Just as we said last week, the Christmas season is upon us, and, as usual, there are just too many things going on in order to get everything done that should be done. For example we should reply to a letter to the Editor appearing in last week's edition pertaining to the "Sell Yourself To Wealth Campaign." From previous knowledge we know that our readers don't believe everything they read in the newspapers so we can confidently lay this matter over to some future date when matters of a more pressing nature are not piling up.

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One of those matters of a more pressing nature is the current hassle going on concerning a central school in North Walpole. It is unfortunate that folks have to knuckle down and face problems of this nature, but it happens every so often. Things usually go so smoothly in this great economy of ours that we are sometimes lacking in practice to enable us to meet issues that should be taken in stride. However, we have confidence that the ratepayers of North Walpole will, in due course, adjust themselves to the situation that must have a solution — in the not too distant future, and deal with it wisely. As one ratepayer said the other night, "the foremost consideration in a matter of this kind is the welfare of our children." That sounded logical to us.

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The tragic accident which befell our old friend Victor MacDonald last week, left the community shaken. Victor may not have been widely known, but he was a familiar figure in his home locality. He never asked very much for himself and found contentment and happiness circulating among his friends and observing the passing scene. We extend sympathy to his sisters in their bereavement.

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We note with some suspicion, a reference in the editorial columns of the Simcoe Reformer pertaining to an article recently appearing in this Journal relative to Sunday Sport. Obviously the Simcoe Editor is trying to relight a fuse which, happily, snuffed out several months ago. If we ever see Sam Morris drawing on his boxing gloves again, we're going to hit for the tall timbers. (We always feel this way during the Christmas season).

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A member of the Lions Club dropped his wife off to spend the evening with some friends and he proceeded to the Lions Club meeting. He attended another meeting a little later in the evening and then wended his way home to bed. Just before dropping off to sleep he suddenly became aware that something was missing. Straightway he dressed himself and reclaimed his wife. When she exclaimed the meeting must have been lengthy, he agreed it had taken longer than he expected.

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Keith MacDonald, Scout Leader, is to be commended for his efforts to get a sheet of ice at the old arena site. Unfortunately he is undertaking the task without proper equipment. It takes a lot of flooding with a garden hose to get a sheet of ice. We would like to make the suggestion that the firemen might get some satisfaction in pumping a few tanks of water with the aid of the pumper. It would hurry the project along and, if the weather holds, skating would soon be available for all the kids.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MAKE MINE THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE —

(AS A PARENT SEES IT)

Once upon a time I was a rural teacher back in the days when our educational curriculum suddenly turned a somersault and we were faced with the responsibility of working out a better method of presenting the unchangeable 3 R's.

I attended the first summer course in Education at Toronto personally supervised by Mr. Mustard, who was the mainspring of the change of ideas. It was when he was returning from England after studying English methods for some time that he was drowned. I have often wondered if our educational ship lost one of her best captains. Now I am a parent to the sixth degree and after a dozen years of experience as such I see things from the other side.

Our Inspectors tell us that the self-reliance of rural pupils, which they value so highly, comes from the home. But we ask, "Will the bring ing of city advantages to our child's school rob him of this highly-prized rural atmosphere? Do our so-called "better teachers" instil in him the golden rule along with the facts and skills? Do they implant more effectively the love of learning, the joy of sharing good literature, the solid satisfaction of a task well done, the glow of victory just reward of a wrestle with a tough problem or are modern children exposed to so much added stimulation that they become bored and blase in self defence? Do they come to the end of the school day nervously and emotionally exhausted, ready to kick the cat? A child is so constructed, and human nature does not change, that he must have a greater balance of physical activity to supply his total need. He must use his hands as well as his mind would he become a musician. The oak tree grows slowly and surely in strength and beauty by its battle with the elements and the sturdy oak is that one upon the open plain rather than he of the sheltered forest.

I have changed my mind about homework. Evening is not the time to complete the unfinished business of the school day but let me exercise my responsibility as a parent and round out my child's life with family chores, musical training, reading for enjoyment, hobbies and free play, a leisurely family supper and ten hours of sleep. How else can I do my part in turning out, not alone a product of academic perfection, but a well-rounded personality with proper balance of body, mind and soul?

I still like the little red school house. It's personal touch and close relationship between teacher, trustee parent and child is a part of our rural independence. A rural teacher's discipline problems diminish when she can visit Mary's home to see her pet kittens or share the vegetables from Bill's own garden. Her initiative is not overshadowed by a principal with a standard policy.

She is constantly challenged to develop self-reliance because there is no superior to help her solve the ever present problem. Our little schools at home were well equipped and well cared for. One was built about 19_ 36. To-day they stand in wistful loneliness watching the bus drive by. There came an Inspector to our county noted for his success in establishing school areas. Then came the first stage in the death struggle of my little red school house.

Our Inspectors say above all we must progress so be it. Even we of the land would not stagnate but let us progress with wisdom, with infinite care and full knowledge of what progress really is. Now is the time in the words of Henry Van Dyke to "think without confusion clearly." Let us make our decision wisely and well.

—Mrs. Arthur Harvey,
R.R. 1, Hagersville

HALDIMAND COUNTY CHILDRENS AID BOARD MEETING

The regular Board meeting for the month of December was held in the Court House, Cayuga, on Tuesday evening.

Miss Jean McGregor of Caledonia, President, was in the chair with Mrs R. A. Miller of Jarvis, acting as Secretary. The treasurer, A. J. Finlay of Dunnville, reported the provincial grant of $1,500.00 received, with expenditures for the month of November of $2,639.18. Cash on hand $6,362 70. Mrs. John Dawson, Dunnville, Mrs. Ed. Powell, Cayuga, Mrs. Harvey Reichheld, Hagersville and Miss Jean MacGregor reported on the Drive for Funds put on during the last month in the County. All centers reported a satisfactory response. This does not include Jarvis where the Community Chest drive is in the Spring. The Superintendent, Don Jackson in making his report, stated that 148 visits had been made by staff members during the month with a bill of $275.00 for mileage.

The recent visit of board members to the Ontario Training School for Girls at Galt was discussed. Resignations were regretfully accepted from Mrs. Helen Snowden of Nanticoke and Rev. Kenneth Richardson of Jarvis. Mr. Bain Munro, of Cayuga, was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

It was decided to hold all future winter meetings at 8. o'clock instead of 8.30 as formerly.

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Church Notes

KNOX CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held on Wednesday, December 22nd. Supper at 6. P.M.

Special Christmas Services will be held on Sunday at 11.00 and 7.30 P. M. The evening service will be a Carol Service.

CHALMERS CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held on Thursday, December 23rd at 8. P.M.

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

The annual Candle Lighting Service of the C.G.I.T. will be held next Sunday evening at 7.30 P.M.

The Junior Choir will be singing on Sunday, December 20th at 11.00 A.M.

The Christmas Service will be held on December 26th with special music both morning and evening with Rev E. Newberry in charge.

ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTES

POT LUCK

All roads this evening lead to St Paul's Parish Hall for a Parish Pot Luck Supper at 6.15 P.M. followed by the Christmas entertainment program by the Church School, Thursday, December 16th.

OH MEN!

The Cayuga Club of Christ Church are holding a Men's Night in the Parish Hall at Nanticoke on Friday December 17th at 8.00 P.M. when their guests will be their husbands.

DEDICATION

The War Memorial electronic organ will be dedicated at Christ Church on Sunday, December 19th at 10.-00 A.M.

CAROL SERVICE

The traditional Carol Service of the Nine Lessons will be the service for Sunday evening, December 19th at St. Paul's, Jarvis, 7.30 P.M. The Lessons will be read by Church School Students and the Christmas Music is under the direction of the Organist, Mrs. H. Clark.

SOCIAL

A Parish Social will be held in the Parish Hall at Christ Church on Wednesday, December 22nd at 8.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St. Paul's, Jarvis, 11.30 P.M., December 24th, Midnight Service of the Holy Communion.

St. Paul's Christmas Day, 9.15 A. M., Family Service (Children's Address)

Christ Church, Nanticoke, 10.30 A. M., Christmas Day, Family Service

It has recently been brought to the attention of the County Insurance Committee that during the past few weeks, many substancial automobile accident judgements have been handed down from the courts in the province: at Brockville $62,000 to a widow and three children; at Toronto over $60,000 against the driver of a truck which collided with a passenger-loaded bus; at Toronto $33,600 to a girl who lost a leg in an automobile accident; at Whitby $54,000 for a permanent brain injury to a man 26 years old earning $3,000 a year. In addition there have been two recent out-of-court settlements for $42,000 each. Ontario Farm Forums are going to discuss adequate insurance coverage for the farm family next Monday evening, November 22nd. The Federation is recommending that Ontario farmers buy $100,-000 - $200,000 - $100 000 liability coverage from our own company, Co-operators Insurance Association.

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10.00 A.M. — Sunday School
7.30 P.M. — Carol Service

CHALMERS CHURCH, WALPOLE
2.30 P.M. — Rev. R. W. Gillespie B.A.
1.30 P.M. — Sunday School

Saint Paul's Church
JARVIS
(ANGLICAN)
— Sunday, December 19th —
- Advent III -
8.30 A.M.—Holy Communion
10.30 A.M.—Church School
11.30 A.M.—Church School (8 years and under)
11.30 A.M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P.M.—The Carol Service of the Nine Lessons

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

RENTON

The Christmas meeting of the Renton Women's Institute was held in Wiggin's Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The Christmas Concert of S.S. No. 10 will be held on Tuesday evening.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral of the late Jack Olmstead held from Baldock Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon.

Several from this district attended the Junior Farmer's Banquet and Dance held in Waterford on Friday night.

Mr. R. Newell has returned home after spending the past week with relatives in Springfield.

Mr and Mrs. J. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell attended the Milk meeting in Hamilton on Tuesday.

A number from this vicinity attended the Bingo held in Wiggins Hall on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Mitchell spent Sunday at Woodstock the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mitchell and family.

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ROCKFORD

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs Ellis Honey on Sunday were Mrs. Lloyd Honey of Tyrrell, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gundry, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gundry, Donald and Patricia of Marburg.

The barns on the Pickle farm were totally destroyed by fire on Monday night.

Mrs. Frank Smith accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Ray Baskerville of Nober and Mrs. Tom Wright of Hamilton, spent a few days in Parry Sound and attended the funeral of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Willis Kenny.

Mrs. W. E. Howard has returned home after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Howard at Fonthill.

W.M.S.

The Christmas meeting of the W. M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Stephenson. The President, Mrs A. Buck was in charge of the meeting with Mrs. G. North as program convener. The candle ceremonial was given with Mrs. North as leader and Mrs. Don Chambers and Mrs. Bud Priest representing India and Canada. The worship service from the Missionary Monthly was followed with prayers taken by Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. W. Petheram, Mrs. W. Howard and Mrs. A. Buck. The treasurer's report showed that the alocation had been met. It was decided to send $15.00 extra and ask that it be used to help buy cars for missionary work in Canada. Christmas readings were given by Mrs. J McGibbon, Mrs. G. North and Mrs. J. Thomson.

Mrs. Page then took charge for the election of officers which are as follows: President, Mrs. John Thomson; Vice President, Mrs. A. Buck; Secretary, Mrs. Don Chambers; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Bud Priest; Treasurer, Mrs. G. North; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. Wm. Petheram; Associate Helpers, Mrs. S Anderson Temperance, Mrs. A. Stephenson; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. H. Honey; Mite Box Secretary, Mrs. J. McGibbon; Mission Band Superintendent, Mrs. W. Howard; Assistant Mission Band Superintendent, Mrs. H. Van Tright; Community Friendship, Mrs. C. Thomson; Assistant Community Friendship, Mrs. A. Flowerday; Supply Secretaries, Mrs. E. Fisher and Mrs R. Golding; Missionary Monthly and Literature Secretary, Mrs. Bud Priest; Press Reporter, Mrs. Don Chambers; Pianist Mrs. C. Anderson; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. Wm. Lemery.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Petheram on January 6th. The Lord's Prayer was repeated and a social time followed.

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At The Churches

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Rev. John M. Dykstra, Pastor
Morning Worship Service, 10.00 A. M. in English. Text for the Sermon: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9: 2)
Sunday School, 11.30 A.M in English.
Evening Worship Service, 8.00 P. M. in Holland language. Text for the Sermon: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8: 7)
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VARENCY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Christmas meeting of the Varency Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening, December 9th at the home of Mrs. J. P. Atherton with an attendance of eighteen.

The meeting opened in the usual way with the Opening Ode, The Lords Prayer and Creed. "Silent Night" was sung. Mrs. W. E. Doughty gave a reading on "The Meaning of Christmas." The minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence was read. $2.00 was voted to the Children's Aid and $2.00 to Christmas Seal campaign. Mrs. H Mattice, program convener, then took charge of the meeting. Mrs. George Saunders gave a very interesting paper on the "Manner of Giving Is Worth More Than the Gift." Mrs. Carl Jaques gave the Christmas Story "The Heart's Gift" by Maura Laverty. The Roll Call proved instructive with each member giving new ideas for Christmas decorating. A contest was won by Mrs. Ted Franklin. Mrs Mattice read a comic verse on "Preparing for Christmas." The Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed when everyone received a gift from under the lighted Christmas tree. The Mystery Prize was won by Mrs. Ted Franklin. All joined in singing Christmas Carols, accompanied by Mrs. W. R. Hodges at the piano.

A Christmas lunch was served. Mrs Kenneth Parkinson very graciously thanked the hostess and all those taking part in the meeting.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Doughty on Thursday evening, January 13th. Lunch committee are Miss Kathleen Miller and Mrs. Kenneth Parkinson.

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NANTICOKE W.I. DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Nanticoke W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Vokes. The meeting was opened with the Institute Ode followed by the Creed. The minutes were read and approved. It was moved by Mrs. Lyle Somers, seconded by Mrs. Art. Vokes that Mrs. H. Evans look after getting a gift for a child of the Children's Aid Society. An appeal was read from the Canadian Save the Children Fund and it was moved by Mrs. Ashton Evans, seconded by Mrs. H. Vokes that we send them $2.00. It was moved by Mrs. H. Vokes, seconded by Mrs. Bert Evans that we send $1.00 for Christmas Seals. A letter was read from the Downham Nursery telling of sales we could get, free of charge. Mrs Field read an account of the V.O.N. meeting held at Kohler. It was moved by Mrs. L. Somers, seconded by Mrs. Marr that Mrs. Ashton Evans act as Program convener in the absence of Mrs. Ira Evans. The Roll Call was answered by "New Ideas for Christmas Decorating." In place of the motto, Mrs. Art Vokes read a clipping "Don't Forget The Christ In Christmas." Mrs. Barlow read a short Christmas Story. Everyone enjoyed the exchange of Christmas gifts. Mrs. H. Vokes read an account of the Area Convention. Mrs. Bert Evans offered her home for the January meeting, the lunch committee to be: Mrs. Somers, Mrs K. Vokes, Mrs. Fields. Catherine Vokes favoured us with some piano selections.

The meeting was closed by singing the Institute Grace and "God Save the Queen." A social time was enjoyed and a vote of thanks moved by Mrs. Fields. The attendance 13

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SANDUSK WOMENS INSTITUTE DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Sandusk W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Blair Beck. The meeting opened in the usual manner, with the Vice President, Mrs. E. S Pond in the chair. Minutes and correspondence was read. A card of thanks from the Pond family. It was then moved that we send $2.00 to Grand View Lodge. Collection to child in shelter which was $2.35, also $2.00 to T. B. Fund. Roll Call was then answered by all. With four ladies singing a Christmas Carol. Program convener, Mrs. Leo Mulkins, then took over. First a poem was given on "Christmas". Mrs E. S. Pond then gave the motto on "The Manner of Giving is Worth More than the Gift." It was well given. A Christmas Story was then enjoyed by Mrs. Roy Awde. We had Christmas carol singing. A good report of the Hamilton Convention was given by Mrs. Lloyd Mulkins. Mrs. Wm. Bray then gave cururent events. Ex change of gifts then took place.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen" and Institute Grace. A vote of thanks was given hostess and lunch committee.

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The meeting will get underway at 11.00 o'clock in the morning when a number of business items will be discussed and all farmers of the county are invited to attend this session. The dinner will commence at 12.15 P.M. and immediately following the dinner the afternoon program will get underway. The special speaker for the occasion will be Mr. W. E. Breckon, recently crowned Word Wheat King at the Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Breckon will speak on the subject "What Soil Management Means to Me". Other brief reports will be given during the afternoon and it is hoped that this will be a most interesting session for all farm ers who are interested in crop and soil problems. The prizes won in the 1954 Sixty Bushel Winter Wheat Club will be presented during the afternoon.

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