

Community

Ballinafad news

Village church celebrates season

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

The village church was the scene of much activity this past Sabbath. Not only was it White Gift Sunday, it was family Sunday, also the second Sunday in Advent. Families attended in good number. Members of the congregation took part in the service.

Ross Munro and Darryl Johnson were the ushers. Mrs. Pat Kerr gave the opening prayer and read the Scripture lesson. Susan Guest lit the second candle, the candle of Hope. The theme of the service was "Share the gifts of God". This being the Year of the Child, the message was directed to the rows of children who occupied the two front seats of the church.

The presentation "Now let us bring our gifts to the Christ child" was narrated by Paul Schwarz, Gloria Johnson and Sheila Stiles.

The children had a part in the presentation as they open-

ed gifts for the Christ child. The white gifts were then brought forth and placed on the table in front of the church. During the service, both the junior choir and the men's choir favored with the singing of anthems.

The Kerr family took up the offering on this special Sunday. At different intervals the familiar Christmas hymns were sung adding much to the joy at this happy season of the year. Most families stayed for lunch which was served in the basement following the service.

Immediately after lunch, people returned upstairs to await the Sunday school concert. They were soon rewarded when the children, dressed in costumes of the different countries of the world, marched up the aisles of the church singing "He's got the whole world in his hands".

Mrs. Pat Kerr was chairman and first called on Lorne Quackenbush for his welcome remarks.

Bob Pinkerton favored with a solo. Then the children were called on. Each teacher was responsible for her class. First the youngsters on the stage, dressed in Irish costumes, eating a meal around the table on Christmas morning with candles glowing. Eileen Brown read the "Legend of the Christmas Candle". A family from Poland next appeared with Mrs. Munro reading the script about Christmas in Poland. Edith Volmar's class depicted Sweden.

Chris Quackenbush's class were dressed in Dutch old fits with many wooden shoes on display. Helen Schwarz read a paper on Christmas in Belgium with the little ones on stage representing a family in Belgium.

Mexico was the last country to be represented. Helga Schwarz told of the customs of Mexico with her class portraying it on stage. It was a nice way of getting all children involved as all like to dress up.

Mrs. Kerr commented and said that we all have our own way of celebrating Christmas, but no matter where we live Christmas means the same to Christians the world over.

A nice feature in the program was a group of young teenagers pretending they were the characters in the event which happened over 2000 years ago, "The Miracle Birth". They spoke in today's language, enacting the scene as if it were happening today.

The junior choir sang two numbers. Jennifer Munro gave a reading. Grace McEnery recited two humorous poems, the three O'Connor girls sang "The Little Drummer Boy". Mrs. Stiles gave a reading on Christmas. Peter Volmar played a number on the guitar.

To end the program, the Kerr family entertained with a few selections before Santa Claus arrived. On his arrival Willa and Fred Shortill welcomed him with a song. All the youngsters present received something from Santa. This being the year of the child, it was their day.

Much credit is due the teachers, the musicians, the choir leaders, the young people who decorated the tree so beautifully, the children themselves who behaved so well, the parents and all who helped to make this annual event one of fellowship and joy.

Ernest and Eileen McEnery welcomed W.I. members, their husbands and friends into their home last Wednesday evening for the December meeting and Christmas pot luck supper. The home was beautifully decorated. Tables were laid and set with candles aglow for this festive occasion. There was an ample supply of delicious hot food. Alma Sinclair and Margaret Jamieson were responsible for the super desserts.

After the meal, the husbands chatted around the dining room table. The ladies gathered in the living room for a brief business session. Betty Koperdraad and Eleanor McLean were in charge of the program. A couple of games were played to get things started, then card tables were set up and Court Whist was played for an hour or so. The winners being ladies - Helen Brown, Mrs. Koperdraad, and Eileen Burt. Gents were Don Brown, Leo Jamieson and Peter Koperdraad. The prizes for card game were donated by Eleanor McLean and Betty Koperdraad. A nice gesture of the evening was the presentation to the special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown.

They were each given a small gift to show the appreciation for the hospitality the Browns showed in opening their home for the W.I. Euchre last winter.

The gift exchange then took place. Ernie and Jefe McEnery, accompanied by Eileen McEnery at the organ played some favorite Christmas carols, also some lively dance music.

Peter Koperdraad, husband of one of the members was celebrating a birthday so the happy birthday song was played and sung for him. The host and hostess were thanked by all, before leaving for home and a pleasant evening came to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laughlin entertained members of her family to a dinner party at their home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannes Baumann, from West Berlin, Germany, were guests over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwarz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson spent the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Johnston at Barrie.



MAGIC POWER

Under that top hat, cape and beautiful nose and moustache is Mark, who was called on to supply a little extra magic power Thursday night at the Georgetown Legion's annual Christmas party for children. Clowns Pepi and Jack needed Mark's assistance in a very difficult trick involving a dog (the hot dog kind).

(Herald photo)

Christmas party enjoyed by all

By ROMA TIMPSON

Ladies Auxiliary general meeting is this Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. This is pot luck, remember so do come along for an evening of fun and friendship, as this is the night you will be honoring your senior ladies.

The ladies were bowling on Saturday and placed second to go on to Regional in April, when they will go to New Toronto. Congratulations to Marion Carney, Leanne Hall, Barb Burns, Anne Nicholson, Bev Van Alphen and Nellie Bell, Acton auxiliary were first and we heartily congratulate our neighbors up the highway.

Anniversary congratulations to two nice couples, Sarah and Bill Richards and Betty and Mac McLean. Happy years ahead to you and to all celebrating your special day.

Doris and Frank Hale are here visiting us for a few weeks. I haven't been talking to them as yet but hope to see them before they go back out west. We welcome you 'home' again, folks, and enjoy your visit.

Friday night entertainment will be Bob Hillier and, for those who like Mini-Bingo, you

Clergy comment

World peace starts at home

By FATHER OTGER DEVENT
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Everyone (well, almost everyone) is opposed to war and wants peace in the world. Yet, if this is so, why are the major nations careening pell mell toward the suicidal destruction of nuclear war?

The conventional wisdom, of course, is that we are not preparing for war. We are rather preparing to avoid war, the reasoning being that a weak nation invites conquest by an aggressor while a strong nation keeps aggressors fearful of our reprisal, at bay.

But this reasoning ceases to make sense when we entered the nuclear age. This reasoning may have made sense when an aggressor could impose its troops via landing craft on the shores of its principal adversary or when he shares a land border as do the Soviet Union and China.

But that kind of war is an anachronism. Even with a million incredibly well-armed troops and complete control of the air and seas, the United States could not overcome the forces of tiny, divided Vietnam. And to suggest that Russia could over-run western Europe or China without provoking an intercontinental nuclear catastrophe is naive. It is also illogical to believe that, ever again, anyone could win a nuclear war.

Yet the war itself never directly touched this continent. Not a single North American civilian was even grazed by a bullet or singed by napalm. Not one building, not so much as an abandoned garage, was destroyed. But it is utter nonsense to expect such immunity to continue if we are involved in another major war.

Even the most hawkish of our legislators and military admit that "the West" has the capacity to kill every Russian many times over (and that they, of course, have the same capacity to kill us.)

To go on manufacturing more and more, even deadlier weapons is madness. To do this willingly is grossly immoral, a fact that should ring out again and again. Mere rhetoric is pitifully inadequate unless it leads to action. The action it must lead to is disarmament and if we claim to be moral people, it must begin with us, regardless of what the Russians or the rest of the world does.

If we mean the words "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me", we will say, "the buck stops here!" and vow never again to make a nuclear weapon. We know too well that continued building of nuclear armaments will lead inevitably to nuclear war, and that a nuclear war can only be the end of our world.

will be able to play that in the clubroom on Saturday evening when Bob will be entertaining you there. Bring down a friend or two and enjoy the weekend.

The Santa Christmas party is a thing of the past now, but the kids seemed to enjoy the evening with Jack and Pepi the Clowns, and dear old Santa, Mark Hillier, Jamie Lowrie, Erica Green, Teresa Gale, Mark Chapman and Michele Green were called upon to assist Jack and Pepi. Winners of the draws to be sold to members were \$50 John P. O'Reilly, \$50 Connie Ferguson, \$50 Ted Giefert, and \$10 winners were Walter Hancock, Richard Wright, Derek Williams, Janis Schenk and George Greig.

Gordy King wishes to thank most sincerely all who helped him with the tickets and said the response was just terrific. We thank you, Gordy, for taking on the sale of tickets and all the work you put into it.

Christmas carollers were singing in the club room Thursday when Gordy King, Bill Collier, Frank Golden, Dave Wood, Jim Gilchrist and Alymer Hill got together with a view to cheering up the atmos-

phere in the clubroom. Nellie Bell added her voice to the group and, who knows, we may have a new recording group in our midst; they sounded very good.

CAR CLUB

Car club winners are 107 Al McFadyen, 227 Charlie Jenner, 307 Terry Brush, 183 Mike Larusso, 364 Trev Williams and 15 Ed Lacy.

Al Grieve and Bobby Williams are our shuffleboard winners, nice going fellows. Lucky draw winners were happy Harold Badham and Roy Booth.

A reminder from your sports officer that euchre will start right on time this Saturday (2 p.m.) because Gib Telford has his turkey shoot this Saturday afternoon, also (about 3:30 p.m.), and we don't want one sport to interfere with the other. If interested in either, please be on time and hope you enjoy the afternoon.

We welcome Harry Allen, who is transferring to our branch from Milton, and also welcome Joel Angel, who will be an ordinary member of our branch. Please join in and enjoy the activities of Branch 120.

Thank you to the branch for their most generous donation of \$125 for the Good Neighbor Service. We appreciate your continued support and financial assistance.

Clan Donald celebrates Christmas

By OLIVE FRASER

The Grand River Valley Branch of the Clan Donald Society of Canada held its annual Christmas party at the Chateau Kress Hotel, Cambridge.

Special guests from Toronto were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Gordon Leggett, chairman of Clan Donald Council of Canada and from the Toronto Branch of Clan Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacDonald, First Vice President, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Treasurer and Secretary and Mr. and Mrs. John McCoughan, genealogist.

Door prizes were won by William Murphy, Cambridge, Mary Beth Boyer, Kitchener and Robert Blater, and Dorothy MacDonald, Sophia Dunseath, Graham McLeod, Neil McDonald, all of Guelph.

The draw on the Afghan was won by Roddy Alexander, Cambridge, and special prizes by Margaret MacDonald and Mort Johnstone of Cambridge.

Spot dance prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Alistair Mell-wraith, Elsie Alexander and Russell Henderson, all from Cambridge.

Don Krull was disc jockey for the evening.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Money unnecessary at Christmas

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS
Herald columnist

Come on, everyone - where is the Christmas spirit this year? I am beginning to feel as though I am all dressed up for a party that's been suddenly cancelled.

So you have not yet completed your shopping? I have not even begun, never seeming to have a suitcase of money at my disposal to make the expedition to the local plaza worthwhile. Admittedly, a few out-of-town cards have been mailed, but that, so far, has been my sole contribution to the Canadian economy.

However, I just cannot bring myself to the point of despair and refuse to be downcast. That which you do not have, you cannot spend and there is no enjoyment, or sense, in allowing a season to put you into the regrettable position of debt, despite the TV commercials that beg you to "just charge it". After all, does spring come any less readily because it costs us nothing?

Did the shepherds on that long-ago Bethlehem hillside have money? The Christmas star, the sense of mystery and awe that overwhelmed those poor men, was none the less real for lack of a Chargex card.

BIRTH DATE

So you cannot magically produce gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh from under your tree. Actually, I have never met anyone for whom myrrh was high on their list of coveted objects. Sometimes it would seem that we have lost, during more recent affluent times, what it is we are really celebrating. It is the reminder of a birth date - the birth of a child, who became the Man who gave us a vision. It was the simplest of events and, true to many of the less-heralded occasions in our own lives, was the more far-reaching.

It immortalized the parent and child union, and how often do we regretfully take that for granted? It symbolized the family and the ultimate gift of life. Which would we be more prepared to sacrifice: a parcel under the tree or loving family ties?

Nothing is going to reduce the smell of a roasting turkey and the aroma of shortbreads and mince tarts. Nothing can take away the anticipated arrival of brothers, sisters, parents and children, to commemorate together this most special day. What gift could ever equal a look of love from those we love, who say: "Hey, you're O.K. with me".

No admission price will bar your way into church; nothing prevents you from gazing at the Creche with your child, repeating the beautiful story of the first Christmas and singing together the age-old carols that take on their true meaning in those special surroundings.

It is the time for a softened tone of voice, a ready smile; a time to give a verbal message of love and acceptance to those who are closest to us.

Hey everybody, it is Jesus' birthday - the party is on! Come, not with regrets for the gifts you cannot give, but with a loving heart that means so much more.

Terra Cotta WI enjoys theatre

The Terra Cotta W.I.'s November Cultural Activities meeting took the form of a theatre night at the Lester B. Pearson Theatre.

Eleanor Macdonald and Isabel McMullen were the committee in charge of arranging the evening, which was the play, "Superman" produced by the Brampton Musical Society. Following the musical the group went to the home of Mrs. Owens MacDonald for a short business meeting.

Mrs. Fred Sharpe, presi-

dent, presided. The roll call was answered by a Fact about our Prime Minister. Mrs. C.G. Bishop and Mrs. Art McKane were delegates to the Central Area W.I. convention in Toronto. Mrs. McKane gave her report, also the report prepared by Mrs. Bishop. These reports gave the highlights of the convention. Mrs. Clarence Lyons gave the courtesies. Mrs. Clifford Cook and Mrs. Norm News, assistant hostesses, served lunch and a social time for all present was enjoyed.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Acton Agricultural Society honored several of its hardworking members recently, including Earl and Marie Steekley who will be leaving the community soon, Jack Marshall who was president from 1965 to 1967, and Walter Linham who was president in 1950. Mr. Linham (left) received his life membership pin from another former president Lloyd McEnery.

(Herald photo)

Visitors from B.C. stay in Limehouse

By MRS. A.W. BENTON
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W.K. Brigham of Westbank, B.C. visited his sisters Mrs. Roughley and Miss Brigham for a week recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale, former residents here, now of British Columbia, are visiting Mrs. Ralph Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burt were welcomed as new members of Limehouse - Presbyterian Church at Communion services on Sunday.

Members of Limehouse Women's Institute and their families enjoyed hot turkey dinners

at Limehouse Memorial Hall on Thursday evening. During table-clearing after, Mrs. Bert Benton was at the piano for a sing-song.

Mr. Cannon, a member's husband was introduced by W.I. secretary-treasurer Mrs. Kirkwood. He had been an exchange teacher in Wales for a year.

He and his wife and family lived in the country there for a year. He showed a large number of splendid slides of Wales and Guernsey Island. He was thanked by W.I. president Mrs. Anderson.

MEET THE PRESIDENT



Doug Wodhams

Georgetown Model Railroad Club president Doug Wodhams has been in the club since it was established in 1971. He was secretary for the first couple of years and this is his first turn in the president's chair.

The club has about 15 members and business meetings are held the second Monday of each month in a member's home. Members pay an initial fee of \$35 and a \$2 monthly fee thereafter. Although the club has had no real home for the past year, members are building a modular layout in one of the member's basement which can be used for future displays. The club has put on shows for Scouts, at Georgetown District High School and in both libraries and hopes to put on more shows in the future. The club is a hobby group, Mr. Wodhams explained, and its main interest is in providing contact for fellow enthusiasts and interesting more people in the hobby. Members swap expertise, shop together for parts and even loan each other parts in emergencies. Most members have their own layouts at home.

Mr. Wodhams has lived on McIntyre Crescent for several years but moved to Bronte last week. Fittingly enough, he works at signal maintenance for the Canadian National Railway at Port Credit. He lists photography and trains as his hobbies.