as Bishop of Myra, he and his fame has spread to the P. Lawson are in charge of ratives, however, remained hid-

Jewelled Pin For United Church W. A. Convener

Mrs. Ian Fleming conducted knowledge of Christmas cusa most impressive Candlelight tems, symbols and legends, and duets and then each played a sus Christ are found in these service at the December meet was won by Mrs. Ian Fleming solo. ing of Group 3 W.A. of St. and Mrs. J. Kirkwood. John's United Church on Wed- A delicious lunch was served needay afternoon. Mrs. R. T. by Mrs. J. R. MacArthur, Miss Wright of 27 Charles Street Harrison and Mrs. Ed. Peters assisting the hostess and a pleawas hostess.

Candles and a nativity scene sant social time was enjoyed were the setting for Mrs. Flem- Mrs. J. W. Wyatt moved a vote ings message on the theme of thanks to all who contributed bers and guests joined in sing- "And as He is now in Hea-"Light is a symbol of Jesus' to a very worthwhile time of ing the familiar tunes. Both," Mrs. A. M. Nielsen fellowship together. assisted with reading "One Solitary Life." Mrs. J. B. Hicks FARM NEWS and Mrs. G. Bishop read Scripture passages depicting the Christmas story and with Mrs. Invite Farmers to Fleming sang two trios: "O Come all ye Faithful," and Discussion Groups "We Three Kings." A moment of silent prayer was followed by Mrs. Fleming bringing the ladies before the throne of grace in earnest prayer.

A duet by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Fleming "Dear Little Stranger," was most appropri- ion with the annual Winter cunt of thought and work had -- or \$15 per word. Short Courses, but are open ----

Candles

to all wishing to attend. Lighting the candles as sym- On Tuesday, January 2nd. bols of forgiveness, peace, joy, there will be a panel discusand love, Mrs. Fleming stress, sion, "Research for Ontario ed the thought that God came l'armers." The chairman for to bring forgiveness. Jesus this will be Dr. D. N. Huntley. Christ brought peace and joy director of Ontario Agriculture Let us prepare our hearts to Research Institute. receive these wonderful gifts On Wednesday, January 3rd and in the true spirit of Christ- the topic will be the "Economic mas accept God's love as ex Outlook." Chairman for this pressed in Jesus Christ. All will be Prof. D. R. Campbell, then joined in singing softly head of the Department of Agr. "Silent Night, Holy Night." culture Economics.

The treasurer's report, given Both programmes will start by Mrs. V. MacDonald, showed at 6:30 each evening the group had a very successful meetings will be held in the year financially. A special of Physical Education Building. fering was taken up and fifteen O.A.C., Guelph. dellars will be sent to CARE. --Donations of home-made pres- The human heart rests about erves, jams, Christmas cake, etc. eight-tenths of a second betwe were brought to the meeting en each contraction. and were sent to the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto, to brighten Christmas Day for a few needy people.

Jewelled Pin

Mrs. J. Kirkwood who has been convener of the Group for four years, was presented with r beautiful jeweled pin. Miss Hazel Harrison made the presentation and spoke a few words of appreciation to Mrs. Kirkwood on behalf of the mem-

Mrs. A. M. Nielsen then conducted a contest which tested

4th, was well attended.

Institute Ode, and Mary Stewart himself, along with his willing of the Branch for next year. issued the first line of Christby the reading of the 23rd

The Roll Cell was answered a year ago.

two local boys attended. Robert ens' The Life of Our Lord' was Armstrong with his clarinet and first presented to the world.

recited a Christmas poem.

Christmas Carols when memb- He was.

I brought as gift exchange, as who He was and what He did." (Santa was not able to be pres- Dickens left instructions that

There will be two discussion the cold weather Saturday, and 1933, after death of Sir Henry programmes for farmers in this attended the Lions annual Santa Fielding Dickens, the author's area, presented by the Ontario Claus Parade in Georgetown, youngest child. Agricultural College, on Janu- and enjoyed the band music. ary 2nd and 3rd. These meet-t The floats were all very at purchased by the London Daily ings are being held in connect-tractive, and a considerable am- Mail for the price of \$210,000

ucsing W.I. held at the home The Beautiful Snow Princess. of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, Miss Joyce McLean from Nor-Thursday evening. December val, with her attendants, Christine Melanson and Edith Baum-The President presided and gartner added much beauty to opened the meeting with the the parade, and finally Santa

Unfortunately, we do have previous week. Mrs. Sanford necessary to them, at this time had been a valued Institute of year. There is a box at our member for a good many year, local grocery store. When you

> We would like to take this as our readers, a very Merry

GREAT STORY WAS

Mrs. J. C. Murray and Mrs. H. One of his most moving nar fruit and gifts for the shut ins. den from the world for years, Miss Janet Walker sang two at his own request. Some one; beautiful solos, 'Infant Holy,' hundred years after it was and 'Away in a Manger.' The utilten exclusively for the enmembers were honoured when joyment of his children, Dick-

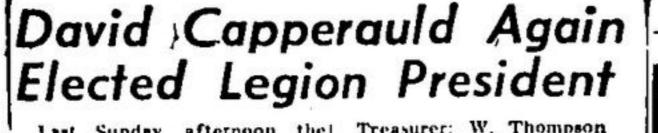
David Smith with his haritone. The author's deep veneration horn. The boys played two for the life and lessons of Je-

"Everybody ought to know! Mrs. de Vries, a valued mem- about Him. No one ever lived ber who is now living in Bres- who was so good, so kind, so leau, attended and sang a very gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong or were in Mrs. Reg Williams played for any way ill and miserable, as

Lunch was served by the hos- and all meet each other after tess, assisted by Mrs. W. Law- we are dead, and there be hapson and Mrs. C. A. Grant. Miss by always together, you can Lynda Lawson and Miss Janet never think what a good place Walker distributed the parcels heaven is, without knowing

'The Life of Our Lord', not be commercialized and it was ne-Many from the village braved ver made public until the year

The literary prize was then



Last Sunday afternoon the annual elections of Branch 120 were held and this year saw a good crowd attending once

A number of the offices for 1962 were acclamations, a comparatively unusual state of! affairs in branch history.

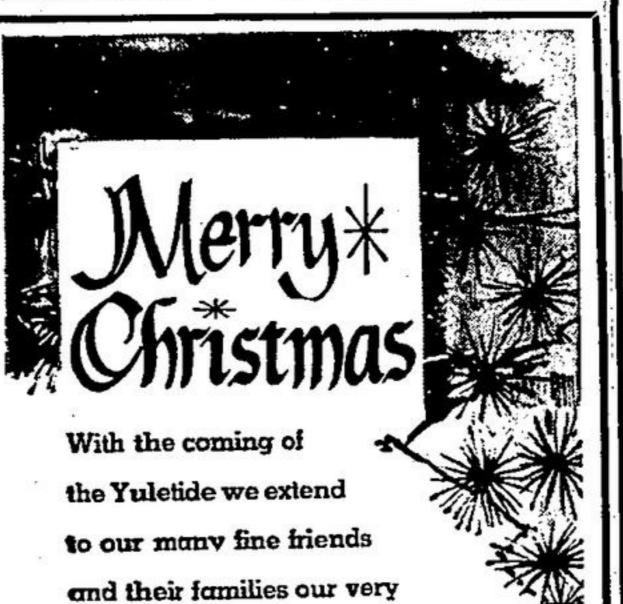
2nd Vice Pres .: Merle Reid American Christmas Card.'

Treasurer: W. Thompson Secretary: Charlie Day Executive: L Cross, G. Collier, C. Kidd, K. DeRose Sergeant at Arms: J. Beattic

The first American Christ mas card is believed to have Following are a list of those been used by Peavis Great elected to guide the destinies Variety Store, Louis Prang, who President: David Capperauld mas cards in the U.S. in 1857, is 1st Vice Pres.: Ralph Hawes said to be the Father of the



THERE'S SANTA: Father and son pause in their window shopping to inspect Santa Claus surrounded by huge candy canes in window of Chicago department store. Boyl Get a load of those follipops, pop. They'd last a fellow an awfully long time.



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