

the HERALD Community

Norval Christmas for Australian

By KAY WILSON
Herald correspondent
Gordon and Peggy Early and daughters Kathy, Susan and Carol are entertaining Karen Knock of East Gosford, Australia, for six weeks. Karen is an exchange student through the Huttonville Lions Club.

Pinegrove Community Club held their Christmas party Dec. 12 when they ate out at Bracken's Restaurant. Winners were Hazel Preston, Vivian Shaw, Fred Workman, Ilia

Switzer; lone hands were won by Mary Workman; six lucky draws were won by George Burt, Peggy Lewis, Elsie Jarvie, M. McGilvray, John Hunter, Jean Armstrong and Ethel Brownridge.

Lunch committee was Muriel Miller, Marg Davidson, Pearl Burt, Kay McMillan and M. McGilvray.

The Norval Community euchre will be held a week earlier on Jan. 5.

Yule celebrations for Ashgrove W.I.

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY
Herald correspondent
The Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held Dec. 13 in Hillcrest Church with Mrs. Jas McPhail as hostess. At 12:30 p.m. 25 ladies sat down to beautifully decorated tables thanks to Mrs. B. McClure, Mrs. F. Wickson and Mrs. E. Shore.

After the luncheon president Mrs. John Bird opened the meeting; Mrs. Hector Bird gave a Christmas reading.

Secretary Mrs. John Ruddle read last month's minutes and called the Roll which was answered with a touch of humor. Everyone was asked to sing a Christmas tune and those present responded willingly.

Then we were treated to an old fashioned Christmas concert put on by some of the members. The teacher was Mrs. E. Wilkinson and the pupils were Mrs.

Peggy Knapp, Mrs. Pat Stark, Mrs. G. Trevlinus, Mrs. G. Bird, Mrs. G. Wingfield, Mrs. J.H. Hunter and Mrs. Ralph Cunningham.

It took place in the thirties in a one roomed school as they gave recitations, medley of Christmas songs, snowflake song with actions, a rhythm band and the Christmas story "Twas in the moon of winter time".

It was all very enjoyable and each one did their parts so well. Mrs. John McNabb gave a splendid motto "Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year." Mrs. Clayton Wilson had the courtesies, then Santa arrived and conducted the exchange of gifts.

Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams of Burleson, Texas have been visiting for a week with her mother Mrs. Clayton Wilson and other relatives.

To the editor and his faithful staff and our

readers we wish a Merry Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas, its joy and good cheer, remain in your heart through the coming new year.

At a Christmas dinner one year a dad said: "each year I hear the same lament, but what am I to do, when 15 people want a leg, and turkeys have but two."

Red Cross closed

The Georgetown and District Red Cross office will be closed Dec. 27. In an emergency, call the Contact Centre at 877-1211.

Window smashed

A window on the west side of Wrigglesworth Public School was smashed overnight Friday. A caretaker heard glass breaking, police said. The damage has been estimated at \$40.



SINGING SENIORS

Santa Claus and organist Terry Champ entertained (left to right) Maude Lewis and Edna Hill at the Kinsmen annual tour of lights and evening get together Wednesday night.

(Herald photo)

Stewarttown news

By J. ROSS and P. STEWART
Herald Correspondents

The children of the parish of St. John's made the church service very enjoyable Sunday with the reading of the true meaning of Christmas and the singing of the carols.

Remember the church service will be at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve at

St. John's and 11:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Hornby.

Mrs. B. Stokes played the organ and will be playing Christmas Eve.

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Teacher Joe Morrow will be saying good-bye to his grade six class at Joseph Gibbons Public School because he's off to Australia on a teaching exchange organized by the Halton board of education. Here (front row, left to right) Mark Mitinich, Stephen Atherley, Kerl Willett and Nicole Mercer take a moment to pose with their teacher before class.

(Herald photo)

Teacher exchange sends Joe Morrow to Australian home

When teacher Joe Morrow told his Australian counterpart that he'd probably have to shovel snow during the winter just to get his car out of the driveway, his "down under" friend seemed puzzled.

A grade six teacher at Joseph Gibbons Public School, Mr. Morrow is going on a one-year teaching exchange starting in January.

He'll be taking his wife Maureen and two young sons Michael, 4 and Matthew, 2 to Newcastle, Australia.

Meanwhile an Australian teacher will be coming to Joseph Gibbons where he will take over Joe Morrow's grade six class and learn all about snow skiing and shovelling snow.

The Australian teacher will be staying at Mr. Morrow's house in Acton and a young son will probably be attending McKenzie-Smith in Acton.

For the Morrow family the trip will be a chance to visit a new land and make some stops to other countries along the way. They plan to first visit the Fiji Islands, Cook Islands, Hawaii and New Zealand.

The eight year veteran of the Halton Board of Education was chosen along with a Burlington high school teacher to represent Halton in the exchange. They first had to apply to the ministry of education, then a series of interviews were arranged with their principal, the school superintendent and local trustees.

MATCHING

An Australian family with similar teaching skills, house sizes and ages of children were matched with Canadian applicants.

While in Australia the Board of Education in Halton will pay Mr. Morrow his regular teaching salary, but with the rate of exchange currently running at \$1.12 compared to the Canadian dollar, some light budgeting will have to be started, he admits.

The students in Mr. Morrow's class have been writing the students in Australia that Mr. Morrow will eventually

ally teach in a month. The Joseph Gibbons classmates are all asking their pen pals to send shark's teeth that oftentimes wash up on the beach.

Mr. Morrow has a special interest in sharks himself. He's been scuba diving for four years and is looking forward to spending two weeks on the Great Barrier Reef ("that's the shark capital of the world," he grins).

At the reef there are shark nets to protect the swimmers, he says. His son Michael is looking forward to fishing and swimming in Australia while his wife Maureen, a special education teacher at M.Z. Bennett, will enjoy meeting new people and seeing a new land, he says.

Mr. Morrow will be saddened to leave his family and friends and he'll miss the change of seasons - Australia has a winter season where the average temperature is 50-60 degrees fahrenheit.

SIMILAR

However, the school is similar to the size at Joseph Gibbons and his family will live in a city that is only 165 kilometers from Sydney.

There is not too much difference between the two school systems, he says. The boys and girls must, however, wear special school uniforms and physical education is different (cricket and surfing are popular in Australia).

With the help of school principal Doug Magwood, Mr. Morrow is preparing a slide show of Canada. He has been asked to talk to some organizations about education in Canada while he's in Australia.

Similarly, his Australian counterpart will be able to teach the Joseph Gibbons students about the uniqueness of his country, says Mr. Morrow.

A Kitchener native, Mr. Morrow attended the University of Waterloo then accepted a teaching position with the Halton Board of Education. He has taught at Joseph Gibbons for the past three years.

Bridge improved

Strengthened by repairs, a bridge spanning railroad tracks in Limehouse can now handle heavier loads.

The CN bridge on Regional Road 43 re-opened Nov. 25.

The previous load limit was 5 tons, but Halton's planning and public works department last week boosted the limit to ten tons.

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