

Community

Three churches hold Christmas Eve services

By KAY WILSON
Norval's three churches each held Christmas Eve services.

Rev. Rick Ruggles conducted the 11 p.m. service at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Organists Frank Howard and Doug Perrin played for the carols. Readers of the lessons were Fred Dobbin, Elaine Robinson Bertrand, Chuck Kalil, Ormie Carter, Charlie Cooper and Eleanor Murphy.

Ron Fiddler and Susan Perrin accompanied on their guitars for the carol "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and Michelle Tellier played an organ solo, "What Child is This". The Sacrament of Holy Communion was served.

Rev. Walter Beecham conducted the 9:30 p.m. service at Norval United. "The First Nowell" opened the service, followed by the opening prayer. A trumpet solo was played by Cathy Paul. "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" was followed by the Scripture readings from Luke 1 - verses 26-38, read by Carol Reid, Norma Tripp and Ken McCormack.

"Away in a Manger" was sung by David Robinson and his cousins Greg and Neil Lyons.

The second reading of scriptures from Luke 2, verses 1-20,

were read by George Smith, Carol Anne Roberts, and Marie Carney. A solo by Glenn Laidlaw "The Birthday of a King" was a beautiful ending to the readings. "Silent Night" was sung by the congregation, followed by all repeating the Apostles Creed.

Passing the Peace was for members to move around and greet each other.

The Prayer of Consecration was followed by Communion, served by the elders. The singing of "Silent Night" finalized a lovely Christmas Eve Service.

Simplicity was the watchword for the Christmas celebrations of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches, conducted by Rev. Mary Campbell. The Christmas Eve service was simply the telling of the birth of Jesus, in song and scripture, and the enactment of the great events by the children (complete with striped bathrobes and tinsel angel heads). The young adults of the congregations ascended the great pulpit and read the familiar narratives of the hope that came at Christmas.

The choirs excelled themselves in angelic tones of harmony, complete with quartet and a lone solo voice in the dark singing the plaintive call "O Come, O Come



Emmanuel." The high point of the service was a simple act of the lighting of candles held by each of the congregation and lit by the elders. The light was taken from the Christ Candle, the final candle of the advent wreath. And in the glow of just the candles the old familiar "Silent Night" was sung and for many the rush and hustle of getting ready, was over and in the quiet we experience the peace of Christmas.

The members of both congregations were given beads made from olive wood, brought back from Bethlehem. The beads were given so that once the season's decorations are all packed-up, and Christmas seems very far away, the bead will remind us that as real as this little piece of wood is, Bethlehem is. And as real as Bethlehem is, is God's love for us all.

We offer a prayer for peace in 1991, and "may God Bless us everyone."

Christmas carols

Norval Community Association

led 12 village children as they went Christmas caroling on Dec. 20.

They were greeted by many village residents, as they sang at the door step of 20 homes, and received a warm welcome. Back at Norval School, they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies, and a visit from Santa.

Christmas Eve dinner

George and Kathy Gastle of Norval, entertained the Carter family on Christmas Eve, to a hot turkey dinner at 5:30 p.m. Included were Kathy's parents, Ormie and Joan Carter, her sister Connie, and friend Brad Thompson, her brother David and his wife Ellen Carter, as well as seven grandchildren, and family friend Joy Laird.

Christmas visits

Mrs. Violet Ainsworth, R.R.2 Georgetown, spent four days, prior to Christmas, at the home of her son Floyd and his wife Jean, at Thomasburg, Ont., and for the Christmas week, visited with her daughter Viola and her husband Tom Alderson, of R.R.1, Wilsonville, Ont.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to Margaret Clarkson, of R.R.2, Georgetown,

who is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

Visit to Japan

Gertrude Shortill of Georgetown, and her daughter Mary Martin of Milton, left on Nov. 23 for two weeks in Kyoto, Japan. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Gertrude's son John McGee's twenty-first year in Japan.

Around 50 friends of John's were invited to his country home, with 15 in three different parties for the Tea Ceremony. The visitors also spent two days on the Japan Seacoast, and experienced staying at a Japanese Inn. Here your meals are served in your room, and you sleep on "futons" - prepared beds on the floor.

Beautiful fall weather with colored leaves, were enjoyable, and shrubs bloom all winter, in this Pacific area.

Family get-together

Fred and Gertrude Shortill of Georgetown took the train to Ottawa, to their son Ross Shortill and his wife Mary Lou and family, where they celebrated Christmas on Friday, Dec. 28. The McIntyre family of Acton motored up for the family party.

Imperial Bank aids the needy

During the month of December, the CIBC at Guelph and Mountainview in Georgetown collected donations for the Halton Hills Food Bank and customers received

ed calendars in return. The branch delivered a large box of canned goods and donated a total of \$964.58 to aid the cause of the needy.

Partners in Safety

The Halton Regional Police service, with the cooperation of McDonald's Restaurants, have initiated a program called Partners for Safety, which will encourage and reward children throughout Halton Region who practice good safety.

When a child is seen by a police officer to demonstrate "traffic safety rules" or other safe conduct on the street, the child will be rewarded with a coupon which is redeemable at any McDonald's Restaurant in Halton Region for a large order of french fries. This program was initiated by

No. 1 District (Georgetown) Safety Officer Constable Ken Hannah, who was interested in seeing children receive something immediately positive for safe conduct, rather than the typical negative approach (if you don't practice your safety rules, something bad could happen.)

Const. Hannah approached McDonald's Restaurants to recruit their participation. McDonald's responded enthusiastically by designing and supplying coupons complete with the police crest, redeemable for a large order of fries, and valid for an entire year, until Dec. 31, 1991.



Pictured above, PC Ken Hannah and Halton Region Police Chief Harding have the "Hamburglar" in custody, complete with coupons, to publicize the joint police and McDonald's Restaurants program on youth safety. (Photo submitted)

University Women's Club had busy and exciting 1990

By MARY JANE CLARRIDGE
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The Georgetown Club of University Women had a very busy and exciting 1990. 1991 is shaping up to be an equally fun and involved year. On the local level, the Club's first meeting of 1991 will be Tuesday, January 8, 1991 at the Georgetown High School Cafeteria, 8:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Our speaker will be Detective Jackie Gordon of Halton Regional Police addressing the subject of "Drug Awareness". How drugs get into this country, how they get to the users and some solutions will be discussed.

Other activities of the Club include our "Super Sunday" Concert Series for children ages 3-10 years. Tickets for the remaining two concerts are still available for \$10.00. The January 13 performance is "Join Hands" a puppetry show and March 3 presents "Morgan's Journey" a one man clown act. There are two shows each Sunday performed at

the John Elliott Theatre. Times are 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Penriesworth and Georgetown Yarn and Craft or by calling 877-5373 or 877-6140.

The Georgetown Club is also sponsoring the Oakville Symphony in "An Evening of Russian Music" at the John Elliott Theatre, Saturday, January 19, 1991. Internationally renowned film and Broadway star Kate Reid will narrate Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf". Also joining the Oakville Symphony will be pianist Arthur Ozolins, acclaimed as Canada's most brilliant piano virtuoso. He will perform Rachmaninov's Concerto No. 2. Tickets, \$18.00 each, are available at Hallmark Cards and Young's Pharmacy. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

The University Women's Club annual Book Sale will be held once again on April 20, 1991 at Knox Church. Over \$3000.00 in

scholarships were awarded to local high school students pursuing a variety of post-secondary school education. All proceeds from the Book Sale go to the Club's Award Fund to be distributed the following year to our local students. The public is urged to start collecting their used books and to watch for advertisements in the upcoming months for book drop off points.

Last but not least on a national level, the Canadian Federation of University Women awards \$26,000 per year in fellowships to graduate students across the country. A new Polytechnique Fellowship was established in memory of the fourteen slain students in Quebec. Donations are being solicited from Club members and the public from coast to coast.

Anyone wishing more information on any of the Club's activities or is interested in joining the University Women's Club please call Rebecca at 873-1197 or Nancy at 877-8837.

MORE program of Ontario has waiting list for transplants

More than 560 patients in Ontario are waiting for transplants, according to statistics released today by the MORE Program of Ontario.

MORE, the Multiple Organ Retrieval and Exchange program, manages the provincial computer system which allocates organs that have been donated. The statistics, covering the first nine months of 1990, indicate that there are 472 patients waiting for kidney donations, 41 for liver, 21 for heart, 18 for lung and 11 for a heart/lung transplant, for a total of 566.

During the first three-quarters of the year, there were 499 transplant procedures carried out in Ontario including 276 kidney; 124 liver; 66 heart; 29 lung and four heart/lung transplants, according to the statistics by MORE.

Cheryl Rosell, MORE executive director, explains that

when a potential donor is identified, the provincial computer system is able to quickly locate a suitable recipient. Physicians determine which patients will benefit from a transplant before their names are added to the MORE provincial transplant list.

"Although transplants are now a proven and life-saving medical treatment, there are still people who die waiting for a transplant simply because there are not enough donors. In a survey conducted by the Ministry of Health, more than 80 per cent of those asked said they would donate the organs of a loved one. Yet only 26 per cent said they had signed the organ donor portion of their drivers' licenses," Ms. Rosell said.

Ms. Rosell urged those who signed their licences to talk about their wishes with their families. Hospitals will not retrieve organs over the objections of the next of

kin. "We have talked to many families of organ donors and have found that one of the fundamental benefits of organ donation is how it helps families in their grieving process. They shared with us how it helped them deal with their loved one's death by knowing that they gave life and hope to other families," says Ms. Rosell.

All Ontario hospitals are now required to have bylaws providing for policies and procedures for organ donations.

MORE is a non-profit organization funded by the Ministry of Health. As well as managing the provincial computer system, MORE provides professional and public education programs and materials on organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

For MORE information, phone the toll-free number: 1-800-263-2833.