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CONCORD NEWS

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Home and School

A new bridge of understanding and friendship with new citizens living in our community was built Monday evening, December 8, at the Concord Home and School meeting. Although we do not speak with the same tongue as these new Canadians, nevertheless over 110 persons present at the meeting listened with great enjoyment and understanding to the music and delighted in the spirit of their singing.

President Mrs. R. M. McLean, presided for the special Christmas program which was opened with a lusty sing-song of Christmas carols ably directed by Mrs. Bruce Keffer, and which everyone enjoyed singing.

For Mr. and Mrs. Neba, recent arrivals from Finland, this was their first taste of a Canadian Christmas. They delighted everyone present with their guitar and mandolin rendition of Christmas carols while Mrs. Neba sang them in her native tongue.

Children of the intermediate grades, Mary Ann Baker, Linda Watt, Linda Keffer, Dianne McGinnis, David Baker and Tommy Clapp sang two lovely Christmas songs.

Mr. Bert Wittly introduced Mr. A. E. Atkinson of the Maplewood Church of Christ, who explained the meaning of Christmas. Mr. Atkinson denounced the present day trend toward commercializing Christmas and the custom of allowing festivity to take the place of the solemnity of the season.

A film "Peoples of Canada" showed people migrating to this country, where they settled, some of their problems and their contributions to the country.

The beautiful carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" was sung by Martha Baker, Sharon Baker, Laverne Morrison, Patsy Knowles, Patsy Bisson and Nancy Halliwell of the senior room. All the children's singing was directed by Miss Wood, junior room teacher.

Sven Nilsson from Sweden demonstrated that the hand is quicker than the eye. When Sven came to the bottom of his bag of tricks, everyone agreed that this was a great contribution to the programme.

The film "Whoever you are" showed the efforts of various groups working in co-operation with others in the fight to break down the color and racial barriers in all walks of life.

A very fine accordion solo by Andy Ezinanko was another treat. Mr. Ezinanko played waltzes, polkas and other selections of his native land, Czechoslovakia.

It is good to see these new Canadians blend so nicely into the general scene and absorb the language and customs of this, their adopted country. It is equally good for us too, to make them feel at home here and to adopt some of their culture and folk ways and in so doing, enrich our way of life.

Mr. Stan Keffer was appointed Visual Aid director during the business part of the meeting.

At the close of this memorable evening mothers of grade 3 pupils were hostesses at a social hour.

The next meeting will be held at the school on January 12.

W. A. Meeting
The December meeting of the Fisherville W.A. was held Tuesday evening December 9 at the home of Mrs. Holgate, Fraserdale Farms, with the president, Mrs. Clawson, presiding. Mrs. Conway read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Stockford led in prayer. The discussion part of the meeting had to do with making plans for the community Christmas supper and party to be held in the church on Wednesday evening, December 17.

Personals
We are sorry to hear that Mr. George Good has taken very ill and is in Toronto General Hospital. We all hope he has a speedy recovery and will be able to come home for Christmas.

Fisherville United Church
Church services are held every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. at Fisherville United Church. The minister is Rev. G. Kelly of Newtonbrook United Church. Everyone is welcome.

Young Peoples' meeting are held on Monday nights at Fisherville United Church. We would be very pleased to see more young people interested in our meetings. Everyone 14 years and over is welcome. The meetings begin at 8 o'clock. Come and bring your friends.

Ella
Ella United Church, Christmas Sunday, December 21, 1952. Public worship 9.45 a.m. Sunday school 10.50 a.m. Rev. Cyril Leach, minister.

Shower
A miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Joan Tonkin in the Sunday School room of Ella United Church Thursday evening, December 11. Miss Tonkin will become the bride of Mr. J. Macklem on December 20. Among the gifts presented to the couple were lovely chinaware, linens, canister sets, etc., from their friends and neighbors in the community.

The women of the congregation served refreshments.



The joy of a soldier's return from war is depicted in this family picture taken at Windsor Station, Montreal, when Cpl. Lionel LeBlanc of 4423 Wellington St., Vedun, P.Q. kissed his two-year-old son Michael, after he and other Montreal and Maritime members of the 1st Battalion of the Princess Pats stepped off a CPR trans-continental train on their return from fighting with United Nations forces in Korea. Other members of the family greeting the soldier on his return from a year and one month's service in Korea include his father Ralph LeBlanc, and his wife.

EDGELEY NEWS

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Edgeley United Church, Sunday, December 21, 1952, Sunday School 1.30, Christmas service 2.30 p.m. Rev. P. J. Lambert, minister

Young Peoples
The annual church service of the Young Peoples' Fellowship was held on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Mr. Jesse Bryson of Laskay was the special speaker. The worship service was conducted by Ray Avery. The Young Peoples' choir of 16 voices led the praise. Bible readings were given by Jack Burns and Donald Hawkesworth. Those who took part in the candle-lighting service were Larry Burns, Willa Hawkesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Avery, June Young and Gordon Mitchell.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Peeler on their 14th wedding anniversary, December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Newton moved to their new farm in King on Thursday, December 11. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newton will join them later.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stong called on Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard of Victoria Square on Sunday on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Farm Forum
On the evening of December 8, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Puterbaugh held the Farm Forum meeting at their home. "How important is a good community centre in providing a satisfactory rural life" was the theme of the discussion.

Owing to the fact that Edgeley forum is made up of members from rather a scattered area, they had a little difficulty in coming to a conclusion on the subject. However, there is a community hall at Edgeley, where meetings, suppers, dances, etc., can be and are held. There is a swimming pool within five miles and an artificial ice rink four miles from here. So taking everything into consideration it is doubtful if an attempt to expand the facilities would be practicable at the present time.

In answer to the question regarding the use of schools as community centres, the groups were divided three ways in their answers. Group I answered "Yes," Group II thought it would be advisable in some places but not in others. Group III thought there are no schools available which are suitable, also that the community centre should be apart from the school.

The third series begins on January 5 when the cost of marketing will be under discussion.

W.A. Annual Meeting
The annual meeting of the Edgeley Women's Association was held Thursday, December 11, at the parsonage at Maple.

Rev. P. J. Lambert occupied the chair for the election of officers but the same executive and committees were returned to office to serve for another year. They are: President, Mrs. Arthur Avery; secretary, Mrs. James Bagg; treasurer, Mrs. Garnet Keffer. Sewing committee, Mrs. George Bagg, Mrs. Allan Poole, Mrs. Geo. Poole, Mrs. Homer Whitmore and Mrs. Charles Peeler. Mrs. Eldon Fiecheller is the missionary convener and treasurer and Mrs. Alf Bagg and Mrs. Allan Bagg are the pianists for the coming year.

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Sr. W. I. Meets

The regular meeting of the Senior Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. Parsons on Tuesday evening of last week. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was low and the speaker Mrs. H. D. McCague, was unable to be present. The meeting opened with the singing of the Ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Roll call "Characteristics of a good citizen" was well answered. A number of Christmas carols were sung. A Christmas quiz was conducted by Mrs. J. Valliere. Winners were Mrs. A. Frisby and Mrs. Reid Brumwell. The meeting closed with the benediction. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. D. Parsons, and the committee, Mrs. W. Smith and Mrs. J. Snider.

25th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard were "At Home" to their neighbours and friends on Sunday afternoon, December 14 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Nearly 100 of their friends called on them. Pouring tea were Mrs. A. Stephenson, Mrs. S. Boynton and Mrs. S. DeFoe. Assisting with the tea were: Mrs. Barry Collard, Miss June Collard and Miss Joan Stephenson. The heartiest congratulations and friends on Sunday attended to Mr. and Mrs. Collard at this time.

White Gift Service
An impressive White Gift service was held during the Sunday School period on Sunday. Many gifts were received for those less fortunate than we are. Much credit is due Misses Carol Perkins and Helen Boynton for their beautiful setting illustrating the Christmas Story.

Christmas Concerts
S. S. No. 7 at the School Thursday evening, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.
S. S. No. 12 at the school Friday December 19 at 7.45 p.m.
S. S. 6 at Community Hall on Friday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m.

Sunday School Concert in the Community Hall Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m.

Candle-Light Service
The CGIT and Explorers will hold their annual Candle-Lighting service on Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7.30 p.m. at the church. Rev. A. C. Huston will give his reading on "The Lost Word". A hearty invitation is extended to everyone in the community and surrounding district to attend.

Mission Band Meets
The Christmas meeting of the Mission Band was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Burton, when 18 children and eight adults were present. Misses Kathleen Burton and Ruby Houston, on behalf of the Mission

Band presented their leader, Mrs. Ralph Boynton with a copy of the New Revised Version of the Holy Bible. Mrs. Boynton replied in a few well chosen words. Refreshments brought the meeting to a close. As the children were leaving for home each was presented with a Christmas gift from their leaders.

Personals
Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Johnson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Williamson of Port Huron, Mich., U.S.A.

Mr. Philip Mihorean of Richmond Hill had dinner on Saturday with Mr. Jim Boynton.

A speedy recovery is wished for the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Rolph Boynton, who is ill.

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