

Ballinafad

Christmas activities centred at the church

by Winifred Smith
Family and white gift Sunday was observed at the church on Sunday. The theme of the service was Joy to the World. Mrs. Leo Jamieson was the speaker. The children and young people mostly took part in the day's activities. Mrs. Jamieson mentioned that Christmas was celebrated in many different ways around the world. There were representatives to tell of the customs of the different countries. Mrs. Ruby Pinkerton, represented Great Britain. Gerry Clarke told of the customs of France. Mrs. Eileen Brown spoke about the interesting customs of the Ukraine. The Junior Choir sang in their pleasing manner Infant Holy. The scripture was taken from 2 Luke, verses 1 to 7. It was read by Lori Quackenbush. Christine Quackenbush then told of the customs of the Korean people, followed by Helen Schwarz who spoke on Germany. Paul Volmar told about the Netherlands and finally Mrs. B. Munroe gave a talk on how Christmas is observed in Poland. White gifts were placed around the communion table by children and adults.

The men's choir favoured with an anthem. Mrs. Stiles told the story Little Wolf's Wooden Shoes. At the close of the service all were invited down to the basement for lunch. Following lunch everyone returned upstairs and the children of the Sunday School entertained with a concert. Mrs. Joyce Clarke was chairman and called on Jennifer Munroe who recited a Welcome to all. The Junior Choir sang two numbers. Kingergarten class assisted by Helen Schwartz and Rene Schwartz gave a number Travel Into Time. All the children paid great attention when Mrs. Grace McEnery recited a humorous poem about Little Willie whose behaviour was just so good a week or so before Christmas. Leigh Jessup delighted all with a piano solo. Lyn Sinclair gave a recitation. The primary class then did their number on The Meaning of Christmas. Two skits were put on by the older children. Those taking part were Chris Quackenbush for the one entitled A Bad Connection, Georgina Norman and

Susanne Lewis in the skit The Solution. Gayle Jessup gave the Christmas story in song. Three members of the U.C.W. put on a humorous skit, followed by musical numbers by the Kerr family. Santa Claus then appeared. He had a gift and a candy cane for all the children present. The dance at the Community Centre was fairly well attended. Dancing was enjoyed with music by the Haltonaires. There are still some tickets left for the New Year's Eve dance. We were pleased to see Mrs. Reta Shortill was able to be out to church on Sunday, also Mr. Buckrell, who is recovering from a recent operation. Illnesses Still a few of our residents are on the sick list. Mrs. Schwartz is recovering from surgery and expects to be home shortly. A. D. McEnery is a patient in the Georgetown hospital. Little Ashley Bird is suffering with a severe attack of croup. Mrs. Wm. Wright suffered a fall while in hospital and will be confined there for some time. A speedy recovery is wished for these people.



1ST ERAMOSIA Girl Guide Company are taking lessons from Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Chief Carl Meadows to earn their Fire Badge. Mr. Meadows spoke to the group on the chemistry of fire and about oxygen, heat and fuel. Front row left to right Nancy Coppus, Cheryl McDougall, Audra Hedge, Kelly Dukelow and Tammy Kelly. Second row left to right Jennine Jackson, Heather Cox, Elizabeth Csakany, Clare Berntsen, Kelly Lou Flewelling and Vicky Hedge. Fire Chief Carl Meadows stands behind.

Limehouse

S.S. party

by Mrs. A. Benton
The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Roughley on Wednesday evening. Opening with hymn 168 she read the Christmas story and Mrs. Benton followed with prayer. The treasurer Mrs. Patterson reported givings were over our allocation. Roll call and text word Happy were answered in verses of Scripture. Each lady reported a current event and several read a Christmas item. 1976 officers were re-instated. After the closing Mizpah Mrs. Roughley played lovely Christmas music and all enjoyed a nice lunch.

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Silverwood

W.I. celebrate 25 years

by Allecia Scott
Silverwood residents gathered at the home of Mrs. Margaret Campbell recently to honor Laurie Miller and Robert Inglis who were married this fall. Euchre was enjoyed and Mr. H. Marchington had top score for men. Mrs. Pat Campbell was first for ladies, Ron Chatten, a neighbor made the presentation of a card table and chairs. The ladies served a delicious lunch to end a pleasant party. Mrs. Marie Benney, and Mrs. Wilda Breen are home from hospital feeling improved. Stewart Miller is a patient

In Georgetown Hospital at the present time. All good wishes to these people. Silverwood members of Georgetown Horticultural Society enjoyed their annual pot luck, penny sale, carol singing and party, Dec. 8. Mr. and Mrs. F. Duffield, Sandy Cove Acres, came along to celebrate along with old neighbors. Silverwood W.I.'s December meeting was their annual Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsay were the gracious hosts and daughter Joan and friend Anne Holmes cooked and served a superb turkey dinner which was enjoyed by members and several guests. A short business meeting was held after dinner. A short course April 14 was discussed and members decided to participate. This being Silverwood W.I.'s 25th anniversary, five

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White Gifts, presentation

by Mrs. Ron McLean
The flowers in the sanctuary were in memory of the late Ed Taylor, a well-known and respected former resident of Nassagaweya who has made his home recently in Guelph, with his sister Mrs. Elva Tolton. White gifts Several Sunday-school scholars assisted Horace Blyth in the church service for White Gift Sunday. Jay Kitching told about Christmas customs from Britain; Lewis Daigle told about France; Greg Kitching dealt with Ukrainian use of the sheaf of wheat representing hope for next year's crop, wisps of hay representing the manger and the 12 dishes served, one for each of the 12 apostles; Jennifer McLean told about the troubles Christians have in Korea; Laura Early dealt with German customs, memorizing verses, putting up the tree on Christmas Eve; Brenda Chalmers' country was the Netherlands and Valerie Taylor told about Poland. Richard Anderson and Sue Lin Clegg lit the third Advent candle. Rev. R. Finley's sermon topic was "The Best Preparation". St. Mark's account of the nativity is brief and breath-taking. The idea of one coming to prepare the way for God was common. John the Baptist was the last and the greatest prophet. The

condition of coming to God for a non-Jew was circumcision. There must be a blood sacrifice for atonement. For a Gentile, baptism was to be by total immersion. When Jesus chose to be baptized by John, the message was... it should be the same for a Jew or a non-Jew. When one turns to God, the results may not be apparent. It is amazing what God can do. Next Sunday at 7.30 is the Choir's Candlelight service. Everyone welcome. A social time is planned afterwards. Presentation A joint presentation and party was held for two recently married couples, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moffatt, (formerly Linda Hallam) and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferrier, (formerly Darlene Baverstock). Carols were sung, with Mr. Finley as M. C. Valerie Taylor sang, Up on the Roof Top. Mrs. Mervin Thomson gave The Ballad of the Grain Farmer. Laurie Early recited The Touch of the Master's Hand. Valerie Taylor and Cindy Anderson sang Away in a Manger. Sandra and Laurie Early sang, Have Faith, Hope and Charity and Have a Holly, Holly Christmas. Mrs. Mervin Thomson read the addresses to the happy couples and Mrs. Geo. Hewer presented Bibles on behalf of the U.C.W. Keith Moore and Charlie Stokes presented each couple with a crystal

bowl, containing a sizeable sum of money. The combined pot-luck supper and Sunday-school concert is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 22.



1ST ROCKWOOD GUIDE Christmas enrolment and tea was held last Sunday at the Town Hall. Parents and friends were present. Front row l. to r., Laurie Ann Baldwin, Sharon Hammond and Anne George. Second row l. to r., Donna Thomson, Wendy Galley and Laura Jansen and third row from l. to r., Colleen Petty, Kelly Hughes, Jayme Moss, Sharon Sennhauser and Monica George.

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