Ospringe

Area residents are patients in hospitals

by Doris Fines

We know winter is coming, and we know snow is on the way, but are we ever really prepared for the first big blow, like the one that moved in Thursday night and Friday, stopping school buses and anything else that got in its way. When the sun came out did you stop to admire the architect of the snowbanks? It's fascinating to watch them being carved out and taking on ever changing shapes by nature, while you are sheltered in the warmth of the house.

Mrs. Vernon Stewart accompanied her father Mr. Andrew Johnston, to Toronto, where she visited with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Carl Banas and family, for a few days. Mr. Johnston remained for an extended visit.

Gordon Howes underwent surgery in Toronto hospital last week. Mrs. Howes is staying in the city with her daughter and son-in-law Dr. and Mrs. David Greyson, until her husband is able to return home.

Crystal Clark, 5-year-old daughter of Deborah and William Clark, is a patient in Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. We wish a speedy return to good health for both of these patients.

The Brownies' Bake and Craft sale was quite successful despite the stormy evening. There was a fair turnout, and everything was sold.

Neighbors, friends and school children have been most kind in donating food, clothing, and toys to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Clint and family, after fire completely destroyed the frame house on Highway 25. The house will be better known to some as the Struther place. Mr. and Mrs. Clint are at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Buck on the First Line. The three girls are in Mississauga with their grandparents.

A Christmas program of choruses, duets, recitations, and lots of music, was enjoyed at Knox Presbyterian Church, after the service Sunday morning, and there was a good crowd out to hear it. A rhythm band by the wee ones, and several piano selections, and guitar and accordion music were presented. A pot luck supper in the basement followed the concert.

Ospringe school is busy preparing for their Christmas concert on December 20.

John Little from Outdoor Education, put on a pioneer demonstration for grade 6 pupils, on Foods and The Way of Life of the Pioneer. He brought with him a home-made apple drier, and demonstrated how to dry apples. He had gathered wild grapes in the fall and made grape juice, and discussed the aspects of pioneer life.

Silent tribute for Mrs. McNabb

by Robina Peacock

The Sunshine Club meeting for December 8 was held in the townhall and although it wasn't a very good day 39 members came to enjoy the company of others.

After Mrs. Black welcomed everyone and the singing of "O Canada" the community singing started off with "It isn't any trouble to S M I L E" which helped everyone to get into a jovial mood, although there was a very sad undernote due to the passing of Margaret McNabb. She was a member from the time the club first starting and could always be relied on to help in any way. Everyone stood and paid silent tribute to her, remembering all the good she did.

The secretary read the report of the last meeting and then Mrs. Dunk gave the treasurer's report.

The Health Nurse visited and Mrs. Black introduced her and she gave a little talk on what her job entailed and how she can help everyone, not just babies. She left some literature about diet etc. and we hope that it will help us to prepare nutritious meals.

Mrs. Ne and Mrs. Leitch had visited the New Horizons Club, Wellington Terrace in Elora and Mrs. Leitch gave us a very enlightened description of the day they spent and learned about other Senior Citizens and what they do around here. Mrs. Nellis congratulated Mrs. Leitch on her good report.

Miss Gladys Hanna came forward and gave a reading by Edgar Guest "A Xmas Bit" and then Mrs. Davidson gave a reading "Three Monkeys" a poem which made one think about sharing.

Euchre and crokinole came next on the agenda, the high scores for euchre going to Mrs. Daisy Kingshott, Mr. Bert Davidson and Mrs. Willa Morrison; Miss Gladys Hanna and Mr. William Hayden took the high scores for crokinole.

Mrs. Mary Milne and Mrs. Elsie Leitch made bananacake, cherry, date and nut and fruit loaf which they served with cheese and a nice cup of tea for lunch. Despite the bad day everyone had a pleasant afternoon, and it all came to an end too soon for some members.

Don't forget there is no meeting in the afternoon of the 22nd December as that is the day of the Christmas dinner up in the Rockmosa Community Hall. The time of the dinner is 6 p.m. and there will be Christmas carols and entertainment during the evening.

Rockwood bowling

Rockwood Bowling team standings are as follows:

Rovers 29, Kay's Feeds 26, Nortons 24, Pelters 23, Optimists 22, Four Corners 21, Guelphites 19, Dynomites 19, Happy Gang 18, Pin pals 18; Countrymen 16, Carneys 15.

Results of games bowled Dec. 6.

Countrymen 7 pts., Peter Bosch 575, Jan Loof (spare) 565; Carneys 0 points, Howard Dunk 623, Bob Lilley (spare) 524.

Kay's Feeds 7 points, John Polo 599, Elmer Allan 547.

Optimists 0 points—Dunc Kingsbury (spare) 554, Orma Ferguson 508.

Dynomites 7 points Fred Vandervalk 587, Paul Holman 573. Pin Pals 0 points Danny Bolton 537, Kathy Holman 509.

Pelters 5 points Erke Van Driel 579, Bev Dahmer 508. Nortons 2 points Roy Nightingale 612, Ivy Ritchie 534.

Rovers 5 points Vivienne O'Brien 572, George Smith 494. Happy Gang 2 points Dennis Death 622, Rick Seim 586.

Guelphites 7 points Harve Jestin (spare) 683, Dunc McPhedran 651. Four Corners 0 points Nellie Stokman 694, Tony Stokman 536.

Men over 600: Harve Jestin (spare) 683, Dunc McPhedran 651, Howard Dunk 623, Dennis Death 622, Gary Parkes 619, Roy Nightingale 612, Sam Lawler 611.

Women over 500: Nellie Stokman 694, Erke Van Driel 579, Vivienne O'Brien 572, Jean Smith 535, Ivy Ritchie 534, Nina Coverdale 529, Kathy Holman 509, Orma Ferguson 508, Bev Dahmer 508, Ann Parkinson 508.

Limehouse

By Mrs. Art Benton

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Sam Mileham and family in the passing of Mr. Mileham a week ago.

We also extend sympathy to Mrs. R. Parker and family in the passing of Mr. Parker last week. Dick was well known here having lived here for a few years after immigrating from England.

Communion services were observed at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

The Sunday School children enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner party on Sunday afternoon.

Four lose house

A 125-year-old farmhouse on Trafalgar Rd. south of Highway 401 was reduced to rubble Monday morning, after fire broke out in the kitchen and completely destroyed the two-storey home.

Renting the home were Dave Duff, 34; Bill Marlow, 30; Glen Tombs, 22 and Chris Nyman, 29.

No estimate of value has yet been determined on the home, owned by the Ministry of Correctional Services, but four occupants renting the house have lost everything.

Ballinafad

Christmas concert is enjoyed by residents

by Mrs. Winifred Smith

Sunday was a special day at Ballinafad church. It was family and white gift Sunday.

Many parents came out with their families, to enjoy the worship service and participate in the fellowship, as lunch was served after the service in the basement. The children and young people took part in the service. The first verse of the Christmas Carol "Away In a Manger" was sung by the kindergarten class with all joining in with the other verses.

Georgina Norman read the first scripture lesson and Susanne Lewis the second scripture. The third candle of Advent was lit by Mr. Stiles, who explained in detail why it signified "The Tree of Jesse". The junior choir delighted all with an anthem. The children and grown-ups alike listened attentively as Mrs. Stiles read a Christmas story. The Munroe family took up the offering and Gerry Clarke and Paul Larose were the ushers for this family Sunday.

After lunch, served downstairs, all returned upstairs for the Sunday school concert. Joyce Clarke as superintendent for the Sunday school had charge of the program and called on Mary Jane Guest for the welcome and opening recitation.

"The Christmas Scene" was next and it was portrayed by the kindergarten class. The primary class signified "The Christmas Bells" a recording of famous bells played in Germany was provided by Mrs. Schwartz made it effective as the little ones acted their piece.

Lyn Sinclair had a recitation. Alma Sinclair and Mr. Stiles put on a humorous skit. Carol Johnson and Jennifer Monroe each gave a reading and Leigh Jessup played a piano solo which ended the Sunday school part of the program. Mrs. Pat Kerr then took over and played for a group of junior Halton County Farmers who sang several selections which were thoroughly enjoyed. Pat and Bob Kerr, with the help of son Jeffrey playing the drums, entertained with a few numbers. Mrs. Joyce Clarke on behalf of the Sunday school thanked the Kerrs and the Junior Farmers' group who had provided the extra members for the concert. Santa arrived to the tune of jingle bells and had a gift for all the children. It was a happy time for all.

The December meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. E. McEnery. It was the annual Christmas get-together when husbands were invited. It was a pot luck dinner. Christmas decorations and lighted candles graced the tables set up in the dining and living room. Delicious hot food and tempting desserts were arrayed on the kitchen table. Each took food of their choice, most took a sample of each. When the meal was over, the men sat around the table for a chat and the ladies gathered in the living room for a short business meeting.

Mrs. Slessoraitis and Mrs. Koperdraad said they would lead the new club of the 4-H Homemaking girls "Focus On Living" coming up in the New Year. The motion was carried to give the welfare committee extra money to spend for the sick and shut-ins at this season of the year. The program committee then took over and a sing-song followed.

Two amusing contests were held between the married couples. A few games of euchre were enjoyed. Lille Given and Lloyd Marshall being the winners. There was an exchange of gifts to end a happy Christmas time party. Mrs. Jamieson thanked the McEnerys for opening their home.

The Christmas dance sponsored by the hall board was very well attended on Saturday evening. There was an ample supply of food as it was a pot luck supper served buffet style. "The Country D's" supplied the music and all reported a good time.

Several parents and friends enjoyed the concert provided by the young students of Brisbane school. It was held on Thursday evening at the school.

POURING TEA at the Eden House Christmas tea on Wednesday was Mrs. Irene Stewart, formerly of Huntsville.

Ebenezer

Aerial picture taken of manse

By Mrs. Ron McLean

The superintendent, Horace Blyth, and a number of scholars had charge of the service for White Gift Sunday. Laurie Early and Greg and Jay Kitching read the scriptures, and Mrs. Earl Ward and Mrs. Mervin Thomson told stories about "Let the Children Come." Valerie and Connie Taylor lit the third Advent candle. The children are busy practicing for the concert to be held on Wednesday, December 21. It is planned to start the pot-luck supper at 6.30.

The choir carol concert is to be held next Sunday, Dec. 18, at 8 o'clock.

Since Christmas falls on Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday School.

Ebenezer U.C.W. held their December meeting at the home of Mildred Ward. Twenty ladies answered the roll with a donation for Bezek centre. The president, Audrey Kitching, opened the meeting with a reading about loneliness. It was decided to buy the book about Dr. McClure and to give Rev. and Mrs. Finley an aerial picture of the manse. The Christmas boxes for the elderly were discussed and it was decided to serve cookies after the choir candle-light service.

Mrs. Young, the evening convener, read a poem and read the scripture. Mrs. Allsop led in prayer. A number of Christmas hymns were sung. Mrs. Diamond read a poem by Laura Dixon. Mrs. Thomas gave a talk on "What is Christmas?" and then "Do you remember?" Mrs. Young read "Flight into Egypt." Mrs. Ward and Henny served lunch.

Ospringe home gutted

Fire again broke out in a frame house south of Ospringe on Highway 25, but this time the home was gutted.

The fire, last week, caused no injuries.

The house is owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority, and it is leased to the Brian Clint family.

A fire in the same house in late October caused $5,000.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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