

# Christmas activities at St. George's church

The Afternoon A.C.W. of St. George's Church held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. R. P. Jeffares at the Rectory. The meeting opened with the hymn "Hark! The Herald Angles Sing!", followed by the program from the "Living Message." The Bible reading was given by Mrs. H. Richardson and the "Thought for the Day" by Mrs. Reg Twiss.

Letters of thanks were read from recipients of flowers. Encouraging reports were given by the committees. Several items were read from the bulletin. Plans were made for cheer baskets to be sent to the sick and shut-ins.

Mrs. Jeffares closed the meeting and a sale was conducted with Mrs. King as auctioneer. Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Jeffares at the piano. Christmas presents were exchanged and Mrs. Jeffares was presented with a lovely poinsettia by the group. A buffet lunch was enjoyed, provided by Mrs. Jeffares.

Mrs. Walter thanked the hostess and all who had contributed to the meeting. Sunday morning, Dec. 15, Mr. Moore from Burlington was the special speaker, it being Bible Society Sunday. There was a good attendance.

Thursday evening Dec. 12, the Evening A.C.W. met at the home of Margaret Harris. Doris Dales read the scripture lesson and Arlene Dales gave the "Thought for the Day." The roll call was Christmas recipes, answered by 20 members. It was moved that inquiries be made in connection with adopting two adults from the Orillia home. Twenty-five dollars was voted extra to the

Pledge fund and \$25 to "Meals on Wheels" in the Hamilton district. Games were enjoyed and a pot luck luncheon was enjoyed. The meeting was closed and the hostess thanked by the president Joyce Beaton.

Sunday afternoon there was a christening at St. George's Church when Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares christened Cari Anne Dolbel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dolbel, and Madine Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kostur.

Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the annual Christmas tree for St. George's Sunday School was held in the church hall. A smorgasbord supper was enjoyed by a large crowd of children and adults. The children of St. George's and St. John's Sunday school presented several numbers, after which two films were shown. Santa arrived and presents were distributed to the pupils.

## HOLIDAY GREENERY BRIGHTENS HOME

Home decorations are not complete without holiday greenery about the house. The best choices include spruce, pine, hemlock, yew and aborvitae. Of these, yew seems to hold up best.

If you use broadleaf evergreens—laurel, andromeda, boxwood, or Japanese holly—for table decorations, keep them in water or the leaves will shrivel and die within a short time. Even though short lasting, broadleaf evergreens are ideal for making wreaths. For this purpose, they may be mixed with holly, balsam or yew.



**A CHRISTMAS TREE** decorated in 50 one dollar bills was offered as the prize in the Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.D.E.'s annual yule draw, and the winner was Shawnette Turner. Shawnette is spending the winter in Jamaica with her family but the tree will be held for her

until she returns here in the spring. Bank of Commerce manager Ray Harrison is shown drawing the winning ticket with the assistance of I.O.D.E. Vice-Regent Mrs. H. Funk.

(Staff Photo)

## Girl wins money tree in I.O.D.E. yule draw

Five-year-old Shawnette Turner is the winner of the annual \$50 Christmas tree draw held by the Sarah Martin Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Thursday afternoon.

The ticket was purchased by her father Len Turner, an employee of Trafalgar Golf Club in the summer months and a resident of Jamaica in the winter.

Shawnette will have the choice of having a \$50 cheque sent to her in Jamaica or having the tree and the 50 one dollar bills which

decorated it held for her until she returns to Canada in the spring.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Manager Ray Harrison made the draw.

## Karen Doherty is performer at School for Blind concert

The annual Christmas concert of Ontario School for the Blind was held Thursday Dec. 19 in the school auditorium at Brantford.

Karen Doherty of Milton attends Grade 6 there and played second violin in the opening selections by the school orchestra.

This year's concert was staged as a cantata "The Flower of Bethlehem" and it told the Christmas story in song. Members of the junior choir were students from Grade 4 to 8 and Karen sings in the soprano section. The characters (Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men, etc.) were ably taken by

students of Grade 8 and their costumes were very authentic and colored lighting made the manger scene quite realistic.

All students attending O.S. Blind received a generous \$7 gift each from a retired contractor in Toronto who is very interested in the work being done with the boys and girls at the school. He believes the students do not have the same opportunity to earn spending money shoveling snow, running errands, etc., so they were to consider this their own spending money.

Those attending the concert from Milton were Mrs. William Doherty, David Doherty and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Clements.

## Canada's first Christmas observed by Jacques Cartier

Canada's first Christmas celebration was back in 1536 when Jacques Cartier wintered at Stadacona with his ill-fated little colony. But that gallant band of venturers had very little to celebrate—famine, illness, hostile Indians—winter itself combined to make that Christmas anything but merry.

The first Christmas worthy of the description "merry" was in 1606 in the colony of Port Royal. Plagued by scurvy and with another long winter upon them, the Port Royal colonists were struggling against extinction when Samuel de Champlain enlisted the art of gastronomy in the interests of good physical and mental health. Champlain formed a dining club, "L'Ordre du Bon Temps." Each member took turn in being Grand Master for a day and it became a point of honor to fill the post of providing meals for the company with flair.

As a result of this friendly competition of the table, Marc Lescarbot, one of the earliest historians of Canadian settlement records that the "board groaned beneath all the

luxuries of the winter forest—moose, caribou and deer, beaver, otter and hare; ducks, geese, grouse and plover; sturgeon too, and trout, and fish innumerable speared through the ice."

## A Happy and Joyous Christmas AND A Blessed New Year To All

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**GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICES  
11.30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE  
8.00 a.m.—CHRISTMAS DAY  
10.00 a.m.—CHRISTMAS DAY



With cheery wishes for a happy holiday season, we greet all our good friends and customers and extend our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity of serving such wonderful people. A very Merry Christmas to one and all!

## CATION EXCAVATING

## LOWVILLE

# Choirs of United Church perform in candlelight choral service

By Mrs. L. D. Swallow

The afternoon unit of the U. C. W. met at the home of Mrs. Garfield Colling. Mrs. E. Baskier was in charge of the worship service, ably assisted by Mrs. M. Readhead, Mrs. F. O. Colling, Mrs. R. Hetherington and Mrs. R. MacAvella. After the business portion, gifts were exchanged between "Prayer Partners". The hostess served lunch assisted by Mrs. Erland Colling and Mrs. H. Warmington.

Zimmerman Church School Staff and children will present their annual Christmas concert, Monday Dec. 23.

Gordon Malmstrom has been in Chedoke Hospital. We wish him a speedy return to health. The school band of M. M. Robinson received many compliments for their concert at Dalewood school in Hamilton on Saturday.

Fairview school held their concert on Dec. 18. Vocal numbers by both junior and senior choirs as well as class numbers by junior division grades were much enjoyed by those present.

"Child's Own Theatre" evening was held at Fairview on Friday Dec. 20.

Mrs. Bruce Alton reports Nelson Church was filled for their Candlelight Service Dec. 15th. The "Youth Group Band", from Lowville United, played for the hymns and gave a program of selected Christmas music.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas will be spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. M. Powell.

Miss Ruth LaPage is visiting Louise in Montreal. They both will return for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCormack and family will be at Mr. and Mrs. Don Peer's for Christmas. A new "foster" baby arrived at their home this week. Miss Marjorie McCormack will

be at home until January 9.

The Girl Guides Christmas party was held Dec. 16. There was a fun-filled "Treasure Hunt" in which each girl had to find her present. Hostess badges were presented to Karen Sanderson, Janet Knight, Shirley McCormack and Wendy Eckersley.

The Guides, with their leader, Mrs. R. Harnden, sang carols later at the Senior Ladies Home at Mount Nemo. Five Poinsettias in pots were put in the rooms by the Guides. Mrs. Awill, owner of the nursing home, thanked the girls and made them welcome with a dainty lunch.

Tecumseh School Choirs presented their Christmas Concert on Dec. 18. J. H. Hughes was in charge of the Grade Seven and C. W. Hamilton, Grade 8. Master of Ceremonies was Pam Cunningham. Student council president. Solo performers were Beverly McDonald and Kathy Rajczak for voice, David Taton a piano solo. Mr. Hughes conducted a carol "Sing-along). There are 250 members in the choirs. This event was enjoyed by a full capacity audience.

Lowville United Church presented their Candlelight Choral Service on Dec. 22. Soloists for the evening were Mrs. Peter Gates, Miss Susan Gudgeon, Miss Janet Knight and Mrs. D. Swallow.

The Junior Choir and the Youth Band contributed several appropriate numbers. Mrs. Jack Davey was at the organ. Mrs. George Coulson was pianist for the Junior group. Assisting ladies for the evening were Mrs. H. Hall and Mrs. A. Coulson. The U.C.W. ladies prepared refreshments at the close of the service.

Not only have a Merry Christmas—give one!

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## GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 P.M. — The Midnight Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 A.M. — Holy Communion

10.00 A.M. — Holy Communion

A BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

## Church Services

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Minister:  
Rev. J. K. L. McGown, B.A.  
878-6066 878-2652  
"O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
9.45 a.m.—Sr. Church School.  
9.45 a.m.—Young People's Bible Class.  
9.45 a.m.—"The Thinkers."  
10.50 a.m.—Jr. Church School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
"Year - End Thoughts."  
11.00 a.m.—Nursery.

**MILTON GOSPEL HALL**  
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Christians gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**LORD'S DAY**  
SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968  
10.30 a.m.—Breaking of Bread.  
12.15 p.m.—Sunday School.  
7.00 p.m.—Gospel Service.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible reading.

All are welcome to these services.

Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.  
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**HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH**  
A local assembly of  
**THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA**  
Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen.

**LORD'S DAY**  
SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968  
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.  
Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People's Service.  
A Church You Can Make Your Home  
A Warm Welcome to Everyone

**BOSTON AND OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**  
Minister:  
Rev. Stanley E. Smith, B.A.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
10.00 a.m.—Omagh: Christmas Service.

11.15 a.m.—Omagh: Church School.

10.30 a.m.—Boston: Church School.

11.30 a.m.—Boston: Worship Service.

7.30 p.m.—Boston: Candlelight Service. The Junior and Senior Choirs will present the play, "The Birds' Christmas Carol". Refreshments will be served in a social hour to follow.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH of THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Main St. at James St.  
Minister:  
Rev. C. A. Hainer, B.A., B.D.  
Organist and Choir Leader:  
Mrs. Harold Magee.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
11.00 a.m.—New Year's Sunday Morning Worship.  
Sermon subject, "Where Do We Go from Here?"

**CHURCH SCHOOL**  
9.30 a.m.—Sunday School for all boys and girls over 8 years.

11.00 a.m.—Infant Nursery in charge of registered nurse and nursery department.

11.00 a.m.—Boys and girls 4-8 years inclusive will attend church with parents and proceed to their departments following the second hymn.

Invitation To All

**GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Milton, Ontario.  
Rector: Rev. R. W. Foster.  
Assistant: Canon F. H. Mason.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
Christmas I

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9.25 a.m.—Jr. Church School.

9.30 a.m.—Mornings and Sermon.

10.45 a.m.—Sr. Church School.

11.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Sermon.

Thursday, January 2, 1969 10.00 a.m. — Holy Communion.

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**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
10.00 a.m.—Bible School Classes for all ages.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

8.00 p.m.—Preaching of the Gospel.

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Pastor: Rev. Clayton Coles  
878-4473 878-3542

The Lord's Day

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29th, 1968**  
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

5.30 p.m.—Youth Time.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. — Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, December 19th — Women's Missionary Fellowship.

Nursery at Sunday services.

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