Rockwood Conservation Area water falls are not frozen yet but recent cold temperatures will soon turn

them into a picture postcard.

## School news

holidays.

#### Robert Little

by Ann Gardener and Lasley Sander grade 4 class has been working very hard on Christmas picture books.

Monday they visited Mrs. Meller's room and gave the books to each Person in the room. The books were read and the busy these past weeks children had some fudge preparing for Christmas. to eat.

been making a lot of gym with piano accompdecorations for their animent by Mrs. Murclassroom. Mrs. Black's phy. Many Christmas class went to the Christ- stories have been read by mas tree farm and brought back a Christmas tree for the school. They also went to the Yarn Barn. All classes are making decorations for

the tree. Mrs. Sheehan's grade 5 class are having a luncheon on Friday, Mrs. Sheehan's class has a new pupil named Thang Christmas.

Coo. He is enjoying sch-ool in Canada and bas made many new friends. Everyone is very eager

Little School! Speyside

We have been very We have sung carols Mrs. Smith's class has every morning the the the children.

> The high point of our Christmas celebrations was the concert last night (Tuesday), All the children were anxious to show their families what they can do.

We wish all families a very happy and peaceful

Really mild...surprisingly satisfying

#### Cancelling holiday can be expensive

Travellers who are hit for more money to offset rising fuel prices may discover that cancelling a holiday is expensive, Frank Drea, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations warned.

Two major package tour operators are collecting substantial cancellation charges from those who cancel because of the fuel surcharges, he added. "Those consumers lose out either way. Recently, for example, fuel surcharges amounted to almost \$100 per person for a one-week fly/cruise vacation. Cancellation charges would have cost over \$400 per person. That's really no choice at all," said Mr. Drea.

Most major package tour operators in Ontario have allowed travellers to cancel a trip without cost if they are not prepared to pay the extra charges. Customers notified of the surcharges usually have up to 10 days to either pay the additional amount or

cancel the trip without penalty. "Read the fine print in travel brochures at the time of booking," said Mr. Drea. "Make sure you understand the conditions of a particular package. If they are not clear, ask your travel agent so there will be no misunderstanding later."

### McKenzie-Smith

by Culvin Roblinson Barb Imerson Mashinter's to get out of school for the and Sandy Avila Merry Christmas from Christmas from Robert McKenzie-Smith.

First of all for this month we will discuss class 8-3's and 8-4's trip to the Kindergarten classes to help the children write

their letters to Santa.

It all started on Wed., Dec. 5, when Miss McHugh assigned us to this task. We each had two pupils to work with. It was an exciting assignment. On Mon. Dec. 9 we had our classroom doors opened only to find two Christmas trees with notes on each, saying. "To be delivered to the Kindergartens, from

> Santa. new Batamax recorder Video chased by the school student council. This recorder is to be used for all classes for recording educational shows.

Turner has organized a basketball team for our grade 6, 7 and 8 boys. Over 50 boys tried out and only about 18 were lucky. Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Gudgeon have organized a girls' basketball team. Over 60 girls tried out and only about 10 made the team. Good luck to both teams.

Students are excited about Christmas and the Christmas dance, which will be held by student council members in the gym area on Thurs., Dec. 20. HoPe to see people at this occasion.

This past month the first edition of the Observer was distri-Iŧ contained contests, and activities to do. Good luck, con-

testants! door decoration

has

started.

## Ballinafad

# UCW mark season - hold concert

ing the music.

by Winifred Smith The United Church held their Women December meeting on Tuesday evening December 11 in the basement of the church. The usual pot luck supper was held, with husbands and friends invited. There were around 50 present. The Committee in charge had the tables laid and decorated with the traditional green and red with lighted candles here and there adding the festive touch which means so much at this season of the year.

> There was a great FOWL VANISH

Much of southern Canada's waterfowl habitat is disappearing. making way for housing developments, industry and highways. Several years ago, Environment prime nesting and set aside.

variety of delicious food which all injoyed. Willa Shortill, who is president of the group conducted a short business period. Alma Sinclair gave the devotional. A program followed with local talent taking part. Reverend Stiles gave a reading which was humorous about his native Quebec. Something a little un-

usual was next on the program. The men's choir sang a verse of "Silent Night" then the verse was sung in four different languages. First in Danlsh by Carl Volmar, then in German Paul Schwarz. followed by the Welsh version by Martin Lewis and lastly Mrs. Lewis sang a verse in French.

Canada began to acquire humorous poem. Four couples performed a migratory stop-over land game which caused some in threatened areas. To merriment, this was date, more than 30 followed by all joining in national wildlife areas with the singing of have been created as a re- Christmas carols. Eileen Roberts was home again sult and more are being McEnery was planist for after being a patient in the occasion. There was the Hospital for Sick

an exchange of fancy cookies and the enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun came to a close.

The service of worship on Sunday was on the theme of Christmas all the way through as the joyous hymns announcing the Birth of Jesus sung. children's story was about the "Candy Cane and The Shepherds' Crooks." It was interesting for the adults too. The message for the grown ups given by Reverend Stiles was inspiring and made one think of the true meaning of Christmas. There will be a Christmas eve service beginning at 0 p.m. with

special music and lights. We extend sympathy to Martin Lewis gave a Mr. and Mrs. Slessoraitis reading pertaining to in their recent bereave-Christmas in Wales, ment this past week when Grace McEnery recited a Mrs. Slessoraitis lost her sister. The death occurred in Hamilton after a prolonged illness.

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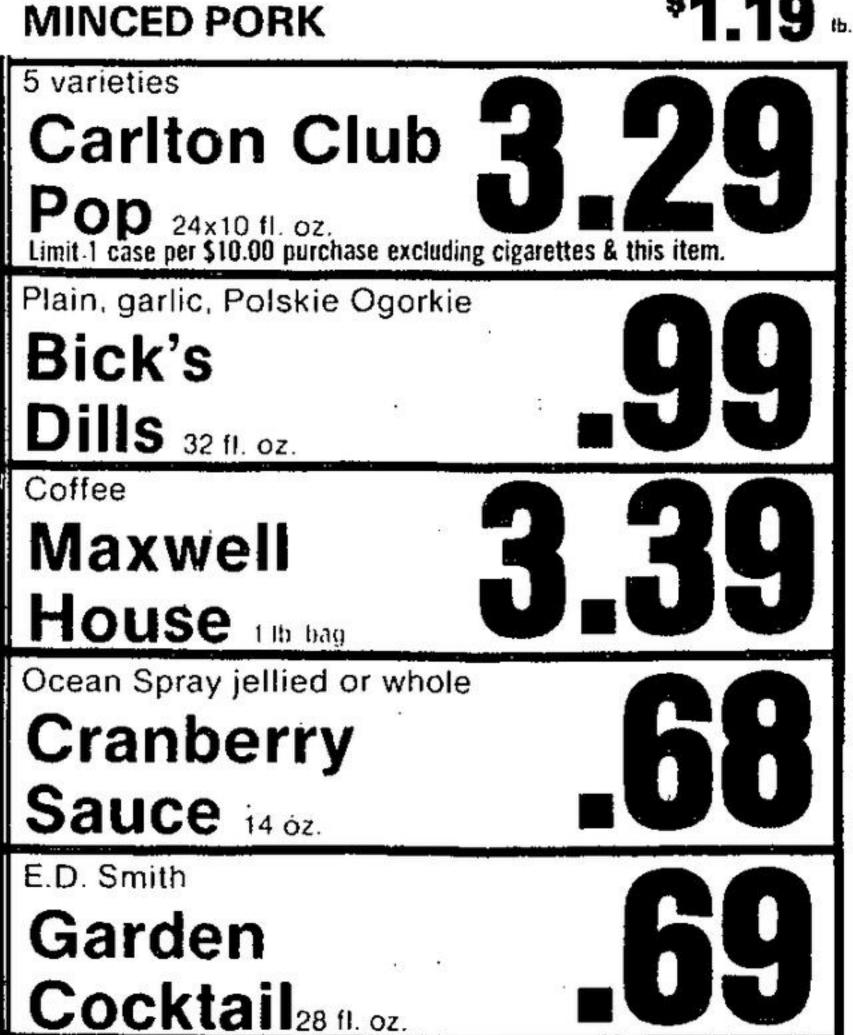
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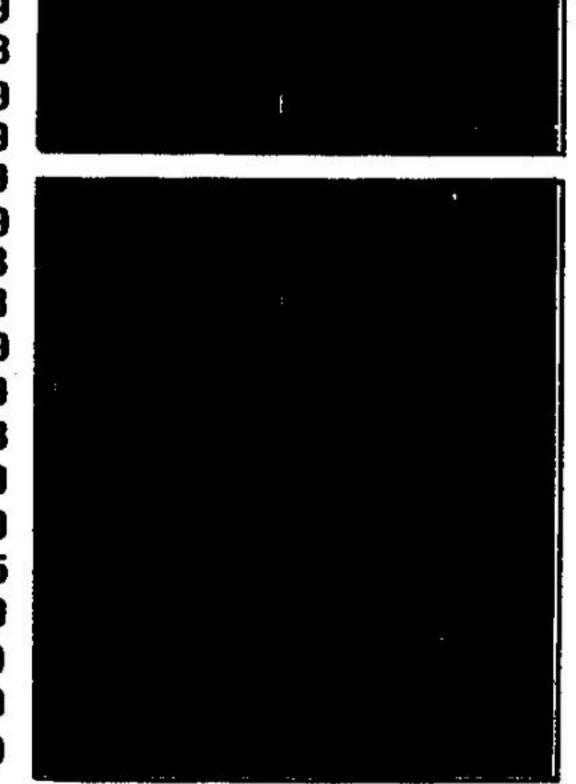
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