

Santa asks for a kiss

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Herald Special

BALLINAFAD - The annual Christmas party for the Ballinafad Women's Institute was held Dec. 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Slesoraitis. The husbands were invited and also those that did not have a husband were allowed to bring a guest.

A variety of hot dishes were set up along with green and jelled salads. Hot rolls were served with the first course. Eleanor McLean and Helga Schwarz were responsible for the delicious desserts served with the tea and coffee.

Meal over members of the W.I. went into the living room for a brief business meeting. Stella Cummings and Betty Koperdraad were in charge of the program. Stella entertained by reading a Christmas poem. Betty conducted a memory game.

An hour or so was then enjoyed playing progressive euchre. Helen Brown had the high score for the ladies, with Ernie McEnery winning the men's prize. Santa, played by Jesse McEnery, distributed gifts and caused much laughter as he expected a kiss from all the ladies as they came up for their gift.

To close the party a verse of Silent Night was sung, then all joined hands and finished with Auld Lang Syne.

Family Sunday

BALLINAFAD - Those attending church Sunday could not help but know the true meaning of Christmas. Just inside the door they sighted the beautiful Christmas tree in the corner all lit up with a beautiful star on the very top.

It was family Sunday. Rev. Bandy opened the service in the usual way. Then the young people and the Junior Choir took over. The Junior Choir all in their white gowns were centred in front of the church. The smaller ones from Sunday school went to the front as the second Advent candle was lit.

Mrs. Pat Kerr trained the choir and conducted them as they sang beautifully one number after another.

Special music, with the beating of a drum, accompanied the choir as they sang. Mrs. Pinkerton read verses of scripture to correspond with the spirit of Christmas. Rev. Bandy gave the prayer. Tiny tots with their parents took up the collection.

In the afternoon a short program was put on by the Sunday school. The highlight was when old Santa appeared with gifts for all. A lot of credit must be given to Pat Kerr for giving so much of her time.

The teachers and others who worked with the children helped to make it a memorable service.



Hand-y books

Mary Percy, representing HAND (Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament) delivered 7 books to the Acton Library Friday, which were donated by her group. Accepting the books is Catharine Yestadt, the Acton branch head. HAND wants to educate more people about the nuclear arms race. Mrs. Percy said. The primary goal of HAND is to educate people about what is really going on with the arms race and to urge people to take a stand, she said. (Herald photo)

Dinner fellowship

BALLINAFAD - Dec. 1 members of the Wright family met at the home of Grant and Laura Wright on the Eighth Line. There were a few unable to come, but 11 sat down to dinner and enjoyed the fellowship around the table.

Wants study

Town staff have been asked to undertake a study on a new aggregates act desired by the Township of Puslinch.

At a recent meeting of the pits and quarries committee, members learned of the resolution enacted by the township to petition the Minister of Natural Resources to enact a new aggregates act for an aggregate extraction levy on gravel.

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Long wait expected for collector road

A \$1.5 million collector road linking Eighth Line to Ninth Line just south of Silver Creek and north of Tenth Line won't be built for a long while yet.

Monday night, a report by town planner Ian Keith recognized that early construction of this east-west collector road would help ease traffic concerns along Mountainview Road.

However, the report, approved by council, put the road later on the agenda of the Enterac Development Corporation's plans for Georgetown South.

It recommended the new subdivisions proposed for the east side of Mountainview be built first. Until development begins on the west side of Mountainview, that collector road won't be built.

About 429 single family homes are slated for the east side of Mountainview by Enterac.

"While we agree with the Paracon (another Georgetown South developer) submission that an early construction of the east-west collector road could

facilitate the traffic distribution from Mountainview Road, it is not at this early stage that the redistribution of traffic will be most beneficial but rather at a later date when full development of the community is achieved," Mr. Keith's report stated.

Cookie exchange

The Georgetown Newcomers Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Dec. 18, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church. Join us for Pot Luck dinner and a Christmas cookie exchange. For more information call 877-1240.

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