

Traditions highlights

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

The Sunday School Christmas Concert was held Friday evening, December 17, at the church. Each class presented a brief program.

The tiny tots, led by teacher Debbie Swackhamer recited "Away in a Manger". One of their number Julianne Turner sang a solo "The Friendly Beasts". Erica Strokow with her class of primaries described in story and song Christmas customs in other lands.

The juniors, instructed by Janice Swackhamer and Erica Strokow, performed their own fun-filled version of Charlie Brown's Christmas.

The senior class along with the teachers of the younger classes, gave an uproarious representation of Santa's workshop in a last minute Christmas eve panty. Then who should make an appearance but the jolly old Elf himself with gifts and candy for every child.

Hot chocolate and coffee and festive goodies were served in the Sunday school auditorium to all by the ladies.

Candlelight service
Churchill Annual Candlelight service on Sunday night was well attended. Candlelights and the sweet voices of children combined to make us forget for a while the pre-Christmas hassle and find a true meaning of the Nativity.

The mood was set by an excellent filmstrip with sound "O Holy Night" presented by Rev. Fosbury. The service consisted of selected readings by the minister, richly interspersed with congregational singing, numbers by a group of senior choir girls and selections by the junior choir. The church orchestra assisted the organist Mrs. Marie Anderson with musical background.

Party in hall
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson, their family and grandchildren held their family Christmas party in Ballinafad hall, when 45 were present. A varied program of Christmas carols, solos, duets, and musical numbers was enjoyed. After a sumptuous lunch was served the

remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner of North Bay are spending a few days with their son Norman and family. They were pleased to be here to attend most of the festive Churchill activities and meet with old neighbors and friends.

Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton attended a reception on Friday in honor of their niece Miss Pat McNichol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley McNichol of Mono Road and Mr. Harold Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gregory of London who were married in Brampton on Friday, December 17. The reception was held at the bride's brother's Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McNichol's home, Mono Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and Stephanie of Ballinafad were at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family for Sunday supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren of Georgetown were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown.

We are pleased to report Mrs. William Dobbie who has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital was able to return home and is convalescing nicely.

Home for holidays

Mr. Garry Dobbie of Guelph University is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Beamsville attended the Christmas party on Sunday, December 19, at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Winter, Dona and Tracy of Toronto spent Sunday at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter.

Christmas Eve

Mr. Bob Hyde will be assisting with a Christmas Eve service in Limehouse Presbyterian church on Friday evening, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and Peggy Lynn of Guelph, Miss June Millar of Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hyde of Toronto enjoyed a pre-Christmas get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Swackhamer and Karen on Sunday.

Silver-Wood

Christmas party for W.I.

By Mrs. George Burt

Silver-Wood W.I. ladies held their meeting on Dec. 14 as a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. Ironside. We met at 12.30 noon and after Institute grace we enjoyed a turkey dinner with everything that goes with it, plus dessert. Two of our members had a birthday that day and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and those two ladies had extra dessert which was lovely.

A short business meeting followed and a short course on "11.00 worth of Meal" will be in St. Paul's church on January 12 at 8 p.m. Some of the ladies

presented a skit; we all enjoyed this very much.

It was nice to see Mrs. Minda Corbett out again after her stay in hospital.

Mrs. Fred Duffield received the sad news that her mother, Mrs. Summers passed away very suddenly in England last week. The sympathy of the community goes to Mr. and Mrs. Duffield.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. L. Lipsett and their children to our neighborhood who are living at the old Ballinafad home on R.R. 1, Georgetown.

Acton Jr. Farmers had a Christmas party at the home of George and Janet Henderson on Saturday evening, Dec. 18.

Ballinafad

Lunch, program after church Sunday

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery have sold their farm home and moved to Acton on Saturday. One more farm couple of the 7th line has given up farming.

Holiday dance
Saturday night the Christmas dance was held in the Community Centre.

Sunday morning service was Christmas Family Sunday. Following the service everyone went to the basement where lunch was served, after which a short program took place in the church and the usual Christmas tree.

Santa warns

Santa Claus knows that gift-wrap makes Christmas goodies doubly attractive. But he warns everyone to clear those wrappings away, especially away from the tree, when gifts are opened. Don't give fire a chance to start, and a chance to turn happy times into terrible tragedy.

Don't give fire a place to start—especially at Christmas. Buy a fresh green tree and keep its butt in water. Check lighting strings for frayed insulation or other damage.

Mrs. Kerr led the junior choir in two numbers and the Christmas music on piano and organ by Mrs. Ernie McEnery and Kathryn Sinclair was very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family moved Saturday to the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery. We understand they came from Norval. We welcome them to our community.

Just need bells
The snow storm today, makes



MANY YEARS AGO when threshing outfits made the rounds of farms in the Ballinafad area this picture was taken by Robert Armstrong on the Peacock Sideroad. It shows Sinclair's steam threshing outfit on its way to a job with left to right, old timers John B. Sinclair, Alva Kentner with the pipe, Bert Sinclair, Jerry Kentner and William Hitchcock on the tank. The picture was loaned by Mrs. R. Shortill, Free Press correspondent at Ballinafad.

Eden Mills

Christmas concert at church special events of happy season

By Mrs. R. Wright

The weather Sunday evening was ideal to take most of the patients of Eden House Nursing Home for a drive around the city of Guelph to view the Christmas lights. Six cars were manned by members of the Eden House Auxiliary who performed the task of bringing pleasure to the shut-ins.

Christmas party

The Lasby farm was the setting for the Annual Christmas party for the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church. The ladies sat down to dinner at 12:30 Monday. Business was brief to allow for the program. Roll call was answered with a Christmas recipe. Carols

followed with several readings. After a few contests gifts under the tree were exchanged. Post office with Christmas cards was distributed by Cathy Lasby acting as postman.

Mrs. Catherine Gilbertson extended a vote of thanks to the hostess and all those who took part.

Open house

It was Open House Monday afternoon at Eden House for afternoon tea and a social time. Many relatives and friends attended. The tea was conveyed by the members of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid.

S.S. concert

Eden Mills United Church Sunday School held their

Cheltenham man treated for injuries

A Cheltenham man received minor injuries when the car he was driving was involved in a single car collision on the Chinguacousy Esqueping Town Line, just north of Norval. Milton OPP say John Garber was taken to Milton District Hospital for a cut across his forehead. Garber was treated and released. Estimated damage to the Garber car was \$1,000.

Small accidents
Milton OPP also report investigating two small accidents on Monday. The first one occurred on the Seventh Line and 10 Sideroad Esqueping. Drivers involved were John Ottaway of R.R. 1, Acton and Anne McCarthy of Georgetown. Estimated damage to the Ottaway car was \$25; to the McCarthy vehicle \$250.

Monday's second accident was a two car collision on the Main St. of Glen Williams. Drivers involved were Carmen Malby of Limehouse and Jean C. Roe of R.R. 5, Georgetown. Damage was estimated at \$150 to both vehicles.

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School concert success

By Doris Flies

Here we are in our new home on 24 highway next to the old school property. We moved up on Saturday - moved but not settled. Our new address will be Route 1, Guelph.

Miss Natalie Dudnik has been a patient in Milton hospital, but we are pleased to report she was able to return home.

Dale Woodward is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. Friends wish for a speedy recovery.

Wedding guests
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson were guests on Saturday, December 18, at the wedding of Mr. Ferguson's niece, Kathryn Lenore Rivers and William K. Adam were married at 6 p.m. in St. Andrews United Church in Preston. Lenore is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gray Rivers, Preston, formerly of Erin. Mr. and Mrs. Adam will reside in Burlington.

Huge success
The school concert "Salute to Winter" on Wednesday evening was a huge success. A capably crowd turned out despite the icy weather to see the children perform their various acts of songs, music and dialogues. They did wonderfully well. It turns the

memory back to the days of the little red school house when the Christmas concert was an annual occasion never to be forgotten.

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