

Norval news

80th birthday

By KAY WILSON
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Congratulations to Pearl Burt of RR1, Georgetown, who celebrated her 80th birthday at her home on Sunday, Dec. 11 with around 200 people attending. Her husband George and family Shirley Chaplin of Georgetown, Muriel Watson of Bramalea, Earl of RR1, Georgetown and Ross of Acton, along with their spouses assisted in welcoming the guests. As many as 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren enjoyed the party, including Wendy Parent, Paul and David Chaplin, Carolyn and Lisa Watson, Leanne, Steven and Dianne Burt, Kelly and Jay Burt and Christine Parent and Jennifer Burt.

Lunch was served by family members assisted by Silver Creek Women's Institute.

Bridge opens

Commuters using the Norval bridge on Winston Churchill Boulevard will be happy to know the bridge is open for traffic but the work is not completely finished.

Celebrates 89th

Congratulations to Mrs. Kate Laidlaw of RR1, Norval, who celebrates her 89th birthday Dec. 23. Her son Gord Laidlaw and his wife Rosie hosted a family dinner on Dec. 18. Attending were her daughter Jean and her husband John Dunlop, and son Bill Laidlaw and his wife Gwen, all of Norval. Also attending were nine grandchildren and their spouses and 11 great grandchildren.

UCW meeting

The over all meeting of the Norval United Church Women was held on Dec. 14 in the church. A buffet potluck dinner was enjoyed with Jean Dunlop asking the blessing. A business meeting proceeded the buffet, chaired by Friendship Circle president Helen McCormack. Following the dinner Beth Laidlaw introduced the devotional that took the form of Biblical readings by members in the St. James version of Luke 2:1-16 and Matthew 2:1-14.

The readings were interspersed with carols sung by Glenn Laidlaw accompanied by her sister June Fries, which re-affirmed the readings. Carols sung were Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, While Shepherds Watched their Flocks, Away in a Manger, Silent Night, We Three Kings, Dear Little Stranger, Star of the East, Gentle Mary and Birthday of a King.

Readers were Kay Wilson, Marilyn Smith, Brenda Bryce, Ethel Webb, Mary Crawford, Sharon Dunlop, Marion Laird, Lenore Laidlaw and Marie Carney. An exchange of gifts concluded the evening.

Choirs perform

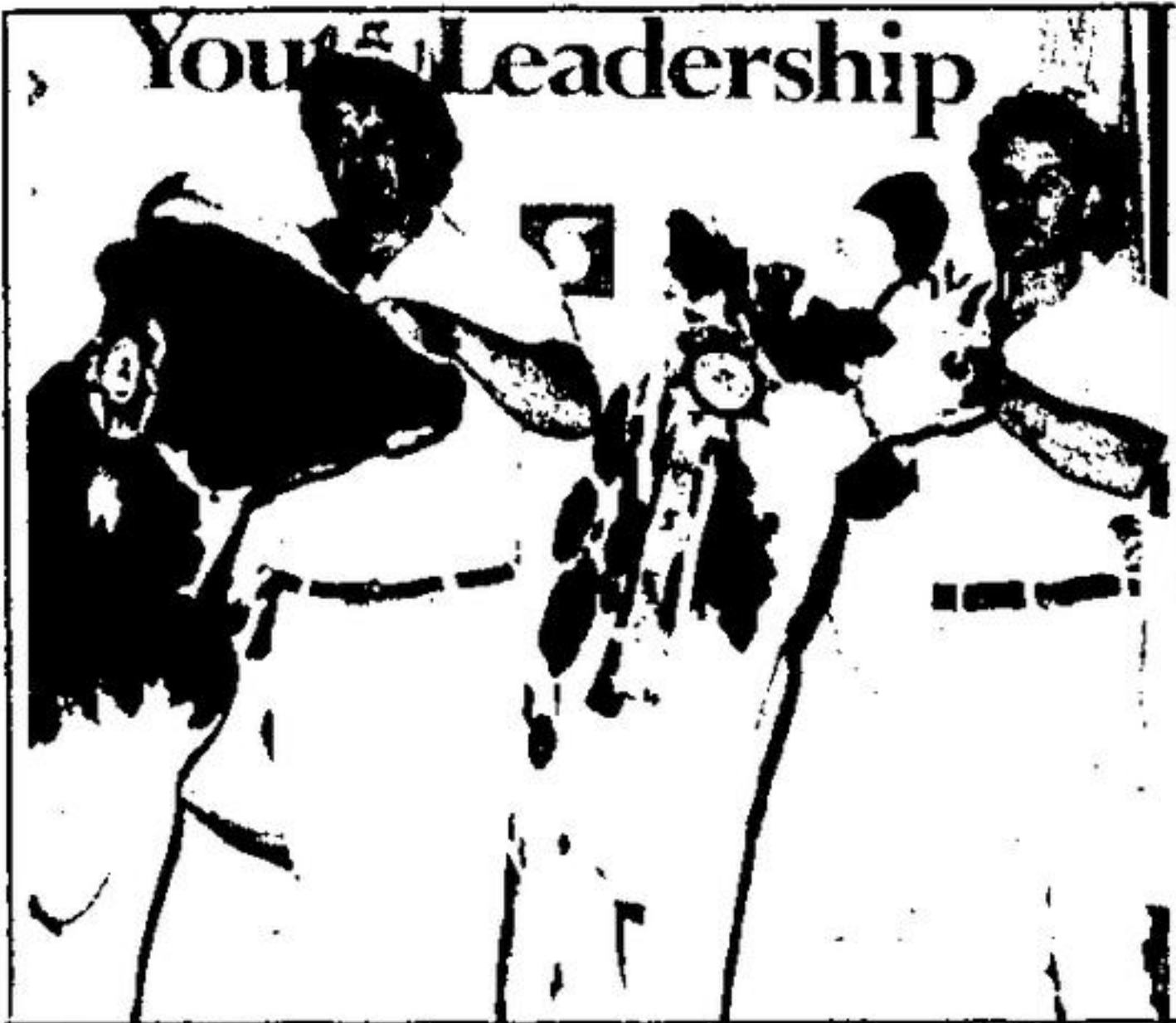
A beautiful carol service was given by the senior ladies choir, the men's choir and the junior choir of Norval United Church Dec. 18.

Sincere thanks to Alan Forde, senior choir leader and Lorrain Lawrence, leader of the junior choir. Junior choir members who sang solos were Lesley Anne and David Robson, Arron and Shawn Dunlop and Christopher Gostlin also assisted in singing Starlight, Starbright and We Three Kings. Cathy Paul played several flute solos and accompanied choir members. The ladies' choir sang the Coventry Carol and Ring Christmas Bells among several numbers. The men's choir sang God Rest You Merry Gentlemen and I saw Three Ships. Paul Howse lit a candle for each of the six segments of the service which were interspersed with Christmas scriptures and choir numbers. The recession of Oh Little Town of Bethlehem brought the evening to a close.

Sympathy sent

Sincere sympathy is extended to Catherine Leslie and family on the death of a brother-in-law and uncle, Percy Leslie, who passed away on Dec. 13 at the Bennett Health Care Centre in Georgetown. Husband of the late Robena Leslie and brother of Lloyd of California and the late Elizabeth, Myrtle and Wilfrid. A private family funeral and committal was held Dec. 15.

Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. Percy was a farmer all his life. He farmed for a number of years in Oakville, before moving to RR2, Georgetown to take over his wife's family farm at Lots 11 and 12 on the east side of the Eighth Line. He later retired to Georgetown and lately was a resident of the Bennett Health Care Centre.



Champion Showman

Jim Bursley, right, of Halton Region, was named Champion Showman of the Scotiabank Contact Hays Classic, held for the fourth year at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Taking the award for Reserve Champion Showman was Jamie Wood of Wentworth County.

These two 4-Hers finished above 248 competitors from across Canada on Nov. 14. There are more than 4,000 national 4-H members with a dairy calf project eligible to compete at the local level each year. (Photo submitted)

Party hosts remain responsible for guests

You may not be able to ask your holiday party guests to punch a time clock or get on a scale, but how fast they consume alcoholic beverages and how much they weigh are two critical factors in determining if they should drive - or even walk - home.

And, not insignificantly, these factors can help you determine if you're putting yourself on the legal line for their safety - and others' - when they leave your party.

Ontario law holds that the servers of alcohol, be they bartenders or hosts, can be held liable for the damage they cause to others if they are legally impaired.

Robert Solomon, a law professor at Western University and legal consultant for the Addiction Research Foundation's Server Intervention Program (SIP), is an expert in liability and alcohol use.

"If you serve a guest past the point of intoxication and he harms himself or others, you can be held liable for serving him too much alcohol. So basically there is a responsibility for you to control the conduct of your guests," he says.

That's why holiday hosts may want to take a tip from the ARF's Server Intervention Program which has taught over 2,800 Ontario bartenders and owners how to protect their guests - and themselves.

Suzanne Brunet, head of SIP, says, "Responsible service of alcohol is the duty of any host or hostess. You want to create an enjoyable environment for your guests, and you don't want them to become impaired."

"If guests do become intoxicated you must ensure their safety and the safety of others. Make sure they don't drive. Either send them home in a cab or offer them overnight accommodation."

"Remember there is no safe way to drink and drive," she adds. According to the Addiction Research Foundation, the average person needs only to consume about two-and-a-half standard drinks in the first hour of drinking to reach an impaired level. For these purposes, the average person refers to a male of 160 lbs. or a female of 120 lbs., of average leanness and without food in the stomach.

The responsibilities are chilling but there's no need to cancel your holiday plans if you follow some common sense guide lines. By offering soda water or other non-alcoholic beverages as spacer rounds and providing low alcohol beverages you can prevent guests from becoming impaired.

It's also a good idea not to make alcohol too accessible at a party. Appointing a non-drinking person as bartender can help monitor the amount of alcohol your guests consume.

The ARF advises that alcohol consumption be limited to less than one standard drink per hour to stay safely below the legal limit of 80 mg/100 ml Blood Alcohol Content.

The type of food you serve, too, can play a role in protecting your guests from impairment. High protein food is ideal for party guests because it slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the blood.

Isabel Herrmann, a therapeutic dietitian at the Addiction Research Foundation, suggests serving high protein, non-salty foods such as unsalted nuts, raw vegetables with dip, meats and unprocessed cheese.

For 1988's holiday season, you'll have to rely on your judgement and common sense to protect your guests and yourself. But Dr. Bhushan Kapur, Director of the ARF's Clinical Laboratories, says that hosts - as well as bartenders - will soon be able to input some information about guests and use a specially-programmed calculator to signal last call.

"Based on an individual's weight, height and gender the calculator uses a mathematical configuration to determine blood alcohol content," Dr. Kapur says.

Dr. Kapur has also designed a computer program that will soon be available. Even more advanced than the calculator, the computer program projects how many hours you have to wait for your blood level to fall below 80 mg/100 ml and below 50 mg/100 ml. Between 50 mg/100 ml and 80 mg/100 ml BAC a policeman can suspend your license for 12 hours and take away your car keys.

Sheridan grads catch on

A record 99 per cent of 1988 Sheridan College graduates available for work found employment within six months, according to the 1988 Sheridan College Placement Report.

Of the 1,483 graduates available for work, 99 per cent found employment by November, according to Placement and Student Services Director Rob Till.

"This year's figures are a reflection of the strength of southern Ontario's economy, as well as Sheridan's career-oriented programs, and the quality of our graduates," said Mr. Till.

Of the graduates who have found employment, 88 per cent found work related to their field of study.

The 1,483 available for work were among 2,011 graduates in 1988. A

total of 88 per cent of all 1988 Sheridan graduates were contacted for the survey. Three per cent were not seeking employment, and 11 per cent sought further education.

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Belfountain Village Church welcomes their new pastor

Just in time for Christmas Belfountain Village Church has a new pastor.

Pat Burden, 36, of Mary Street, Georgetown was appointed to the job by unanimous vote of the congregation Dec. 11.

He has held previous pastor posts in Brampton and in South Butler, New York, served as missionary in Africa, and has executive-level experience in business.

Mr. Burden, married with two children, is also a host on the "Nite Lite" segment of the 100 Huntley Street Christian TV program which airs on Channel 47 Tuesday to Saturday from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. and he appears on "Nite Lite" every other Saturday.

Belfountain Village Church, affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, has been without a pastor for 15 months since Rev. Larry Livingston went to a new charge in Windsor.

In his new pastorate, which has approval of BCOQ officials, Mr. Burden will do the job three days a week and also continue as a real estate salesman for Royal City Real Estate in Bramalea.

He says he doesn't believe in "pastoral autocratic rule" and wants input from the Belfountain congregation on what direction the church should follow within the Belfountain community.



Pat Burden

Ron Bellamy, management board chairman, says he is delighted Mr. Burden has accepted the Belfountain charge and that he won such acceptance in the congregational vote.

For a two-year period to October 1987, Mr. Burden held pastor posts at the Bramalea Christian Fellowship and Interfaith Family Church, Brampton.

In the years 1977-83 he worked for a Toronto-based wholesale distribution company, going from warehouse manager to president of a firm having more than \$7 million in annual sales and more than 80 employees.

Mr. Burden is a former student of the Elm Bible Institute, Lima, New York and Regis College, Toronto and from 1970-71 worked in Uganda with two Anglican missionaries teaching refugees math, English and science and helping rehabilitate polio victims.

He was born in Toronto and finished high school at Stanstead College, Quebec.

Mr. Burden's wife, Debra, is a secretary at Peel Memorial Hospital and they have two children, Patrick, aged 11 and Brett, 8.

For several years Belfountain Village Church has shared its pastor with Cheltenham Baptist Church but this arrangement has now ended.

The annual Christmas community candlelight service at Belfountain Village Church will be held Friday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

It will include special music by guest artists Bev and Rob Foster and a short play by Sunday School children. All who attend are invited to a coffee hour fellowship afterwards in neighboring Reid Hall.

The Christmas Day service at the church is set for 9:30 a.m. There are regular services at this time every Sunday.

FWIO meets for annual general meeting

By GERALDINE CAMPBELL
FWIO Public Relations Officer

Concern for all those who reside in rural Ontario was very evident at the Annual Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, held at the end of November, in Toronto.

Among the resolutions passed was one asking the federal Department of Health and Welfare to begin immediate investigation and safe testing for a safer pertussis vaccine than the one currently being used. There are a number of children who react violently to the vaccine being used.

On the same theme, with the violent reaction, including death, of people to flavoring, coloring and various food ingredients, two resolutions were passed asking for foodstuffs to be clearly labelled and fast food, restaurants and catering services to display mandatory ingredient labelling.

Prime agricultural land is being used as landfill sites, so Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario would like the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to institute mandatory recycling programs in all municipalities in Ontario.

Concern with near accidents of school buses in rural areas lead the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to ask for all school buses to have an amber flashing warning light before the school bus actually flashes its red stop lights. This would cost \$250 per bus.

A growing concern was the care of the elderly and sick in rural Ontario. The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario would like the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide special funding for facilities caring for ambulatory Alzheimer patients as well they would like to see frequent unscheduled inspections of retirement and rest homes.

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Scholarships for 4-H participants to further their education has been a continuing project of the Women's Institutes. In 1989 the 29 County and Area recipients will receive \$250 each and the four provincial scholarships will be worth \$275. There are McDonald Award Scholarships for anyone studying Family and Consumer Affairs at the University of Guelph. In 1989 there will be six scholarships of \$500 each. Concern for the living conditions of all who live in rural Ontario whether on a farm, or near a farm or in villages or towns surrounded by farms resulted in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario stating that their theme for 1989-90 would be Women in the Environment. This follows their highly successful theme of Waste-Management-Recycling in 1988-89.

Plans are already under way for the celebration of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Centenary in 1997. As a sign that Women's Institutes continue to be a strong influence in rural Ontario the Annual Meeting was pleased to learn that there were almost 1,000 new members last year. Even though education is one of the main points of Women's Institutes and not money making, last year they donated over \$305,000. This is money spent for the betterment of others in rural Ontario and rural people everywhere.

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Master of education
Jeannie Yach graduated with a Master of Education degree from Brock University on Oct. 28, 1988. Jeannie has been employed by the Halton Board of Education for the past 20 years and currently teaches at George Kennedy Public School.

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