

**Eden Mills**

**Pot luck dinner for Ladies' Aid**

By Mrs. R. Wright  
The members of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid enjoyed a pot-luck dinner at Mrs. Beryl Wright's new home. Sixteen ladies sat down at noon. A short business meeting followed conducted by Mrs. G. Mac-Dougall.

The invited guest was Mrs. John Smith of Knox Church, Guelph who brought a message entitled "A Tribute to the Bible." Mrs. Mac Aiken spoke on the real meaning of Christmas.

A duet by Mrs. J. Chamberlain and Mrs. T. Hamilton also a trio by Mrs. D. Blacklock, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Chamberlain were enjoyed.

Several readings followed by Mrs. W. Lasby, Mrs. Sada Gilbertson, Mrs. Wilma Gilbertson and Mrs. R. Wright. Santa then gave out the exchange gifts. Mrs. Sinclair closed with prayer and Mrs. J. Gilbertson thanked the hostess for the use of her home. Refreshments followed.

In hospital  
Mr. Vincent Montgomery is confined to Guelph General Hospital.

**TREE IDEA**  
An idea that appears to be gaining in popularity is that of decorating a live tree with its roots wrapped in burlap. The tree can be kept fresh throughout the holidays, then planted outdoors.

*the painted box*



By Wendy Thomson

This week, I'm just going to jot down one of the greatest helps I've had in the kitchen this holiday season, and make my Christmas present to the cooks in the area a valuable one. — Time. It's a recipe for a basic mix that can be whopped up into all sorts of goodies at short notice. I've used one variation or other on just about all my shopping days for the past month or so.

**BASIC MIX**  
In a large (and I do mean "large") bowl or small dishpan mix 5 lbs. flour, 2 1/4 cups powdered milk, 3/4 cup baking powder, 3 Tbsp. salt, 2 Tbsp. Cream of Tartar, 1/2 cup sugar. Sift. Cut in 2 lbs. shortening until it looks like cornmeal (and this takes some doing.) Store in large canisters at room temperature.

**BISCUITS**—Blend 4 cups mix, 1 cup water. Knead briefly, pat flat, cut and bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes.

**PANCAKES OR WAFFLES**—Beat 1 egg and mix 1/4 cup water. Add 3 cups mix, beat till just slightly lumpy, cook as usual.

**MUFFINS**—Combine 1 egg and 1 cup water. Blend with 3 cups mix plus 2 Tbsp. sugar. Bake at 450 degrees for 25 minutes.

**GINGERBREAD**—Beat 1 egg, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup molasses. Mix 2 cups mix with 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. ginger, 1/2 tsp. cloves. Blend in liquids gradually. Bake in 9" square pan at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

**COOKIES**—Beat 1 egg, 1/2 cup water, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Blend in 3 cups mix, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup nuts or chocolate chips. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

**COFFEE CAKE**—Beat 1 egg and 2-3 cup water. Add 3 cups mix and 1/2 cup sugar. Blend well and pour into 9" square pan. Top with a mixture of 1/2 cup brown sugar, 3 Tbsp. butter, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 cup nuts or raisins. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

**YELLOW CAKE**—Blend 3 cups mix and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Beat 2 eggs, 1 cup water, 1 tsp. vanilla. Add half of liquid to mix and beat 2 minutes. Add rest of liquid and beat 2 more minutes. Pour into 2 prepared round pans and bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes.

**CHOCOLATE CAKE**—Add 1/2 cup cocoa to dry mix before adding liquid.

**NOTE:** I shopped when things were on sale, and the flour and shortening only cost me \$1.00. This amount of mix makes one batch of everything listed, and 3 or 4 extra batches of biscuits.

**Christmas party for lady curlers**

Lady curlers held their annual Christmas party in the curling club on Thursday, December 17, when about 30 enjoyed a pot luck supper.

Christmas gifts were exchanged. Slides of the ladies' golf day were shown by Ruth Leatherland.

Cards were played for the remainder of the pleasant social evening.

**Prize winners**  
Lucky prize winners were Lily Higgins, Ella Nielsen, Shirley Hunter, Jean Parker, Bea Dubois, Olive Ellerby, Judy Cargill, Gladys Davidson, Mary Jane New, Ruth Leatherland, Willa Hewitt and Isobel McKenzie.

**Draw prize winners**  
Winners in the draw were Ab Irwin, Toni Downs and Jackie Bowman.

**Holiday good news**

Family gatherings . . . visits back home . . . parties . . . students on days.

These are the items of news that give a weekly newspaper its special appeal.

Please phone in your items of news or drop them in the mail, for next week's paper.

**Ospringle**

**Yule season parties, meet**

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson  
Friends of Mrs. David Stewart are sorry to learn she had the misfortune to break her right arm near the wrist.

Drivers and their wives or husbands for C. S. Denny Bus Lines, held their annual Christmas dinner and party on Saturday evening at the Berkeley Tavern in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken visited recently with Rev. Hugh and Mrs. Moorehouse and family in Milverton.

**Home from Gaspe**  
Gary Ferguson arrived home on Saturday from Gaspe where he has been working for the past three months. He will return to his studies at Waterloo University in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher attended the Christmas party of the employees of the University of Guelph on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sunter of Niagara Falls called on friends in the village on Saturday.

**Barn disappears**  
A landmark in the village will soon be no more — as workmen have started to tear down the barn on the former Howard farm! The leaning silo has been the target for camera shutterbugs for a number of years, as folk from near and far stop to get a picture.

The annual turkey supper and Christmas concert of the Presbyterian Sunday School was held Saturday evening.

Following supper a good variety program was presented. Brenda Bruce was narrator for the Christmas story.

Rev. D. Herbison was chairman and Santa in the person of Byron Bruce distributed gifts and treats from under the Christmas tree.

**Ladies' aid**  
Members and friends of the Ladies Aid were entertained at the home of Mrs. D. Herbison in Erin for their Christmas meeting.

Mrs. V. Stewart presided and Mrs. H. Pankratz read the minutes.

Roll call was answered by a donation of ornaments for the Christmas tree.

During the business it was decided to have another fashion show in the spring.

Mrs. G. Aitken was in charge of the devotional, "Communications" through radio, T.V. and mail.

Assistance in the program was given by Mrs. G. Grundy who had a display of Christmas items.

Mrs. E. Fisher and Mrs. W. Bruce assisted the hostess in

**Free Press Personals**

Congratulations from many friends are extended today (Tuesday) to a well-known district couple, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lidkea of Owen Sound were home last weekend, and Mr. Edgar Lidkea was home from St. Joseph's Chronic hospital in Guelph. They celebrated an early Christmas while they were together.

Miss Marie Timbers is home from the University of Western Ontario, London.

John Dowling is home from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for Christmas.

Miss Ann Watson is holidaying from nurses' training at Galt.

Sandi Slingerland, Gail Fryer and Betty Cook all of Edmonton are home visiting their families and friends for the Christmas holidays.

**Win turkeys**

Winners of the Y's Men's turkeys at their annual draw are H. Jocque, R.R. A. Pete Turkosz, Mrs. Nina McArthur, G. McKeown, B. McArthur, Roy McLellan, Bob Laughlin, Mary Graham, R. Brownlee and Leo Morin.

Ron Henry of the Queens University law school is home for holidays.

Rick Schmul of Holland, whose father is a former secretary of Acton Y, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leatherland.

High school staff enjoyed a dinner and dance at Acton Meadows Golf club Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park and Miss Joanne Landsborough will spend Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and family in Sunnyvale, California.

Attending Saturday's Beardmore Christmas party were Mr. and Mrs. Lou Cabana, Quebec City, Mr. Jules Lareau and daughter, Mr. Doug Waugh of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Draper and daughters of Toronto and Miss Susan Coe of Brantford.

Mrs. E. Shingler of Birmingham, England is spending a Christmas holiday with daughter Mrs. Tom Lazenby, Mr. Lazenby and family of Crewsons Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry of Midland were visiting in town over the weekend and attended the Y's Men's Christmas dance Saturday.

Home for Christmas Sunday with the Landsborough family were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Landsborough, Christopher and Paul of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park, Cathy, Steven and Kenneth of Petrolia, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Syer and Angela of Sarnia and Miss Joanne Landsborough of Waterloo University

The Y's Men held a holiday dance Saturday night in the music centre, with a buffet supper.

Acting Major David Grahame of the Armed Forces, Mrs. Grahame and children are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Grahame over the holidays. He's stationed at Calgary, Alberta.

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**Silverwood W.I., 4-H girls Yule parties**

By Mrs. A. Scott  
On Saturday, Dec. 12, The Limehouse-Silverwood Kneede-Knobbers with their leaders Mrs. B. Lindsay and Mrs. N. Anderson attended Achievement day at Stewarttown School. Judging took place in the morning and an address was given by Mrs. Bannister. The afternoon featured displays, skits and demonstrations.

Congratulations to all the girls who completed this course and wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 5 the 4-H girls watched the Santa Claus parade in Georgetown and then went to the home of Debbie Dunn for a social evening and a pot luck supper.

**Christmas party**  
Silverwood W.I. held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. Ironside on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Mrs. F. Smith with her daughter Mrs. Burt cooked a superb turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A social afternoon was spent

and Mrs. Cossar who had been a delegate to the Area Convention in Guelph this fall, gave her report which was lively and amusing. The ladies were home by 4.30 p.m.

Mrs. Muir is a patient in Georgetown Memorial Hospital. Good wishes to her.

**Family party**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsay hosted a family party on Saturday evening Dec. 12. Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. D. Davidson and family, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. T. Carberry and family, Tillamore; Miss Barbara Lindsay, Mississauga; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsay and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay and family, Georgetown; and Mr. Don McKeown were guests.

Silverwood residents who are members of Georgetown Horticultural Society enjoyed a pot luck supper and penny sale Tuesday evening, Dec. 8 at the Presbyterian church hall.

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