

Christmas meeting

Displays cards

Mrs. J. Gilbert, president opened the Dec. 9 Christmas general meeting of St. Paul's United Church Women with a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, "The Priceless gift of Christmas" and prayer. Mrs. Mervin Ezard read the minutes of the last general meeting in April. Mrs. S.A. Featherstone gave the financial statement, and Mrs. J. McGeachie, Correspondence Secretary had a number of thank-you notes to bring to the attention of the 40 attending. Encouraging reports from the four unit leaders were received.

Mrs. E. W. Foster, Christian Citizenship, stressed the great need in the field of Day Care Centres, Camp Centres, and also gave ways and opportunities of helping senior citizens. Personal contacts are of great value, she said. The Lions Club of Milton supplied new wicker food baskets to carry the dinners for "The Meals on Wheels". Young people enjoy helping the senior citizens, and these older folks have privileges to help the young people.

Mrs. Lucille Cole, Literature and Communications convener handed out the new Study Book, "Missions Begin with you". Mrs. J. L. Graham returned the special autograph quilt that the U.C.W. gave her. Another decision will be made for its use. Mrs. Charles Wilson, membership convener has completed the new unit lists for 1975. Mrs. J. Gilbert thanked all for the year's

work and co-operation. The first Sunday in May will be United Church Women's Annual Sunday.

For the program Mrs. Keith Fay was in charge for Unit 4. She read some beautiful thoughts on Christmas. Christmas hymns were interspersed by verses from Luke 2 and piano solos by Mrs. W. L. McNeill. A love gift offering was received and it was decided to give it to the A.R.C. Senior School at Hornby.

Mrs. Verle Mahon gave a splendid talk on Christmas Cards. On the worship table was a large display of cards, from away back over 100 years, also very distinguished cards and lacey ones, with many other pretty designs. The more recent designs. Mrs. Mahon remarked that good wishes at Christmas and New Year's were exchanged through letter writing, hand written on paper with borders engraved to represent important events, as battles, earthquakes, coronations and the like. These were Christmas pieces. Children were required to write on these pieces of paper, and take them home at Christmas holidays to show their parents the progress they had made. Some of these Christmas pieces were sold in shops. Many more interesting facts were told in this well written talk.

Joy to the World, a favorite hymn was sung, and a prayer poem, "For You—These are the things I send you on Christmas Day," closed the U.C.W. meeting.



OPP OFFICER JERRY DOWD and civilian Jim Woods are shown outside one of two helicopters acquired by Ontario Provincial Police about a month ago. The aircraft will be used by OPP during rescue attempts and in other emergencies. The craft is equipped with a siren, stretchers and loudspeakers that will allow officers to communicate with people on the ground from 200 or 300 feet in the air.

For OPP search, rescue

Copter pays visit

By Bob Burt
"It's a bird, it's a plane... That might well have been the conversation of Milton-based OPP officers Saturday when they heard a roar of a helicopter come closer and finally land on the side yard at the OPP station on Steeles Ave. The copter is one of two recently acquired by the provincial police to aid in search and rescue efforts. Jerry Dowd, one of four officer observer trainees with the force, explained the plane is equipped with a stretcher, sirens and a loudspeaker system. The loudspeaker system allows officers in the copter to give verbal directions to a search crew on the ground. Officer Dowd said the copter was only in OPP possession for a week when a crew was sent to Moosonee to rescue a marooned

Indian family. Use in north
A couple of hunters lost in the bush have also benefitted from the acquisition. Dowd suggests the helicopters are apt to be especially useful in the sparsely populated areas of northern Ontario where ambulance service is either unavailable or impossible. Dowd said there might be instances where the craft would be used to get to isolated areas and either take the injured persons to waiting ambulances or go directly to a hospital. He noted the craft could be useful in any disaster situation. The Grand River floods of last year are another instance of where the craft could be used. Dowd and pilot Woods visited Milton during a trial run with the craft Saturday.

Christmas memories

The Scotch Block Women's Institute met Thursday, Dec. 12 at Ligny Hall. Mrs. W. Harris presided and opened the meeting with Christmas poems. Fifteen members answered the roll call—"A humorous Christmas memory from my childhood."

It was decided to donate \$10 to Halton 4-H Club. Mrs. C. Pettigrew and Mrs. W. Lawson reported on the recent area convention which was held in Kitchener.

"I like Christmas" Mrs. Chester Service read a Christmas story entitled "I like Christmas." Mrs. W. Lawson gave a reading. Contests were conducted by Miss Eva Chisholm and Mrs.

W. Harris with Mrs. H. Robertson and Mrs. J. Irvine being prize winners. Cookies and jams were brought in by members for the shut-in baskets.

Mrs. D. Lawson, Mrs. C. House and Mrs. E. Joyce served a delicious Christmas lunch.

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The event is sponsored by Milton Chamber of Commerce with a view to honoring a citizen each year for outstanding service to the community. The winner will be a guest at the Chamber's annual meeting and dinner dance on January 25th and will receive an appropriate award. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 3.

Mail your entries to The Canadian Champion, 191 Main St. E., Milton.

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ST. JOHN NEWS

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HOW TO TREAT FROSTBITE

Old Man Winter loves to nip your ears or nose or toes so slyly, you often may not know you have frostbite.

The telltale sign is when the affected part gets waxy white and numb. But sometimes it takes someone else to point it out.

The popular frostbite remedy — rubbing the affected part with snow — is wrong and can be dangerous, says St. John Ambulance.

What should be done? Treat quickly; prolonged freezing can do irreparable damage.

Do it slowly

Warm gradually by body heat, the safest way to relieve frostbite. It is best not to apply direct heat in any form.

If your face or ear is affected, cover the frozen area with a gloved hand until normal color and feeling return.

For frozen fingers or toes, remove tight boots or gloves. A good way to thaw your hand is to place it under your clothing in your armpit. Feet may be wrapped in a warm blanket or snuggled under a companion's jacket.

If frostbite is severe, see a doctor immediately.

Family allowance up

Increases in Family Allowances, effective in January, 1975 were announced by Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde. The increase is based on the cost of living increase since November 1973, as provided for in the Family Allowances Act.

Federal monthly allowances paid for children under the age of 18 will rise to \$22.08 from \$20 a month per child. Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to vary the family allowance rates payable in that province according to the age or the number of children in a family, or both, providing the

TOWN OF MILTON NOTICE

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