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By Ella Patterson

Carol sing draws many

The annual carol sing at Omagh Presbyterian Church was held on Saturday evening with a good attendance.

The event was sponsored by the choir members who served coffee and cookies at the close.

The Sunday School Christmas concert was held following church worship at Omagh on Sunday, Dec. 23. Following a luncheon, gifts were distributed to the children and teachers. Mrs. Ursula French, superintendent for the year, and her helpers portrayed the nativity scene with all children participating.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Marshall families on the death of their eldest brother William Marshall of Milton. Mr. Marshall is survived by his wife Winnifred and three sons, Kenneth, Owen, Bruce and daughter Margaret. Also his brothers Robert, Cameron, George, James and Edgair.

Dennis Newcombe of Burks Falls is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law Harry Campbell and family.

Birthday greetings to Mary Dewlin and son Donny on their special days this week.

Cultural exchange a benefit

Cultural exchange, while always a positive way of promoting the individuality of countries, is also ideal for re-affirming one's own worth at home. Sheridan College's recent screening of 14 short films in London, England, last month fits the bill on both counts.

The 90-minute program featured works by students of Sheridan's Media Arts department from 1976 to the present. According to instructor Philip Hoffman, the collection featured short films ranging from documentaries and dramas to impressionistic or experimental.

"The criteria was to show many styles as an overview of the films produced at Sheridan, concentrating on 1983's basic 16mm class," said Mr. Hoffman. "This started as a small screening but it snowballed. All I could hope to do was give an overview of what we're doing here."

Since Sheridan produces 20 16mm films per year, Mr. Hoffman had many to choose from. In fact, the college buys a few films each year. Hoffman also picked some more recent films that had not been purchased by the department. Some films, such as the longer ones, had to be passed over in order to keep the program in the 5 to 10 minute range.

"I concentrated on films that explore the process of filmmaking, films that more directly related to the student," he said. "These were good for learning the craft of filmmaking. My motives were to give the students hope that they could be shown."

Mr. Hoffman, a parttime instructor at Sheridan as well as a filmmaker and freelance cameraman, explained how the whole venture came about. While shooting a film in Europe last summer he stopped by Canada House in London to visit its audio-visual advisor, Jill McGreal.

Ms. McGreal suggested to Hoffman that a project like this might happen (she had already hosted a showing of films by Canadian students) and once home, Hoffman continued correspondence with her.

"It was a nice thing that just came up spontaneously," said Mr. Hoffman.

After their two departments were let in on the idea, the work began in earnest. Ms. McGreal prepared posters for the screening and paved the way for Hoffman to visit several media schools.

The screening itself took place Nov. 28 at Canada House. Included was a film by Mr. Hoffman, "Of the Pond." As a former Sheridan student himself, Mr. Hoffman was proud to have one of his works on the program.

As a result, Mr. Hoffman is quick to point out to students that there is a small, but vital, market for their films.

"There is definitely a future in this. There are many restrictions (enforced) by broadcasters but there are places for them to be shown."

He went on to say that the monetary rewards for student films are not great but said they were good for getting jobs and for use in portfolios for getting grants.

Mr. Hoffman was also able to view some films produced for English students. He said he saw more political awareness in their films and a stronger base in art history and film than Canadian (but not necessarily Sheridan) students.

"Our work can compare to it," he said.

He said he found Sheridan students freer to create what they want, however, since the films are financed by the students themselves. Some media schools must first approve students' projects before doling out the funds.

"The English were impressed by the freshness of our work and the originality of the ideas."

Municipalities reject 'co-operation' call

It may have been nearly Christmas but regional council was not indulging in an overdose of goodwill and co-operation when it came to landfill sites last week.

A resolution from Burlington Councillor Joan Little asking the area municipalities "in a spirit of co-operation" to undertake not to challenge the landfill site decision in the courts if the highest-ranked site is chosen, was shot down in flames by the rest of council.

"I'm appealing to the council for a bit of leadership on this landfill site," Mrs. Little said. She pointed out she was only asking municipalities to waive court action if the highest-ranked site in the consultants' study was chosen and sustained by the Environmental Assessment Board.

She said she was not asking the municipalities to give up their right to battle tooth and nail through the hearing process, just to accept the verdict without going to court once it is over.

"I wish it could work," Oakville Councillor Ann Mulvale said. "It's a nice gesture but I don't think you'll find support for it (from the Region or area municipalities)." Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller shrugged

the resolution off: "It's only motherhood," he said.

One of his colleagues from Halton Hills, Councillor Mike Armstrong was even less enthusiastic.

"I don't have many feelings of co-operation right now," he said. Halton Hills lost a couple of attempts to get the Region to build a garbage transfer station in the municipality and faces substantial costs to truck its garbage down to Burlington.

He added Halton Hills may be looking at alternatives of its own for garbage collec-

tion and disposal.

Burlington Councillor Jim Grieve, who seconded the motion, pointed out Burlington stands a chance of getting the landfill site and has the resources to send the matter to the courts, but asked councillors to support Mrs. Little's resolution as a principle to show co-operation.

But he didn't get very far either.

When the vote was taken, Mrs. Little and Mr. Grieve had the support of Burlington Councillor Rob Forbes. Everyone else voted against them.

Volunteers wanted to be given awards

Deserving volunteers are being sought as recipients of Volunteer Service Award Pins offered by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

Those involved in the arts, libraries, information centres, heritage, multiculturalism, newcomer services and the Native community are eligible for the awards. The deadline for nominations has been extended from Dec. 31 to Thursday, Feb. 28.

The awards will recognize five, 10 or 15 years of continuous service. Organizations may nominate up to six people. Commemorative pins will be given to successful candidates during volunteer week, April 14 to 20.

To obtain nomination forms contact Marilyn Branch, Coordinator, volunteer Awards Programs, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, 5th Floor, 77 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2R9 or call (416) 965-7505.

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Euchre night winners

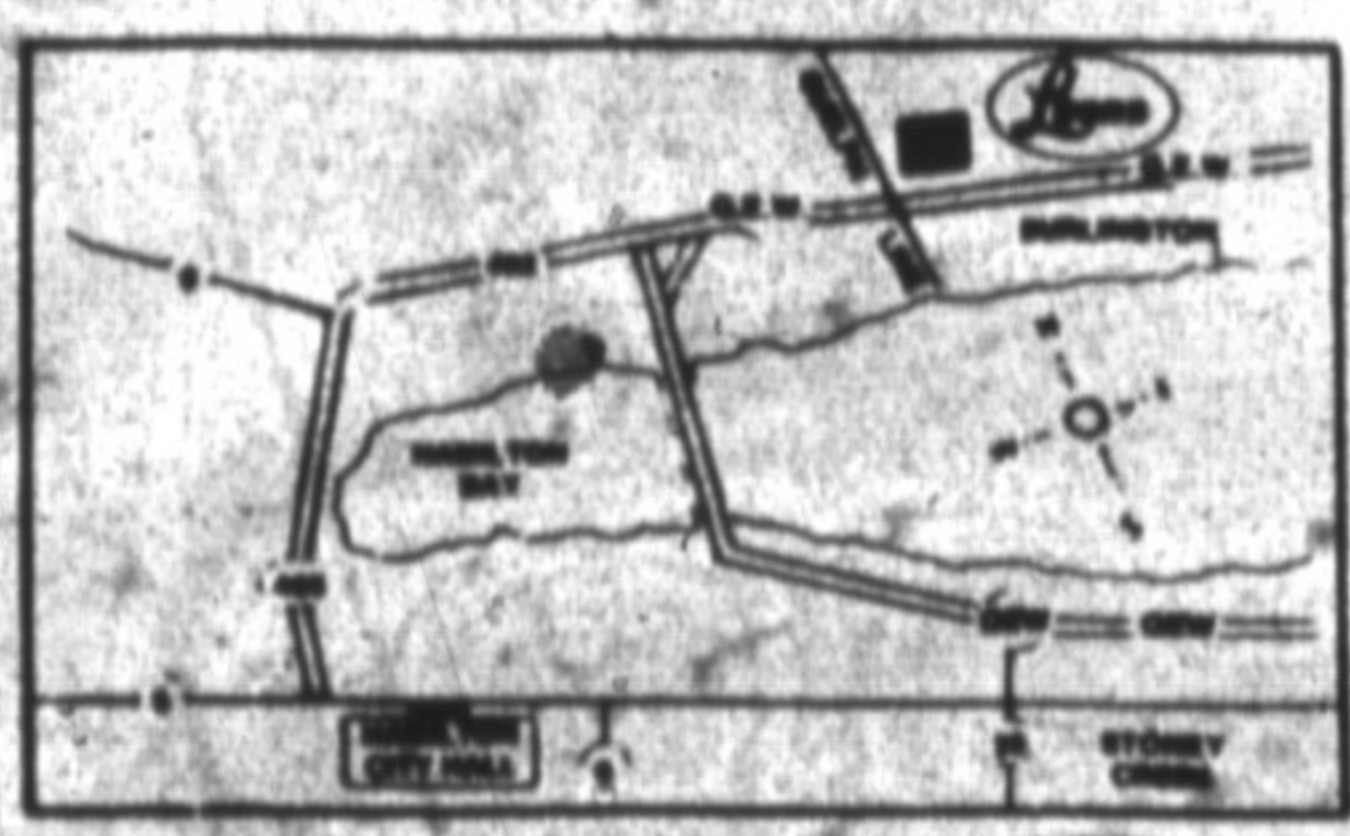
The Saturday night euchre at Hornby Community Centre had 10 tables of players and the following winners. Jean Stringer, Lillian Readhead, Sybil Shields, Charles Johnson, Frank Dewling and Russell Goodfellow.


Travelling prizes supplied by Vivian Shaw were won by Lillian Readhead and Ralph Featherston. Ladies draw prize given by the Goodfellows was won by Eva Presswood.

The Junior Youth Choir of Caledon United Church presented musical entertainment at Bethel United Church at the worship service on Sunday Dec. 23. The group sang carols and favourite hymns.



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