

Community

Norval Couples Club Christmas party

By KAY WILSON
The Couples Club of Norval United Church held their Christmas party at the new home of Lloyd and Ella Laidlaw of R.R.2 Norval. Over 50 members attended the party on Dec. 14.

Convening the evening were Ken and Lois Reid, Bill and Gwen Laidlaw, Jack and Mary Crawford, Lloyd and Ella Laidlaw, Ron and Phyllis Moffat and Rev. Walter and Lenora Beecham.

A beautiful pot luck dinner was set up buffet-style. Tables decorated for Christmas were able to seat most everyone in the spacious kitchen and family room.

Following the dinner, carol singing was led by Glenn Laidlaw and her sister June Fries at the organ. Mary Crawford had charge of a couple of contests, followed by more carol singing. Over three hampers of tin goods and food were given, instead of a gift exchange and were taken to the Food Bank at Mountainview Rd. Baptist Church in Georgetown. Lois Reid thanked the Laidlaws for hosting the party, and all who helped to make the evening.

Carol service

Norval United Church Candlelight Service was held in the church on Dec. 16. Organist and choir leader is Alan Ford, and pianist Lorraine Lawrence and director Gayle Robinson for the junior choir.

Following the processional of "O Come all Ye Faithful" the opening prayer was given by the minister, Rev. Walter Beecham.

Christmas scriptures were interspersed by carols and were read by Maureen Wilson, Lor-

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raine Lawrence, Cathy Paul, Fred Paul and Beth Laidlaw.

Senior choir numbers were "Oh, Bleak and Chill the Wintry Wind"; "Shepherds Pipe Carol"; "Christmas Lullaby"; "All On A Christmas Morning"; "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"; "He Brings Love"; and "Bethlehem, Tiny Town."

Junior choir numbers were "Away in a Manger"; "Christmas" and "Children, Go where I tell Thee."

Humble Shepherd was the beautiful duet sung by Glenn Laidlaw and Ruth Lyons. "The Gift of God's Love" was sung by David and Lesley Ann Robinson from the junior choir, and the beautiful solo "O Holy Night" was taken by Lorraine Lawrence.

The last reading was given by Rev. Beecham when he donned a white cotton head cover, to represent the Inn Keeper of the times, that was told in story form.

"Joy To the World" and "Silent Night" were sung by the choirs in the recessional, and beautiful carols sang by the congregation, made for a beautiful and meaningful carol service.

During the social hour that followed, gifts were presented to the choir leaders, Alan Ford, Lorraine Lawrence and Gayle Robinson. As well as Lesley Ann and David Robinson, junior choir members were Michael Laidlaw, Chris and Richard Gostlin and Aaron and Shawn Dunlop.

Winter cruise

Bill and Mae Brander, R.R.2

Norval, accompanied by David and Kay Julian of Inglewood, have returned home from a weeks cruise to the Panama Canal and Caribbean, when they flew to Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Here they boarded the 700 ft. Regent Star Liner, with 750 passengers. Beautiful food was enjoyed with about six meals a day. Lots of entertainment, included bingo, horse racing, video games, gambling casinos, pools and church services.

The first port of call was Oehrios, just south and still in Jamaica, when the tour provided great scenery and natural beauty. South again they sailed through the Panama Canal and back again (it took an hour and one-half each way) and were told about the uprising that had just occurred there.

The next call was Costa Rica at the south end of Central America and bordering Panama, where their mountains equal our Rockies, but have green trees and shrubs, rather than straight rock. Banana plantations are the main farming where farmers receive only \$2.00 for a cone with 75-100 bananas. They cover the cone with blue plastic to keep the spray and bugs off. The cattle are Brahmas.

A turtle farm was toured on the Cayman Islands. Here turtles were raised and fed for three years. Then later on the bus they noticed a sign for turtle burgers. The island is a British colony, and Georgetown is the capital. They pay no taxes, believe it or not, but they do have 52 different banks.

On the liner back to Jamaica they arrive, only to wait a couple of hours, before flying home to good old Canada.

Baby girl

Congratulations to Bill and

Janet Allison, R.R.2, Georgetown, on the birth of their baby girl, Lesley Helen, 8 lbs., 8½ ozs., on Dec. 13, at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. A little sister for Stacey. Fourth grandchild for Isla Allison and R.R.2 Georgetown, and eighth grandchild for Thirza MacKay of Georgetown.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to both Claude and Mary Picket, now of Milton. Claude is a patient in Hamilton General Hospital following surgery, and Mary is a patient in Milton Hospital after a fall in her apartment.

Family visit

John and Doris McNabb of R.R.2 Georgetown are expecting their daughter Lois home from Vancouver, B.C. for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Eve services

Huttonville Family Service in the church at 7:30 p.m. Home and Norval Churches are invited to attend.

Norval United Church Communion Service at 9:30 p.m. Special music - coffee and cookies. Everyone welcome.

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