



SEVEN DWARFS HAVE turned into elves this Christmas at the Speyside Christmas concert. Could it be Santa had to employ extra help for all the toy orders he has got in the past few months. The students had a dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon (Tuesday) before the big show in front of parents in the evening.



SPEYSIDE STUDENTS of Mrs. Grand and Mr. McGregor did the Alley Cat dance to appropriate music at the dress rehearsal Tuesday afternoon. All the acts go together in the day to rehearse for the night performance when parents were due.



SPEYSIDE STUDENTS sing Go Tell It To The Mountain at dress rehearsal for their annual Christmas concert last night (Tuesday).

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Churchill

### Candlelight service concert are highlights

Flickering candles, pointillias and a gorgeous Christmas tree decorated Churchill community church for the annual candlelight service Christmas Sunday evening. The service was well attended.

God's Kids assisted the junior choir in presenting A Christmas Cantata by Dr. David Ouchterlony. The cantata depicted the contribution of various countries to the rich traditional of Christmas music. Rev. James L. McFadden read the passages introducing each musical selection. Members of the church orchestra, Philip Levy, John Duenc, Ray Denny and Archie Kerr and the organist Mrs. Don Anderson provided the accompaniment. During the offertory God's Kids sang Memories of Christmas written by Michael Cooper who also accompanied them on the piano.

After the service the ladies of the church served refreshments in a brief social hour in the Sunday School auditorium.

At the beginning of the evening service in a brief but effective ceremony a brass planter was presented to the church by Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer on behalf of the C.C.C.W. in memory of Shirley Thompson Anderson and in recognition of her life of dedicated Christian service.

Mrs. Swackhamer recalled the loving care and preparation Shirley always put in to our Christmas programs. Rev. McFadden received the gift on behalf of the congregation and formally dedicated it.

Several members of the Thompson family and the Anderson family were present for the service and remained to greet old friends afterward.

Carol singing of the church went caroling on Monday evening, Dec. 20, visiting Maple Lodge and a number of homes in the community. Denny Bus Lines provided the transportation. After singing themselves hoarse, the group returned to the Norm Turner home for cocoa and cookies.

Sunday School program Carol singing led by Geoff Denny opened the Churchill Sunday school entertainment Wed., Dec. 22.

The primary class, nine little girls and boys under the leadership of Susan Milne,

Jackie Denny and Helen Koekx presented Symbols of Christmas in recitation, song and clashing of cymbals.

A timely skit entitled Santa has the flu depicted a crisis at the North Pole before Christmas as Santa Jim Anderson, moaned on his sick bed, and Mrs. Santa, Pat Panling, rung her hands helplessly, and the little girl pixies administered comfort and soothing medication. The boy pixie cavorted through various hilarious but ineffective sure cures until pixie David Milne turned on lively Christmas music that brought Santa to his feet and on his merry way again.

Another humorous play, the Christmas Burglar, had the helpless burglar, played by David Turner, accosted by the owners of the two stockings he had just emptied. Finally touched by their childlike belief that he was old Santa himself, he returned his booty plus a generous gift from the Christmas burglar.

Piano solos were performed by Helen Koekx, Jim Anderson and Juliann Turner.

Talented Helen Koekx and Susan Milne also presented a modern dance number.

After several enthusiastic choruses of Jingle Bells, Santa made his jolly appearance accompanied by his helpful elves. Gifts and candies were distributed to all the children. Some of the youngster's took this opportunity to whisper last-minute wishes in old Santa's ear.

Moved Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey are now nicely settled into their new home on Bower Avenue after moving two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson spent Christmas Sunday with cousins Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Vineland.

other relatives for the Christmas day festivities, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurten.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery journeyed to Tara and spent Christmas day with their family. Sorry to hear they had a mishap, when they were almost home a car turning into Maxwell's lane way, on the seventh line was in collision with the McEnery car.

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### Christmas Eve

by Mrs. Winifred Smith The church was well-filled on Friday night for the Christmas eve candle light service. Mrs. Alma Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. George Black and Miss Nancy Shortill assisted in the service by reading parts of the scripture relating to the Holy Birth. All joined in the singing of the familiar carols. Beautiful anthems were sung by both the men's choir and junior choir. The opening anthem O Come Emmanuel was sung by Emerson Clark and Floyd Shortill. The men's choir sang No Room.

During the service, Peter Volmar and Rene Schwarz favoured with a duet Wind in the Olive Tree. Toward the close of the service the children's choir sang As Each Christmas Day. Lastly Paul Schwarz sang most impressively O Holy Night. Mrs. Eileen McEnery accompanied at the organ.

The whole service was most inspiring.

Christmas visits The weather co-operated for the biggest holiday of the year, as many residents left home to spend Christmas away and many had visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McEnery had her father, her brother and sister-in-law with their family also their daughter Carol with husband and children to spend Christmas day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall had their family home.

Grenfell Wright spent the day with his brother Grant, wife, Laura and family.

The F. Smiths had the usual family gathering with the latest member of their family, Braden Mann, their fourth grandchild who is just six weeks old included making 28 in all.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Sinclair and family joined

### Speyside youngsters give Christmas concert

Speyside school gymnasium was packed last night (Tuesday) as the students gave their parents a special Christmas gift, a concert.

A wide variety of skits and songs were presented by all grades as almost every child in the school got a chance to show off his or her acting or singing skills.

The event was originally scheduled for Monday evening but had to be postponed due to icy road conditions.

### Downtown Guelph to duplicate Times Square

What do Guelph and New York city have in common? Certainly not population, 14 million to 70,000 hardly makes them alike. Both are situated on rivers but you can hardly compare the mighty Hudson River in New York to either the Speed or Eramosa Rivers. Both have statues but again it is very hard to compare the Statue of Liberty to the monument at Trafalgar Square. One area where New York and Guelph are identical is the fact that both have as the centre of their respective cities, a square, and although two corners of Guelph's square have large clocks, you could hardly call St. George's Square in Guelph after Times Square in New York. But for this year they are identical.

St. George's Square in Downtown Guelph will be a duplicate this year of Times Square in New York for New Year's Eve. A gigantic New Year's Eve welcoming party is planned this year for St. George's Square in Guelph with a Times square style countdown planned for the purpose of welcoming 1977. Adjacent churches will peel out a welcome to 1977, the 150th visit to Guelph of Old Father Time.

Festivities will begin at 10 p.m., and culminate shortly after midnight. Live entertainment will provide music and hot apple cider will be available.

It's a free night, the first of numerous Sesquicentennial Celebrations this year as Guelph kicks off its 150th year.

Special services The churches were filled for special Christmas services on the weekend.

### Limehouse Carol service

by Mrs. A. Benton Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roughley are home from Edmonton for the holidays. Limehouse Presbyterian Church was filled for a candlelight carol service on Christmas eve. The choir sang special anthems, and Christian Book a solo Christmas. Rev. Peter Barrow conducted the service. We wish a good recovery for Mr. Ritchie Benton in Georgetown hospital, and to Mrs. Mileham who underwent surgery in Brampton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks hosted a Christmas party for Acton Junior Farmers a week ago.

We extend season's greetings to the editor and staff of this newspaper for the whole of the Christmas and New Year holidays

### Till stolen

The till from Acton curling club was stolen from the building this week. The loss was reported to police who are investigating.

A toast to the brand New Year! May it hold many good things for you. Thank you for your loyalty.

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