

Norval and district news

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Sorry the Gremlins mixed up the date of the next Norval Euchre Night which will be held on Thursday evening, January 12th at 8 p.m. Hope the mistake will not cause any misunderstanding. When the euchres are held every other Thursday night it is easy to forget which night it is to be.

January 12th will be the first euchre night of the new year. The next Thursday night will be the Annual Meeting of the Norval Community Association on January 19th. Hope the flu and colds will have run their course by then and an excellent number attend.

Hope you have your calendar marked for the big Winter Dance sponsored by the

Norval Community Association to be held at the Way-Jay Club on Saturday evening, January 28th. There will be a door prize of an oil painting done by Mr. Vance of the Four Winds Art Gallery, Norval.

Norval pedestrians, which include children going to school and senior citizens, are again living dangerously this winter as they attempt to dodge the heavy traffic on No. 7 highway. There is no place else to walk as the sidewalks are piled high with snow by the snow ploughs keeping the highway clear.

Usually from Ken's Lunch to the Post Office the sidewalks are clear and pedestrians are glad to get off the highway when approaching the dangerous main corner. A special thanks to Ken Lee, Bert Carney, John Dunlop, Bill Hunter and Charlie Carney for their efforts in keeping the walks clear. It is a frustrating job as the snow plough often comes along just when they have finished and the sidewalk is piled high again. Most home owners in the village make no attempt to clear the snow against such odds.

Traffic is not heavy on the side streets as walking on the road on these streets is not too bad if one is careful but walking on the highway is a dangerous experience at any time of the day.

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, celebrated Christmas with special services. On

Sunday, December 18th, the Lesson of the Carols service was held with a good attendance in spite of the icy roads and had driving conditions. Those reading lessons during the service were Catherine Casselman, Freda Steele, Charlie Coomber, Barbara Ferri, Ormie Carter, and Fred Dobbin.

The church was full for the midnight service on Christmas Eve conducted by Rev. R. Ruggie.

The Sunday School held their Christmas party before Christmas in the Parish Hall following the church service. A pot luck luncheon was enjoyed after which all classes of the Sunday School participated in presenting the Huron carol dressed in Indian costumes. This is the carol the post office Christmas stamps for letters was based on this year. Santa Claus arrived to distribute the gifts which ended an enjoyable time.

Norval Brownies went carolling through the village in place of their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, December 13th. Many people were surprised to hear their young voices singing the familiar carols at their front door. They ended the evening back at the Norval School Community Centre for hot chocolate.

The Brownies Christmas party was held in the parish hall with about 40 attending as mothers of the Brownies were special guests. A Kentucky Fried Chicken supper was

followed by carol singing, and a visit from Santa Claus to distribute the gifts ended an enjoyable evening.

Norval United Church Sunday School concert was held on Thursday evening, December 22nd, with a full church for the excellent program with each class taking part.

The Junior choir sang several selections and presented two skits during the program. One group from the choir presented "Precious Babe was Born" and another group presented "Sharing With Each Other."

At the beginning of the program Susan Campbell and Dawn Ogden read welcoming poems followed by a poem by superintendent Gordon Laidlaw. Gord also gave a short talk on Advent Candles.

Ruth Anne Wilson's kindergarten class sang Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. The primary class with Gayle Robinson and Brenda Kistner as teachers presented the Christmas story. Gwen Laidlaw's junior class acted out "The Night Before Christmas." Lori and Diane Smith gave a baton twirling demonstration. The boys of Rosie Laidlaw's intermediate class presented a skit "Back to Nature" and the girl's skit was entitled "Happy Birthday to Jesus", three girls presented a humorous skit "Have You Tried Nicotine Watchers."

Gordon Laidlaw presented Rev. R. Walter Ridley with a

gift on behalf of the Sunday School, after which the Teen choir and young people brought down the house with their skit "The Gong Show."

The program opened and closed with an enjoyable sing song. Santa Claus and a clown arrived to help distribute the gifts and candy and the evening ended with a social time with a lunch of donuts, chocolate milk or coffee and an orange for everyone.

Norval United Church Couple Club held their annual New Year's Eve party at the Stewarttown Hall with about 50 in attendance. The number of couples present was down from previous years as the flu is still going the rounds in the community with some people quite sick with it.

The group enjoyed dancing

to records until midnight, then a sing song was followed by a delicious buffet lunch with Mrs. Strong in charge.

Gordon and Jean Heid's group were in charge of the music; Bill and Gwen Laidlaw's group were in

charge of the tickets and prizes; Garnet & Glen Laidlaw's group were in charge of the food; and Paul & Betty Johnson's group were in

charge of decorating, horns, hats, etc. All report a very enjoyable evening to send off the old year and to bring in the new one.



Hal Porter

Exchange student selected by Rotary

By Lori Taylor
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Hal Porter, a 17-year-old Georgetown district high school student, will be spending a year abroad beginning next August as a participant in the Rotary International Youth Exchange program.

In the exchange program, students from different countries spend a year abroad, living with Rotarian families, studying in foreign schools, and telling people about their native countries. At present, Marie Francois Boffe, a Belgian student, is spending a year in Georgetown.

This is the first year in which Georgetown has been involved in the program. Hal said, it has not yet been decided which country Hal will be visiting, although he is hoping to go to Belgium. Hal is studying French and German at school, and hopes to continue studying languages at university.

Hal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce Porter. He is vice-president of the Junior Curling Executive at the North Hutton Golf and Country Club, and also a member of the GDHS boy's curling team. He is a member of the school cross-country team, and plays golf. In addition he is a member of the Georgetown Little Theatre, and plays classical guitar.

because of such requirements as a \$200 fund, kept replenished all year for any necessity which might arise, and the fact that the student's parents are required to pay for the trip, the number of applicants had dropped to seven by the time the Rotary Club interviewed the students.

During the interviews, which were held at the high school, the students were asked questions about Canadian history and geography, and were also asked to talk a little about themselves. They were required to write an essay about themselves and what they hoped to accomplish on their trip abroad.

"I was very nervous," Hal said. "We all were—we were all in the same boat." Hal will be leaving in the middle of next August, two or three weeks before school starts, so he can get settled in first.

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