

Limehouse

Congratulations to 4-H clubs

By Mrs. Art Benton
Although we have heard Mrs. R. C. Moffatt of Guelph and her bells a number of times we envy the Limehouse public school pupils having that pleasure last week. I'm sorry I was not there. As a child I remember the sounds of the sleigh bells and even in the dark, knew which farmer was driving by, because of them.

4-H achievements
Congratulations to Mrs. Wilfred Kirkwood and her seven 4-H girls who put in a splendid display at Achievement Day on Sat. They acted out a skit Tea is Served.

W.M.S. meeting
Pres. Mrs. Roughley chaired the W.M.S. meeting in Limehouse Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Patterson read the Christmas story and Mrs. John Leferink led in prayer. Each lady answered roll call and text word Maker, in verses of scripture. They read current event items and Christmas stories or poems. Members were asked to save their used stamps for the leper missions.

Owing to a small attendance the election of officers was postponed.

Some annual reports were compiled. The Mizpah closed the meeting and Mrs. Roughley served lunch.

Sunday school
The Sunday school children enjoyed an annual Christmas party and warm lunch at Limehouse Presbyterian church on Sunday.



CHRISTMAS WAS GIVING for children at the Speyside public school when, for the second year, a tree placed in the hallway drew the interest of the students and parents. Games, food, clothing and a variety of toys built up beneath the tree as children brought them in to be distributed to needy families by the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the Acton Rotary Club. Sherry Rodgers of R.R. 3, Georgetown is seen organizing the gifts handed in by Andrew Walton, R.R. 3, Milton, Angie Blanchard, R.R.4, Acton and Jim Stewart, R.R.3, Georgetown.

Silverwood

W.I. party, birthday news

By Mrs. F. Scott
Seven members of Silverwood W.I. attended the Guelph area convention at Kitchener on the two days Nov. 25 and 26. Mrs. Carmichael gave a report on the first day and Mrs. D. Lindsay reported the second day.

Mrs. Carmichael was voted convener for Education and Cultural Activities for the Guelph area.

Christmas party
Thursday Dec. 12 the Silverwood W.I. held their annual Christmas party.

The members enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner in the new hall at St. George's church, Georgetown. The December meeting was held and the group enjoyed Christmas carols and were home early.

Enjoys supper
Silverwood members of Georgetown Horticultural Society turned out Wednesday evening to enjoy a pot luck buffet supper at their usual meeting place. A penny sale and carol singing made an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffield of Sandy Cove Acres made a short visit to the neighborhood on Wednesday and joined the Horticulture Society at the annual Christmas supper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Iron side invited friends of M. Ben Case to a dinner on Sat. evening Dec. 7 to help Ben celebrate his 80-plus-some birthday.



ANYONE FOR THIRDS besides Todd Wilson of R.R. 2, Rockwood? Todd was the big consumer at the Ebenezer United Church Christmas party Friday, Dec. 13. His specialty was cherry pie. He said the ladies of the church make the best ever. The dessert was a delicious follow-up to a pot-luck supper held in the church hall.

Ospringle

Knox service

By Doris Fines
A Christmas program was enjoyed at the December meeting of the Ospringle Ladies Aid. The members met at the home of Mrs. Byron Bruce.

Mrs. Ward Bruce had the Devotional. The story of the Wise Men was read, and members read poems pertaining to the gifts of the Magi.

Mrs. Gordon Aitken was in charge of the program. A duet was enjoyed, by Mrs. Byron Bruce and daughter Brenda—"Silent Night". Papers were read on the different origins of the Christmas tree in other countries.

Mrs. Aitken conducted contests on a Christmas bingo which were won by Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Mrs. Byron Bruce and Mrs. Elmer Fisher.

The roll call was answered with an exchange of gifts, and the meeting concluded with prayer.

Winner
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson and Dan visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin and family in Guelph.

Norman McKenzie was the lucky person to win the Christmas cake at Dudnik's store.

The pupils of Ospringle public school are again sponsoring their adopted brother Gary who lives in a Children's Village in Legos State, Nigeria. Last year a

number of the pupils enjoyed personal letters from Gary. The students had their pictures taken at the school recently, and most of them seemed to be quite happy with the results.

Candlelight
A lovely candlelight service was held in Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. The choir sang four anthems: Oh Glorious Christmas Morning, As I walked in Bethlehem, Come to the Stable, and The Angels Song. Bible readings were by

Bradley Bruce, Robbie Pankratz, Bonnie Lang, Linda Pankratz, and the minister Rev. George Lewis. Solos were Mary's Little Boy Child by Allan Walma, and I Wonder as I wander by Brenda Bruce. The congregation joined throughout the service in singing Christmas carols.

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Free Press District Page

Erin fire calls up truck cost unsettled

At their regular monthly meeting, Erin Township Council:

—passed a motion instructing the treasurer to correct computer-made errors in billing. Due to the error, some homeowners in Ballinacree and Springside had been double-billed for street lighting and garbage pickup.

—received a cheque for \$200 from the Hillsburgh Lionettes to buy equipment for the new fire truck.

—read and discussed a letter from the township of March asking for support in encouraging greater use of returnable glass containers, and the standardizing of sizes.

Reprieve
—were informed there was a reprieve from the "lumping of the two Erins together" for representation on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. That motion had been recinded after protest from those concerned. More equitable representation in Halton and Peel is now under consideration.

—discussed a letter from Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates informing council that since he was unable to get proper direction regarding completion of work in phase three of Hillsburgh subdivision, he is no longer connected with phase three.

Mr. Brodigan later joined council to discuss the matter. The meeting was held in committee.

Flood land
—received a request from lawyers Nelson, Baine, and Langdon on behalf of Arthur Romankiewicz asking for a building permit application for lot 14, Conc. 3.

Bill owners
—decided that the owner of dogs killing livestock should be billed for damages, especially since it was the second time the dogs had been caught in the same place.

Over \$390 were paid out for livestock deaths and damage in November in the township.

—declined to give approval in principle to the proposed Douglas subdivision, saying it was too close to the end of

their term, and they didn't want to bind the incoming council in any way.

Truck bill
—met with fire chief Bob Cheyne to discuss the bill for the new fire truck. Mr. Cheyne said the bill was "way off the signed agreement" and some of the work wasn't even done. He told council that since discussions with the company representative brought no solution, they took the truck home with work unfinished.

Council decided to ask the signer of the original agreement to meet with them and negotiate the additional charges.

—passed a motion to pay \$2000 to the library board, the balance of the 1974 levy of \$3,000.

Appointment
—appointed Henry Wheeler as township representative to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for 1975.

—were informed that there were 40 fire calls this year, and only one building lost. It was down before the fire fighters got there.

In 1973, there were only 19 or 20 calls.

Ballinacree

No power four hours

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
One of my neighbour friends is spending the winter at Palmerston North in New Zealand. I received, recently, a very interesting letter giving so many facts almost unbelievable but quite true.

Unemployment there is non-existent. While wages are low, living costs are also low for example sugar 6 lbs. for 73c, butter 25c per lb., milk 1c a quart, beef 33c to 65c per lb. All kinds of fresh fruits—strawberries, oranges, grapefruits, lemons and green vegetables from gardens and beautiful flowers everywhere with temperature 80 degrees. They plan to return to Canada via Suva, Acapulco, Panama Canal and Miami.

Christmas dance
A good crowd attended the Christmas dance on Saturday night at the Community Centre. Johnny Tocher's orchestra provided the music.

Lunch served
Family Christmas Sunday was observed when after the service lunch was served and a Christmas program followed.

A Christmas basket was a goodwill offering to Rev. and Mrs. Stillas.

The U.C.W. had their annual dinner meeting on Monday night in the church followed by a Christmas program.

realize what a way of life we used to live. Most of us had an oil lamp to help out.

Just a chuckle
In a recent letter to the editor we were amused. The writer, a number of years ago (when land was cheap) bought a parcel of one of our pioneer farms and built himself quite an impressive home. He had formerly lived in a nearby "urban" centre. Complaints have been made about the roads, the drag strip and this and that. Now he adopts a "dog in the manger" attitude about rural development, disparaging the mentality of Halton council—just a bit laughable, we thought.

Good health
A short phone conversation with Mr. Douglas Starrett assured me of the fact that his mother, now Mrs. Sharp a widow, resides in Rochester and is in good health, planning to spend the winter in Florida. Mrs. Alvia Starrett was one of our good church workers. Her other son Victor lives in the west.

A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McEnery of Edmonton were here on a visit to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery.

Please phone
I like to report all the interesting news items and wish people would phone in to me anything which makes good reading for our Ballinacree column.

Let us all hope we have a pleasant celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and make it a really meaningful one this year.

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Double chances

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