

Biblical interpretation of symbols at meet *Daughters of Knox*

The ladies of St. Alban's ACW held the final meeting of 1982 in Luxton Memorial Hall, December 1st with sixteen members present.

The meeting opened with the ACW prayer. Roll call was in the form of a home made cookie exchange. Babs Mitchell, Vice President, was in charge of the meeting. Mabel Barkman read the minutes of the November meeting which were adopted as presented. Marion Storey gave the treasurer's report making a special mention of the returns to date of the bazaar and tea on November 6.

Louise Lindsay expressed her gratitude to all the members who had co-operated to make the Christmas bazaar such a great success. Especially the tea of which Mrs. Lindsay was the able convener. Mrs. Mitchell conveyed a message of sincere thanks from

Penny Bristow for all the kind remembrances she had received during her stay in hospital.

Lorna Clarke read a report from the living message, and part of a letter she had received from the wife of an Anglican priest describing the work of the church at her husband's parish in Frobisher Bay. A great part of the church work is devoted to the furthering of native crafts and skills, and in training lay people among the Eskimo to minister to their own people.

Mrs. Mitchell thanked the members who had assisted at the reception following the funeral of George Paul.

St. Alban's will host the World Day of Prayer in March. A discussion was held regarding a guest speaker for the service. It was decided to send a donation to the Mothers' Union, and also to send the usual Christmas remembrance to Rev.

Laurie Dexter and his family serving in the far north.

Plans were made for the usual Christmas visits to the Manor, and nursing homes to remember former members of the parish. The January meeting will be on the second Wednesday and will take the form of a pot luck supper.

Lunch was arranged for the Epiphany Party on Epiphany Sunday in January. June Tribe gave as her meditation a biblical interpretation of most of the popular Christmas symbols, as an answer to the question—Where is the Christ of Christmas? The Christmas wreath is a sign of eternal life in Christ Jesus, and in ancient times was a symbol of victory. In Psalms 100 vs. 1, we are reminded to make a joyful sound all ye lands in the ringing of bells. The candy cane reminds us of the

Shepherd's crook and of Jesus the Good Shepherd who said "I am the good shepherd and know My sheep, and am known of men." The white of the candy cane is the sign of purity and the red stripes represent the blood of sacrifice. Of the gifts and spices the group was reminded of David who said "purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean." We should not let ordinary Christmas gifts obscure our vision of Jesus—the most precious of all gifts. In Christmas lights we are reminded of church candles, and John 8, vs. 12, in which Christ said "I am the light of the world—go shine for Me."

The star on top of the Christmas tree reminds us of the star of the east which guided the Shepherds to the manger where the Baby Jesus lay. Finally, holly makes us think of the crown of thorns with which the Roman

soldiers mocked Jesus, and the holly berries represent drops of blood. The holly wreath should be to us a crown of glory. Mrs. Tribe closed her meditation with prayer and the following poem by Helen Shick.

May the peace and love of Jesus Christ
Go with you in your way;
And bless your home and loved ones
In Spirit Christmas Day.

May the Joy of God's bright promise,
The advent of His Son,
Live evermore within each heart,
And comfort everyone.
May the faith of old time prophets,
Be with you where you are,
And may the Truth of God's own word
Remain your Christmas Star.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction followed by a tasty lunch

Name that tune is game at meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held in the Mary Ellen Anderson room on December 6. A delicious buffet dinner preceded the meeting.

Two associate members and two guests were welcomed by president Faye Pink. Margaret Toth gave the nominations committee report.

The worship portion of the program was conducted by Margaret Toth. Various Christmas symbols were distributed to several readers, who in turn read a scripture selection and then placed the appropriate symbol in a container on the table. A lighted candle in the centre of the container symbolized "Christ the Centre."

Suitable carols and hymns were sung throughout this worship service.

Jane Robertson then conducted a game entitled "Name That Tune". The group was divided in half and competed in naming a carol in as few notes as possible as the result of clues presented by Jane. The winner was the last person on the remaining team and was presented with a prize.

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It was an interesting evening and everyone had a good time at the last meeting for 1982.

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