

# Community

Ashgrove news

## Snowman, elves visit WI meeting

By MRS. JOHN BELLBODDY  
Herald correspondent

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Hillcrest United Church with Mrs. Clayton Wilson as hostess, the Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held with 35 members and three visitors present. At 12:30 all sat down to beautifully decorated tables in the red and green Christmas colors and enjoyed a lovely pot luck luncheon.

At 2 p.m. President Mrs. Robt. Alexander opened the meeting with a short reading, Happiness at Christmas; roll call was answered by "Gifts money cannot buy". A committee was appointed for a euchre in the winter, but a dance was cancelled for this year.

Mrs. Harvey Nurse was in charge of the program and called on Mrs. James Carney for the motto "Christmas is love, Christmas is friends, Christmas is sharing. All Heaven sends", which left some grand Christmas thoughts with us.

Mrs. Bellboddy gave a reading on the day after Christmas, then the special guest, Gail Collett from Col-Crafts in Guilphrey Square delighted the ladies as she demonstrated felt and sequins. She made a snowman, some elves, red felt mitts which could be used as book marks, she covered a small broom with lovely ribbon and a large bow, also had crocheted and knitted articles over the styrofoam. A door wreath was covered with ribbon and lots of greenery.

With Mrs. James Carney at the piano, Mrs. Ford Wickson led us in some Christmas carols which we all love at this time of year. Mrs. Charles Austin, a former well-loved member of our Institute, sent greetings from Florida and wished she could have been with us. All sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and after

an exchange of gifts, meeting closed with a light refreshment of punch and cookies. Mrs. N. Haisl gave courtesies.

December Sundays have been busy ones concerning the children. On the 9th, they brought white gifts for the poor children who might not receive anything on the sixteenth was their big day, as they presented a Christmas pageant in the church service had a luncheon, a short program and then jolly Santa arrived to give them

their gifts.

We all extend sympathy to Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, whose mother, Mrs. Edward Fish passed away on the seventeenth, a death of a loved one is sad at any time, but more so at the Christmas season.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thompson, who celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary Dec. 29. We all wish this fine couple will have many more.

### Limehouse scouts

## Xmas campfire ends program

By MRS. F. HANNAH

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be finishing their fall program this week with a combined Christmas campfire in Limehouse Hall. Each section is taking part in the program and there will be a sing-song and refreshments. This will complete a fairly busy month for them.

Five first-year Cubs attended a District Craft Workshop where they learned three new crafts.

Beavers and Cubs, their leaders and some parents attended the play "Mother Goose" put on by the Georgetown Little Theatre. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Group Committee purchased a Christmas tree this year and the Beavers decorated it. It looked so nice, it was used in the hall for the Scouters' Club pot luck supper. The Beavers had a Christmas party last week complete with Santa Claus.

The Cubs have spent the last three weeks working on a special Christmas craft.

The Scouts had a night out swimming and they also attended a District Scout Fun Night at Joseph Gibbons School in Georgetown. The Fun Night was organized by the Limehouse Scout leaders.

Group Committee had their Christmas meeting Dec. 13 in the hall with a social evening following but only eight people showed up. There will be no paper pick up in December.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

### Limehouse Games highlight party

By MRS. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent

We regret the death of our dear friend, Mrs. W.T. Mills, (Gertrude LePauve) on Dec. 12, age 95 years. We extend sympathy to the family.

Due to the illness of Rev. P. Barrow, Rev. W.A. Douglas of Brampton, preached here on Sunday. At noon, the Sunday school children enjoyed a Christmas party with games, making decorations for their tree, and ended with a sit down dinner party.

We wish the many readers of the Herald and all those associated with its publication the greetings of the season.

Limehouse Public School children presented their annual Christmas entertainment "Christmas around the World" with songs, recitations, dialogues and dances all well acted last Monday evening before a capacity crowd.



### KING AND QUEEN

Old King Cole, John Epitropou, and his Queen, Amy Powers, were among the stars of the Christmas play at Joseph Gibbons School last week. The play told the story of Old King Cole's prime minister, who didn't like the Fiddlers Three because they made everyone happy. The prime minister sent them away, and it took a new prime minister to make everyone at court happy again.

(Herald photo)

## Legion plans a party to greet the New Year



### Legion Lines

By Roma Timpson

Col. Telford held a very successful Turkey Shoot last Saturday and the winners were Bob Dunn, Jack Timpson, Joe Louth, Bill Collier and Frank Nicholson. Nice going fellows.

This Friday in your lounge, Ross Summerville, and on Saturday it will be Pete Edge, two very popular DJ's, to keep everyone happy while relaxing in the lounge. Plan to attend this weekend and enjoy the season's happy spirits.

Next week in the lounge will be Pete Edge again and Norm Eyre to finish off the 1979 season. Planning to be with us for New Year's Eve? I believe the band leader's name is Larry Rose and his band is from Toronto. Two lovely gal singers accompanied the band Remembrance Dinner evening.

The winners of the car club draw were H. Chapple (34), B. Reynolds (43), Bob Williams (100), Imp Section (105), Bud Vorey (77), Ellen Burns (255).

Turkey winners for the Wednesday night Legion Bowling league were J. Reid (8) Trip

les (621), B. Wilson (762), Jim E. (722), Bob D. (643), Iona L. (646), Norm B. (686), Pat B. (648), May B. (716), Don B. (640), Marion C. (782). Chickens were won by D. Day (228), Elaine Z. (222), Gary L. (256), June G. (279), Pat. M. (204), Kay S. (238), Willie H. (236), Archie L. (239), Bev B. (226), Cindy A. (264).

Celebrating birthdays this past week and next week are Mae Tost and Aleda McCartney. A special good wish to you both and many happy years ahead. Oh yes, almost forgot my good friend Betty Sandifer will be celebrating her birthday Dec. 22. Every good wish to you also.

Our good friends, Ivan Reynolds, Peter Barrow and Earl Emoud, are not well this week and we all send along our very best wishes to you both and to all others in hospital. Follow

doctor's orders and you'll be fit as a fiddle in no time. Ivan is in Toronto General and Padre Peter and Earl in Georgetown.

Editor's note: We're pleased to add that Rev. Barrow returned home from hospital Dec. 18.

Bert Porter and Eric Clarke were euchre winners last Saturday and Derek Williams and Dick Suceve were runners up. Nice going fellows.

Short column this week folks and no column next week, just Christmas greetings.

### Region approves grant procedure

Halt regional council has approved the procedure, special conditions and criteria to be used in the awarding of financial grants to social service agencies in 1980.

A recommendation approving the new system, according to the draft of the procedures, include the provision of equal accessibility to funding for the agencies and equal accessibility to services for residents. The system is also intended, in the short term, to develop a standardized format for social services budget submissions for the 1980 budget year.

What the system will try to promote in the long term, the draft states, is a "regional identity" in the field of social services.

In keeping with that objective, the draft stresses that these agencies applying for grants should be providing programs of services specifically for the residents of Halt.



Immediate Past President John Horning (left) is congratulated by current President Norm Guthrie (right) (Herald photo)

## Local Optimists receive 2 awards

The two highest awards, made at the club level by Optimist International, the Distinguished President Award and the Honour and Distinguished Club Award, have been bestowed upon the Optimist Club of Georgetown, and its past president John Horning.

The announcement was made last week by Norm Guthrie, this year's president. The Distinguished President Award, comprised of a citation and suitably engraved wrist watch, is given in recognition of exceptional leadership and accomplishment. This title is awarded only to the president of a club that has also qualified as an honor club.

Notification of these honors

for outstanding work as a community service organization came from James Creed, D.V.M., President of Optimist International. The awards to the Distinguished President, as well as the Honor and Distinguished Club medalion that is attached to the club banner, will be presented at a future date, to be announced.

"We are very proud to learn of our winning these awards, and particularly proud of our Distinguished President of last year, John Horning who headed the club when this activities record was achieved," Mr. Guthrie commented.

The Optimist Club of Georgetown, chartered in 1972 with 42 members, now boasts 79 members.

## ON THE HOMEFRONT New decade is a blank sheet

By SUSAN DEFACEANDIS  
Herald columnist

On Monday, the midnight bells will once again ring out and a multitude of voices will chorus the traditional words to, Auld Lang Syne.

The young will perform the ritualistic kiss joyously - it is, after all, impossible to see the end of the road when one is just setting foot on the journey. The middle-aged will possibly be a little more thoughtful and there will be the inevitable shedding of a tear from those who are unwillingly alone.

This New Year will be different in that we are facing a new decade, an unknown entity that we are free to shape as we will; a fresh, blank sheet, on which to write our lives. What will be the legacy, the name-tag we will place on it, ten years from now?

It is sometimes difficult to believe that, as one small individual in the scheme of things, we can do very much to change or improve the lot of those around us, but even the smallest effort can bring rewards.

**VOTE OR REFRAIN**

Vote in elections - or refrain from condemning those who have entered the lion's den of politics to speak for us. Canada has been most fortunate (something that cannot always be said of other countries) to have elected basically honest people, even though we may not always relate to them as personalities.

Face up to the fact, realistically, that we are going to have to give up many things we have taken for granted. We have been paying less for services and benefits than the rest of the world for a long time, it had to eventually catch up with us.

We can exercise restraint at wage-settlement time and see Canada fulfill the potential she is capable of - or we can wilfully send her down the economic tube.

We can rip up "charge" cards and acquire only what we can afford - the way our grandparents did. We can demonstrate purchase power by refusing to buy over-priced, shoddily built homes, forcing an improvement in the building standards.

We can start demanding discipline be brought back into the schools so that teachers can go back to teaching - and back up those demands with parental expectations of our own. Where are the long-overdue apprenticeship programmes to fill the need for skilled tradespeople that Canada still has to import? There are 14-year olds who rebel, quite rightly at being made to feel misfits in history and science classes, who would respond eagerly to the pride and challenge of proving themselves at a well-paid trade.

**CAN LIVE**

We can love our children; listen to them and talk with them - not "at" them. Nothing else that passes through our all too short lives will ever bring as much pleasure, pain, heartache, joy and love - but, while they are with you, they will never let you forget you are alive!

We can smile more readily at those who touch the borders of our lives and we can say "I love you" more frequently to those who fill an important space. We can start to forget the color of a person's skin - and look at his soul, his talents, his friendship.

Oh, yes. A new decade is cause for a great deal of optimism and faith in what we, as one individual, can accomplish.

## About the Hills 7-Ups donate \$300

The 7-Ups, a Citizen's Band radio club which claims some 100 members in Halton Hills and Milton, has donated \$300 toward the Salvation Army's local fund-raising drive, aimed at supplying special Christmas packages to needy families in the area. Paul McCarthy of the 7-Ups told The Herald that the donation has become an annual practice for the CBers, with the same amount donated to the Good Neighbor Service in 1978. The club meets at Jake's Disco in Georgetown on the first Tuesday of each month.

## Varian gets contract

From the Ottawa Bureau  
Of The Herald

A federal contract worth \$165,000 has been awarded to Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown to provide the defence department with a feasibility study, the department of supply and services announced Monday.

It was one of 194 unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadian companies late last month. Total value of the contracts amounted to \$10,947,301.

## MEET THE PRESIDENT



EDITH PECK

Georgetown United Senior Citizens president Edith Peck has been in the group about 10 years. She held no offices in the group before becoming president, but this is her fourth term in that position.

The group has more than 150 members. Meetings are held in the Esqueving Community Hall in Stewarttown on the second and third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$3, of which \$2 remains in the local club and the other \$1 goes to the United Senior Citizens of Ontario, with which the Georgetown club is affiliated.

Mrs. Peck says the group has equipment for showing films and slides and also for numerous games like darts and euchre. They have guest speakers and members of neighboring clubs visit them from time to time. Long tour supervisor Irene McMaster arranges two or three trips each year which take travellers away for two or three nights, while Norm Smith makes the arrangements for short, day-long trips to the races, to see the fall colors and similar excursions.

The seniors meet in Bronte each fall for a picnic and each spring for a program of some type. Seniors from all the Halton branches of the United Senior Citizens attend these gatherings. Mrs. Peck gives the credit for the growth of the Georgetown club to the executive who have worked so hard to make it a worthwhile organization.

Mrs. Peck has spent all but 10 of her 70 years in Georgetown. A widow, she lives in the Sargent Road Senior Citizens apartments, has three sons, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She enjoys handicrafts like knitting, crocheting and macramé, does a lot of visiting, especially among shut-in seniors, and is an active worker with organizations at Mountview Baptist Church. She is also past worshipful mistress of Halton's Pride number 393 of the Loyal True Blue Lodge and second lecturer of the Supreme Grand Lodge.



Joyce Sprowl, Kilt Dowling and Bessy Muselle help prepare some of the Christmas hampers that were delivered to needy families in the Acton area by the I.O.D.E. Mrs. Sprowl was the convener of the project and Mrs. Dowling is the local regent of the I.O.D.E. (Herald photo)

## IODE collects hampers for needy Acton families

a variety of canned goods, she explained.

A lot of the donations, according to Mrs. Sprowl, came from Acton District High School, M.Z. Bennett Public School and Mackenzie-Smith Middle School.

"We also received a lot of canned goods from the Presbyterian Church," she said.

Mrs. Sprowl explained that after she and other I.O.D.E. members put the hampers together, the Acton Rotary Club then delivers them to families in the Acton area.

"Before the Rotary Club

began doing the deliveries," she said, "Don McIntyre used to do them for us".

Mrs. Sprowl noted that, aside from making the deliveries, the Rotary Club also pay half the costs of grocery items that are bought and added to the donations.

Mrs. Sprowl also acknowledged that many donations had been received from the Fourth Acton Brownsies.

Rockwood Reliable Sweets contributed a bag of candies to each of the hampers, Mrs. Sprowl added.