

# Christmas and New Year's dance tickets now available

## Ballinafad News

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Don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Christmas Dance at the Community Centre on Dec. 3, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per couple which includes a catered turkey buffet with all the trimmings. Tickets will be available at the General Store only until Nov. 26, so hurry.

While there, why not pick up the tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance as well, on Dec. 31, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. They are also \$30 per couple, and are also available from the General Store. There are limited numbers for both dances, so don't delay.

The Craft Sale on Nov. 13 was a huge success. There was a wonderful variety of craftspeople, all from the Ballinafad area, and a good turnout of gift hunters. Thanks go to all the volunteers: Jean Buxton, Marleen Burnett, Ida Smith, Marg

Jamieson, Sylvia Hamilton, Catherine and Cathy French, and Betty Sojka. The Bake Table was well-stocked, and the food from the kitchen was delicious. Thank you also to Carl Volmar for the use of his sign and to all the people who loaned extra tables. The proceeds of the day made over \$450 for the Community Centre, and tentative plans are to use it to buy some new tables.

The next meeting for the Hall Board is Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. We'll be welcoming back Doris Topolsek, who was re-elected in Erin Township and is their representative on the Board, and it's hoped that the new representative from Halton Hills will take more of an interest in the proceedings than has been the case in the past. Items up for discussion include organizing the Christmas and New Year's Eve Dances, and looking over the coming events for the first few months of the new year.

Everybody seems to have forgotten to pass along their news this month. I know sometimes some of the things in this column sound so silly you think I make them up, but if your group or organization wants publicity for events or meetings that will interest the people of

Ballinafad, you'll have to assign someone to get the news in every month. Have you got visitors coming over the holidays? Did one of your children or grandchildren gain recognition (first steps, teething, and reform school do not count!), or did you hear some news about someone who once lived in the village that you'd like us to pass on? Let me hear from you...

Fans of Stompin' Tom Connors will be glad to see a new album out: "Fiddle and Song." It's available on LP or cassette, and is put out by A-C-T Records of Georgetown. Bonnie has some copies at the General Store, and they should be available

at all better record stores (and you can brow-beat the manager if he doesn't carry them). There's a lot of new songs, and Tom's arrangements of some classics. All in all, this is a more mellow Tom than we're used to. Those of us who remember Tom from evenings spent in Toronto's Horsehoe Tavern (when my mother thought she was paying for me to go to U of T) will be surprised to find this more reflective side of Tom's music, although the toe-tapping is still there. My personal favorite is still Sudbury Saturday Night.

# Timber frame home unique alternative

A unique alternative to conventional home construction can be seen in progress at Mountainview and Main Streets in Glen Williams. Traditionally designed, the two-storey house will feature a notched white pine timber frame held together with old-style wooden pegs. Pine clapboard will face the outside of the building.

The walls will be constructed of special stresskin insulation panels which consist of urethane foam insulation bordered by chipboard on

the outside and ready to plaster drywall on the interior. This "sandwich" effect will allow the walls to be installed in one piece. Scott Murray, owner and president of Thistlewood Timber Frame Homes, says of the walls: "The panels are specially used for this type of construction." The panels are a fairly new material and are approved for light construction.

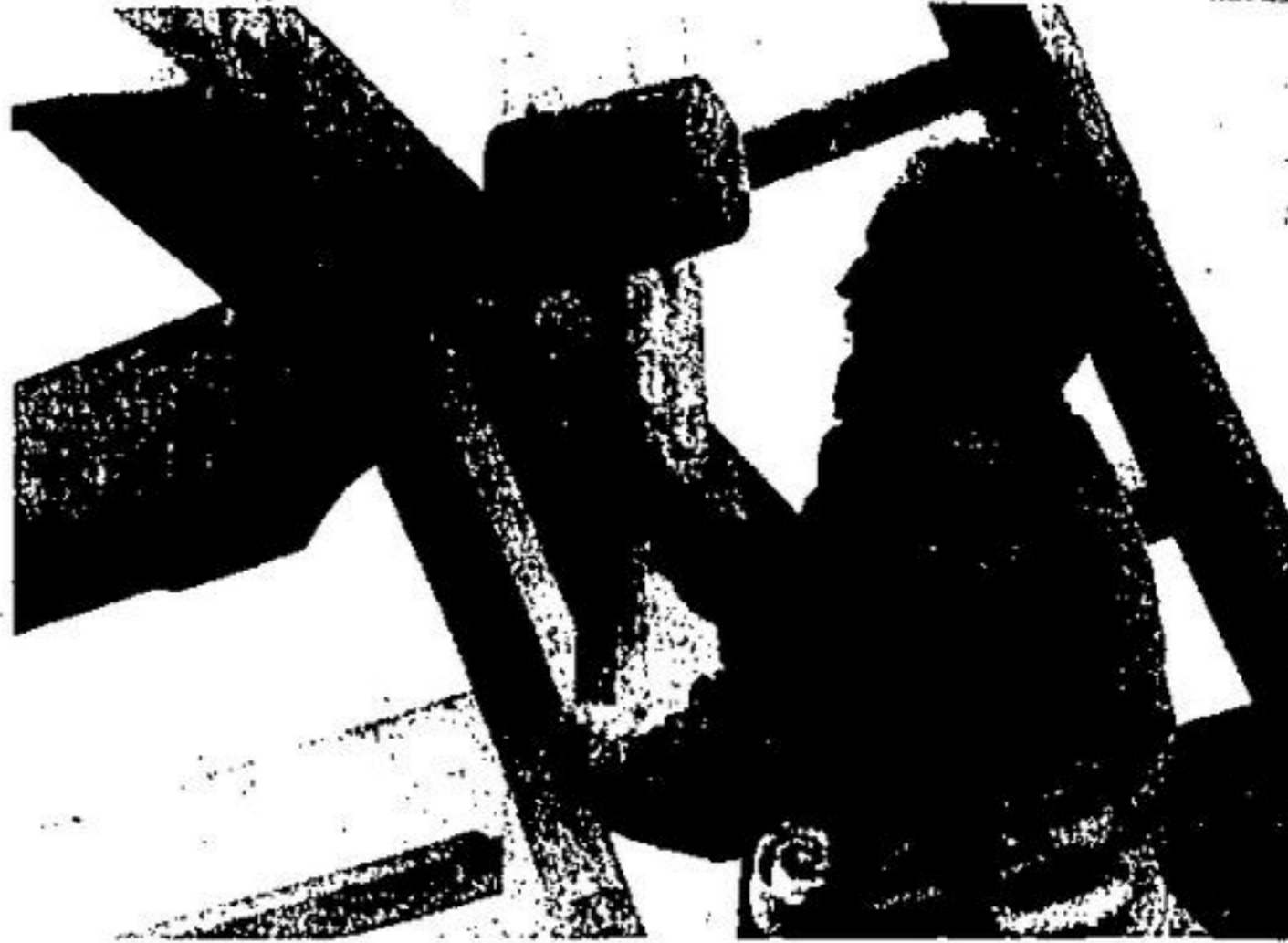
Upon completion, the house will feature 2200 square feet at an estimated construction cost of

\$185,000. "It works out to be pretty cost effective," Mr. Murray says.

Doug Long, owner of the home, believes that the timber frame construction was the best way to go. An experienced hobbyist in traditional homes, Mr. Long believes "the craftsmanship and uniqueness" make this type of construction worthwhile. Mr. Long also admires the attitude of the builders, saying, "They take pride in what they are doing."

Constructed on a basic old-style saltbox design, Mr. Long and the builders also made provision for expansion, if needed.

Mr. Long expects completion of the house sometime around the first of the year.



A worker carefully uses a mallet to hammer a wooden peg into place at a new, and quite different home now being built. (Herald photo)

## Visit the bazaar this Saturday

By YVONNE GRAHAM  
Herald Special

The Christmas Bazaar will be held this Saturday Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop off days are Thursday and Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Board Room.

Marie Louth is in hospital. Hope you are feeling better soon.

On Nov. 19 we had one team go to District Cribbage in Dundas.

Members were Peg Lewis, Trudy Paul, Jean Roehler and Floe Tracey. At this time results are not available.

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