



CHILDREN OF DUBLIN Women's Institute members opened the show at their Christmas concert Saturday evening. Back row, Jennifer McLean, Sandi Hunter, Sandy Smith, Adrian Alder (hidden), Blake Norton, Heath Norton, Jimmy McLean (hidden). Front row, Kendra Smith, Jason Hunter, Leah Kranendonk, Wendy Norton, Susan Appleyard, and John McLean.

Family Night enjoyed by Institute members

Family Night is the annual get-together of the members, husbands and families of Dublin Women's Institute. With a good night weather-wise, there was a big crowd of big and little folk at Luxton Hall on Saturday evening. Even grandparents from Fergus, Dundalk and Kildare, as well as local ones also attended.

Two Christmas trees and other Christmas Decorations beautified the hall and "The Spirit of Christmas" was everywhere. With tables set in the upstairs hall, a fine smorgasbord dinner was enjoyed by everyone. Afterwards, everything was cleared away to make way for the program.

Tammy Hunter was master of ceremonies for the evening, and Jennifer McLean welcomed everyone in verse. The program was as follows: The senior boys composed of Adrian Alder, Blake and Heath Norton and Jimmy McLean sang Christmas Carols.

Three little girls, Nancy Norton, Angela Hunter and Rachelle Appleyard, in costume, sang and acted "The Chipmunk Song". A sing-song composed of Jason Hunter, Wendy Norton, Susan Appleyard, Kendra Smith, John D. McLean, and Leah and Amy Kranendonk, with 20-month old Amy stealing the show with her unpredictable actions, was enjoyed by everyone. A pantomime, "Frosty the Snowman takes a wife",

accompanied by a recording was well presented by Blake, Heath and Nancy Norton, Tammy, Sandy and Jason Hunter, Jennifer, Jimmy and John D. McLean, Adrian Alder and Susan Appleyard. A sweet little song and dance "Susie Snowflake" was presented by Nancy Norton, Angela Hunter and Rachelle Appleyard, Leah and Amy Kranendonk, Kendra Smith and John D. McLean participating. Hidden inside an impoverished Grandfather Clock, Adrian Alder introduced a playlet "Squeaknibble's Christmas" with Sandi Lou Smith, as Molly Mouse, Jennifer McLean as Mama Mouse, Sandy Hunter as Squeaknibble, Blake Norton as Master Puss, and Nancy Norton, Angela Hunter and Rachelle Appleyard as the Three Little Mice.

In the closing number, all the children joined in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Mrs. Donna Manes was the accompanist for the children. Just about the time the program was over, Santa Claus arrived, and had gifts for all the children, the fathers, and even for a beaming grandmother from out of town, because it was her birthday. Following the program, a few games of euchre were enjoyed by the older folk attending. Much credit is due to the committee, Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. W. Lasby, Mrs. J. Kranendonk and Mrs. B.

Alder, with the assistance of some of the husbands, in presenting such a fine and enjoyable evening for everyone. It took considerable work with practices with the children preparation of costumes, etc. for them.



PLAYING THE ukelele at the Dublin's Women's Institute Christmas concert is Jason Hunter, as Heath North and Jimmy McLean sing along. In the background playing the piano is Donna Manes.

Christmas party well attended

Snowstorms prevented the members of Dublin Women's Institute from having their Christmas party on December 8, so it was postponed for a week. A fine crowd attended at the home of Mrs. Grant McMillan, No. 25 Sideroad, Esqueing (Halton Hills) on December 15. The Family Room in the home was nicely decorated with Christmas tree and other decorations. A buffet supper planned by the social committee, composed of Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. W. Frank, was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. M. Hunter, the president, opened the meeting reading "The First Christmas" from the book "Open Gateways" by Laura Dixon, followed by the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer. Some homemade Christmas gifts and decorations were exhibited and admired, as an answer to the roll call. Mrs. D. Hunter, as secretary, read the correspondence, which included notice of the next Training School for 4-H Leaders on the theme "Focus for Living" on January 19-20 at Ligny Hall. Mrs. F. Kirton will attend from the branch. Her daughter, Miss Penny Kirton, was awarded provincial honors recently. Net proceeds from a Christmas dinner served to 50

guests in Acton, was handed in to treasurer. A Christmas donation to the branch from an interested former member, now living in Guelph was received with thanks. A request from a neighboring club for 90 pies was received and accepted, to be delivered in January. Greeting cards will be sent to former residents of the neighborhood. Hamper donations will be delivered to two or three families in the vicinity to help make a happier Christmas for them.

The meeting was then turned over to the entertainment committee, composed of Mrs. H. Blyth (who was unavoidably absent), Mrs. F. Kirton and Mrs. G. McMillan. Readings with a Christmas flavor were given by Mrs. John McLean, "Christmas Blessings"; Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, "The Message of Christmas"; and Mrs. A. Near, "The Old Snowstorm". Two or three contests were presented and enjoyed. Mrs. H. Dodds and Mrs. C. McIntyre shared in the honors for having a birthday nearest to Christmas. Santa Claus arrived, and with his helper, distributed a gift to each one from her penpal of the year. Later, a small Christmas Cactus plant was presented to each member from the organization. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone as Mrs. Brian Alder expressed her thanks to Mrs. McMillan, the hostess, who was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. E. Burt and Mrs. G. Henderson, and to all who had taken part in the social and entertainment program.



RACHELLE APPELYARD, Angela Hunter and Nancy Norton danced and mouthed the words to some Chipmunks' song at the Dublin Women's Institute Christmas concert Saturday evening.

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