

Concert service in news

by Mrs. Hannah

Elaine and Dave Hannah recently attended another weekend craft course at Blue Springs Scout Reserve. Many new ideas were brought back and will be used with the Cubs. Two more Cubs have been invested - Teddy Galford and Ian Brown. The parents attended the meeting and coffee was served.

The Cubs attended the Saturday performance of Snow White at the Georgetown Little Theatre. The Brownies went on Thursday and everyone agreed it was great fun.

The annual Christmas concert by Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides was held in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Dec. 8. It was well attended by the families of these boys and girls. A draw was held for the girls and boys under Cubs and Brownies' ages. The Christmas stocking was won by Stephen Gallford. Coffee was served to the parents and each child received a bag of candy.

The Brownies sang Jolly Old Saint Nicholas. The Cubs did a recitation spelling out Santa Claus, sang Rudolph and a song called Yogi Bear.

Roger Brown did a monologue about a visit to Grandma's for dinner, while the Scouts mimed an orchestra and presented a typical camp fire and sing song. David Hannah told a bed time story and Twinkle Toes complete with partridge, presented a comic version of the twelve days of Christmas. A sing song was followed by a visit from Santa Claus to give out gifts.

By Mrs. Art Benton

We are glad to hear that Mr. John Roughley is home feeling better after most of the week in hospital. We hope he may continue so.

Mr. W. J. Crichton is recuperating in hospital following surgery for gall bladder trouble. We hope he may have a good recovery.

We wish well for Mr. Harry H. Brown who has been in hospital for a few weeks.

We wish the Editor, Staff and the many readers of the newspaper a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Carol Service was held at Limehouse Presbyterian Church at 9.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.



EDEN MILLS UNITED CHURCH was packed to capacity on Dec. 24 when a large congregation attended the second Christmas eve service. Beautiful old lanterns set in windows depicted the 1800th century era of the vintage church which was built in 1815. They were set amongst pine boughs and complemented the decorated tree placed at the front of the vintage building.

Organist Steve Truchan was one of the organizers of the church decor and members of the choir seen singing a Christmas anthem are Jeff and Ann Masson, Barbie Adair, Debbie and Iona Chesworth, Janet Tolton, Marie Joyce and Mabel Parker, Wendy and Jean James, Lorna Tomlinson, Freda Thompson and Judy Bould.

Ospringle

Visitors enjoy Christmas day with friends

by Doris Fines

Kim Ballantyne who has been attending the Children's Psychiatric Research

Institute in London, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brown and Brenda entertained the staff of Ospringle public school at a dinner party at their home on the Erin-Eramosa town line. Brenda showed coloured slides of her trip to Europe.

The students enjoyed their Christmas program on the last day of school, in the school auditorium. It was a happy festive ending to the school term.

A special Christmas service was observed in Knox Presbyterian Church, on Sunday morning. Mrs. Byron Bruce and Brenda Bruce sang "O Holy Night".

Clarence Denny hosted a dinner party at The Plainsmen for the school bus drivers of Ospringle district. Mr. and Mrs. Denny entertained at their home afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce attended the Christmas dinner and dance in the Knights of Columbus hall in Guelph given by Hart's Chemicals for their employees.

Brenda Bruce has finished her first semester at Guelph University and is employed in Acton post office for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dudnik, Lydia and Natalie were

guests at the wedding (in Toronto) of Mary Gorman and Stuart Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce had a Christmas dinner with their family on Sunday at the home of Dr. Barrie Bruce, Dr. Carol Bruce and Michael, Garnet Bruce of Toronto was also at the gathering.

Guest Mrs. David Stewart was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury of Bruceville on Sunday for a Christmas dinner party.

Guests on Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson were Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris Fines of Ospringle, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson of Belwood, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Redman and Tara of Fergus, Gary Ferguson of Hamilton and Laura Trysenaar of Listowel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith visited over Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith and Mr. and Mrs. George Kearns at Meaford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart and family held open house on Christmas day for friends and relatives.

In Toronto Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson, Mike, Pat and Dan, and Mrs. Enoch Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tranah of

Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and Donnie of Douglas Point. Mrs. Wood returned to Toronto for a few months with her daughter Mrs. Tranah.

Miss Nellie Aitken of Erin and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison, Steven, Jeffrey and Susan of Kempsville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce, Brenda and Bradley entertained the rest of the family for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkins of Woodstock and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Linda and Bill, had as guests on Christmas day, Mr. McKenzie's mother Mrs. Flora Grieves of Hillsburgh, his aunt Miss Lydia McLaughlan of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hillard of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and family and Bob Weeks of Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howard visited at Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig and family at London.

Family gathering

Churchill

Holiday visitors are Christmas highlights

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur

At Churchill Community Church morning worship on Sunday, Dec. 22, the Rev. A. W. Fosbury gave as his sermon subject, The Wisemen's gifts. The choir sang two anthems Midst the Deep Silence and Mary's Little Boy Child. Mr. John Duenk played a beautiful cornet solo, How Great Thou Art, during the taking of the offering.

Visitors Mr. and Mrs. Gary Marchment of Hornby visited with Mrs. Wilbert Brown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Allen of Willowdale were guest with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Stott of Kingston were guests over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Christine and Jeffery attended the family dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knox at

Hampton on Saturday. The children stayed for a short holiday.

Mrs. Nancy Knox and cousins, Donna and Mary Ellen Glover of Oshawa were with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr for a short Christmas holiday.

Dr. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. MacDonald and family of Mississauga spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

Mrs. Lydia McArthur of Hillsburgh nursing home, Mr. William McArthur of Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Vineland, Mr. Ivan Johnson of Beamsville, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Davidson, Acton spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, the occasion was their Christmas gathering.

Winter holiday

Dr. and Mrs. C. Bayliss, Melinda and Julie held a family dinner at their home in Willowdale where his parents

Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss of Florida have been spending a winter holiday.

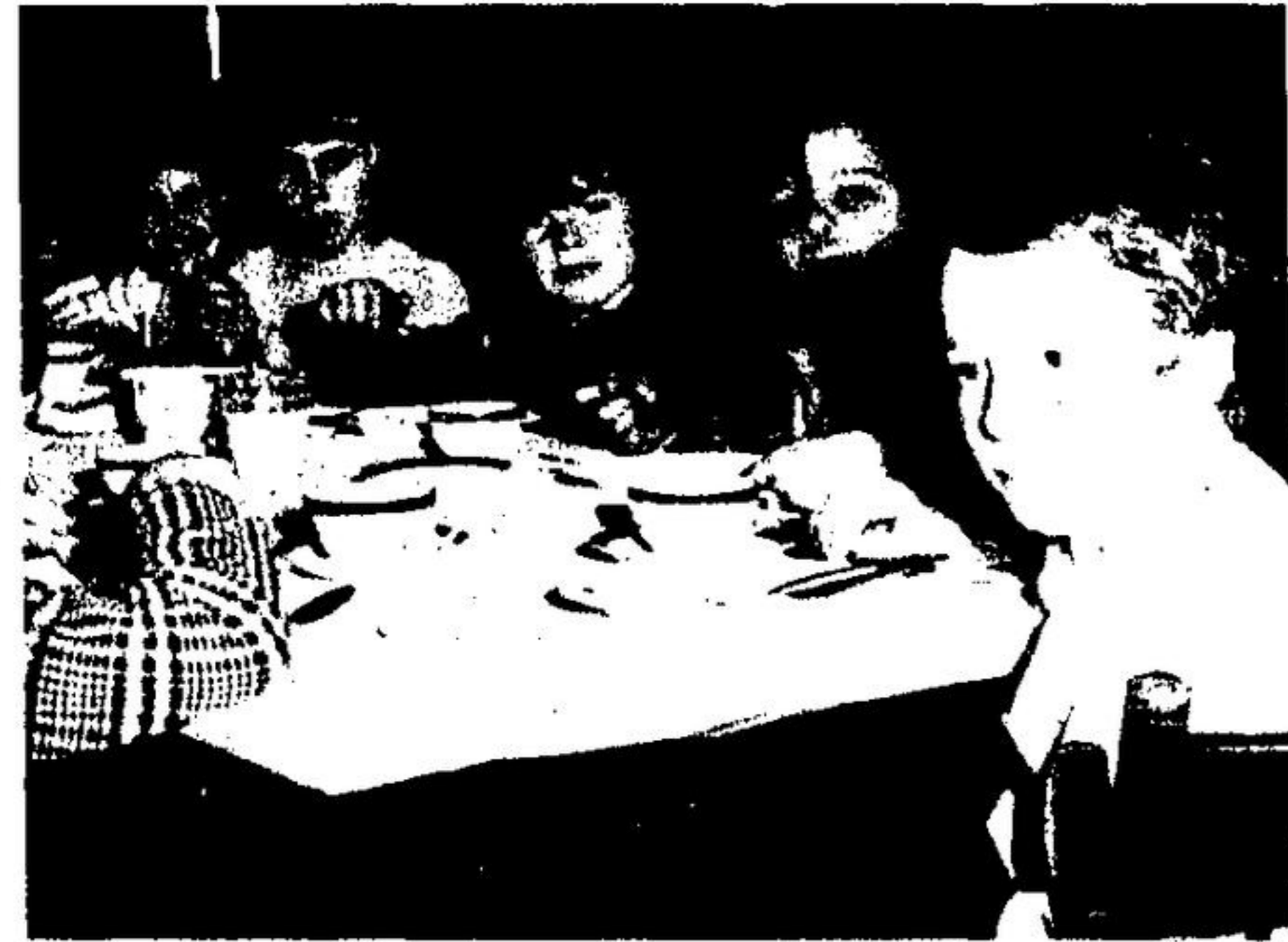
Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury accompanied son Don, Sandy and baby Sean. All enjoyed a happy time together on Dec. 15.

Mrs. Joshua Thompson of Wellington Terrace of Elora, Mr. Charlie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and John, Miss Elizabeth Thompson and friend of Acton spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson. Mr. Joshua Thompson was unable to be present as he is still a patient at the hospital at Guelph but doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur attended the wedding of their grandson, Barry Leroy MacArthur and Donna Lee Hunt of Hillsburgh on Saturday, Dec. 21 in the Christian Church, Hillsburgh. A reception followed the ceremony in the church recreation room.



THE GIRLS LOOKED delightful when Eden Mills Guides dressed up especially for their first old-fashioned Christmas party held recently at the village community centre. Standing posed and poised are seven Guides, Trudy Clifford, Renee Tarrant, Janet Diamond and Linda Beaupre. Front, Barbara Adair, Kelly Smith and Delia Chesworth.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS drew a large crowd of adults and youngsters to the annual pot-luck supper and concert of Ebenezer United Church. Seen waiting between courses are Louis Daigle, of Campbellville, Todd Wilson, Kevin, Janet and Tracy Diamond of R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Farm tax

The Farm Tax Reduction Program which allowed the owners of farm land a 50 per cent rebate on last year's municipal taxes is being continued for the 1974 tax year. The program for 1974 was announced jointly by William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food and John White, Treasurer and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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