



CHRISTMAS WAS A BALL last Sunday when children in the congregations of St. Peter's, Oustic and Sacred Heart, Rockwood gathered at the Rockwood town hall for their annual Christmas party. Anna Marie Bell was the games organizer for the afternoon and, seen playing innovated basketball are some of the younger members of the congregation.

Family church party drew many parishioners

The Christmas gathering of the combined parishes of Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood and St. Peter's, Oustic was impressive last Sunday when a large group of people assembled at the Rockwood town hall for a three and one-half hour session of Christmas carols, camaraderie, Santa Claus and supper.

Everyone had fun and dozens of children, ranging from very young to teenagers, participated in a round of games and entertainment supervised by Anna Marie Bell of Eden Mills. Start-off of the afternoon events was movies and cartoons, interrupted by the arrival of St. Nick. He'd

made it all the way from the north Dales farm via horse and cart with candy canes stashed in his large pack. Children gathered around the old fellow to tell him their secret Christmas wishes.

On Santa's departure games were held. Marlene Tarzwell and Cathy Jestin assisted the organizer, Mrs. Bell, and a few adults took part with the children while others mingled about and watched activities.

Conclusion of the day's fun was a pot-luck supper. Tables were heavy with platefuls of delicious home-cooked food. By 6:30 p.m. everything was consumed and the celebrators dispersed. Conveners for the occasion were Evelyn Dales, Irene Hawkins and Marjorie Saunders. Usually the church Christmas party is one for children only and held at the parish house on Gzowski St. This year's event was more fun when both children and families were invited to attend. Many parishioners whose children were grown and away were able to also enjoy the Christmas festivities.



HURRY UP, MOM, AND GET IT OPEN were the pleas to one pretty mother who participated in the games at the town hall. What started out as a very large parcel is gradually diminishing as a new covering is pulled off and the parcel passed along when the music plays. Final winner of the game cannot be seen but curious children watch while one mother takes off her wrapping. Santa Claus and Christmas carols were part of the seasonal fun topped off with a delicious pot-luck supper enjoyed by everyone who attended the first family parish party of the Rockwood and Oustic Roman Catholic Church. Usually the event is for children only.

Unit one ladies enjoy meeting

Unit one of the Rockwood United Church U.C.W. enjoyed a happy afternoon when the December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Trousdale of Harris St.

Theme of the meeting was Christmas and members responded in story and song.

Mrs. Elwood Tosh conducted the program and gave leadership for group singing and solos with the aid of her auto harp.

During business, arrangements were discussed on an after-service pot luck lunch to be held on Dec. 15. Arrangements have been made for a Sunday School program to be presented by the children and teachers in the form of a pageant and concert. All members of the U.C.W. were encouraged to attend.

Record high for collections

Collections for the Rockwood and Everton branch of the Canadian Bible Society reached a new high this year when receipts for the October drive netted \$877.20.

Organizers were enthusiastic about the response from district residents. Records show that 22 canvassers brought in \$610.85 with the balance supplemented by the Everton Daily Vacation Bible School, the Presbyterian Twilight Auxiliary, and in Memoriams.

The total sum was \$230 over last year's drive. President of the local branch of the C.B.S. is Burton Hill, Mrs. J. McDougall serves as secretary and Pearl Hamilton, treasurer.

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Concert highlights Rockalong meeting

Mrs. Arnold McDuffe was hostess to the Rockalong Women's Institute recently when 19 members met to share Christmas greetings, a program and a special buffet lunch.

Mrs. George Mitchell presided for the business. A vote of thanks was extended to the 4-H leaders Mrs. J. R. Ramsey and Mrs. E. Tosh. Some highlights were reported from recent area convention held at Kitchener. Christmas cheer for shut-ins and others was planned. Roll call response was a slick trick at Christmas.

Mrs. Harvey Bayne plans to be hostess for January meeting with Mrs. B. Leroy presenting the program.

The program took the form of an old-fashioned Christmas

concert. Mrs. D. McNabb opened with singing of Guess Who, followed by Mrs. H. Shultis giving a recitation entitled Christmas Thoughts. A reading, More Blessed to Give, was given by Mrs. J. Ramsey; Mrs. Mitchell told some interesting customs of Christmas in Russia, and then Santa Claus was brought into the meeting, in a reading by Mrs. H. Bayne.

Mrs. A. McPhedran brought greetings to the members of the institute; Mrs. L. Dyer conducted a game, Christmas bingo. A reading of interest was given by Mrs. W. Patterson. It was timely, all about Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Accompanying herself on the auto-harp, Mrs. E. Tosh sang Put Christ Back in Christmas after which an explanation of Christmas symbols (carols, candle, creche, and tree) was presented by Mrs. W. Black.

Next on the program was a poem entitled Christmas Is as given by Mrs. G. Eason. A quiz followed conducted by Mrs. K. Spence and Mrs. N. Armstrong. Mrs. J. Benham, Mrs. W. Petrie and Mrs. A. McDuffe entertained with a skit, The Night Before Christmas. They wore costumes for the occasion and members enjoyed the acting abilities of the trio.

Mrs. J. Thomson then conducted a game of Twenty Questions, to identify the

content of a box. Carol singing, with Mrs. G. Black directing was followed by consumption of a delicious buffet lunch where turkey, relishes, rolls, salad, desserts, tea and coffee topped off an enjoyable time.

Rockwood bowling

Carneys are in the lead after Tuesday night's bowling for the Rockwood Bowling League. Standing in no position they hold 59 points; 2 Neighbors 57, 3 Four Corners 55, 4 Guelphites 54, 5 Jr. Farmers 52, 6 Alley Cats 51, 7 Norions 50, 8 Trotters 49, 9 Gooyers 44, 10 Country Men 42, 11 Ruckets and Unruthfuls 41, 12 Unpredictables 40, 13 A's 34, 14 Ramblers 32, and 15 Optimists 28.

MEN OVER 600
Fred Nightingale 801, Dunc Kinabury 639, Ted Jestin 638, Clarence Hillon 635, Ross Gordon 630, Gary Parkes 614, Doug Cross 607 and Elmer Allen 604.

WOMEN OVER 500
Ann Parkinson 610, Nellie Stokman 598, Viv Nightingale 590, Gerda Bakker 550, Betty Brydges 550, Nancy Gordon 537, Diana Carney 527, Doris Jestin 520, Nancy Ferguson 521, Orma Ferguson 517, Ellen Garner 505 and Winnie Hills 501.

Into the fore went the Nortons over Optimists for a 7 to nil score with Fred Nightingale bowling a magnificent 601 with singles 190, 289 and 306. Viv Nightingale bowled 580 with singles 139, 209 and 235. Optimists Sam Nyholt brought in 182, 182 and 215 singles to triple in at 359. Gerda Birkhals made a 497 triple.

Seven points to nil was the Four Corners win over Ruckets as Ann Parkinson brought in a 610 triple with singles 189, 251 and 170. Nellie

Stokman bowled 598 with singles 202, 185 and 141. Ruckets Dunc Kinabury bowled 639 with singles 230, 222 and 187. Harv Jestin bowled 567 with singles 184, 164 and 219.

A's were victorious over Guelphites with a 5 to 2 win as Dave Cleland zipped in a 545 triple with singles 171, 186 and 188. Harvey Feart bowled 525 with singles 197, 199 and 129. Ross Gordon was the Guelphite with the 630 triple with singles showing 176, 235 and 219. Gary Parkes bowled 614 with singles 194, 213 and 205.

Ramblers took a 3 to 2 lead over Junior Farmers with Wayne Tarzwell bowling 547 triple with singles 188, 224 and 135. Orma Ferguson bowled 517 triple with singles 154, 145 and 218. Bruce Millar made a 509 triple with singles 149, 190 and 215. Harvey Alan bowled 568 with singles 170, 204 and 192.

Country Men made a 5 to 2 win over Unpredictables as Jan Loof bowled 591 triple score with singles 188, 200 and 205. Ted Klaver bowled in a 564 triple with singles 201, 173 and 190. Gerda Bakker bowled 550 triple with singles 238, 196 and 146 as Jim Heard brought in a 536 triple with singles 175, 183 and 178.

Dec 10 to 2 was the Alley Cats win over Unruthfuls with Elmer Allen zipping in a 604 triple with singles 149, 175 and 280. Betty Brydges bowled 550 for a triple with singles

158, 159 and 233. Randy Pearts unfruitful score showed a 523 triple with singles 205, 181 and 157. Norm Beattie brought in a 458 triple.

Carneys outclassed the Trotters with a 5 to 2 final score as John Carney bowled a 556 triple with singles 135, 209, 212 and Danny Renaud bowled 533 with singles 150, 249 and 145. Ted Jestin trotted in with a 628 triple with singles 184, 173 and 281. Doug Cross bowled 607 with singles 248, 194 and 165.

Gooyers were winners over Neighbors with a 5 to 2 score to show. Clarence Hillon bowled 633 triple with singles 168, 230 and 231. Don brought in a 574 triple with singles 174, 198 and 202. Neighbor Peter McPhedran bowled 565 triple with singles 133, 198 and 234. Doug Bultenham bowled 526 with singles 149, 208 and 189.

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Two-car accident

A two-car accident occurred Dec. 6 at the junction of County Rd. 24 and Highway 24 causing minor injury to both drivers.

A car driven by Donald Howes of Ballinacud had stopped at the intersection when it collided with a car driven by Micheline Garden of Montreal. The accident occurred during a dense fog and resulted in estimated damage of \$750.

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Church ladies vote new name

The November meeting of the Eden Mills Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Wright with president Mrs. G. MacDougall chairing.

Following devotions, pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were collected and dedicated by Mrs. Peggy Van Rhijn. The president expressed her thanks for help received for the past year.

A discussion was raised on whether the two organizations of the W.M.S. and the Ladies' Aid should be combined as one group to be called the Presbyterian Women. Some members felt the two groups should continue as usual, others thought it would be less difficult

having only one executive but combining the business of both. A motion was passed to change the name to the Presbyterian Women and hold meetings as one association.

The final Ladies' Aid meeting was called. Mrs. W. Lasby, president, read a poem entitled Christmas. She thanked the members for their valuable assistance during the past year and said they had contributed much to the success of the various activities.

New officers
Mrs. Kay Stevenson took over the meeting for election of officers. The slate for the new year shows Mrs. W. Lasby, president; first vice-pres. Mrs. E. Barden; second vice, Mrs. R. Wright; secretary, Mrs. G. MacDougall; assist. sec., Mrs. H. Buchanan; treasurer, Mrs. W. MacDonald; assist. treas., Mrs. Anna Wilson; W.M.S. convener, Mrs. K. Gilbertson and pianist, Mrs. D. Blacklock.

The president then took over the meeting of the Presbyterian Women. It was moved the ladies would supply candies and apples for

the Sunday School party to be held in conjunction with the annual pot-luck supper. Also discussed was the white gift Sunday to be held Dec. 15.

Two special donations were passed. Fifteen dollars will be sent to the Salvation Army and \$5 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Mrs. Sadie Thomas.

The meeting closed with prayer followed by a delicious lunch supplied by the hostess.

Comin's and Goin's

Children concerts are showing up everywhere. On Friday, Dec. 13 a pot-luck supper will be held at Ebenezer church at 6:45 p.m. with a Christmas concert presentation following. Dec. 8 was white gift Sunday and children and teachers participated in an impressive candlelight service.

Don't forget the word! Santa will be on tap next Saturday, Dec. 15 at St. John's Hall with a welcome ear from all his Rockwood friends big and little. Lionettes are sponsoring the senior elf's visit and they hope that everyone will drop in to say "Hi Santa," and hear his happy "Ho, ho, ho!"

Another reminder is the Dec. 18 show at Rockwood Centennial school when students from kindergarten to grade six will participate in a Christmas concert. Come on out all you parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, try to see your favorite youngsters participate in their last show of this year. They'll be hoping for a big crowd.

Brenda Ingle of Harris St. left for a visit to the Guests at Barries Bay last Monday. Hi and Merry Christmas to Judy and Glen from their numerous friends in Rockwood. " is the word everyone

Motorcycle stolen

According to the Guelph O.P.P. a theft valued at \$300 occurred Sunday, Dec. 8. Donald Sproule of R. R. 4, Rockwood reported the theft of a 1974 Honda motorcycle and two cans of gasoline. The vehicle was stolen from a garage at Lot 19, Conc. 7, Eremosa township.

hopes Brenda will pass on to one of their favorite village families.

It's congratulations to one of the district's favorite dairy farmers. John Benham recently received a centennial medal, awarded in the 100th anniversary year by the Ontario Agricultural College (O.A.C.).

Centennial school briefs

The grade eights are taking trips this week and next to study orienteering. On Tuesday they spent the day at Helwood Lake and next week they'll visit the Outdoor Educational Centre for Wellington County at Eden Mills.

Students council has planned a dance it will be

Driver killed in two-car crash

The junction of Highway 7 and County Rd. 29 was the scene of a two-car accident on Dec. 4 which resulted in the death of one driver. James W. Early of 89 Willow Rd., Guelph.

The car driven by Mr. Early had stopped at the intersection when it collided with a car driven by William Hopkins of R. R. 3, Rockwood. A passenger in the Hopkins vehicle, Irvine Hopkins, received minor injuries.

Total estimated damage to vehicles amounted to \$3,500.

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