



BUSY STAGE CREW prepares the flats for the Martin St. Senior School production of Dicken's Christmas Carol. All the students are involved, either onstage or off, with the energetic undertaking. From left are Duane Stark, Marco Bernabei and John Tarnawsky.

Three major concerns emerge from visitation

The Unified Board of St. Paul's United Church heard a detailed and informative report from Jim Dills, chairman of the congregational visitation, which was held in the month of November. Mr. Dills and Brad Clements summarized their report into three major concerns: 1 - Youth Programs and leadership; 2 - An updating of the worship service; 3 - a need for a men's club. The various committees of the Board will be accepting these challenges and with the support of the congregation it would be hoped that these areas of concern will be corrected.

The Outreach Committee informed the Board that Sunday, Jan. 26 is the date established for all Board members and husbands or wives to partake in a retreat at the Bezek Centre. The study will begin with a luncheon and then move into a concentrated effort to "recharge the spiritual

batteries" of all concerned. The Board sanctioned the motion, that St. Paul's will donate to the United Church International Youth Exchange in honor of the United Church's 50th birthday in June, 1975 and Miss Nancy Lawrence was nominated as a candidate from this congregation. Every congregation in the Presbytery was asked for a nominee, only one delegate from each Presbytery will be chosen for this exchange in June of 1975.

The Worship Committee advised the following dates for special services, Sunday, Dec. 22, Sunday morning, Christmas service with

-The Champion will be published on Monday next week. The newspaper office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25 and 26.

It's time again for Christmas concerts

It's the time of year for Christmas concerts and two of the Milton schools are planning theirs for the same night.

Martin St. Senior School will present Dickens' Christmas Carol, an operetta in three acts, Dec. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Students from Robert Baldwin, W. I. Dick and J. M. Denyes schools will have an opportunity to see the performance at dress rehearsal Dec. 17 and Martin St. students will see the show Dec. 16.

Every student in the school is involved in some way with the production. There are 125 in the cast and the remainder are working as crew, publicity, scenery, painters and ticket sellers.

Holy Rosary School holds its Christmas Festival on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The children at the school will see the performance at the dress rehearsal that morning. Everyone is busy practising and every classroom is involved, either in singing,

dancing or with skits. As these two schools are close together on Martin St. and usually share parking facilities, parents are urged to double up on rides for the Dec. 18 productions as parking will be at a minimum.

Hornby Women exchange gifts

Mrs. Guy Bussell hosted the December meeting of Hornby W.I. Mrs. R. Wilson, president, read a poem to open the meeting attended by 14 members.

Mrs. L. Sampson read correspondence from the Institute's adopted Chinese boy's sister.

Mrs. C. Wigglesworth gave a report on the nutrition workshop held at Maple Leaf Milling which dealt with the processing and marketing of foods. Eating and shopping habits were also investigated with vitamins, minerals and additives listed on labels discussed.

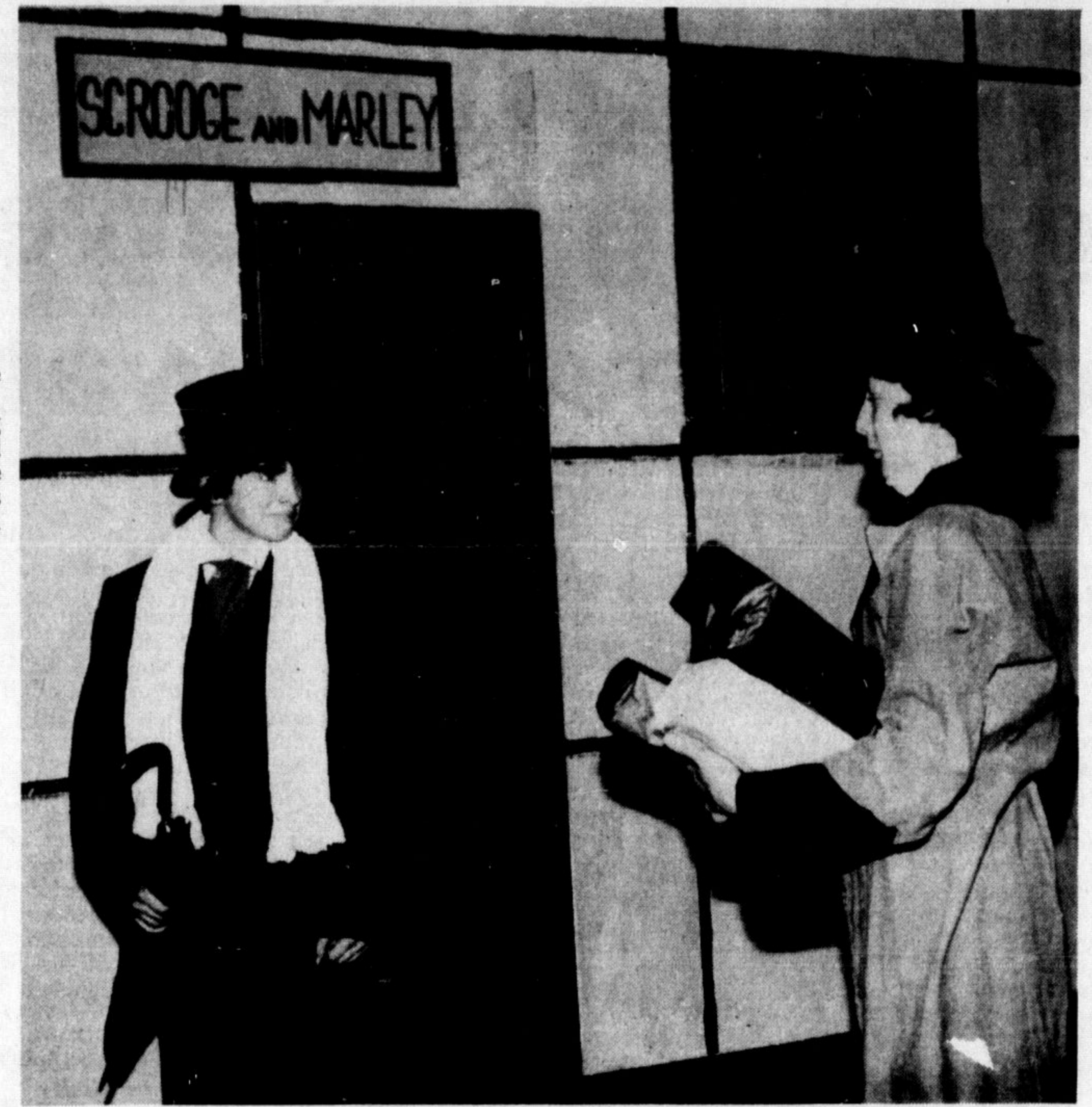
Conference Mrs. R. Wilson gave a report on the conference held at Kitchener Nov. 25 and 26. Conference leaders urged women to write their MPs if they object to something being done by government, and to study the status of women property laws. Speaker was Archdeacon Brown who praised the Mennonites for raising three crops a year. Christmas gifts were ex-

changed by the members and Mrs. D. Downs and Mrs. G. Bussell provided lunch with a surprise treat from a visitor Mrs. Oliver.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. J. Brown.

-Be sure to attend the special church services during the Christmas season.

-Santa has been busy visiting local parties this month.



CHRISTMAS CAROL, an adaptation as a musical play in three acts, is being presented tonight and Thursday night at Martin St. Senior School. At a dress rehearsal Scrooge, played by Graeme Innis and his nephew Fred, by Mark Parkinson, go through their lines for the upteenth time since they began preparations in October.

Wants fire commission

Halton Region's Administration Committee feels the province should have a commission responsible for handling salary arbitrations between the municipalities and the fire departments in the province.

Burlington mayor George Harrington argued the commission should be set up along the same lines as the commission responsible for arbitrating police salaries. He suggested there was a certain degree of expertise necessary for an effective job to be done. But the committee refused to endorse the Region of Waterloo's call for a task force on fire protection.

special music; Christmas Eve Service, 7 to 7:45 p.m., Family carol service in the Fellowship Room; Sunday, Jan. 12, communion service; Sunday, Jan. 19, after the morning service, pot luck dinner and annual congregational meeting.

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