

Rhythm Band performs debut

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
The ever-active Golden Age Club of Senior Citizens, in Acton, have recently re-organized a Rhythm Band under the good and capable leadership of Mrs. Nellie Merkley. They accepted a cordial invitation to put on a program at the Centennial Manor in Milton and on Monday last went down in cars with their various instruments. There they found the halls, stage and auditorium prettily decorated for the Christmas season.

Bert Davidson, president, introduced the members of the band after they marched onto the stage. Mrs. Merkley announced the various numbers which started off with the band giving out a rousing "The More We Get Together" followed by "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer".

Alex Mann and Bert Davidson gave some harmonica duets, accompanied by Mrs. Mann, pianist. The band followed with the old favorite "Mocking Bird Hill". Mrs. Kate Frost beautifully sang "Silent Night" and later "How Great Thou Art".

Favorite carols "Joy to the World", "The First Noel" and "Away in a Manger" pleased the attentive audience.

Step dance
Mrs. Laura Jordan and Bert Davidson kicked up their heels in an old-time step dance.

Leslie Graham chose "O, Come All Ye Faithful" which was much enjoyed. Several lively tunes Road to the Isles, The Happy Wanderer, Waltzing Matilda and Bonnie Lass were beat out by the band.

Mrs. Mann and Marjorie Hall delighted with piano duets.

Mrs. Laura Dennis gave a reading on how little a farmer's wife has to do now which listed scores of chores that farm women still find they have to do.

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Two joyful and jingly Jingle Bells Santa Claus appeared in his white beard and red suit and a merry Ho Ho Ho! to distribute some gifts to the December birthdays.

The program closed with a sincere "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" happily sung and merrily rhymed.

Mr. Davidson thanked Mrs. McNaught, of the recreation committee and all the staff who had helped.

Mrs. Allen, on behalf of all at the Manor, thanked the band for a most enjoyable afternoon for all those who were able to hear the program.

The visitors mingled with the audience and enjoyed a cup of tea and cookies and spent a few minutes with friends there before returning home.



SANTA SHOWS WHAT it's like to fly Christmas night to children at the Dublin Women's Institute party. Santa wished all well and distributed gifts, but had to leave after the short visit to prepare for his annual flight Christmas Eve.

Santa wears fur coat to dinner

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

The gayly decorated parish hall was the scene, Thursday evening for the annual Christmas pot luck supper of Acton Golden Age Club when close to 90 sat down to the festive board.

A tempting array of casseroles, cold cuts, salads, red fishes, cheeses, tarts, pies and cake, in abundance, provided something for each one's taste. Tables were soon cleared and an interesting program followed.

With Mrs. A. Mann and

Marjorie Hall at the piano several carols were sung, and to the sound of Jingle Bells Santa (?) arrived, minus the usual red suit, but wearing a fur coat and shawl. In his usual jovial manner, and assisted by Bert Davidson and Les Graham, gifts were presented to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson led off the dancing with the Gay Gordon, followed by the Iyr Waltz and several others, much to the delight of the on-lookers.

Time passed all too quickly, a circle was formed and all sang "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

How to care for new Christmas plant

By Burke McNeill
Extension Horticulturist
Living foliage plants are important decorating features in a home, office or apartment because they add a finishing touch to a room. They are often sold as gift plants, particularly around the Christmas season. But the biggest problem the new owners face is helping the plant to adjust to the new surroundings.

In the florist's shop, the humidity is usually maintained from 70 to 90 per cent, while in most homes, it averages only 35 to 50 per cent. This sudden change, from store to home, is hard on the plants but can be overcome with a little care.

out of direct sunlight for the first couple of weeks. Many foliage plants require only moderate levels of light. The plants should be watered frequently, and if possible, the foliage should be sprayed lightly each day.

Plant owners should not worry if one or two of the bottom leaves turn yellow and fall off. This is normal as the plants acclimatize to their new surroundings.

Once the plants have made themselves at home, follow a regular watering and fertilization program for the plant and provide it with good growing conditions, so it will thrive.

Spray foliage
The plants should be kept

Party at library

The tots who attend story hour at the library on Wednesdays had their Christmas party last week. Mrs. Margaret Merrin was in charge, and showed films and provided candy.

Story hours begin again in January.



MERRY Christmas

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Presbytery meets here

On November 25 Trinity United Church hosted a day-long meeting of members of Dufferin-Peel Presbytery of the United Church. Lunch to the delegates was served by the ladies of U.C.W. and T.A.G. groups in the church.

Earlier in the month Mrs. Ralph Denny, Mrs. Wyman Little and Mrs. Harold Force were in Erin for a regular meeting of Dufferin-Peel Presbyterial United Church Women.



PERCHED ON HER AUNT Carleen's knee, 18-month old Leah Kranendonk amuses herself with a trinket. Mrs. Jan Kranendonk sits in between Mrs. Carleen Watson of Belleville, and Leah's mother, Mrs. Ruth Kranendonk. Everyone, except Leah, is watching the evening's Christmas program produced by the Dublin Women's Institute.

"I WANT A HIPPO-POT-A-MUS for Christmas," sings the Dublin Doozies—June Hunter (left) and Ann Norton. Clutching two stuffed toy hippos, the song pair entertained the Dublin W.I.'s audience during the Christmas show.

Greetings
To one and all we wish you the Merriest Christmas ever.

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Christmas colors are red, green

The traditional colors of the Christmas season are red and green. These colors have meant different things to different people over the ages. Color has been used as the symbol of abstract ideas from time immemorial.

Green was a sacred color among the ancient and medieval Egyptians who wore it as a symbol of hope and the joy of spring.

In early and medieval Christian art, colors had a mystic or symbolic meaning. Red indicated passion. In its good sense it was a symbol of divine energy and love and the creative power of the Holy Spirit; in its bad sense it was a sign of hate. In that meaning it became a sign of Satan.

Emerald green is often the symbol of hope and growth in many Christian paintings.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
On the way to all our customers, neighbors and friends, good wishes for a warm, wonderful holiday. Our "thanks" to everyone.

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at Christmas
Old-fashioned ways of warm cordiality have a special meaning at Christmas. In this old-time spirit, we wish you holiday joy, ever-new, rich in the blessings of home, family, friends. Merry Christmas!

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