

Newtonbrook District News

Newtonbrook United Church Sunday School celebrated its 82nd anniversary last Sunday with special services conducted by Rev. D. H. Woodhouse of Markham at the morning service and the pastor at the evening service.

Misses Marion, Lott'e and Evelyn Case left last Thursday to spend the winter in their apartment in Toronto.

Mrs. Robt. Pinder Sr. is recovering from her recent illness.

Rev. A. H. Halbert attended the funeral of Mrs. F. Gambrell in King last Thursday.

Zion School Concert is to be held on Wednesday, December 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. New attended their cousin's wedding in Toronto last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Halbert were guests this week at the Parsonage.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. at the United Church next Sunday. Worship service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. conducted by the pastor who will deliver Christmas messages.

Special Christmas services will be held in the various churches next Sunday, December 25th. Everyone should attend worship services. All are cordially invited.

The Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Bales, Lansing with the president, Mrs. A. H. Halbert, presiding. The Christmas worship ser-

vice was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Bales and the Christmas lesson was read by Mrs. W. T. Wells. A temperance reading was given by Mrs. A. W. Stephenson. The second chapter of the study book, "Planting the Church", was very ably reviewed by Mrs. James Murray who told of the early missionaries in Ontario. The meeting was then handed over to Rev. A. H. Halbert who received the annual reports which were very gratifying. The Auxiliary exceeded their allocation. The Girl's Mission Circle also reached its allocation and the Mission Band. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. R. Pinder Sr., Mrs. C. Dempsey, Mrs. S. E. Browne; Past Pres., Mrs. A. H. Halbert; Pres., Mrs. A. W. Galbraith; Vice-Pres., Mrs. James Murray; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. C. Bales; Recording Sec., Mrs. W. T. New; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Fred MacDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Wells; Sec. of Christian Stewardship, Mrs. James Murray; Community Friendship Sec., Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; Supply Sec., Mrs. Alfred Brown; Temperance Sec., Mrs. H. Moore; Associate Helpers Sec., Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; Mission Monthly Sec., Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; World Friends Sec., Miss A. Lever; Literature Sec., Mrs. C. O. Bales; Sec. of Mission Circles, Mrs. A. H. Halbert; Sec. of Mission Bands, Miss A. Lever; Sec. of C.G.I.T., Miss Mary Douglas; Sec. of Baby Band, Mrs. Fred Foreman; Pianist, Mrs. W. E. Hick; Fin. Com., Mrs. J. Murray, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Miss M. Case, Mrs. A. W. Galbraith and Mrs. W. T. New.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the retiring president, Mrs. Halbert who filled the office for almost six years. Mrs. Halbert replied in a few fitting words and thanked the ladies very much for their hearty co-operation.

The Girls' Mission Circle held its December meeting at the Parsonage with a good attendance. The first vice-pres., Miss Lorene Brown, was in the chair. Mrs. Howard Newson led in the Christmas devotional service and the scripture lesson was read by Miss Soden. A questionnaire on the second chapter of the study book was conducted by Miss Irene Smith with Miss Edna Street and Miss Velma Carson taking part. A reading was given by Miss Tranter. The annual reports were received which were very gratifying. The treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded. Mrs. Halbert conducted the election of officers which resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. A. H. Halbert; Pres., Lorene Brown; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Murchison; 2nd Vice-Pres., Irene Smith; Recording Sec., Emma McPhail; Corresponding Sec., Velma Carson; Treasurer, Doris VanLoven; Temperance Sec., Mary Campbell; Supply Sec., Edna Street; Christian Stewardship Sec., Doris Newson; Community Friendship Sec., Denora McCammon; Pianist, Bertha Smith; Fin. Com., Doris VanLoven, Doris Newson, Lorene Brown; Membership Com., Beatrice Johnston, Mrs. Howard Newson, Mrs. C. Pinder, Jean Douglas, Thelma Riddell. After the meeting a large bale of clothing, Christmas gifts, fruit and candies was packed and was shipped the following day to Hazel Dell, Sask.

The marriage of Viola Pearl Hurd, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Hurd of 35 Finch Ave. W. and Carmen George Lockyer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. George Lockyer of Drewry Ave., Newtonbrook, took place quietly at Newtonbrook United Church Parsonage at 7.30 o'clock last Saturday evening with Rev. A. H. Halbert officiating. The bride was becomingly attired in a sapphire blue transparent velvet with matching accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses and fern. Her sister, Dorothy, made a charming bridesmaid, attired in a blue costume with hat to match and wore a corsage of pink roses and fern. Mr. Robt. Hill supported the groom. Only the immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The young couple will reside on Finch Ave. West.

The Newtonbrook United Church Sunday School held its annual Christmas entertainment last Tuesday evening in the S. S. Hall with a very large attendance. The S. S. Supt., Mr. A. W. Galbraith, acted as chairman. Master Dick Walterhouse gave the address of welcome. All the classes from the primary to the Senior gave suitable numbers which were very much enjoyed by all. Miss Cora Good's class of girls were dressed to represent the months of the year with Elsie Wells taking the part of a fairy. Miss Margaret Shaw's class composed a Rhythm Band and played several Christmas carols. The classes of Mrs. Galbraith and Miss Doris Newson contributed a very lovely motion song. The Primary Dept. under the direction of Miss Irene Smith and



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Miss Velma Carson gave an Exercise with motions. Vocal solos were given by Bobby Connor, Joan Hewitt and Lillian Newman. Piano solos were given by Elsie Wells and Shirley Pope. A solo by Sylvia Taylor was well given with her sister Jean at the piano. Miss Mary Douglas' class of girls gave a play. The closing number was a pageant in four scenes entitled "The First Christmas" presented by the Young Ladies and Young Men's classes under the direction of Mrs. Halbert. The members of the caste were: Spirit of Christmas, Dorothy Hurd; The Three Angels, Margaret Graham, Mary Campbell, Norma Anderson; Mary, Mrs. Carmen Lockyer; The Girls of Bethlehem, Ruth Douglas, Evelyn Carnes, Dorothy Johnson, Jean Stephenson, Hazel Campbell; Bethlehem boy, Robert Carnes; Three Gift Bearers, Clifford Brett, Hicks Smith, Irwin Brown. Chorus, group of Intermediate scholars.

A Christmas tree attractively decorated was loaded with gifts and the S. S. Supt. and the pastor were also remembered by receiving a goose each. The National Anthem brought another Christmas Festival to a close.

Safety Hint for Holiday

Christmas will be merrier and the New Year will be happier if every motorist resolves to do his part in preventing traffic accidents.

Ontario streets and highways can be made safe, but the police cannot do the job themselves. It requires the co-operation of every driver. Particularly at this season of the year, when ice, snow and fog increase driving hazards, it is sure that eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

A striking example of what can be done to promote safety was given recently when five drivers of transport trucks were presented with awards of the Legion of Safety at the annual banquet of the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario. The winner of the chief award, W. C. Dunlop, London, Ontario, has driven a total of 688,000 miles in the past 14 years without even a minor accident. The four other award winners have also been driving for periods ranging from 11 to 15 years distances totalling from 445,000 to 663,000 miles, with unblemished safety records.

These five winners are only the best representative transport drivers who have qualified for the difficult entrance requirements of the Legion of Safety. To qualify, a driver must drive his vehicle a minimum of 15,000 miles a year for at least the last five years without so much as a scratched fender. The Legion's committee, representatives of the Canadian Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the Ontario Safety League, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario, checks all driving records carefully and accepts no

excuses to the effect that an accident was the fault of another driver. The least accident, no matter whose the responsibility, amounts to a black ball in this exclusive club.

These drivers, working in all kinds of weather and at all hours, realize that they have a duty in promoting public safety. They do not think it is smart to insist on their right of way, to beat traffic lights, to race trains to crossings. They remember that it will not console their wives and children, if an accident should happen, to know that it was another driver's fault.

The good driver's responsibility involves more than being in the right himself. It also includes looking out for the careless and less experienced drivers and doing his best to protect them from the consequences of their lack of care. It includes respect for the folly as well as the rights of children and pedestrians. It includes obedience to the spirit as well as the letter of traffic regulations.

If Ontario motorists will resolve to follow the example of the Legion of Safety, this Christmas season will be unmarred by the toll of deaths and injuries that have occurred in past years. And if they will carry their resolution on into the New Year, 1939 will be better for everybody.

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of the people. Their special sphere of information constantly includes the home, the school, the church and municipal government. A large and most important fact of life. It is important for the welfare of the people that the weekly press should continue prosperous and influential.

There is one other matter I suppose one should mention—that is the question of politics. The old idea of purely party organ is passing—yet every editor with a living soul is bound to be an influence on public questions. He cannot even give correct information without creating opinion. I sincerely believe the less well-known papers with local circulation are still largely the power behind the throne. Creating that public opinion—which the city papers and public men generally seek to reflect and follow. It is therefore most important that the editors of these influential weekly journals should have freedom and courage. There need be nothing partisan in them. I am not an admirer of neutrals.

Sincerely yours, HUGH MUNROE

Moderator of General Assembly, the Presbyterian Church in Canada. New Glasgow, N.S.

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