

Norval News

Candlelight service

By KAY WILSON
Norval Correspondent
NORVAL-Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches Candlelight Service was held on Christmas Eve in Union Church. The joint Sunday Schools and Choirs took part. The young people led in the readings and special numbers by the choir. Along with the beautiful Christmas carols this made for a meaningful service to a full church.

Christmas service

NORVAL-Christmas Eve Service and Communion was held in Norval United Church with the Rev. Stephen Bemrose Fetter conducting the service. A joint choir led in the carols, as well as a special number "Calm is the Night." Rev. Stephen sang a solo, "Mary Laid Her Baby Down." Following the sermon, commu-

nion was served to a good congregation. The whole service was a good introduction to Christmas.

Couples club

NORVAL-The Couples Club of Norval United Church met at the Chateau Restaurant Dec. 20. Twenty-two members enjoyed the dinner, and social hour.

Get well

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Kate Laidlaw, RR2 Norval, who has been confined to her home since her birthday, but hosted Christmas dinner on Boxing Day, surrounded by her family.

Best wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Jean Harrop, RR2 Brampton, who is home following a week in Peel Memorial Hospital, and enjoyed Christmas dinner with her family.

Brampton WI

NORVAL-The Brampton West Women's Institute met at the home of Tena Dykstras for their

Christmas meeting. The meeting was opened by the President, Mae Dixon, with a Christmas poem, Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call titled "My most memorable childhood memory" was answered by all present. Many humorous memories were related which added to the Christmas atmosphere.

Mrs. Isobel McKay gave a very informative talk on the Sleeping Children of the World, an organization headed by Mr. Murray Dryden, father of the hockey great Ken Dryden.

Christmas cards were exchanged with last year's secret sisters and new ones were given out for the coming year.

A generous collection was taken up for the Peel Social Services.

A delicious potluck lunch was served by the hostess, her daughter Teresa and Lori Mae Dixon.

After lunch a special Christmas program of poems, Bible readings and music prepared by Tena Dykstra and assisted by Lois Fraser, Doris Sharpe and Ina Terry was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held at Lois Fraser's home Jan. 9, 1990.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 3, 1990

Today is the third day of 1990 and the 14th day of winter.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1879, construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), feminist; J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), English author; Victor Borge (1909-), pianist; Robert Loggia (1930-), actor; Bobby Hull (1939-), hockey player; Stephen Stills (1945-), musician; Mel Gibson (1951-), actor.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Still round the corner there may wait, / A new road, or a secret gate." — J.R.R. Tolkien

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 27) and first quarter (Jan. 4).



ON AN AVERAGE DAY: One American is injured by lightning.

Source: "On An Average Day," by Tom Heymann (Fawcett Columbine)

TODAY'S BARBS
By PHIL PASTORET

A friend who works for a finance company and always wanted to be a Western hero is happy now. He calls himself The Loan Arranger.

Our boss says he'd be only too happy to appoint us to top management. There's only one problem. The company has no toy department.

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The world must still struggle to achieve real peace



CLERGY COMMENT

By REV. FRITZ SCHMITT
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Headline: Many are becoming concerned at recent developments as the world seems to be headed for more peaceful times. As relations between the superpowers are more relaxed and east European governments are changing overnight to more democratic forms there is increased concern about increased prospects for peace throughout the world.

No, you're not likely to see such a headline in most newspapers. In fact it's more likely that you will read about the current events in Europe with an air of hopefulness. There will be statements made about people coming closer to the grand ideal of being able to live together in peace. It's an idea which is very popular at this time of the year, especially since this time is supposed to be connected to celebrating the birth of One who is called the Prince of Peace.

Yet, Jesus and His disciples actually warn about being misled and confused with a situation like the one we now see. St. Paul warned about being misled by peace when he wrote to a congregation in Macedonia that was having trouble with the idea of when the world would end and what would happen at that time. He wrote, "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly..." The problem is how is the peace reached and how long could we expect such a peace to last.

While we look at how much better the major nations of the world can get along we may forget about the other areas of the world, or even our own communities, where peace is not apparent. Then our senses are rocked by the way one man can disturb and destroy the peace of not just one community, but a nation, even the continent, with his rage.

And when we hear such stories we seek immediately for an answer, a way to prevent such a tragedy from happening again. How could the government

restrain the actions of people who would disturb the peace of others? Would peace be assured if it was more difficult to obtain weapons, of any sort? Is it possible to identify troubled people soon enough and care for them properly before they cause trouble for others?

There will be answers to these questions from time to time, even some that may seem to work in most cases. After all, aren't the world leaders making headway in their area of responsibility? Surely we can hope for something better in our own neighborhoods. Yet, despite all the progress we will make towards peace and despite the success of efforts to stop disturbed individuals from disturbing the peace of others, peace will not be permanent as long as it is attempted from the human side through human means.

Real peace will come when it is firmly and finally established between us and God. That is where the Prince of Peace comes in. His birth alone is not really what makes for peace, but His birth combined with His life, death and resurrection. In giving His sinless divine life for us sinful mortal beings, Jesus sealed a peace treaty between us and God, which has the ability to be extended between us and other people. If we work for peace in any other way we may have it only until we are called before God to account for our lives. But with Christ as our negotiator and mediator, we can have peace in our own conscience now and when we leave this life.

He'd the warning! Look for the peace that is reliable and durable, the one that Christ Jesus has won for us with God.

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