

Over 400 attend Norval dance Saturday

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Herald correspondent

Over 400 people attended the Norval Community Association Winter Dance on Saturday at the Way Jay Club, Norval. It was a good party with most families in the community and their friends enjoying the dance and the lunch. The Versatile Four Band were versatile in their selections they played for dancing even to a selection on the bag pipes. During the evening Hugh McFarlane, president of the Norval Community Association for the first 3 years of the Association, was presented with a plaque on behalf of the community for his excellent and enthusiastic leadership, by the new president Art Reinhardt. The plaque reads: "Presented in appreciation to Hugh McFarlane, Charter member and first president, Norval Community Association, 1975-78".

The door prize of an oil painting of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, painted by Mr. Vance of the Four Winds

Gallery, was won by Marlene and Dave McClure. There were several other door prizes and a couple of spot dances.

George Smith and his committee of Mary Robinson, Marie Carney, Art Sweezie and David Hughes worked hard to make the dance a success and were pleased that the roads were cleared in time for people to get out to the dance.

The big blizzard of January, 1978, is past history now, and thank God there were no tragic results in this area, but will long be remembered as the worst storm in memory.

Everyone in the community has their own story to tell about the blizzard that hit this part of Ontario with hurricane winds and blowing snow that made driving on the roads impossible on Thursday, Jan. 26. People unable to get home from work, cars abandoned by the hundreds and homeowners taking in stranded motorists, are all familiar stories. People helping others through the crisis by rescuing them from their stranded cars was what saved many people from

tragedy on that afternoon and night of horror in this area.

Many cars were stranded at the top of the cemetery hill and along the town line with residents taking the people into their homes. Cars were abandoned all along Highway 7 and at Whaley's Corners at the corner of Steele's Avenue and the town line. It was a nightmare. McCallum's Esso Station sheltered hundreds of travellers in the tie up of stranded cars in that area with other homes in that community doing their share of rescuing the bogged down people. A good many people were still busy digging out their cars from the snowbanks on Saturday on all roads in this area.

It was a terrifying ordeal for all, whether out on the road or not as those at home were frantic with worry about members of the family or friends who were caught on the road in the blizzard. Mother Nature sure showed who was boss on that unforgettable day and night.

Pte. Kevin Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H.

Harrison, of Norval, flew to Cairo, Egypt, on Jan. 18 to join the United Nations peace keeping force at Ismailia. He will be part of the Canadian contingent now stationed there and will serve a six month tour of duty.

Kevin enlisted in the Canadian Armed Force as a regular soldier two years ago and this is his first overseas tour. He has been stationed at Canadian Armed Forces Base Downsview since he completed his basic training. He was serving as a Mobile Support Equipment Operator in the 73rd Transport Section. His new position is to the 73rd Service Battalion.

The Harrison family are hoping that Kevin will return from overseas this summer in time to attend his sister Gail's wedding.

Norval United Church annual meeting was held at the church following a luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, January 29, with Rev. R. Walter Ridley as chairman and Mrs. Glenn Laidlaw as secretary.

All reports indicated a very

active year in all groups of the church and the financial report showed a good balance to start the year.

The property committee were busy during the year. The pointing of the brick work at the church was finished, electrical rewiring was done, and windows were caulked and painted. Painting was done at the Manse and landscaping around the house.

Two new elders elected for a five year term were Mrs. Kay Wilson and Charlie Carney. Appointed to the Executive Committee of the Church were Mrs. Gwen Laidlaw as secretary and Mrs. Anne Wilson to represent Unit Two of the U.C.W. The treasurer, Mrs. Mary Crawford, the auditors, Manse committee and other elected members of committees were all reappointed for another year.

Get well wishes are extended to Gordon Browne who is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton with pneumonia.



FRIENDSHIP SOUP

Since last week was Nutrition Week staff and students at St. Francis of Assisi school undertook to make Friendship Soup for lunch on Thursday. Pupils brought in the vegetables and added them to the beef stock prepared by two of the teachers and it was put on to boil in

preparation for the noon meal. Jacqueline Mostard, 6, prepared to dish up for Gary Donovan, 6, then backed down because the soup was too hot. The 62 youngsters sharing lunch at school that day brought along their own fruit dessert to accompany the soup and rolls.

Silverwood WI meeting report

By MRS. L. GIFFEN

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Jan. 12 at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. George Burt.

Our first vice-president Mrs. H. Lindauer opened the meeting by all singing the Opening Ode. Ten members and one visitor answered the roll call. What in your early family life influenced your decisions to-day.

The minutes of the Nov. and Dec. meetings were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

Several thank you notes were read from those who were remembered at Christmas.

A letter was read from Farm Safety and it was voted that Mrs. Carmichael be our representative for 1978.

Mrs. Marchington, our Family & Consumers Affairs convenor took over the

meeting. She read a paper of a Quebec lady who had at one time lived in Nairobi and returned last year to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference held in Nairobi. She not only

told of the conference but of the land, the people and interesting facts.

Mrs. Marchington ended her program with a contest on the parts of the body. The meeting

closed followed by a social half hour.

We are all pleased to hear that Mrs. M. Corbett is home from hospital and progressing favourably.

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The pumper, the first diesel-equipped unit to be added to the fire department, will cost \$58,097 and be delivered in late fall, Fire chief Mick Holmes said.

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