

## Friends N' Neighbors

by Jessie Miller 587-2569

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brueton and children, Danielle and Lea Anne, who have spent the last year in Brussels, Belgium, arrived in Jarvis on Dec. 11 where they will be staying with Arthur's father Rev. K. N. Brueton and with Jill's mother, Mrs. John Peresky at the home of her grandfather, Mr. Lea Marshall until early in January when they will return to Brussels for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Corigan will spend the holiday season with their relatives and friends in Ottawa.

Vivian Gowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gowan has returned from

Spain where she has spent the last four months on leave from the University of Guelph at Pampola and Valencia Universities studying the Spanish language and culture. She will return to Guelph after the New Year for her eighth semester and will graduate in the spring.

Little Kristen Cassidy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cassidy returned home on Thursday last after having undergone surgery at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oldham and four children of London, Ont., will spend a few days including Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooke and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and children.

Mrs. Mae Musclow returned on Friday from Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, where she visited her grandson and family - The Stephen Taylor-Munro's. Deborah Taylor-Munro, technologist-in-training in Hamilton, having completed her term exams is spending a few days with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwins.

Mrs. Edith Hudson has gone to spend Christmas and New Years with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds at Puslinch.

Grace Walter of Toronto, a native of Jarvis who will celebrate her 80th birthday on Dec. 23 was entertained at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walter of Dundas on Saturday afternoon and evening to a family dinner. All those present are well known in Jarvis - Mrs. Wilbert Biggar, sister and niece, Mrs. Gordon Laslett of Mount Hope, Mrs. John Walter, Hagersville, Mrs. Robert Bourne, Grimsby, Mrs. D. J. Dellar, Mrs. A. L. Belbeck, Mrs. Ben Johnson all of Jarvis.

INCREASED USE QUEBEC (CP) - Quebec farmers made increased use of the Quebec agriculture artificial insemination services in 1971. The St. Hyacinthe centre reported an increase of 30 per cent in first mating of cows during April, May, June and August for a total of 168,433.

## Kate Aikens Work With Women's Institutes Recalled

by Jessie Miller

When we heard Gordon Sinclair announce the death of Kate Aiken, aged 81, and heard him speak so feelingly about her broadcasting career we waited to hear him mention her work in the Women's Institute and thought - "We knew her when."

As early as 1919 Mrs. Aiken was the summer speaker sent by the department of Agriculture to address Women's Institutes in Southern Ontario. In those days there was no Area Convention for Hamilton. Delegates from Haldimand went to Toronto and our delegates decided at the spring conference held in Caledonia to ask for Mrs. Aiken for this county as they had heard her in Toronto when she explained the newly formed Federated Institutes of Ontario. I am sure that many older members will remember her gracious manner and gift of words.

Later she was very influential in the sponsorship by the W.I. of the 4-H girls homemaking clubs. At that time she addressed an afternoon group from several branches at Hickory Beach south of Erie St., Nanticoke.

She also addressed the Hamilton Area Convention at the banquet when Mrs. D. Z. Gibson of Caledonia was Area President.

During World War 2, as superintendent of Women's work at the C.N.E., she encouraged the W.I. to make and enter as exhibits children's clothing and air-raid shelter quilts - the same to be judged - awarded prizes and retained for shipment to Britain as Bundles for Britain.

The Varenay W.I., now dissolved, entered children's clothing, winning several second prizes. They also went to Toronto and took

part in the quilting party on the C.N.E. grounds and as Mrs. Aiken's dinner guest in the Women's building, on two different occasions, receiving prizes both times.

In one of Mrs. Aiken's books she tells of her father Robert Scott of the General Store in the Village of Reeton who made a practise of giving a Christmas gift to his customer's new babies. An entry in his daybook read "Banting Frederick - baby bonnet - no charge." This was later Sir Frederick Banting, co-discoverer of Insulin.

Among those who were guest from Varenay at the C.N.E. were some who have since passed on. Mrs. Frank Saunders, Mrs. W. E. Craddock, Mrs. W. E. Doughty, Mrs. Ben Lundy made the Double Wedding Ring quilt which was awarded second prize.

Others who quilted and are still active in the

community are Mrs. Rose Miller, Mrs. R. A. Miller, Mrs. Cora McKenzie, Mrs. Clarence Hayes and Mrs. Ivan McKenzie. Russell Miller and Mrs. Craddock were drivers.

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### Editorial Comment:

#### Merry Christmas To All

Christmas is now but a few short days away and the excitement of the season mounts as children, and for that matter adults, prepare for that special day.

It will be noted that throughout this issue are contributions of the local clergy who have provided messages of the Christmas Season and we would like to thank them for their participation.

Almost all of the available space in this issue is taken up by our advertisers extending their Christmas greetings to their various friends and patrons.

It is primarily through the support of the advertisers that a newspaper can function and we would like to extend to all our advertisers a special thanks at this Christmas time of the year for their continued support throughout the year.

Christmas is first and foremost a spiritual celebration. The special joy generated at Christmas should spring from this and reflect the true happiness of Christmas.

It is with this feeling that we also extend to all our readers the hope that you may truly enjoy a blessed, happy and joyful Christmas.

#### Wise, Unwise and Otherwise

by The Old Owl.

##### CHRISTMAS

In the Anglican Church, Christmas is celebrated by a special service of Holy Communion for which special scripture readings are provided. One of these, called the Epistle, is the first part of the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, which speaks of our Lord's glory as the Son of God and that He is higher than the angels.

The other reading, from St. John's Gospel, speaks of Him as the Divine Logos, the co-Creator of the universe.

Both of these emphasize His glory, might, majesty and power, neither of them mention the Manger or the Babe. This Scripture passage is relegated to Morning Prayer which is rarely used on this day. It also appears in second Gospel for Christmas Day.

This arrangement of Scripture readings (the Epistle and Gospel) comes to us from the early Church, through the Church of the Middle Ages. Why did they choose those two readings to celebrate His Birth into mankind? I do not know but it may have been to emphasize His glory at the moment of His greatest weakness - as a tiny baby in His Mother's arms.

Whatever the reason, there is a message to us today in this arrangement. Human nature is very weak and we have reacted from the glorious majesty of the Divine Son entering humanity, to the thought of the helpless baby in His Mother's arms.

We have over-emphasized the Babe in the Manger and neglected the fact that He was, even then, the Divine Son of God. This has had far reaching effects and has helped to promote the idea of the purely human Son.

There are many who only go to Church at Christmas or Easter, and Easter is not so well advertised as Christmas and has not the same popular appeal. The result of all this, not only in Church but in many Christmas decorations and cards, is that many people get the impression of a weak and helpless person and never hear of His strength and manliness.

As a consequence we hear today much about the great Teacher and the faithhealer, but very little about His glory as the Son of God.

We do right to love and honor the Babe of Bethlehem. Everyone loves a baby and the story of His birth in a stable is an authentic part of the Gospel story and it adds to His glory when we see it in its right light. But let us also remember that He was not always a baby. He grew to manhood and became the Perfect Man, the Son of God.

Then let us also remember certain other things about Him. He was with the Father when the worlds were made, and He left His glory to become man. But He is still God the Son, higher than the highest angel. As man and God, He came to His own people - who rejected Him.

But He was (and is) the Light of the world, and one who gives the power to become the Children of God.

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## Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO DEC. 20, 1951

The annual nomination meetings for the Village of Jarvis and the Township of Walpole will be held on Monday afternoon and evening, Dec. 31.

The present township council includes Reeve E. M. Waldbrook, Deputy-reeve Charles Cox and Councillors William Addison, Kenneth Parkinson and Watson Roulston.

The Village Council includes Reeve George W. Walker and Councillors Howard Krouse, Elson Held, Edward Stire and Ernest Welt.

The annual Board of Trade Children's party was

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 24, 1941

There are certain times of the year when the Postmaster's job looks like a cinch, but no one could honestly formulate that opinion if they watch the local post office staff performing their duties around Christmas time.

A village post office would be a fertile spot for a student of psychology. Probably you have noticed while waiting in the lobby of the post office for your mail, the looks of disgust upon the faces of some patrons, who obviously are disturbed because the mail is not sorted. Some even go so far as to express verbally

their opinion that the Postmaster is not capable of handling his job. These persons so expressing themselves as a rule have nothing more to do than to digest their mail once it comes into their hands.

We wish to again acknowledge Christmas greetings received from boys on active service, including Pte. Phillip Colwell, L/Cpl. Stanley Burditt, PO L.E. Blight, PO William Holmes and other. L/Cpl. Burditt wrote a very interesting letter stating he had visited the school he attended in England as a lad and had again visited the Church he attended during childhood.



# Christmas...

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