



HONOR CERTIFICATES were garnered by these four young ladies at the 4-H achievement day Saturday at Drury School. Lila Dennis of Campbellville and Irene Wilson of Milton received Advanced Honors, Yvonne Art of R.R. 2, Milton was presented a County Honors certificate and Penny Kirton of Acton was awarded Provincial Honors.

Ballinafad

Family Christmases celebrated

by Mrs. Winifred Smith
It was the second Sunday in advent and the second candle signifying "Hope" was lit during the service at church on Sunday. The Junior choir sang beautifully the anthem "I Believe".
It was announced that next

Sunday would be family Sunday. There will be lunch downstairs following the service. A Christmas concert will follow when Sunday School children will participate.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shortill, Nancy and Jean and Mr.

and Mrs. Grant Wright and daughters were at Clifford on Sunday where they had the annual Christmas time get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Douglas.
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow and two of their sons joined with other members of the McCaig

families when they held a family Christmas gathering at a hotel in Scarborough on Sunday evening.
Friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Percy White a former resident here will be pleased to know she is recuperating at her home in Maxwell, after surgery.

Churchill

Baptize area children

by Joanne Turner
The sacrament of infant baptism was observed at Churchill Community Church Sunday, November 27. Three children were baptized.

The regular morning service of Churchill, the second Sunday of Advent, was well attended. Cheryl Page and Donald Anderson lit the Advent candle. Mrs. Eleanor McFadden was in the pulpit. The junior choir's anthem was "Ring Bells Ring." The music next Sunday will be provided by the Junior Farmers choir directed by Pat Kerr. The Sunday school classes are in the midst of Christmas lessons and preparing the annual Christmas concert Wednesday, December 21.

Members of the Churchill choir, both juniors and seniors are practising special music for the annual candle-lighting service Sunday evening, December 18. Please plan to join us for this always lovely and impressive service.
Members of the Acton fall fair ladies' board held their Christmas meeting last Thursday evening. After a dinner of Chinese food they returned to the home of Mrs. Eleanor Thompson for a program and exchange of gifts.

Members of the Erin District high school band have been selling tree-ripened oranges and grapefruit to raise money for band uniforms. The fruit arrived this week and band members are delivering their orders to customers.

Change funding

Faced by debt charges of close to one million dollars for hospital funding in 1978 the regional community and social services committee wants the region to get out of its hospital funding role. It wants the province to take over the total cost of future hospital capital expenditures.

decision "moving with a gentle stick."
During the discussion Milton Councillor Jim Kerr said with the advent of District Health Councils, now was the time to make changes in the structure of hospital funding.

At present the region has the responsibility of raising debentures to pay one-third the cost of capital expenditures by public hospitals. The province takes care of the remaining two-thirds. This arrangement dates back to a county-by-law passed in June, 1972.

The committee decided to recommend council investigate the possibility of the province assuming 100 per cent of future capital costs. It deferred action on a recommendation calling for the repeal of the old county-by-law. Committee Chairman Walter Mulkewich termed the

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Ospringle

Hawaiian holiday for Mr., Mrs. Wm. Rupka

by Doris Fines
Mr. and Mrs. William Rupka, accompanied by their cousins from Endicott, New York, enjoyed a delightful tour to Hawaii. They visited the four main islands - Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, and spent two weeks sightseeing in what they said was a beautiful country. Another week was spent in California where they rented a car and went to Santiago and Los Angeles, and drove along the coast to San Francisco where they saw bales of cotton that had been picked.
The Erin-Hillsburgh Christian Young People's group sponsored a spaghetti supper and Christmas program at Ospringle school on Saturday evening. The leaders of the group, Mrs. Bernard Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rusnak, say the young people deserve a lot of credit for all the work they put into it, preparing the program,

decorations, and generally helping out. The program consisted of special songs, the portrayal of different people and their idea of Christmas - done by several of the young people, and the singing of Christmas carols.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce visited for a few days last week with their son and daughter-in-law Drs. Carol and Barry Bruce and their two sons Michael and Jeremy, at Carp, Ontario. They also called on Dr. Charles and Mrs. Sayers at Stittsville, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sayers and family at Oshawa.
Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bruce visited with Garnet's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce on Sunday.
Everyone is welcome to come and see the Christmas concert on Dec. 10, by the children of the Sunday School of Knox Presbyterian Church. It begins at 7:30 p.m. The First Ospringle

Brownie Pack met at Brown Owl Doris Swack-hamer's home for a day of baking cookies and making Christmas decorations and gifts for the Senior Citizens, for their Pack Good Turn this Christmas. The Brownies also went on an observation hike, and saw many different types of animal tracks in the snow. On Dec. 8, they are having a Bake and Craft sale from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the school.
Mrs. Ward Bruce was hostess for the Ospringle Ladies Aid. The meeting opened with a reading on Remembrance by Mrs. Ralph Sinclair. The hymn What a Friend we Have in Jesus was sung. The study book was taken by Mrs. Gordon Aitken on "What Canada is doing through the churches" concerning food and money. The roll call was answered by each member giving a reading or story. The meeting adjourned with prayer, and a friendly visit was held.
The grade 4 pupils of Erin, Brisbane, Hillsburgh, Ospringle, Eramosa and Rockwood, met at Ospringle school to hear and take part in an excellent program presented by Bram Morrison, a folk singer, from the Prologue to the Performing Arts in Toronto. The pupils very capably took part, and Mr. Morrison said they had been one of his best and most interested audiences.
Friday the pupils of Ospringle enjoyed a discussion and film on Farm Safety. The students were very interested in the program which was presented by Michael Miller, Farm Safety Consultant, representing Western Ontario.

Ebenezer

Daughter born to Davison family

by Mrs. Ron McLean
Diana Diagle and Sherri Gilbert lit the second Advent candle. The junior choir delighted with a vocal and orchestral selection. Sandra Early played the organ in the absence of Audrey Kitching.
Rev. R. Finley spoke on three roads to Bethlehem. It is a journey of the heart. Mary and Joseph went the way of necessity. Jesus would be called the wonderful councillor, the prince of peace. The way of the shepherds was the way of attraction. The third road to Bethlehem, taken by the wise men was the way of

adoration.
"In the bleak mid-winter— give Him your heart." Be prepared to lay it down before Him.
Congratulations to Jean and Earnie Davison on the birth of a daughter, a wee sister for Mark and Timmie. Also sincere sympathy to Jean in the sudden death of her father.

Hillsburgh United closing its doors

Declining membership in Hillsburgh's United Church is forcing it to close its doors at year's end.
It was dismantled and set up in Hillsburgh to house the new amalgamated church.

Parents want routes studied

Ospringle area parents of public school pupils are asking Wellington County board to review recent changes in school bus routes, because some children are travelling 17 miles more each day than before.
The bus picks up passengers before 8 a.m. and heads towards Ospringle school.
In the afternoon, the morning's route is retraced. School board officials defend the route because each passenger spends the same amount of time on the bus as anyone else.
The main reasons for recent changes in routes, is to lessen the crowding on buses.

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