

Consider welcome baskets for newcomers to district

The Christmas meeting of Campbellville Women's Institute was held at the home of the president Mrs. Robert Elliot on December 2, at 8 p.m.

Amid a tastefully decorated setting with soft Christmas music in the background the meeting was opened with an article from the 1968 Canadian Champion editorial titled "What Christmas is?" and a quotation from Charles Dickens. The Institute Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect repeated.

After the usual business routine the secretary read an announcement of the Christmas tea held at the museum from Dec. 6 through Dec. 20, and the achievement day for the 4-H club at the School for the Deaf on Dec. 5, 1970, at 1.30 p.m.

A note of thanks was read from Mrs. Jim Wallace for the pleasant evening the W.I. ladies pleased to create for them on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary early in November.

A thank-you letter was received on behalf of the residents of Halton Manor to the Campbellville W.I. for the birthday party and program presented in November. It was decided to continue to take responsibility for this month's birthday party at the manor for some years.

Fear fatal accident

Mrs. June Andrews reported on the presentation of a plea for better provisions for safety on the mill hill and the village corner. The council and road committee have promised to do something.

It remains to be shown how much and whether it will come in time to avoid loss of life. Sometimes things are put off and necessary improvements not made until someone pays with their lives for delay and buck-passing.

The schoolchildren collected \$25. for UNICEF on Hallow'e'n. Mrs. Shirley Smith was asked to enlarge on the idea of a welcome basket for newcomers in the area. She has begun plans for this and the meeting endorsed the idea and are willing to help in any way to see that the new folk in the village and surrounding country get acquainted with services and groups.

The cheer committee were given a list of folk to be remembered and asked to include any who are in Ontario Hospital.

Roll call

The roll call was answered with ways of displaying our Christmas cards. Many novel ways were gleaned. The program was presented by Mrs. George Black and Mrs. William Mahon. Current events were given by Mrs. George Inglis. Mrs. Lloyd Crawford led in the singing of several Christmas carols while Mrs. Black gave the group the history or origin of some carols.

Mrs. William Mahon gave an excellent paper on the interesting subject of Christmas cards and how they came to be the million dollar industry of today. Mr. N. C. Dobson made one of the first in 1840 and Mr. Horsley in 1843.

First Christmas card

The first card made for sale was created by Mr. Edgely in 1875 in the U.S.A. and featured holly and mistletoe. Mrs. Mahon had some very interesting old cards from some collectors and the museum to show the group.

Mrs. D. Nicholson and Mrs. Fenwick gave a demonstration on the making of beeswax candles and also had a collection of beautifully molded candles on display. This was very interesting and much enjoyed. Several ladies gave some ideas for novel decorations with - readers digests, coat-hangers, etc.

The Christmas meeting is always one of the best in the year and this one was no exception. After the singing of the Royal Anthem and the institute grace we enjoyed a lovely time of neighboring and good-fellowship over cups of tea or coffee, fancy sandwiches and Christmas cookies.

Investment up

New capital investment in Ontario in 1969 totalled \$6,000,000,000, a nine per cent gain over the previous year, states the annual report of the Ontario Department of Trade and Development. Major increase was in residential construction.



THE SINGING CHANSONETTES entertained at Knox Church Sunday. The group will make several appearances leading up to their spring concert. Front row members are director Judy Hunter, Isabel Thompson, Sandra Pollen, June McCuaig,

Isabel Batstone, Joan Etherington, Dawn Brodie, Elizabeth Frame, Billie Marshall and Win Newell. Back Row: Marilyn Smith, Anne Ptolemy, Eleanor Jackson, Lynn Brown, June Fish, Fran Hunter, Barbara Snow and Bobbie Rowney.—(Staff Photo)

Festive decorations set a special mood

Glowing candles, festive decorations and carols set the theme for the December meeting of the Robertson Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church which met at the home of Mrs. S. Lockie on Dec. 8. Seventeen members and two visitors answered the Roll Call "What I like about Christmas".

The usual business was dealt with and the new slate of officers read, and adopted.

Sing duet

Margaret and Helen Bill sang duet beautifully, telling of the Babe of Bethlehem. The offering was received and dedicated.

Mrs. Florence Bell was in charge of the Christmas program reading the scripture and leading in prayer. Mrs. Bell then gave a most interesting and comprehensive review of the

of Mrs. Lilian Dickson, in her role as wife, mother, teacher, nurse and missionary. First she was in Formosa, and following the Japanese occupation of that Island they left and commenced work in British Guiana.

Initiate treatment

There she worked among the women and children. She also initiated treatment for the tubercular natives living in the mountains, and also among the lepers in the leprosarium.

Little children in orphanages and better care for new born babies were also among her prime projects.

It seems incredible that one woman's lifetime could hold so much of service to her fellow-man, but her life is completely committed to God and her works testify to this.

Tea and cookies

Mrs. Bell closed with a prayer and a Christmas greeting. A pleasant time was spent over tea and cookies, and boxes packed with cookies and good wishes for shut-ins.

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Shows slides at Christmas meeting

The Christmas meeting of Knox Church Evening Department of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Mel Robinson, with the president Mrs. Robert Mackay presiding. After opening with a reading, Christmas in the Heart, a short business period was followed with the devotions, led by Mrs. Harold Magee.

The different aspects of the Christmas story were supported by brief Bible readings with suitable carols. Mrs. Magee sang a beautiful song "Christ is the promise of Eternal Life" and closed her devotions with prayer.

Breathtaking photo

Mrs. Murray showed slides, covering her work in India. The site of the first church built by John Buchanan was shown with the river where he stopped to let his horse drink and where his first convert was baptized. The actors in a nativity play were shown and the groups who went

out carolling on Christmas eve and then returned to missionaries' homes to eat. Nurses from Jobat Hospital, children or original Bhils, were posed for their graduation picture.

Scenes from New Year's sports day were shown with such games as tug-of-war. Market day, harvest scenes the same as Old Testament times, women with faces covered at market, Mohammedan and Christian wedding processions were a few of the interesting presentations of life in India. The slides ended with a sunset scene in the High Himalayas (26,800') taken with telephoto lens by Mr. Murray—a breathtaking sight.

Mrs. Mackay thanked Mr. Murray and asked Mr. Murray to close the meeting with prayer. This delightful and inspiring meeting was followed by a social time when delicious Christmas cookies and cakes were enjoyed by all.



MARRIED IN Grace church, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Albert Wadham are living in Acton. The bride is the former Lynda Smillie.

Wadham - Smillie

Lynda Marie Smillie and Harold Albert Wadham were married in Grace Anglican church, Milton.

The double-ring ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Foster with Mrs. Ledwith playing the organ. Yellow and mauve mums decorated the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smillie, Milton, and the groom, a salesman at Gallinger motors, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wadham, Toronto.

Roses on Bible

The bride wore a long white gown with lace jacket and train. Her veil, made by her aunt Mrs. E. Marshall, was held by a crown. She carried red roses on a Bible given by an aunt, Mrs. R. Bekkers.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister Mrs. J. Hudson; bridesmaids were Miss C. Hearn, cousins Miss J. Cox and Miss R. Marshall, with the groom's sister Miss K. Wadham as flower girl.

Attendants in purple

The attendants wore floor length gowns with purple velvet bodices trimmed in gold and mauve peau de soie skirts. They wore small purple bow in their hair, and carried white muffs with yellow and mauve mums. The muffs had been made by the bride's mother.

Mr. Smillie gave his daughter in marriage. Groomsman was a friend, T. Parker and the ushers were S. Smillie, the bride's brother, G. Wadham, the groom's brother and J. Penson.

Reception held

The reception was held in the banquet room of the Charles Hotel in Milton. The bride's mother wore beige with beige and gold accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore pink with red roses.

Among the guests were the groom's grandmother Mrs. G. Henry and the bride's grandmother Mrs. M. Smillie.

The couple left for a trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo and are living on Main St. Acton.

The bride wore a pink pantsuit with brown accessories and red roses.

Before the wedding, Mrs. G. Henry and Mrs. M. Stover, Milton, held a miscellaneous shower. A luncheon was held by Mrs. C. Henry and Mrs. G. Wedgewood, Brampton. Mrs. J. Hearn and Miss C. Hearn held a miscellaneous shower in Milton.

Mrs. R. Bekkers, Oakville, was hostess for a miscellaneous shower at the bride's mother's home.

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'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse
When down through the chimney all covered with soot,
Came the "SPIRIT OF FIRE", an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern,
As he looked all around for something to burn.
What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher,
For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the green Christmas tree,
It stood in the corner leaving passageways free.
The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim,
Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen,
And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green.

The tree had been trimmed by a Mother insistent,
That the ornaments used be FIRE RESISTANT.

And Mother had known the things to avoid,
Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid.
Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass,
Gave life to the tree; It really had class.

And would you believe it, right next to the tree,
Was a suitable box for holding debris.
A place to throw wrappings of paper and string,
From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust,
As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust.
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