

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Church women visit elderly, shutins

Church news
The Junior Choir sang at the service Sunday morning, singing "Do You Hear What I Hear?" This, along with the numbers presented at the Christmas program indicate the busy schedule they have carried out under the direction of Mrs. Betty Bolton and Rev. Arthur Thomson.

The program Sunday evening included as well an organ selection by Louise Wilson, a Christmas drill by the primary class with Lynn Skerratt their teacher leader; Sue Skerratt narrated the Christmas for her junior class, and her six girls sang the carols during the story. The senior class, with William Skerratt direction, performed a short play, "You Never Know Who's Knocking at the Door". Following the program, which included carol singing to the accompaniment of Rev. and Mrs. Thomson, a social time was held in the school room of the church including refreshments, gifts and sweets for the children. Many thanks to all who worked to provide a pleasant evening.

The members of the United Church Women spent Wednesday afternoon on their annual Christmas visit to elderly and shut-in friends. Starting out from the home of Mrs. William Skerratt, each person visited received a cheery Christmas plant.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Everett Phillips some of the ladies of the UCW have completed two quilts that had been ordered in time for Christmas giving.

Neighborhood notes

There was a serious car accident at the corner of the King Sideroad and Bathurst Street on December 13. One of the cars involved was driven by Allan Abbott of Kingfield Farms, who fortunately was not seriously hurt, but whose car was demolished. The driver of the second car was more seriously hurt, with broken bones and other injuries, and his car was completely gutted by fire following the accident. Even a well lit corner is not free from accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips spent the weekend with relatives in Woodstock. Friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. Ray Jennings is making progress following her surgery in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.

Gordon James and Master Ted Skerratt have been confined to their homes this week. Hope they are both feeling better for Christmas. Mrs. Leonard White has returned from York County Hospital following her recent surgery.

Congratulations to Wilfred James who was installed as the ruling master of Robertson Masonic Lodge, King City, December 16.

Friends in Temperanceville were saddened Sunday last when it became known that Wilbert (Wib) Burns of King City has passed away after a short illness.

We were sorry, too, to hear of the serious accident suffered by the Misses Elsie and Norma Legge of Aurora. While walking on

Dunning Avenue in Aurora near their home, they were hit by a car. Both were hospitalized, with Elsie still a patient in York County Hospital, but Norma is now recuperating at her home.

Bill Good Jr. new director

The elections are over for the next couple of years and new town councils will be inaugurated January 6.

However, there are other councils which perform useful and continuing functions in our community and one of them is the Richmond Hill Social Planning Council.

At the December 12 meeting, Bill Good Jr. of Lake Wilcox was elected to the board of directors of the social planning council.

Bill is one of the silent, effective community workers whose efforts and accomplishments are not shouted from the rooftops. The community will benefit from his offer to serve on the Social Planning Council.

News from next door

BRADFORD: Plans to relocate almost 400 Roman Catholic pupils from St. Mary's School to the new Marie of the Incarnation School at the beginning of the year will lead to disposal of the 25 year old St. Mary's. It has been learned it must first be offered to another school board, to a post-secondary institution, to the local municipality and then to a provincial or federal authority, in that order.

Night before Christmas featured at King's GMG children's party

By Donna Matthews

The Good Morning Group which meets regularly on Wednesday mornings at All Saint's Anglican Church held their third annual children's Christmas party December 14 in the church auditorium.

The children, ranging in age from about one year to 12 years, were each given a balloon and soon seated while mothers distributed cookies, drinks and ice

cream.

Movies were provided by David Jeanneret and caught the attention of young and old alike. "Black and White", a fast moving animated film accompanied by the music and voices of Sonny and Cher was followed by a movie about "Ducks". Big ducks, little ducks all waddled and ate their way across the screen.

The third selection was entitled "Take-Off" and was an introduction into the glories of skiing. All in all the children were enthusiastic in their response to the movies.

A play, "The Night Before Christmas" was then presented. Narrator was Susan Hemple, guitarist was Diane Smylie, mother was Susan Findlay, father was Mark Harris, mouse was Heather MacDonald, Santa was Stephen Gwynne, children were Jennifer

Wait, Myka Campbell, and Janet Smylie, candy were Duncan Newland, Andrea Clarke, Karen Wait, and Haili Campbell.

Although the "visions of sugar plums dancing" took a lot of imagination and Santa had a terrible time getting the toys into the stockings (even the mouse had a stocking), much credit must be given to Jean Campbell and Mavis Smylie, who worked with the

children. Evangeline Munns then led the "little ones" in singing "Away In A Manger," "Jingle Bells" and "I'm a Little Tea Pot" during which proud mamas and poppas beamed.

A singsong was the prelude to the news that Santa was on his way and was already at Richmond Hill. A few moments later, he arrived with much ho-ho-

ing and ringing his bells. Some of the more venturesome youngsters ran to meet him and escorted him to his throne.

Santa's helpers were Dawna Findlay and LeeAnne Busby, attractively dressed in their King City Figure Skating costumes of green and gold. On Santa's way out, he very much surprised the grannies in the audience by stopping for a friendly kiss.

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Mid-Victorian Christmas

By Donna M. Matthews
King correspondent

Nobleton Senior Public School on Highway 27 was the scene of a Mid-Victorian Christmas and I attended at the invitation of Principal Ed Griffith and Mary Scott of the Board of Education.

This event was the very successful effort of the grade 8 history class and their teacher Bob Reeves. We arrived late but in time to hear the candle bearing choristers singing the traditional carols. We were not in time to share the feast. The remains of a 30 pound turkey (prepared by Holly Kaake, Lea Brydon and Gaby Poczko) sat amid the splendor of pewter serving pieces and antique silver candlesticks with lovely "drippy" white candles. Two gingerbread houses made by Kelly Smith and Katie Loadman provided colorful decoration.

Heavy black drapes covered the windows and the only illumination came

from the candlesticks on the table and several kerosene lanterns and lamps at various demonstrations around the room.

A counter top and cupboard had been converted with construction paper into a heavy black cookstove laden with iron pots and copper kettles. A tour of the room showed Elizabeth Sullivan busy spinning on her mother's antique spinning wheel.

"Mother" and "Father" sat in their rocking chairs on either side of the fireplace with their ancestors in gilt oval frames smiling benignly down upon them. In the corner stood the Christmas tree, with hand-made ornaments, and real candles lighting each bough. One student stood on duty with the fire extinguisher.

Suspended in the centre of the room was the kissing "bough" or ball made of mistletoe and evergreen. A butter-making demonstration by Kelly MacDonald, Linda Newhook

and Brenda Herron had just finished. An antique cherry pitter and apple peeler had also been in use. A lovely antique bed with rope springs, belonging to the Smithy family dominated one area. In another corner, old boards formed a stable with one occupant, a tiny black rabbit named Samson who wasn't too happy.

During all this festivity, a mysterious Santa Claus appeared tossing candy to everyone. We hope Mr. Griffith won't be disappointed, as Santa promised him a rather special gift.

Mr. Griffith took us on a tour of the school and we enjoyed visiting the home economics room where the confusion of happy activity still was evident. Large masks were hanging throughout the school as the students studied the Canadian Indian culture recently.

Thank you for an informative and pleasant visit to Nobleton Senior Public School.

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