



BEFORE LEAVING the Rockwood town hall after the Sunshine Club's Christmas celebration, Mrs. William Early of R.R. Campbellville poses proudly between her two sister-granddaughters Sandra and Lorrie Early who gave singing performances at the Club's annual Christmas party last Thursday afternoon. —Photo by Lorraine



"WHEN I MEET MACKAY AND MACKAY MEETS ME," Sir Harry Lauder was back on the Rockwood Town Hall stage last Thursday as T. J. McCutcheon one of the district's favorites, gave out with songs of the famed old Scotsman at the Sunshine Club's annual Christmas party. —Photo by Lorraine



SINGING SPECIALTY NUMBERS Mary Ann strums her guitar as she and her dad Jimmie Milne entertain members and guests of the Rockwood and District Sunshine Club at their last Thursday Christmas party. —Photo by Lorraine

## Over 90 at Christmas party of Sunshine Club

Words of welcome by the president, Ralph Williams, a chorus of O Canada, and words of grace was the start off of one of the most terrific turkey dinners

to be had for a Christmas celebration. The occasion was the 2nd Annual Rockwood and district Sunshine Club's Christmas Party

and over 90 plates were served with an almost perfect membership attendance reporting. It was a sharing dinner with all the trimmings and everybody in the Club had contributed to its success.

The program was great. Mrs. Rlyth of Guelph, well known in the district of Eramosa, accompanied Mrs. Trifunovich, also of Guelph, in two beautiful solos. Mary Ann Milne did a specialty guitar number with her dad Jim Milne and they were recalled for a repeat. T.J. McCutcheon, Rockwood's favourite Scotsman entertainer delighted his audience with songs of Harry Lauder and, wearing his beret and Shillelagh he could have been the great man himself. Henry Leachman was the evening's

mouth organ soloist and Victor Smith gave a violin solo.

### Fun-time

It was truly village concert fun-time and local talent and imports combined to give variation to the program. The two young granddaughters of the accomplished Mrs. Early, Sandra and Lorrie gave individual singing performances and Messrs. Smith and Leachman combined their talents of violin, mouth organ, and piano by Mrs. Early for a fine mixed musical rendition to complete the evening's program.

Eight-thirty p.m. was the final hour and the entertainment was concluded.

The next scheduled meeting for the Sunshine members will be on

date of December 28 at 2:30 p.m. when a get-together with games will not include any business until the new year.

The executive duly elected for 1973 office includes: Ralph Williams President; Mrs. Mary Milne vice; Mrs. Robina Peacock sec.; Mrs. Edna Guld - assist. sec.; Henry Leachman - Treas.; and, for social convener outdale.

### COLUMBUS FIRST

It is generally believed that Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Years Day in the western hemisphere. On the island of Haiti, Jan. 1, 1493, his ship pulled in for repairs.

## Goodwill festival

Christmastide is essentially a festival of goodwill. It almost seems as though people have waited all year long to give vent to their feelings of generosity and brotherly love.

affair, carry sentiments of peace, love and hope for the new year.

This Christmas, The Salvation Army, in its spirit of practical Christianity, will continue its tradition of helping the less fortunate through the distribution of toys and clothing, the provision of Christmas dinners, friendly visits to the shut-in, and concern for the special needs of young and old.

All around the country this spirit of giving is obvious. There are more special church services held at this time than any other part of the year. The press, radio and TV programs devote space to Christmas messages where everyday topics once were used. Christmas cards, another annual



COMPLETING THE BEAUTIFUL grade 8 chancel mural as directed by grade 8 teacher Mrs. Story are Ian Pasmore, Teresa Massie, and Nancy Coulson. —Photo by Lorraine



A WORLD OF HAPPINESS is reflected through the eyes of the grades one, two and three students as they stand in front of their own Centennial school Christmas tree. Seen are front: John Pritchard, Debbie Finley, Tina Gardiner, and Michael Sheehy; back; Jody Duncan, Tracy Thomas, Cristy Duncan, and Corrinne Gooyers. —Photo by Lorraine



ROCKWOOD'S CENTENNIAL School rang with merriment this week and the halls were decked with marvellous Christmas decorations. Linda Miller and Karen Young, grade 8 students, smile happily as they complete their pretty old fashioned snow scene complete with lighted houses, lamp posts and people. —Photos by Lorraine

## Deputy wants to back Puslinch in fight for lower taxes

Deputy-Reeve Duncan McPhedran wants Eramosa township to ally with Guelph township in backing Puslinch in its appeal to Queens Park for a better deal on the equalized assessment factor.

"I have a feeling we are getting a bit of a hosing from municipalities at the top of the county," he declared at Monday night's township council meeting.

Guelph and Eramosa townships

have the highest assessments in the county, Puslinch is next and then comes Erin township."

In the deputy-reeve's view the north end of the County shared the same benefits people in the south had, listing education as an example, but taxes were quite a bit lower.

"Why should we be paying the lions share of the taxes when they receive the same benefits we

do?" he asked.

If Puslinch was successful in reducing the assessment factor in a test case, then it would automatically benefit Eramosa, Guelph and Erin townships, he argued.

McPhedran said costs were the same for operating farms and businesses in both ends of the county and although it could be argued land was worth more in Eramosa and Guelph townships, farmers would never see this unless they sold their properties.

It would cost a "fair chunk of money" to support Puslinch in their appeal but if it was successful residents of the high priced townships could get it back in reduced taxes.

Asked his opinion of the suggestion, clerk Lloyd Hindley

said he thought backing Puslinch in a test case would be beneficial but the present one, where the neighboring township was

appealing an O.M.B. decision, was not the time to do it. He felt the present Puslinch case was based on other unrelated figures. The assessment factor likely would not be reviewed in the case before the cabinet.

Council discussed the deputy-reeve's suggestion at some length and decided to get more information before proceeding further.

## Snowmobiler collapses Sunday

A 4 p.m. fire alarm with an urgent request for resuscitation equipment took the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire brigade emergency crew to the Phillips Hill in the Camp Brebeuf area last Sunday, however, on arrival the crew found the patient missing.

Jim Ford of Dunkirk Street in Guelph had been out snowmobiling with his son Ted of R.R. 5 Rockwood when he was overcome and toppled off his machine to lie unconscious in the snow.

Passing snowmobilers managed to get a car through the snow to the point where Mr. Ford was lying and took him to his

son's home for recovery. He is now back home in Guelph recuperated from his Sunday experience.

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