

Good Neighbors help 100 families

Another memorable Yule

By ROMA TIMPSON
Service Director

The many weeks of planning, letter writing and phone calls which led up to the days of sorting, packing and delivery, all that remain for the Good Neighbor Service is to pay Preston's bill, plus a few other odds and ends. The remainder goes in the bank to collect interest during the coming year.

A cheque for \$1,039.66 is in the mail for payment of potatoes, cereal, tea, coffee, apples, carrots, stuffing and turkey. We bought five high school boys their lunch for help-out pick up the food from all 14 local and district schools, plus a few other essentials that were needed. Gordy Preston and his staff deserve a vote of thanks for getting my order together and delivering it so promptly. Gord is a man of his word.

The good people of Georgetown and district helped 100 families over Christmas, and our grateful thanks goes out to all of you. (Kindly disregard an earlier report in the paper from Lt. Lorne Fritchett of the Acton Salvation Army that he felt only about 30 families in Georgetown needed help at this time, a telephone survey from his office to all on the list indicated many did not need a helping hand. However, I feel these good and honest people said "no" to his inquiry because they felt they'd be getting their help from the Good Neighbor Service and didn't wish a duplicate basket.)

Names of our beneficiaries were obtained from the region's social and family services department and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, plus a few names we were given by reliable people. After ordering 70 turkeys, etc., we were advised on delivery day about another list (not picked up with the first lists), adding more names. We did a bit of last minute scrambling. I'll tell you, and were able to give hams to the single names on the list and turkeys to those with families. The Kinettes looked after the toys from their lists and we looked after the food.

After contacting by phone those we were unable to deliver to, my husband spent these hours Dec. 21 giving those we missed a chance to pick up their basket. Again on Dec. 22, we delivered to those unable to come and get their basket the previous Tuesday, and Wednesday. Any food left over was delivered to a family who were born out of their home.

To our knowledge, every one on the list was looked after.

Our grateful thanks to Rud Whitton of Heslop Industries, whose help in obtaining a warm, comfortable headquarters, was most appreciated by all who had to work.

Our ever-helpful Georgetown detachment of the Halton Region Police, under Inspector Matt MacPherson, was most co-operative in giving me help. As in the past few years, Officers Raj Swaminathan and Bill Phipps took charge of the high school students, who were a tremendous help in picking up from all schools. Also, help came from Constable Bill Perry, who picked up from the high school.

A great deal of thanks to our five hard-working students from Georgetown and District High School, Paul Dupuis, Tom Chovitti, Alan Spence, Rob Harrington and Todd Collins. They all worked hard and offered their help in sorting the canned goods. A great job, fellows, and thanks a lot.

Lions members and Branch 120 Legion members were prominent in their help delivering. Lions Bill Garbutt, Pearce Porter, Howard

Murphy, Ron Green and John Clarke, with Legion members John Widow, Jack Timpon and Harold Baldwin, plus Doug Woods, handled all the deliveries, which is a tremendous job. Thanks to all of you. The Lions and Legion have always given me financial help, along with representation from their membership on delivery day, and I'm grateful to both clubs.

Other donations received from W.E. Wilson (\$10), Betty Dubuc (\$10), Ballinacree United Church (\$40), White Gift Sunday at St. John's Church (\$5), Centennial School (\$5), Salvation Army, Acton-Georgetown (\$500), and friends who have now moved out west, Les and Alice Mallabon (\$4). Kindly let me know if I have missed your name and donation.

Those hard-working Kinettes under President Carol Pearson did another splendid job and, for having only a few members, they tackled quite a large job. Thanks, girls.

Rounding out my thanks, there are so many who gave toys, gifts, food and help. My thanks to Montessori School, Terry Gordon and daughter Jen, Mr. Collet, Peggy Douglas, Isabel Davidson, the Optimist Club, Baltimore Air Club Rec Club, Lionesses Lil Chapman and Joyce Gosling, Siena and Ed Van Hoekelen,

Jerry Miller and family, Joyce Clark, Ballinacree United Church, Helen Ritchie, Knox Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. Law and his English class with Natalie Campbell's help at G.D.H.S., Howard Colpitts represent-

ing the Elks Club, Grace Harrison who contacted all the schools, Brenda Besinger and her 4th Georgetown Cub Pack 'B', Carol Moffat, Marg Parker (providing Betty and I with transportation to headquarters) and the greatest help of all, Betty Sandifer, who worked hard and long (and will be helping me further to finish the job).

Hopefully, no one has been left out. I thank each and every one who continues to support the Good Neighbor Service.

...and on behalf of everyone

The Herald thanks you, Roma

Support for Kinette drive bought toys for 99 kids

By CAROL PEARSON
Herald Special

On behalf of the Kinette Club of Georgetown, I would like to thank the people of Georgetown who donated used toys, new toys and money towards the Christmas Toy Drive. Your donations were greatly appreciated in this worthwhile project. I would also like to thank the many people who took the time and trouble to drop off toys at my home.

On Dec. 18, the Kinettes bagged toys for 99 children. We had a large assortment of books, puzzles, games, dolls, etc. The next day, the toys were taken to the Good Neighbor Service drop-off centre.

I would like to thank Jo Lister, publicist for McDonald's, for making the arrangements to have toys dropped off at the restaurant.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Roma Timpson for the super job she does on the Good Neighbor Service. I have had the pleasure of working with her for two years on the Toy Drive.

It is gratifying to see that although this is a busy and expensive time of year for all families a great number of people still take the time to think of others who are in less fortunate circumstances. Thank you again.

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