Beaver dam, meeting death in week's news

By Mrs. A. Benton We are pleased to know that Mrs. Ron Clow is home and well following a nasal operation in Peel Memorial Hospital on Nov.

Mrs. Stuart Smith of Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry and Tanya of Midland were recent visitors with the A. C.

Patterson's. We are pleased that Mrs. Ron Homan is home from Guelph General Hospital.

Sympathy We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watters and the Byers family in the passing of

wee Tracy Ann Watters. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown hosted the turkey dinner for W. I.

members and husbands at their home on Friday evening, Mr. James Noble saying Grace. After a delicious meal the usual meeting was held, opening with Christmas Carols.

Bring gifts Boxes for shut-ins were discussed and members asked to bring home-made treats for packing. The collection of \$11. was donated to the A.R.C. Industries workshop at Hornby.

Historical Research Mrs. Kirkpatrick was in charge of the program. Each lady gave a local current event and each was asked for a historical item to add to the Tweedsmuir history book.

Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Frank Brown conducted a couple of contests. Mrs. A. W. Benton had the motto, "There is no pleasure like meeting an old friend, unless perhaps meeting a new one." Speaking of friends she ended with the statement that those who risked their lives to free Mr. Cross recently, were not only new friends of his but of all of us Canadians. Mrs. Benton also extended courtesies.

Subject: friends

Beaver dam gone

Officials have destroyed the beaver dam west on 22 sideroad, but a goodly number of trees were killed by the flooding leaving an ugly blot on the



ABOUT 200 called at the scout hall to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perryman on their 50th wedding anniversary. They live on highway No. 7 near Silvercreek. -(Jim Jennings Photo)

Golden anniversary for E. E. Perrymans

There was a happy family gathering at the scout hall Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perryman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Long-time residents of the area, Mr. and Mrs. Perryman were married in the Methodist manse in Acton by Rev. I. M. Moyer, Dec. 8, 1920.

Their family arranged the reception and about 200 attended, bringing flowers, gifts and cards to the couple. Ballinafad church women catered, and a threetiered cake centred the tea tables. Those who poured during the afternoon and evening were Mrs. Lena Cleave, Mrs. Donald McLean and Mrs. Albert Smith.

Daughters, families Five daughters and their families were all present, Jean (Mrs. John Lambert) Milton; Lena (Mrs. Lloyd Swindlehurst) R. R. 1 Erin; Betty (Mrs. Jack Bryce) Port Credit and Georgina (Mrs. Fred Allan) Acton. They had two sons, but one was killed overseas during World 'War II and the other was killed in an accident. Mrs. Dorothy Perryman, son Elwood's widow, was here with four of her children. Many grandchildren joined the crowd at the scout hall.

Welcome guests Greeting guests at the door

were niece Carol and Allan Chesworth, Smithville; nephew Ron and Marg Campbell, Milton and niece Lynn and Steven Patterson, Erin.

They had had a double wedding fifty years ago with Mrs. Perryman's brother who married Aggle Akitt. Mr. Allan is dead. but his widow was able to come up from Halton Manor. One of the guests was Mr. Shay of Brougham, a former neighbor Mr. Perryman hadn't seen since

An attendant at the wedding. Jack Stone, came from Toronto with his wife to bring congratulations.

Messages of congratulations were received from Prime Minister Trudeau and Rud Whiting M.P.

Born in Acton

Mr. Perryman was born in Acton. His grandfather, who lived at the corner of Mill and John, built the first brick house in Acton, back of C. K. Browne's store, and the second brick house at the corner of Frederick and Mill, and the old Methodist church. Mr. Perryman recalls being present at the 50th wedding anniversary of his grandparents, which was reported in the Free Press 75 Years Ago column a couple of weeks ago. The report said a grandchild was baptized during the celebration and Mr.

Perryman chuckled to recall that baby was himself. When in town, Mr. Perryman looks with interest at the old tree at the corner of Mill and John, by Mainprizes' house which was formerly his grandfather's. It had been specially sent out from "the old country" - north Devonshire. It cracked in 1905 or 1906, and a group of men gathered to boost the broken part back up again. It was he, as a young lad, who was raised up to put the bolt in the rescued branch. The tree has been fine for

He was overseas for four years in World War I and was wounded in 1918. He remembers visiting the birthplaces of his grandmother and grandfather in Ireland, and North Devon, while overseas. He was with the Second Canadian Pioneer bettalion.

There are just a few "old sweats" left from his regiment. He has been a member of the Legion for about 40 years.

Mrs. Perryman was born in " Erin township, daughter of William and Minnle Allan,

They lived at Brougham for a decade, and then on farms in the Ballinafad area for about 12 years. Over 20 years ago he built the first house in the settlement on the highway near Silvercreek; then he built a dozen or so more of the houses there. People whose houses he had built were among the callers Sunday.

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Ebenezer

Christmas customs described at U.C.W.

By Mrs. Ron McLean Another of Ebenezer's older members passed away Sunday morning, after a short illness, in the person of Lily Taylor, wife of Edward Taylor. Her cheerful and courageous spirit, in overcoming a broken hip and in other misfortunes, were an Inspiration to all who knew her. Sympathy is extended to her husband and other relations.

Surprise party

A happy surprise party was held on Sunday afternoon in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary of Art and Marion Diamond. The popular couple, active in community affairs, were showered with useful gifts and wishes for many more years together. Their family, Gordon, Bill and Joyce, assisted by Mrs. Charlle Thomson, Mrs. Ed Wilson, Mrs. Duncan Moffst, Mrs. S. Trousdale, and Mrs. W. Freemen, among others,

arranged the party.
It also marked the 89th birthday of Mrs. Florence Diamond, and the seventh wedding anniversary of Joyce and Bill.

U.C.W. meeting The U.C.W. held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Blyth. The conveners were Mrs. Joss, Mrs. Heist and Mrs. de Blauw, Mrs. J. Kitching read about cradling the Christ in our hearts.

Mrs. Joss read about Christmas in Canada. "Christmas was never cheap." Let's not stop to measure or weigh, but recapture the pure joy of childhood. Mrs. Hayward sang a carol. Mrs. deBlauw told about Christmas in Holland, beginning with the visit of St. Nicholas, Dec. 5 and 6. The children leave hay for St. Claus' horse. He always Jay Kitching and Sheena Clegg goes to the schools on Dec. 6. For lit the first Advent candle on the holiday, the houses are Sunday morning. cleaned thoroughly; the pudding, etc. is prepared the night before. In the morning, church is followed by dinner, then visiting. Almond rings are a teatime treat. At night, they sit around the candle-lit tree, and sing. The second day features the Sunday

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Mrs. Heist, dressed as the spirit of Christmas, told about the Kris Kringle market at Nuremberg. The sale of sweets in an open-air market dates from 1600, in Vienna. St. Francis of Assissi was probably the first to introduce the creche, Dec. 24, 1223. The children in Germany, like children everywhere, like to help their mothers make cookies. When the dough they were using became discolored, their mothers told them to give it to the birds, so they could enjoy Christmas too. The special cake is known as

Each village has a Christmas tree. On the first of December,

<u>Ebenezer</u> District mourns

Mrs. Lillycrop

By Mrs. Ron McLean

Ebenezer lost one of its oldest and most respected members when Mrs. Beatrice Lillycrop was called to her reward, after many years of failing health. Her hasband died 40 years ago. Her patience and cheerful spirit were an inspiration to all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Ina Moore, her son, Ivan, and a number of grandchildren, and one great-

grandchild. Interment was in Ebenezer Cemetery, with Rev. R. Finley officiating. Pallbearers were A. Buchanan, J. Baynton, 'J. Kitching, W. Snyder, a grandson, Garry Moore, and a grandson-inlaw, John Bolster.

Weekend trip Mr. & Mrs. K. Moore enjoyed a trip to Brockville on the weekend.

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the children start to open the

little doors on their Advent

calendar. On Dec. 6, Mrs. Heist

told of her terror of Black Peter,

who would chain up had children

and take them away. Dec. 25 and

26 were two holy days. After

early mass, a special lunch is

served, goose, potato dumpling and cabbage salad. Silent Night

was sung in Dutch, German and

English. Mrs. S. Norrish and

Mrs. A. Norrish helped the

There is a great need for warm

mittens for an Indian school.

Anyone who can, could bring

Robbie and Jessie-Mae Munro

lit the second Advent candle, Mr.

Art Diamond and Mr. J. Kitching

are to serve as elders for the next

The Sunday school concert is to

be Dec. 18 and the candlelight

some to church next Sunday.

hostess serve lunch.

three years.

service on Dec. 20.

Celebrations, euchres, W.I. junior choir in district news

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Ballinafad

Mrs. Lloyd Marshall was able to return home from hospital. where she had been receiving

The Women's Institute regular meeting was at the home of Mrs. Jamieson on Wed., Dec. 2. Reports on the previous euchre were given.

Ten tables were played with the usual prizes going to winners, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Brown, Gordon Foster and Mr. Drouillard. Other prizes went to Miss Krantz and Stewart Miller, Mrs. Ola Robins, Mrs. L. Barden of Hillsburg was winner of the

Finalize euchres

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The Community Centre series i home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert of euchres will be finalized this & Mathews the week before last.

Tuesday night. They have created much interest with many lucky prize winners.

Sympathy from Ballinafad friends is expressed to the wife and family of the late Harry Armstrong, whose death took place the past week.

Presentation held On Friday evening in the Community Centre a social evening was held when a presentation was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Garry Snow whose marriage took place recently.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Fred W. Shortill who celebrated his 88th birthday Sunday. A new baby girl arrived at the

Pre-Christmas Sale

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Ballinafad friends tender congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Perryman whose golden wedding anniversary "at home" took place on Sunday in Acton. The Perryman family lived on the 6th line for several years and their family attended Peacock School. Later they moved to their present home on No. 7 highway, their house being the first one built in that area.

Junior choir

The service on Sunday morning agreeably surprised us when a Junior Choir was present and sang an anthem.

We join Miss Helen Akitt's many friends to extend greetings to her on this happy occasion.

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