

Topic for Knox W.A.

Origin of Christmas Carols

The Christmas meeting of Knox Church Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. M. Robinson. The meeting was opened with a Christmas verse from the Presbyterian Record by vice-president Mrs. K. Marshall. All joined in singing hymn 180, "Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy Kingdom crown'd after which Mrs. Marshall led in prayer. The roll call was answered by many lovely Christmas verses.

The various reports were presented for adoption and from the accounts, another successful year has been accomplished in the work of the Master. The report of the nominating committee was presented by Mrs. Edith Elliott and a full slate of officers was presented for 1964.

Change Meeting
Various items of business were discussed and it was decided by motion to change the meeting night from the second Tuesday to the second Monday for the months of January, February and March.

In keeping with the theme of the Christmas season, members made a donation of white gifts and used clothing for the Scott Mission and a cash donation was made for members to carry on the Christmas work at Evangel Hall.

Miss Rita Nayler was in charge of the Christmas devotions and chose as her theme, "Let us go unto Bethlehem." Mrs. George Carruthers assisted in an interesting reading, "Show Us the Road to Bethlehem," after which one of the favorite carols was sung, hymn 177, "As with Gladness Men of Old." The scripture reading was taken by three young girls, Misses Karen Trimble, Mary-Gay Quick and Patti Clement.

The girls chose as their scripture readings, Luke 2, verses 4-7, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem; Luke 2, verses 8-12, the visit of the angel to the Shepherds; Luke 2, verses

13-16, the multitude of the Heavenly Host, praising God, and the journey of the Shepherds to Bethlehem. The girls presented the picture in a keen, enthusiastic manner and to the delight of all, ended their story by singing A Song of Bethlehem.

Strange Dream
Mrs. Mac Elliott and her son Tom followed along with the story of a strange dream which Tom had and tried to tell his Mother. Fittingly, the dream Tom had was the Bethlehem story, but Tom being in it himself, told his mother he had nothing to give but his heart. So Tom's mother replied that he had given the right gift to the Christ Child by giving of himself. This small drama portrayed beautifully just how much a small child can do for the Master.

Story of Wise Men
Mrs. George Carruthers continued her reading of The Wise and the Unwise Men. The Wise Men, following a star into a far and distant land, showed their wisdom by following the light

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Carol Origins
Many names were mentioned in connection with the carols—Martin Luther, who wrote a carol for a few German children which is beloved the world over by children today, Away in a Manger; Philip Brooks, who promised his children a brand new carol awake in the night to music, music everywhere and next morning, his children sang the carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem. All joined in singing several verses of this lovely carol.

But who really gave us our ca-

and pressed on, sure that the star would not deceive them. These men were more than wise, they were moved by Heavenly wisdom. Thus the wise among us must declare what we have seen. Mrs. Myrna Thompson, assisted by Mrs. W. Lockie, sang the beautiful Christmas carol, O Holy Night, which was a grand climax to the age-old presentation of the Christmas story. Mrs. Nellie Anderson closed with a thoughtful Christmas prayer and all joined in singing the last a rol, Holy Night, Peaceful Night.

This portion of the meeting closed with all repeating the Mizpah benediction. A social half hour was spent with old and new friends over a friendly cup of tea and dainty Christmas refreshments served by Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. D. Irving.

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MAGGIE PRESTON

In the Family

Her sister was Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, and died at 83 or 84. She has an aunt and an uncle who lived to their 90th year. And her brother John Coulson was 85 at his recent death. So you might say longevity runs in the family.

Mrs. Preston was four years old when the family moved to take up the 100-acre farm north of Hornby. She recalled the fields were full of thistles and there were only a few Oak trees along the fence when they arrived. Today, thanks to her brother's love of trees and growing things, the farm is a beautiful, productive, tree-lined rural estate, with 90 acres planted in trees as a county reforestation area.

At his death, her brother John Coulson willed 90 acres of the farm to the County of Halton, for a tree reforestation project.



Just an old fashioned note to help you welcome 1964 and wish you and yours a fine, prosperous New Year!

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Social Notes
By MRS. LIL HOUSTON

Items for this social news column are welcomed. Call Mrs. Houston at TR 8-9284.

Away for Christmas? Guests in your home? Parties for New Year's or Christmas? Call Mrs. Houston at TR 8-9284 and have your news items included in this column next week.

Congratulations to Miss Barbara Coulson, Thomas S., who won the Christmas tree and \$50 prize in the draw held by the Sarah Martin I.O.D.E. Chapter.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. F. Lippai, Randy and Frankie, Robert St., were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Socholotuk of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and Brenda, Cathy and Christine from Mount Hope. The guests are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Lippai, who live with the F. Lippai's.

We wish Mrs. Thomas Eden, Pearl St., greetings on her 76th birthday Monday, December 23.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones, Bowes St., who will celebrate their wedding anniversary, Friday, December 27.

Mrs. Adam Riddel, Court St., spent Christmas with her son Rev. John H. Riddel and his family of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pope and family of Winnipeg are spending Christmas holidays with her mother Mrs. E. Taylor, Mill St.

Mrs. Preston is of English and Scotch origin. She talked about her grandfather who came here in 1820 with Canada's early settlers, and fought in the 1837 rebellion at Montgomery's Tavern at Hogg's Hollow.

She also recalled a Dr. Gilbert who lives out west and who is also 90. He and Mrs. Preston are the only ones still living of the group that used to attend Hornby school together.

For relaxation Mrs. Preston enjoys visits from friends, or listening to hockey games, or reading. She used to attend a lot of local hockey games, and still follows every N.H.L. game on the radio.

One important visitor in the Preston home a few years ago was a man who is presently Canada's Prime Minister — Lester B. Pearson. He dropped in to say hello (and discuss her favorite brand of politics) one day while visiting his daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Hannah who used to live around the corner from her home. "He sat right there in that chair," indicated the nonagenarian.

She still possess a fine handwriting and addressed all her own Christmas cards this year.



Here comes the New Year . . . and here we come to thank you for giving us the pleasure of serving you and to extend our best wishes for a flying start to success and happiness for you in '64

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Friends of Ken McDougall, Bronte St., will be sorry to hear he is a patient in Milton District Hospital. They will wish him well.

Jack Rush, Court St., enjoyed Christmas at a family reunion with his son and daughter and their families at Barrie.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hurray for the New Year! We hope it proves to be a very happy, healthy and prosperous one for you.

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new year greetings

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4-H Girls Complete Projects Plan Party, Achievements Day

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

The seventh meeting of the Hornby South "Boudoir Belles" 4-H Club was held on Monday, December 23, at 6.30 p.m., with nine girls attending. Beverly Hoey presided for the business. The 4-H pledge was repeated and Diana Dolby, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

Final arrangements were made for the Christmas party to be held December 28, when the members will meet at 4 p.m. in the club workroom to enjoy games and a social time together. A hot supper will be enjoyed at 6 p.m. and an exchange of gifts will be held. Anne Ruhl and Nancy Hagyard are to be a program committee.

Achievement Day plans were discussed and rehearsal will soon start for the skit to be given that day. The leaders, Mrs. Kiernan and Mrs. Patterson, then took charge of the meeting and the girls were instructed and helped with their sewing. It was decided that the next meeting will be held Saturday, January 11 at 9 a.m. and that the meeting would continue on into the afternoon or until the girls had completed their project.

Each was to bring lunch on that date. Many attractive dresser scarves and cushions have been made and several plan to sew chair pads and make a wastepaper can. Diana Dolby and Linda Kiernan served many kinds of delicious Christmas cookies at refreshment time. These were much enjoyed by all.

Baby in Germany
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pell of Hopedale on the arrival of their first grandchild, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charlebois (Margaret Pell) on October 10, 1963, in Germany. Baby is named Chris-

Joyous New Year

Here comes little '64. May his bright and happy landing be just the beginning of a prosperous, pleasing year for you.

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