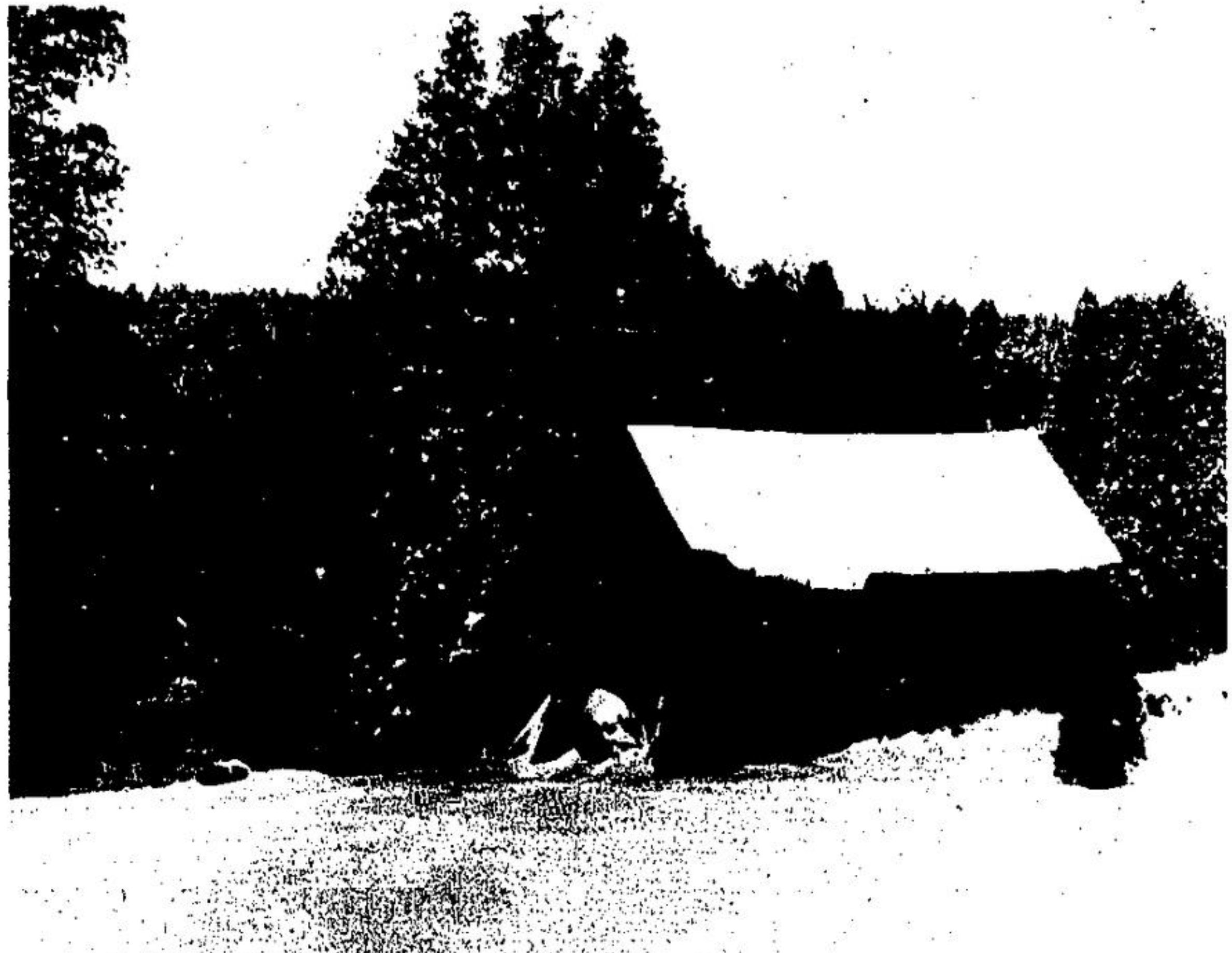


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Eden Mills Brownie News By Diana Wallace 2nd Eden Mills Brownie Pack



THE AFTERMATH of a New Year's snowfall depicts the Rockwood countryside in all its purity as the weathered old barn on Harris Street nestles quietly in the snowladen cedars on the grounds of a

village home. Monday's snow blanketed the entire village as skiers and sleighers converged on the hills to combine the panorama of beautiful scenery with outdoor activity.

Limehouse

Large crowd attends Christmas Eve service

by Mrs. A. Benton Rev. P. Barrow conducted Christmas services Sunday morning. Scripture passages were read by Mr. A. C. Patterson, Mr. W. Kirkwood, Mrs. A. W. Benton, Mr. W. Karn, Miss Beverley Appleyard, Miss Beryl McEnery and Rev. P. Barrow. These were interspersed with carols and the choir sang Rejoice and be Merry, Mrs. Roughley at the organ.

Bazaar and tea Limehouse Public School staff and students were well pleased with the success of their Christmas bazaar and tea. Christmas visitors include: Dr. and Mrs. J. Lasko of Ottawa for the holidays and Mr. and Mrs. Preben Gustavsen of Brampton with the Gustavsen's; Professor George and Mrs. Swinton of Ottawa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayes; Mr. Alf Marshall and Miss Eileen of Toronto with Mrs. Osburn and the Jack Lawsons; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinlan of Meaford with the Bert Benton's and the John Quinlan's in Georgetown. Mrs. Stuart Smith of Weston with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson.

Christmas Eve The young folks were well pleased by the large crowd which they held in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve. Rick Appleyard led in prayer. Bill Karn and Ted Brown read Scriptures, and the choir sang All Poor Men and Humble and The Three Kings and led in a number of carols. Rev. Peter Barrow addressed the congregation and pronounced the benediction.

Our meeting this week was held on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church hall as our Christmas party. Above the noise and laughter jingle bells could be heard and who else broke in on the party other than good old Santa Claus or, as he explained, Santa's understudy who was temporarily relieving the jolly man because he was too busy. It is curious how Santa's bag is inexhaustible because at our party he even had a gift for last minute guests. The District Commissioner had been invited and, along with her she had brought her daughter and Santa had a gift for her as well. With his departure everyone sat down to a plate of goodies. We all had a wonderful time and, afterwards, the Brownies took home to their mothers pretty

boxes filled with chocolate treats which they had made themselves. We did not have a regular meeting the previous week as it was school concert night at Rockwood Centennial but we did get together at Brown Owl's house (Ann Chesworth) and cooked candies and sweetmeats for the party. On Tuesday of last week our Brownies, Sharon Vos, Sylvia Schelklee, and Elizabeth Halky flew up to Guelde together with three Brownies from the first Eden Mills Brownie Pack. As Brown Owl was sick, and Tawny Owl (Eva Stevenson) and Snowy Owl (Linda Blacklock) were both working, Grey Owl, Diana Wallace, presented the wings and red feathers to the Brownies on behalf of all the leaders. As Grey Owl, I wished them luck on their new road to Guelde. It is a touching ceremony to see six little Brownies leave the ring and, along the way, the girls in pairs, were stopped by two Guide patrol leaders who said, "Hail, who goes there?" The smaller girls answered, "We are Brownies who want to fly up to Guelde." The leaders then asked, "By right do you come?" and received the answer from each pair of Brownies in unison, "By the right of my Brownie wings." The Guide leader then replied, "Come to the Captain" and the Brownies were taken to their Captain, Jean Ward who welcomed them into the Spirit Valley Girl Guide Company. As we watched we had jumps in our throats to see these six little girls step into the world of young ladies. The Guides then presented a play on the life story of Lord Baden-Powell which caused laughter to end a very pleasant evening.

News and Views

By Lorraine I've made up my mind this year—no look backs, no resolutions, just a plunge into the future and what lies ahead applying whatever knowledge I have managed to accrue after some 150 previous new year lists. I heard an interesting point of view recently when a learned professor of psychology suggested that the reward system was a great way of establishing good habits in the ways of the very young. What he advocated was a matter which has gained much controversy over the years and yet, as he spoke, he made some kind of sense. He said that if children were rewarded for jobs well done consistently enough, they would eventually accept the requisite of perfection as a way of life until finally, instead of requiring monetary rewards for accomplishments they themselves would have to be inwardly satisfied. Applying the same thought to all ways of life maybe we should consider New Year resolutions in the same vein. If, instead of always having to start over every 365 days we should simply decide to continue working on the jobs we have been practicing with bringing them up to our own highest esteem, remembering that no one is expected to change the world but perhaps we could hope to bend it a little. No more resolutions Resolutions are great if we've really been utter wretches but, after a number of annual lists written and rewritten, it would seem only feasible that, at some point, we would have reached our objectives and come out on top. Surely we must, at some place in our lives say, "I'm not going to make any resolutions this year, I've been too busy living up to my old ones" and, if we haven't managed to

Ospringle

Death, party home in news

By Doris Fines Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. George Grundy who passed away on Friday at Guelph General Hospital. Funeral was on Monday from Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. She had been in poor health for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurren have sold their farm on the 3rd line, but reserved a corner where they have begun building a new home. They hope to have it completed by spring. Annual party Clarence Denny held his annual Christmas party Saturday evening when he treated the bus drivers, their wives and husbands, to a Christmas dinner at The Plainsman. Following this,

Santa calls at meeting

Thirteen members of the Eden Mills Presbyterian W.M.S. attended the Christmas meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. Wright on Monday, Dec. 17. Joy to the World was the opening carol after which Mrs. MacDougall, president, presented the call to worship and Mrs. W. MacDonald read the Christmas story. Prayer was then said followed by a secretary's and treasurer's report. Highlight of the afternoon was a gift exchange as the roll call. Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were then collected and Mrs. W. Lasby gave the dedication. Mrs. Don Blacklock gave a reading entitled Peace and a letter was read by Mrs. Lasby from Mrs. Wright's cousin who had visited the Holy Land and had written of her exciting and interesting trip. Collection was taken and dedicated by the president, closing the meeting.

Santa arrives

The group then moved into the Ladies Aid meeting where the top event was the arrival of Santa Claus portrayed by Mrs. W. Lasby. The opening hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing was the holiday start-off for the final '73 gathering at which minutes and treasurer's report were given along with the reading of thank-you letters. During business it was moved to buy an artificial tree for future Christmases and one of the ladies donated a dozen salt and pepper sets. Business completed, several holiday readings were followed by the exchange of gifts and, as Santa Lasby completed her presentations, the meeting was culminated when Mrs. Ann Wilson thanked the hostess for providing her home, those participating in the program entertainment, and Mrs. George Weale and Mrs. Wright for serving a delicious lunch.

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Ebenezer

Planning party

by Mrs. Ron McLean Next Sunday, holy communion will be observed. On Jan. 13, the student minister from Morrison will conduct the service. The community is honoring Charlie and Lil Thomson on Saturday night, with a party at Brookville Hall, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. Rev. R. Finley's sermon topic was "Day by Day." The emphasis is upon daily following Jesus. You can be on inspiration to others and not realize it. In 1740, Handel

Silverwood

Many visitors

by Mrs. F. Scott The 13 inches of snow that fell on Silverwood Wednesday and Thursday disappeared with the milder weather and the rain. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beency held open house for their family Christmas day as usual. Mr. and Mrs. G. Burt invited Mrs. Florence Lock, Dennis Lock and Mrs. Foster of Toronto as well as their immediate family for Christmas. Mrs. Campbell, 8th line, enjoyed all her family Christmas day. Mr. Ben Case spent Christmas at Kitchener with his niece. Mr. Stewart Scott went to Windsor to visit his sister. The Henderson family and relatives all came home to be with Mr. Henderson on the Sunday before Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McKinney, Mrs. Lorne Ballinger of Streetsville enjoyed Christmas day with Mrs. W. R. Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long of

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Dance profits for Over Haul

Project Over Haul didn't quite make it on time to have the Eden Mills Community Hall completely restored for the break through of 1974, however some of the village men worked diligently in their attempts and the hall was reasonably in order for the annual New Year's celebration. Sixty couples were on hand to join in the festivities to ring out the old 1973 and, with Skip Masey, a disc jockey from Toronto on hand to provide the music of all varieties, the party was a jumping success. From 8:30 p.m. until an early 4 a.m. completion, the dance was a tremendous affair. Convening the event was Donna Clifford who, with village ladies, provided a delicious New Year's Eve buffet. The small profits from the

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