

## HAGERSVILLE Highlights

### Triple F Meet

The annual Christmas Family Night, held by the Triple F Club of Hagersville, was held in the Christian Education Wing of the Hagersville United Church, on Saturday Dec. 16.

Seasonal decorations were displayed throughout the Auditorium, and the pot-luck supper began at 7.15 p.m., with Rev. Donald Eustace of the Hagersville Anglican Church saying grace.

Following the supper, projectionist Mel Henderson showed several interesting films with the young folks particularly enjoying this part of the entertainment.

Master of Ceremonies, Alton Esselment, between films, asked the little ones to come up on stage. This was most enjoyable to hear them sing Jingle Bells, with soloist Robbie Malcolm delighting everyone with Away in a Manger. Mrs. Margaret Van Loon, was

accompanist and song leader throughout the various film changes. Each tiny tot was given a candy cane for participating in the program.

The brief worship service began with a Christmas Thought, given by Edna Esselment, followed by a few words on "Giving, or Getting at Christmas".

Agnes Harrop read the passage of Scripture pertaining to the annual event we remember, as taken from the second chapter of Luke. This portion of the program, closed with prayer, after which the large crowd of nearly 75 joined in games.

Prize winners of the Christmas Parade of Costumes, were won by Earl Webb and Karen Rule, while the various relay games were each won by the team captained by Karen Esselment.

Other interesting features of the program were a duet O Little Town of Bethlehem, sung by Margaret Van Loon and Rev. Rule. Birthday greetings in song were extended to Margaret Webb, Margaret Van Loon and Rev. Rule, after which suitable tokens were presented to each.

Throughout the entertaining evening, the attractive punch bowls were kept very busy, while various snacks were available.

Those on the committee were Edna and Alton Esselment, and Agnes and Ralph Harrop. The next Triple F meeting will be held the third Saturday evening of January.

Three of the new hymns taken from the recently published United Anglican Hymnary were used at the Sunday morning worship service held in the Hagersville United Church, Dec. 17.

Rev. Martin Rule spoke on Communion Meditation at this Christmas Communion Service.

New members welcomed into full membership by the act of transfer were Mrs. George Grinyer from Kohler United; Mrs. S.

### Graduates

A recent graduate from the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music is Linda Rushton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hoover, of Selkirk. She received an A. Mus. degree in Music, at the Convocation which was held at the University in London.

### Communion Service Held

Carl Slose from Hagersville Anglican; Mrs. Ronald Fox from Granton United; Janice Dawson from Long Saulte United and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson

from Rockford United Church. During the announcements, Rev. Rule asked each to remember the two special services to be held on Sunday, Dec.

24, the morning worship, and the evening Christmas Candlelight Service at 7.30 when both Junior and Senior choirs will be participating.

### Kinsmen Show Extra Movie

There has been decided interest shown in the various movies sponsored by the Hagersville Kinsmen and shown in the Community Centre.

Therefore, the Kinsmen Club, has made plans to show an extra movie during the Christmas holidays. This movie is another Walt Disney classic, "Kidnapped", and will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.

Santa Claus has been contacted to attend the movie on Dec. 23 and distribute treats of candy to the children in attendance.

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## A Real Christmas

by Father G. Wubbeis  
Summer 1922. A Polish couple arrived with their five children in Halifax. They were transferred from the boat to the train towards Manitoba.

The long trip was full of surprises: the towns and the villages they passed, the stations

and the farms, till they got tired from sitting in the train and finally reached their destination.

A Polish bachelor, who knew they were coming, loaded the family and the luggage on a wagon and brought them to a deserted cabin in no-

where. The only piece of furniture was a woodstove. Dry grass and branches were gathered to sleep on, but the family was too tired to notice it that first night.

The following months were busy to make the land ready for the seeding, to provide for the next winter. Everything was new and exciting for the family.

Dad found a job at the railway, 35 miles away. He came home every two weeks with groceries, clothes and all kind of things for the family. Those home-comings are still remembered by his children as the highlights in their lonely existence in the bush.

A son, who is now a foreman at the General Motors in Oshawa, told me: "One day, Dad took us with him on the wagon. It was a great feast, we sang and had a lot of fun. Until he stopped at a farmer, who acted as a dentist in his sparetime! After pulling our teeth, the singing during the way up turned into crying when we drove back home."

"Then came the first Canadian winter with its endless snowstorms. The days were terribly long, no living soul in the 35 miles around us. Dad couldn't make it home for weeks. We went to bed with the chickens, because we ran out of fuel for the lamp, and woke up only to wait for another day."

"Until we heard the long awaited noise outside. Dad had made it! The wagon was loaded with food, toys and clothes. All the miseries of the last weeks were suddenly forgotten: the cold, the loneliness, the quarrelling: Dad was home!"

We had all the reasons and the means to prepare a real Christmas and what a Christmas it should be! Mom and the girls cleaned and decorated our home-made house and did the baking. Dad and the boys did something outside, but they kept it a secret from the rest of the family, till they called them outside and there it was: a huge, yellow painted star at the front of the house surrounded by the white snow!

"It had been Dad's idea: May God find us this Christmas in the wilderness!"

Dear Readers, may God also find you with His graces, this Christmas!

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## Bantams Down Fisherville

The Jarvis Bantams downed Fisherville 3-0 in the fifth game Jarvis has played with a record holding at two wins three losses.

The first period went scoreless with Jarvis picking up the penalty on Walker for slashing.

Early in the second period Ralph Fess found the net after being disallowed two goals earlier.

The line of Druff and the two Fess boys turned out to be the winning one when Sam Druff at the 16.50 mark found the net after several tries. Steve Fess scored the goal which was the winner at the 19:00 minute mark.

Walker collected his first shutout as the Fisherville boys tried their hardest but just couldn't find the net.

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