

Community

Pinegrove Community Club hosts Christmas dinner

By KAY WILSON

Pinegrove Community Club had its Christmas dinner at the school Dec. 10. The school was beautifully decorated, along with a newly-cut Christmas tree, glittering in the corner. The tables too, looked nice with candles burning brightly, candy canes and red serviettes made you wonder if it really was the same old Pinegrove School. An old coal oil lamp added to the quaintness.

But what 34 hungry people were waiting for most was the hot turkey dinner - "just tasted like Grandma used to serve up," was heard repeatedly many times.

Following the dinner, there was hear the rattle and pawing of each little hoof, and in sprang the jolly old fellow himself, to give out the gifts, and just as quickly, Santa disappeared, with his Ho! Ho! Ho! and everyone sang Jingle Bells.

Dinner tables were cleared and card tables set up for euchre, with winners Marie Murray, Jean Harrop, Alan Harrop and Spencer Wilson. Lucky draw - Anne Wilson, courtesy of Webbs Flowers.

Pinegrove School, like all other one room school in Halton, was closed in 1963, as school areas were taking over and graded schools came into practice.

But with the closing, no more children's voices in the school yard, from the surrounding farming community would be heard,

as the teacher pulled the rope that rang the bell on the rooftop. So the children settled in to learn the "3 R's." The teacher expected obedience, and if not a crack with the ruler, strap, etc. followed.

One young lad in the late 1800's went deaf, reportedly from a teacher's reprimand.

The Christmas School Concerts were looked forward to by school children and helped to keep the community together, because in the Pinegrove school section, there were three telephone exchanges, Georgetown, Milton and Brampton, that made communications difficult.

National Farm Radio Forum in the 1930's was also instrumental in keeping our school section and community together.

Meetings were held every Monday night, if not in member's homes in the school, from November through to the end of March, as we listened to a half-hour program on the radio by Clare Burt, on agriculture.

Later when Farm Radio Forum folded, the Pinegrove Community Club was formed, and a meeting or euchre night was held every other Monday night. Our school treasurer, the late Harold Early, had a good sizeable bank account to hand over to the School Area Trustees, which could have been used for running water, and kitchen facilities. However the farmers

in the school section managed to buy the school back, and it has been used as a community centre ever since. Even without all these conveniences, many good times have been had.

Going back to the earlier years in 1887, Pinegrove School must have been one of the up and coming schools, as Alexander Graham Bell made a visit to the school. He proceeded to demonstrate how the telephone worked. He went out to the woodshed at the back of the school, and connected a phone, from there to the school. The children then had first-hand experience of the telephone, as they heard their own voice over the wires.

However, "Progress" has broken up that "Old Gang of Ours," and many have moved too far away to come back for the night. Others keep trickling back, as fond memories of the "Olden Days" are still fresh on everyone's mind. However new found friends as well as old, from

the country and town alike, seem to like the country flavor at Pinegrove Community Centre, and are helping to keep Pinegrove going.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to Emaline McGilvray of Georgetown who is recuperating at home following a stay in Credit Valley Hospital.

Combined concert

The White Gift Service and Christmas Concert were combined and taken by the Sunday School pupils, on Dec. 9 at Norval United Church. Musical numbers by the children in trios, solos and choir numbers as well as a skit made up the service.

Clerk of the Session Jean Dunlop presented a Bible to Lynda Howse for her dedication as Sunday School Superintendent. Lynda has held this position for the past five years, and is resigning.

Following the service a pot-

luck luncheon was enjoyed and Santa came along with gifts for all good boys and girls.

Briefs from Rev. Mary Campbell, Norval Union Presbyterian Minister.

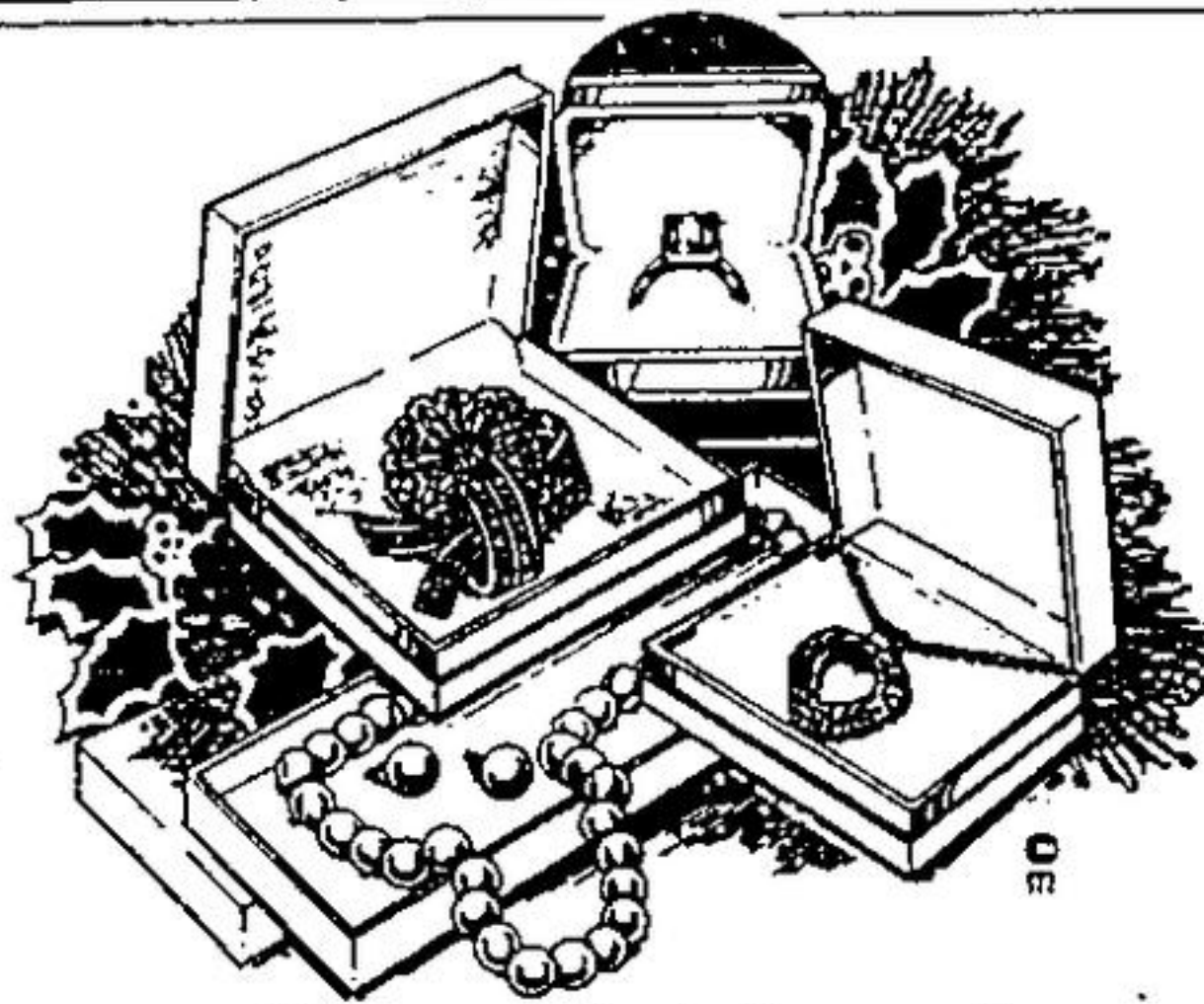
Knox College choirs

Knox College Choirs were out to Norval Presbyterian Church Dec. 2. Christmas carols and readings were given. All were student ministers for the Presbyterian Church. A good crowd attended.

A life size Nativity Scene has also been erected on the Presbyterian Church grounds for the Christmas season and will be added to each year.

Christmas Eve service

Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 is now being planned, as a real family evening in Norval Presbyterian Church. Lots of carols and readings by the young people. The service is at 7:30 p.m.



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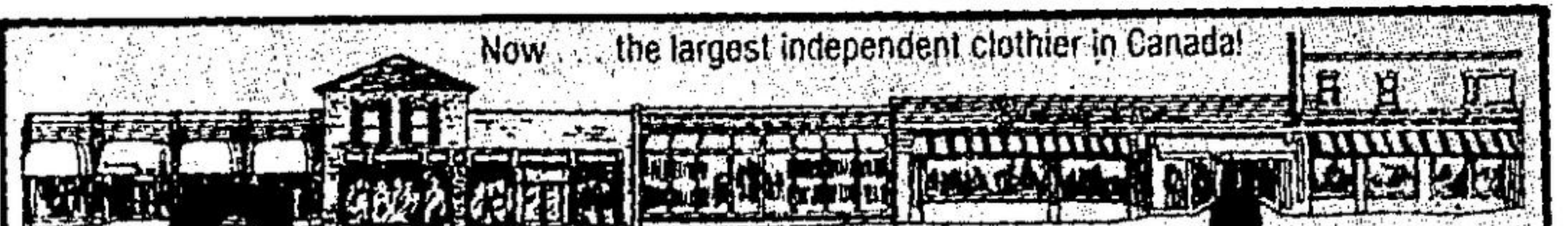


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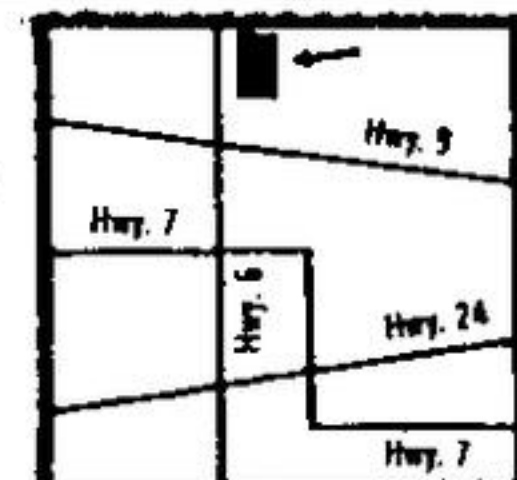
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