

Ospringe

Families gather for Christmas

by Doris Fines
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken entertained members of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison, Steven Jeffrey, and Susan of Kempville, over the holidays also Miss Nellie Aitken of Erin, on Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkins of Woodstock spent Christmas day with Mrs. Wilkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley. Robert Bruce of Hamilton was also spending the Christmas holiday at home.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes visited a couple of days with their daughter and son-in-law Dr. and Mrs. David Greyson in Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Warren, Jeffrey and Jennifer of Fergus, and Dr. and Mrs. Ron Green of Kingston visited over the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurren. They all were guests on Christmas day with Mrs. Hurren's mother, Mrs. John Kirkwood, 10th line.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leslie, Laura and Lou Ann, visited on Christmas day with Mr. Leslie's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Stieritt at Brampton.

Enoch Wood of Toronto, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson and family. Mrs. Wood is remaining for a few months with her daughter and son-in-law.
Patti Ellis and Steven Ellis of Hamilton are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis and Cathy. They were all guests on Christmas eve with Mr. Ellis' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis at Milton.
Mr. and Mrs. Hashen Hazineh visited on Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis and family, and accompanied them to the home of Mrs. Ellis' father to spend the day.
Fred Archibald, and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Archibald spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Archibald in Guelph.
Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie entertained their mothers Christmas day, Mrs. Harry Lang of Hillsburgh and Mrs. Jack Wheeler of Guelph.
Guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Henderson of Belwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Redman and Tara, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson of Fergus, Gary Ferguson of Waterloo, Laura Tryssear of Listowel, Mrs. Thomas Fines

and Doris Fines of Ospringe. Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Linda and Bill, were Christmas day guests with Mr. McKenzie's mother Mrs. Flora Grieve in Hillsburgh.
One absent Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark and daughter Crystal of Erin, spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Clark's parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and family. All members of the family were home except David who is working in Vancouver.
Mrs. Dave Stewart was entertained Christmas day at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Stewart and family.
Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Howard visited with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Craig and family at London for a couple of days, over the Christmas holiday.
Christmas day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fuller and family were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna and daughter Karen of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Baldwin of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fuller and son Stephen of Ospringe, Robert Fuller of Toronto and Miss Charlene Clement of Barrie.
May the Blessings of Christmas stay with you all throughout the New Year.



ROOM 107 presents a wreath drill at the Speyside school Christmas concert last week. The school auditorium was packed for the concert.

Christmas turnabout

Give gifts to Santa

To the children of Sunshine School for the Trainable Retarded in Hornby, Christmas is not just for getting gifts. It is for giving as well.
Wednesday morning Santa Claus visited 34 students ranging in age from five to 20 years of age. When he had delighted them with Christmas stockings and heard their secret dreams, they gave him an unusual thank-you.
Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Joe and Joyce Wayne) were treated to a square dance by the senior students and then presented with hand-made gifts. Mrs. Santa received a woven belt and Santa a piece of pottery. Both items were made in the school shop under the supervision of Tom Travis, a teacher from Martin St. school.
Visit deaf home Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, operators of the Dew-Drop-In service station on Highway 25

have visited the children each year for the past six years. They also brighten the Christmas season for the children of the Ontario Mission for the Deaf's farm home on Highway 25 sponsored by the Lions Club and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dueck.
All week long well-wishers visited Sunshine School. On Monday Acton High School students, who regularly help at the school with the swimming program, came and presented a program of songs and square dancing. They were treated to short-breads and Christmas cake made by the children.
School band Thursday the Acton High School band played Christ-

mas music while the children sang. The week's activities culminated in the annual Christmas concert attended by the parents Friday morning. Songs, skits, rhythm band and the nativity story were all part of the program.
The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown decorated a tree and gave each child a gift. Orenda of Malton and the Malton Order of the Eastern Star also brought gifts. The girls of the Georgetown Brownie pack made candy for the children.
"The difference between man's soot and nature's grime is that nature knows how to clean up after herself."
—Sanford Research Inst.

Let's talk about HORSES

By Jennifer Barr

Continuation of report on donkey AnnaBelle's growing up — personality development, training and possible pregnancy, especially the pregnancy.
Christmas seems to be a time for babies. Ten years ago at this time, our first child's conception was announced, so Christmas always makes me go a bit broody. Hence the interest in AnnaBelle's symptoms.
If she is in foal she is exactly half-way through the twelve month gestation. I say "if" because we haven't had her vetted. AnnaBelle is rather shy about gynaecologists and is apt to retreat timidly behind her heels. Besides, it's more fun to speculate and count symptoms.

When we first got her she really had me worried. Her water pail was hardly ever touched and excretion was minimal. I used to fret and feed her salts by the handful till I learned to accept it as a fact of donkey life.
However, she now drinks a full pail daily, a phenomenal feat. Not only is she a wino, but she's an elegant wino. Recently she's taken to sipping her water out of her pail as if it were a tea cup. She places her lower lip outside the pail, upper lip inside, gently tips the pail and sips water like a Victorian lady.
I do wish Mark would get used to AnnaBelle's antics. Mark is a relatively new addition to our family — a Thoroughbred gelding — unacquainted with donkey ways. Although he has been with us for six months and I have owned him for two of

those months, he still can't believe AnnaBelle.
Lately he's been very interested in this unique method of drinking and watches open-mouthed with amazement. When she's finished he looks at me as if to say, "See, I told you she was weird." However, I notice he's been experimenting with this elegant slurp but he dribbles so and ends up with icicles hanging from his chin.
The barn is decorated for Christmas, stockings hung, hay and water set out for the reindeer. AnnaBelle always startles them with her delighted brays but then Santa is such an old friend of hers. After all, he brought her to me, three years ago.
By the way, any suggestions for the minabelle's name? Send to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 2, Acton.

Will Stay



THE SECOND DAY OF Snow plowing for George Barnes of Acton occupied his time during the first snowfalls of the season beginning early in the morning until dark. George said that by the time he completes his plowing which extends from Acton just outside of Georgetown, he gets home to find his own driveway deep with snow. Winter came with a vengeance in the town and district, dumping almost a foot of snow and sending temperature plummeting.

Hikers report dump at Glen

A garbage dump at Glen Williams, reported by hikers, brought William Johnson to Esqueing council meeting. He had pictures of the private dump and samples of the type of papers found there, with possible clues to the identity of the dumpers.
Mr. Johnson explained he had had a phone call from the walkers reporting the unsightly area off the ninth line past the cemetery. Mr. Johnson is chairman of GUARD, (Group United Against Rural Dumping).
Clerk Delmar French contacted Joe Pakluda, manager of Sheridan Nurseries who came to council meeting in the afternoon to discuss the problem. Mr. Pakluda agreed the dump was on Sheridan property and said indiscriminate dumping was a problem for them, too. Outsiders were using their Sheridan private dump and they had been unable to determine who these strangers were.

Deputy reeve Cox pointed out to him the garbage may not be dumped anywhere in the township, except the township dump. Mr. Pakluda said he hadn't known that.
He said Sheridan Nurseries must dispose of many trees and shrubs and these used to be burned. Then, said the waste management branch, they could only be burned if no smoke was caused. They couldn't figure out a way to do that so started dumping them and filling. Householders living on Sheridan property also used the dump, he said.
However fences and signs had been ignored by outsiders who have been using it as well.
Mr. Hill told Mr. Pakluda he would have to obtain a permit to dump from the Department of the Environment - and he had his doubts it would be obtained for household garbage. He advised Sheridan to police the gates and try to discover the outside dumpers.
Mr. Pakluda concluded ruefully that Sheridan had

given hikers permission to use their property - "and that's what we get!"
Mr. Johnson told council the hikers find a breathtaking view at the top of the hill at the Glen - especially with the garbage! He told of an old car, tires, green garbage bags and fill.

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