

Stone United has Christmas wind-up

The Christmas meeting of Stone United Church was held Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. President Mrs. H. Peart opened with a reading, The First Christmas. The following ladies gave special reports as wind-ups of year's activities: Mrs. C. Patterson, joint meeting; Mrs. C. Oakes, supply and welfare; and Mrs. S. Box reported on work completed over 1974.

During business new officers were installed. Following that, a program included a reading by Mrs. E. May, The Story that Never Grows Old and The Manger Scene as told by Mrs. F. Duffield. Mrs. W. McCutcheon gave a Bible reading, Mrs. O. Parker followed with another. A candle was lit by Mrs. A. Pindler after which Mrs. S. Box and Mrs. C. Oakes sang a duet, Mrs. May read The Real Meaning of Christmas.

A hymn was then sung by the group followed by a reading What Makes Christmas by Mrs. Barber. Mrs. H. Farr read Thoughts

for the New Year. A beautiful centre decorated the table and, after the program, a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. F. Duffield and other ladies.



Our Christmas wish: that your heart shares the blessed joy of the shepherds.

Petty's Garage
ROCKWOOD

MISLETOE
The traditional time for the French to exchange gifts as we Americans give on Christmas is New Year's Day. It is also the season when everybody calls on his friends and relatives. Also it is at New Year's that the old time custom of observing of hanging a large clump of mistletoe above a doorway so that people may exchange kisses when they walk under it.



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL halls have been beehives of activity this past week with students and teachers working industriously on murals and decorations. Seen working on the floor, getting a scene together for the gymnasium walls are Annette Druif, and Beth Clark, both ten-year-old students of Mrs. Diane Young, the grade five teacher. The scenes are part of the Christmas decor prepared for the annual school concert.



ART CREATIVITY AT ROCKWOOD Centennial school over Christmas has been a delight of scenes, painted figures, and clever caricatures of Santa Claus, reindeer, sleighs and wagons. Art teacher Mona Storey has managed to bring her abilities to

the fore in Nativity scenes and other art specialties. On entering the school at the Dec. 18 Christmas concert, parents and visitors had to stop and view the beautiful stained glass windows created by students of teachers Diane Young and John Jackson.

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Centennial school was packed for annual Christmas concert

Rockwood Centennial school auditorium was packed to capacity last Wednesday night as parents of children from grade three to six presented a combined program of songs, recitations and skits.

John McQuinn was the boy who welcomed those attending. He gave a short but humorous verse ending with, "Although you may not like it, we

know our mothers will." His child-like humor touched off the evening and the program was not only enjoyed by mothers but by all who attended.

Kindergarten class no. two children, presented a playlet entitled Night Before Christmas. Santa arrived on the scene, complete with cute little reindeer wearing school-made antlers. Secrets was the

kindergarten class-one presentation; it was followed by a grade four and five skit, where carollers drew actors into singing Christmas carols.

Applause The Christmas story, ABC's of Christmas, Trimming the Tree, The Night Before Christmas by the room nine children and O Merry Christmas were short acts

which drew loud audience applause. Santa and the Efficiency Expert was another skit. The evening was completed when the primary choir gave a medley of Christmas songs and carols.

The program started at 8 p.m. and was completed by 9:30. Big voices, little voices, strong voices and shy voices were all heard as children recited and sang. Many of those attending were not related to the junior actors and actresses on stage. They went as interested district residents.

School halls were busy with activity as children were chaperoned by teachers from the resource centre (library room) to the stage entrance, for their timely performances. They were escorted back again after their particular act was completed.

Movies In the library the children were treated to movies. A peak-in by wandering visitors during the stage program, was to see the resource centre floor crowded with little people watching a movie with interest but glancing at the door periodically. They were anxious in case they'd miss the opportunity to be on stage as part of the school's annual Christmas concert.

Principal Grant McRae gave a special word of welcome to those attending and praised the work of the teachers who had made the evening possible.

Eden Mills Guides hold old-fashioned party

Christmas party-time was special Tuesday night, Dec. 17 when 27 young Eden Mills Guides sat down to enjoy a beautifully prepared buffet lunch, as a start-off for an adult-type party.

Decorations on the table, complete with candles, delicious food and a friendly seating arrangement was the setting at the community centre. Many of the girls wore pretty, long frocks; others wore short dresses and pant suits. Leaders said they wanted to make the evening very special and introduce the girls to what an adult party is like.

Old-fashioned games such as ones their leaders played

when they were younger, were the ones for the evening. Murder, charades, pass the parcel and word-matching contests were some included in the fun.

Climaxing the party was Santa's visit. He was in charge of present exchange. At a previous meeting the girls had drawn names and had been given a limit of 50c for gift costs for the person whose name they drew. Leaders said the limited amount turned out to be a mathematical challenge but that it was amazing what a little ingenuity can do. Many of the gifts were very worthwhile.

Progressed The Girl Guides of Eden

Mills are a thriving group. Since September they have grown from 16 in number to 27. Members range in age from ten years to 15 and, although the comparison is great, the girls work well together. The party was indicative of the friendship in the group when they all participated in every game and had a good time.

Organizing the evening were Captain Ann Chesworth and her two lieutenants, Diana Wallace and Inge Wuebbolt. Mrs. Chesworth and Mrs. Wallace have had a great deal of experience working with young people. Last year they were in charge of one of the village brownie packs.

Eramosa farmers elected recently

Several Eramosa and district farmers have been elected into the Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Elections were held at the annual meeting held at Wellington Place on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Final results showed, past president, Hugh Rendall,

Arthur, president, George Leslie, R.R. 1, Rockwood; first vice-pres., Les Darrington, R.R. 1, Elora; second vice-pres., Jim Beer, R.R. 4, Arthur; sec. treasurer, Art Grubbe, Arthur.

Directors are, Minto, Frank Rubingh, R.R. 1,

Palmerston; Arthur Anthony Dineen, R.R. 4, Kenilworth; West Garafraxa, John Cruden, R.R. 3, Fergus; West Luther, Jack Benham, R.R. 2, Arthur; Maryborough, Ross Faulkner, R.R. 2, Moorefield; Peel, Carl Israel, R.R. 2, Wallenstein; Pilkington, Jack Whitelaw, R.R. 1, Elora;

Nichel, Bob Hill, R.R. 1, Elora; Erin, John K. Reid, R.R. 1, Erin; Eramosa, Sandy McPhedran, R.R. 4, Rockwood; Guelph, David Cleghorn, R.R. 1, Ariss; Plesinch and Quinten Van de Vrie, 1638 Hanlon Rd., Guelph.

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Director is John Benham, R.R. 3, Rockwood, fieldman is Tom Weber, University of Guelph.

A buffet lunch was served at 12 noon by Mrs. and Mr. L. Bruce. The afternoon program was highlighted by speakers George Jones and Tom Lane. W. M. Hill, former soils and crops specialist who worked in co-operation with the Wellington Soil and Crop Improvement Association in previous years, was present at the meeting. He was presented with a gift of thanks by the Association.



HAPPY, HAPPY are the proud winners of the 1975 Hornet Hatchback which was sold as a money-raising drive by the Rockwood and District Lions Club. Murray Pond of Pond's Camera Shop on Macdonnell St., Guelph was the lucky fellow whose name was drawn. His wife Betty is seen here with Lion Tom Gellatly and her husband. Mr. Pond is an ex-Lion from Simcoe who bought the ticket because he felt Lion causes were always worthwhile ones. Lion Gellatly is presenting Mrs. Pond with the keys. The car will be her Christmas present from her husband.



HALLS AND WALLS at Centennial public school were hung with beautifully hand-crafted murals and decorations. The gymnasium was magically transformed reflecting true Christmas spirit with ten foot Santa Clauses and myriads of figures colorful and exciting. Students who assisted in a hall mural are seen proudly standing beside their class effort.

Legalities are street hold-up

Ray Law of Jackson St. attended the wind-up meeting of the Eramosa township council Monday, Dec. 16. He questioned the number of customers being allowed by the Liquor Control Board to patronize the Colonial hotel. Council had received a letter from the L.L.B.O. requesting their endorsement of a dining lounge license to the hotel with a seating capacity of not more than 112 persons. At December meeting of council the request was sanctioned with a vote. Clerk Lloyd Hindley was instructed to notify the Board of its decision.

Mr. Law also asked council why the street located beside the hotel could not be completed and carried through from Main St. to Stanley St. He was advised that legalities were the hold-up. Council informed Mr. Law that work on the roadway had to be discontinued until exchange of the Harris property to the township is completed.

Art Harris presently owns the land through which the roadway will run. Council is negotiating to make a trade with Mr. Harris to give him property owned by the township in an exchange which will enable completion of Station St.

Loads of Good Wishes at Christmas

Santa is taking stock of our season's wishes to our many appreciated customers.

Marlene & Ron Short
R & M SHOPETTE
ROCKWOOD

Merry Christmas

Gather 'round the tree for song . . . laughter.
Rekindle friendships . . . extend good tidings to all.
To our loyal patrons greetings and thanks.

Lovell Bros. Meat Marke
ACTON

Yuletide Joy

Happiness is our wish for you this Merry Christmas season! And with this wish, our sincere "Thank You."

Pearl's Variety Store
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