

## United church hall filled for Christmas concert

A capacity crowd filled the Sunday School hall of the Rockwood United Church last Sunday afternoon when, after the morning church service, the congregation gathered for a pot-luck luncheon followed by a Sunday School Christmas concert presentation.

Hot casseroles, special dishes, and exciting desserts were the noon-hour fare with the ladies of the U.C.W. the organizers who also arranged to supply gifts for the Sunday School children program.

A program of recitations, songs, and a Nativity pageant presentation were enjoyed by those attending. Afternoon guest soloist was Robert Rendall from Hespeler, Cambridge who sang 'O Holy Night' and 'When They Ring the Golden Bells'. Mrs. Rendall is the father of Mrs. Marilyn Trace who arranged the program along with Mrs. Marion Ostrander, Susan Tush performed with a piano solo.

The church was beautifully decorated prior to the Christmas concert by Mrs. Lois Tush. A manger scene was set tastefully in the chancel of the church and boughs of cedar on the window sills. The Sunday School room and windows were decorated earlier by church students.



WE THREE KINGS was the tune sung by the procession of kings in the Sunday, Dec. 15 Christmas concert held at the Rockwood United Church. The concert followed a pot-luck supper held in the hall after the morning service. Seen are wisemen, Sherri Brace, Julie Sargeant, and

Anita Brace as Joseph, David Ostrander stands beside Mary, Allison Brace, all performers in the Sunday School Nativity presentation. Organizers for the play were Mrs. Marilyn Trace and Mrs. Marion Ostrander.



MOTHERS PLAY a big role in Christmas concerts. Here are mothers, Joyce Sargeant, Marion Ostrander and Marilyn Trace getting the children dressed for the Sunday concert held at Rockwood United Church. It was combined with a pot-luck luncheon and everyone enjoyed the festivities.



AND LO THE ANGELS of the Lord appeared and angels, Elizabeth and Heather Noble were delightful as they stood over Mary, Allison Brace who acted Mary in the Rockwood United Church Sunday School Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec. 15. Joseph, David Ostrander, watches the crib as shepherd Colin Brace stays close to his sheep.

## Free Press Rockwood and District

### Eramosa Choral Society presents Christmas concert

With the girls garbed in long white gowns with red-braid trim and the boys wearing red shirts and white bowties, the Eramosa Choral Society presented a picture of true seasonal spirit at last Friday's fifth annual Christmas concert held at John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph.

The evening program included songs by the choir, a Christmas pageant and audience participation events. It ended with the Society's rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus.

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### Banner donated to United church

The Eden Mills United Church held their Christmas meeting in the church. President Freda Thompson welcomed the members and guests.

Ruth Milson gave the Christmas story with intervals of carols accompanied by Steve Truchon at the organ.

The voting and it was passed as presented. The meeting closed with the U.C.W. ode. A social hour and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Eramosa Choral Society is not as large as in former years. At one time the group included some adults who sang with the choir on special occasions. The choir has recently cut back. It is now a 50-voice youth choir composed of senior public and high school students. The majority of its members are from the Erin and Eramosa township areas.

## Comin's and Goin's

The fairies goofed last week when they said Santa Claus would be at St. John's parish hall last weekend. Real date for Santa's visit is Saturday, Dec. 21 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and the old fellow hopes that all his little friends will remember to visit.

Wright. With many friends in his hometown, Eden Mills, Bob's visiting time is over quickly before it's time to get back to the station again. His friends and relatives look forward to his visits.

turned, after a tonsillectomy operation, from the Guelph General Hospital. Feeling almost chipper is the way his mother describes her young son and all the Santa Joneses hope he'll be really well for Christmas.

warm-ups. The word is, "the more will be the merrier!"

### Single-car accident

A single-car accident on Wellington County Rd. 28 on Dec. 12 resulted in minor injury to the driver, Frederick Wright of R. R. 1, Hillsburgh.

### Sander in collision

A three-vehicle accident on Hwy. 24 on December 15 at 9 p.m. resulted in an estimated damage of \$1,425 with no injuries to the drivers, according to the Guelph O.P.P.

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Centennial school organizers send the word to all people who would like to see the movie 'The Adventure of Bullwhip Griffin'. It will be held Thursday, Dec. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. with members of the general public invited to attend.

Special visitors in Eden Mills for the past few days were Mr. and Mrs. James Hamers, two former residents now living in Blind River. The two old-friends of many people in the village stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilk Wilson while visiting about with former neighbors and acquaintances. They left early Monday morning to return home after a wonderful pre-Christmas visit.

There seems to be a big crowd gathering for Sunday's, Dec. 22 Christmas carol sing. Eramosa and district residents are reminded that everyone is invited, to make the combined effort the greatest possible. Hot coffee and chocolate will be served as

Donations were given to Jozek Centre, Campbellville, and World Relief through Presbyterian.

Nominating Committee Ruth Milson and Freda Thompson presented the officers for 1975: president Ruth Milson, vice-president Betty Snow, secretary Jean Beattie, treasurer Jean James, missionary convener Freda Thompson, card and flower convener Lorna Tomlinson. Rev. Finley presided over

Okay everyone! Don't forget tonight at 8 p.m. when a good-of-fashioned Christmas variety show will be held at Rockwood. Centennial school as presented by the grades Kindergarten to six students. "Everyone will be welcomed", is the word and, with seating capacity over 500, it is the hope the auditorium will be crowded.

Mrs. Wm. McLean of Eden Mills just returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Elsie Miller of Acton. Mrs. Miller returned home from the hospital recently and was recuperating when her sister visited. It's a get better soon and a welcome home to the ladies from their many district friends.

It's hard to welcome David Jones who just re-

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## Lionettes assist at Sunshine party

The Rockwood town hall was a busy place on Dec. 12. It was the evening of the Christmas party of the Sunshine Club.

Prayer, Bobby McGee and Four Strong Winds. She has a magnificent voice and everyone enjoyed her singing. She was accompanied by Jerry Derow on his guitar.

A number of those unable to attend and Sheldon Trousdale and Max Milne were in charge of delivery. Tables were tastefully decorated and all the members were able to sit down together as a number of Lionettes and friends volunteered to serve on tables and look after kitchen work.

It was a wonderful evening; one which will be long remembered. The food was excellent and the entertainment a joy to listen to. Organizers would like to express thanks to all the people who helped to make the evening such a success.

Everyone enjoyed the supper. The dinner and Christmas puddings and pies were all just scrumptious. The girls were kept busy filling plates and going around with tea and coffee.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 9, 1975.

## Centennial briefs

by Trudy Clifford

Our school dance held last Friday night was a great success. Nearly all seniors were present.

Pupils from grade six down to kindergarten classes are getting ready for the concert this Wednesday night, Dec. 18. They hope all district residents will be there.

The second edition of the students' newspaper will be out on Friday, Dec. 20. It's taken a great deal of work for student reporters to get all the news together. In the intramural games held this week, classes 71 and 83 were winners.

Two grade eight classes went to Belwood outdoor education centre this week. One group broke the elementary school record for orienteering by completing the route in 45 minutes. Teacher Bob Love was very pleased.

## Christmas trees stolen

According to the Guelph O.P.P. the detachment has investigated four thefts of Christmas trees during the past week. Charges will be laid in three of these occurrences.

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