

LIBRARY LOOKOUT

Magic of Christmas

Last week we defied logic and assembled our Christmas tree.

There are some imitation trees around that shoot straight from their boxes to ten feet of instant beauty - tinsel, tassled and snowcapped - but not ours. We own the original phoney fir, manufactured by the Fuller Brush Company from old bottle brushes and a broom handle. It leaves esthetics strictly to the strained ingenuity of the assembler and to the benevolence of the beholder. Odd though, how this disparate collection of plastic needles and wire becomes a thing of beauty when touched by the magic of Christmas.

Children's Show
The magic Christmas will be here on stage for all to see when The Theatre Max comes to Latham Hall tomorrow night (Friday). The company will present The Reluctant Maxine, a fun-filled show for children, featuring a wiz of wizards, music and dance. The performance (sponsored by the library, through the Ministry of Culture) starts at 8 p.m. and is just what Santa ordered as a pre-Christmas treat. Admission, in keeping with this season of goodwill, is free.

Over Christmas the library will close Dec. 24 and reopen on the 29th. We are also shut on New Year's Day but resolve to open, on time, Jan. 2.

Books Overdue
Resolutions for 1979! Please don't let closed library doors

deter you from returning all these long-overdue books. There's a deposit box beside our front entrance and it's forever open. Rounding up the overdue is never the most popular job in the library. We like to think we do this casually, without harassment. Last week, however, one off-phonon patron (with tongue-in-cheek or foot-in-mouth) referred to our diplomats of the overdue as the "library gestapo"

Staff Party
If you happen to be reading this on the date of publication, around about 8 p.m., you will find us gathered around a table at Deer Park Inn. Over there is Terry, our ex-chief librarian; George, our acting-chief and Andre, our about-to-be-chief. And there's Barb who handles the children's programs; Gayle, our audio-visual expert; Marilyn who keeps the accounts and correspondence in impeccable order and Sheila who usually hovers over the books at the counter. This is the third year we've been together for a pre-Christmas dinner. It's become a habit we don't want to kick.

Joyous Holiday
Candlelight and a crackling fire fleck the room with warmth and the Spirit of Christmas nods contentedly at our table. What better time than this, in the mellow ambience of companionship, to wish you all a joyous holiday and a new year of contentment.

Children receive S. S. awards

By ROSEMARY TIMMS

CLAREMONT - A beautiful candlelight service, presented by the choir in co-operation with the children of the Sunday School, was held in the Claremont United Church, Sunday evening. Soloists during the worship were - Barbara Warden, Nancy Ward and Bert Reid. Mr. Reid was accompanied by organist Clarion Baker. Following the service, Sunday School awards were presented by Dorothy Britton to the following: Donna Carruthers, Pam Evans, Tracy Redshaw, Greg Hockley (Second Year Awards); Patti and Kelly Evans, (Second Year Diplomas and Bibles); Brent Ward, (Second Year Diploma and a United Church Pin); Paul and Karen Carlsen (Third Year Diplomas); Deanna Evans, (Third Year Diploma and a Bible); Sherry Carruthers, (Third Year Diploma and a United Church Pin); Chad Redshaw, Lance Redshaw and Tim Knapp (Fourth Year Diploma and a Wreath); Lori Knapp, (Fifth Year Diploma and a Wreath); Debbie Beverly, (Fourth Year Diploma and Bar); Diane Lloyst, (Sixth Year Diploma); Darlene and Wendy Redshaw, Brian and Gary Postill, (Seventh Year Diploma and 7th Bar); Tracy Pilkey, (Twelfth Year Diploma and 12th Bar); Leni Pilkey (Fourteenth Year Diploma and 14th Bar); Kim Evans, (United Church Pin); Nancy Ward (United Church Spoon); Deanna

Evans, Lori Knapp, Debbie Beverly, Tim Knapp and Brian Postill (Perfect Attendance).

On Sunday morning, Cheryl Leanne Jackson, daughter of Wayne and Dale Jackson, was received in infant baptism. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. John Devitt of Claremont. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans of Claremont.

This Sunday, special Christmas music will highlight the service, in the United Church. The choir will participate in the worship along with Sherry Carruthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carruthers. Sherry will sing "Away In A Manger".

Fifty members attended the Golden Age Club's Christmas dinner, Dec. 13. Santa Claus along with Mrs. Claus dropped in on the gathering.

There was a good turnout at the Golden Age Club euchre, Dec. 14. Winners were - Martin Gall, Colin Mackenzie, Charlie Symes, Margaret Benson, Elra Symes and Peg Jenkinson. Freeze-out winners were Gladys Slack and Elsie Carter. Lucky draw winners were - Ruby Jones, Charlie and Elra Symes. The next regular meeting of the Golden Age Club is Thursday (today) at 1:30 p.m. The next euchre is Thurs., Dec. 28.

Senior citizens of the community are reminded of the "Tour of Lights".

Dec. 27. The bus will leave at 5 p.m.

The Baptist Church Sunday School Concert was held Friday evening with all classes taking part. The program opened with carol singing. Mary McMullen and Paul Irwin were at the piano. The Jr. Division, under the direction of teachers, Donna Beelby, Pat Willis and Jean Drake, presented the pageant "Christmas Story". Mary McMullen's class described "The Meaning of Christmas" and Robin Drake's class told "How Christmas Is Celebrated In Other Lands". Viola Smith's class presented two humourous skits and

Suzanne Irwin and Ron McMullen delighted the audience with two duets, with Suzanne at the piano and Ron on saxophone. Several members of Lorne Smith's adult class including - Alf Kayes, Ralph O'Brien, Bernard Bunnell and Lorne Smith sang "We Went To The Animal Fair". Mr. Bunnell presented a harmonica solo, "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory". Bernard and Pearl Bunnell presented a comic skit entitled "Sewing On A Button." Marjorie Michell and Alf Kayes included folks from the audience in a second skit. Candy and gifts were distributed to conclude a very enjoyable evening.

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Sisters see The Messiah

By MILDRED MCTAGGART GREENWOOD - Cathy and Debbie Post attended The Messiah at Massey Hall, Toronto, Saturday night.

Mrs. Mary McLean and Beatrice enjoyed a lovely Christmas service.

Sunday evening in Cedardale United Church, Oshawa.


Mrs. Janet Crawford was pleased to be with Hugh and Sharon Crawford in Oshawa, Sunday, to celebrate the second birthday of her granddaughter, Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin of Orillia visited with Mrs. Ray Griffin, Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Brooks; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brooks; Mr. and Mrs. Don Pegg and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pegg were luncheon guests, Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Keddel, Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. Butler are pleased to have their daughter Adrian Zagni and son-in-law with them for the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Zagni arrived here from England, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pegg enjoyed dinner, Sunday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. George Pegg of Stouffville.



GREETINGS FOR Christmas

May the spirit of Christmas be an ever-present joy to you.

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Lorne K. Lodge

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Christmas Greetings

It is with heartfelt gratitude for your continued confidence, that we extend the season's best wishes.





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