

Photo below - Pat Parenta with Santa.



DONATIONS MADE INSTEAD OF GIFT EXCHANGE BY C.W.L.

Mrs. Rita McGrath presided for the December meeting of the Catholic Women's League, with the minutes and treasurer's reports adopted as read by Mrs. Helen Stokes and Mrs. Rena Ross.

A most appreciative letter was received from the family in India which the League supports.

Mrs. Claire Power, church life convener, reported sending many cards for various occasions.

A donation was made to the church building fund, and it was decided to purchase a vacuum sweeper for the church.

Mrs. Mary Kazmierczak agreed to convene the tea and penny auction on March 17, with Mrs. Gloria Mullins in charge of the kitchen committee. Members were asked to begin saving articles for the penny auction.

Mrs. Lillian Cannon and Mrs. Cecile Pedard volunteered to act as the Sick and Visiting committee.

Instead of the usual exchange of gifts the members, by agreement, each donated one dollar to be divided between charitable funds.

Following the meeting a round of carols was enjoyed led (in keeping with the season) by Sister Carol McKerral.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Helen Stokes and Mrs. Betty Ryan.

REBEKAHS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Shirley Brown, at the regular Ruby Rebekah Lodge meeting, agreed to represent them on the town recreation committee. The noble grand gave a report of the Officers' tea and also thanked Mrs. Eirene Harness and her committee for providing the lunch at the special meeting honoring George Vanstone, Grand Master of Ontario and his wife.

Mrs. Winnie Clemens read an article on education from the Rebekah newspaper.

Mrs. Lorraine Padden of Thunder Bay was welcomed as a guest.

The vice grand presented the sick and visiting account and reported the C.P.T. committee are planning a penny auction in January, and presently packing two hampers for needy families.

Mrs. Gladys Hamilton, noble grand, and Mrs. Glorie Gordon, vice grand, presided for the meeting.

After the meeting the members enjoyed their Christmas party with games and carols, and gifts distributed by a jovial St. Nick. A cold plate supper was served by the social committee, convened by Mrs. Mavis Slater.

"SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" SHOWN IN MANY WAYS AT W.I. MEETING

Mrs. Joe Campbell presided for the regular December meeting of the Women's Institute, in the absence of Mrs. John Morris. Members answered roll call with donations to the Christmas hampers which are being packed.

The motto for the meeting was "Let the Spirit of Christmas

Live not for the Day but for the Whole Year."

A donation was sent to the Save the Children Fund. An invitation was received from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario to attend a luncheon on February 21st, in Toronto in celebration of the 75th anniversary year.

A Christmas card was received from the Association for the Mentally Retarded and a thank you from Mrs. C. Todesco.

Mrs. Fred Harness presented the treasurer's report and Mrs. Ken Williamson the card secretary's report.

Mrs. Russell Macadam read an interesting story of a Loyalist Christmas of long ago, when the pioneers enjoyed the simple festivities - visiting, carolling, distributing handmade gifts, baking mince pies, plum puddings and other good things, despite the coldness of homes due to inadequate heating.

Other members also recalled former Christmases and customs. Mrs. Macadam read another paper concerning the yuletide thoughts of older people. and Mrs. D.A. Slater read a poem "The Way to See Christmas".

Mrs. Wesley Clemens gave a lengthy report of the district directors' meeting which she attended in Thunder Bay.

It was decided to hold the members' Christmas party on Thursday, January 6th, with a program and exchange of gifts.

At the next regular meeting on Jan. 11, there will be a guest speaker and an auction sale of baking.

Following the meeting there was a Christmas penny auction and a potluck lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Seleo, Sr. are here from Italy to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Deleo, Manitoba Street and their family.

Photo below - New slate of officers in ladies auxiliary to the U.T.U. (United Transportation Union) formerly the Lady Trainmen front.- Mrs. Lillian Pelto, past president; Mrs. Georgina Davis, president; Back - Mrs. Nettie Thrower secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Nesbitt, vice president.



ROSSPORT TOWN TOPICS

Eugene Gerow has returned home from McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay.

Mrs. Mary Mushqush has returned from Nipigon Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lanigan are leaving to holiday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lanigan at Maynooth, Ont.

Miss Shirley Bouchard of North Bay will be spending the

holiday season with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Bouchard

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell and son Danny of Thunder Bay will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hubelit during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Prina Gerow was a business visitor to the Lakehead during the week.

Miss Colleen Kenney, student at Lakehead University, will be spending the holiday with her parents Mr.