

White Gift Service Held

The annual White Gift service of dedication was held in the Hagersville United Church on Sunday morning, December 16, under the direction of Church School Superintendent, Mrs. Mel Henderson, Pianist for the service was Junior Choir Leader Miss Mary White.

The Call to Worship was given by Hal Brown, with everyone joining in singing the processional Hymn, "Joy To The World." Words of greeting to the entire congregation were given by Cathy Millett who stated, "today we had

an opportunity to say Merry Christmas to people in other parts of the world, through the medium of the White Gift Service." Members of the Church School acting as First, Second and Third Readers were Laurie Curran, Ross Whalen and Anne Brown.

Narrator for the brief, but explicit play "The Story of White Gifts," was Paul Gedy. This portrayal by the Church School Students was set in 1903 in a minister's home in Ohio, U.S.A. The contrast arguing and bickering over gifts received by the children, resulted in the original White Gift Service taking place in 1904, through the instigation of this minister's family. Those taking part in this interesting episode were Tracy Hewitt, Kay Hyde, Joan Shoup, Brian Speller and Joe Augustine.

Firemen Kept Active

Hagersville Volunteer Firemen had a most active weekend, with the first call coming from the Hagersville Police Department at 5:10 p.m. on Friday

January 4, 1974. The Firemen were required to stand by, following a motor vehicle accident at Main Street North, Highway No. 6.

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HAGERSVILLE Highlights

New Year's Eve Family Night And Worship Held

Nearly 50 attended the annual New Year's Eve Get-together at the Hagersville United Church.

The much-enjoyed evening began at 9:30 p.m. when various games were enjoyed by young and old alike in the Parlour and Church Library. Later in the Christian Education Wing, relay races for all family members were directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Esselment.

Everyone adjourned to the beautiful Sanctuary upstairs where a most impressive Family - Communion Service was conducted by the minister, Rev. M. Rule. Mrs. Margaret VanLoon presided at the organ for the prelude with chimes, as well as providing accompaniment for singing of the Hymn, "Standing At The Portal."

The Scripture Lesson was taken from 1 Peter, Chapter 3, commencing at Verse 10. Candlelight with the lighted Chancel window provided a setting of solitude and refinement

Prizes For Hoss

The Public Relations Officer of Canadian Legion, Branch 164, says many valuable prizes have already been offered by various citizens for the next Progressive Hoss.

Plans have been made to hold it in the Legion Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 12, 1974 at 2 p.m. A large crowd is anticipated for this charitable cause, so everyone is expected to bring a carload of friends, and have a fun-filled afternoon.

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for this personal-family Communion Service. A brief poem, "Behold" was read by Rev. Rule, as well as words to stress that we use every hour in this quickly approaching year to God's advantage. "The year before us is a great gift," he said, "let us not waste it, abuse it, or ignore it, but each to use it in helping one another; in extending love; and in sharing." "We are now in 1974, and may it be a blessed and happy year for all, he said.

Following the service, each went down to the C.E. Wing, where a sumptuous pot-luck supper was enjoyed, beginning at 12:30 a.m.

Sincere appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Rule for arranging another successful New Year's Family Night, where one and all may enjoy a fun-filled and inspirational time together. Present were friends from Ottawa, Springvale, Hagersville and surrounding area.

Triple F Club

More than 50 were present for the annual Christmas Family Night program of the Hagersville Triple F Club. A bountiful pot-luck supper began at 7 p.m. in the Christian Education Wing of the United Church.

Beautiful seasonal decorations adorned the supper tables, as well as the spacious auditorium, when special guests attended from the Haldimand Opportunity Centre, together with all trainees from the Centre, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Deagle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sumner and Mr. William Brooks.

Grace was said by Rev. Martin Rule, with the guests of honour attending the banquet table, which was set up smorgasbord style.

Following the supper, a lively and happy time of singing Christmas songs was enjoyed, with Mrs. Margaret VanLoon conducting while accompanying at the piano. Ron, one of the guests, favoured us with a solo - "Rudolph, The Red - Nosed Reindeer".

President of Triple

F, Mrs. Margaret Lougheed, in her usual capable manner, welcomed each to this happy time together, with a special welcome to all the guests present.

"Since The Opportunity Centre, is the project of Triple F", she said, "it was more than fitting that they could attend this gathering with the group".

The Nativity was presented, with Margaret VanLoon as leader and director, assisted by Mrs. Deagle and Mrs. Sumner with the costumes. Surrounding the hay-filled manger was Helen as Mary and Andy as Joseph, with the remainder of the trainees portraying the shepherds and wisemen and chorus.

Others taking part in the program were Linda who read the first portion of Scripture as taken from Luke, and Sheila who read the second Scripture passage from Luke. Barbara, as soloist sang the Christmas Carol - "Silent Night," with all members from the Opportunity Centre joining in to sing several verses and close the heart-warming program.

All members retired to the adjacent rooms for costume-change, to the hearty applause of those in attendance. Thanks was sincerely extended by Sheila to the Triple F Group, as well as words of appreciation from Mrs. Jennie Deagle.

Gifts laden under the Christmas tree on the platform were distributed to the trainees by Mrs. A. Esselment and President Lougheed. Following an enjoyable period of shuffleboard and other games, the long-to-be-remembered evening closed by all singing "Taps."

History Of Hagersville

DO YOU KNOW?

Hagersville is the highest point between Hagersville and Port Dover.

There is a eucalyptus tree growing beside the Commercial Hotel.

It has been clinically proven that Hagersville is the second hardest water in North America.

Hagersville had the first custom tailor in Upper Canada.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Cadets training in the Community Centre parking lot?

Andy Sorelly meeting the train every day at 5:30, wearing his fur coat - in the summer?

Nanticoke News

BY Mrs. Harry Evans
Mrs. Eva Awde of Hagersville spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Banfield and family.

On New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Thomson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pond and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim McAlpine and family of Caledonia; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Simmons and Tod of Port Dover and Mr. Cecil Hedges.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Field were New Year's Day supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hare, Port Dover.

Mrs. Alta Saunders was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Lindsay and family on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans Caledonia on New Year's Day.

Many from this vicinity attended the New Year's Eve Dance at the Community Hall sponsored by the Canadian Order of Foresters.

New Year's Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Field were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Matthews, Mr. and

A group of boys bought a bag of peanuts from every store in town, and counted the number of peanuts in each bag to see who gave the best deal? Dixon's General Store got the business after that.

The Hallowe'en when a bunch of kids borrowed outhouses, manure spreaders, democrats, etc., packed the high school lawn full, and wrapped rolls of wire around it, enclosing all the entrances? School was closed the next day.

George Dusty ran a raffle every Saturday night in the back of his store?

Do you remember the 8:30 curfew? The picture shows in the park every Tuesday night?

The Sunday night band concerts in the old band stand?

Kinsmen Entertain Selkirk Seniors

During the Christmas season the fulfillment of an invitation which was looked forward to with anticipation took place on December 23 when the Selkirk Kinsmen loaded nine cars

with Senior Citizens and transported the group to see the magnificent light display in the Simcoe park.

The weather was biting cold but one was warmed by the courtesy and delightful fellowship of these young men.

Upon returning to the Selkirk Community Hall, the Kinettes had three tables set in a very lovely arrangement to which the "Old Boys and girls" were invited to be seated. Sandwiches and plates full of various Christmas treats, cookies and squares were served. Each of the 40 guests received a small gift which was part of the table decoration - a unique candle filled with candies.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weaver spent Sunday at Port Stanley, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans attended the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. William Gunton in Simcoe on Friday, January 4.

A shower was held in the Cheapside Community Hall in honour of the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gaston-nee Joanne Meade of Hamilton.

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Mrs. Craig Werner read a letter from Miss-ionary Miss Evelyn

prize was also given to the oldest lady and oldest gentleman in the crowd.

While seated around the tables, Christmas carols were sung. The Rev. Ben Woodruff was M.C. and Phil Hare led the singing in the absence of a pianist.

It was a lovely expression of thoughtfulness for the Senior citizens.

Cheapside United Church Women Hold Christmas Meeting

by Mrs. William Bray
The U.C.W. of Cheapside United Church held their Christmas meeting December 18, at the home of Mrs. Harold Marshall. The meeting opened with a verse by the president, Mrs. Arvil Nie and the Christmas Carol 62 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night".

Mrs. William Bray acted as secretary in the absence of that officer and also the assistant. The minutes were read and approved. Roll Call "bring cookies or Christmas Cake" was answered by 13 ladies and Mr. Creaser.

Mrs. Bray reported the new gowns and ties for the Junior Choir were ready, a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Bray for making them.

Mrs. Harold Marshall read the Treasurer's report in the absence of that officer; reporting a very busy but successful year.

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Swan, Angola, Africa, thanking for bale received; also a letter thanking for used postage stamps to stamp out Leprosy.

The offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. Arvil Nie. It was reported we would meet our allocation and some over this year for missions.

Mrs. George Abbott presided at the piano for some great music and also the Christmas Carols. Mrs. Harold Marshall and Mrs. Arvil Nie were in charge of the Christmas programme. Mrs. Marshall read a couple of poems "What Is Christmas" and "A Country Christmas," hymn 51, O Little Town of Bethlehem" 1st. verse, The Christmas Story from Luke 2, 1-10 then second verse of hymn 51.

Mrs. Nie read a poem, "If I Had Been A Shepherd Boy" followed by two verses of No. 58, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear." There are carols of many countries but the Christmas tree is said to have originated in Germany. Hymn 53, "Silent Night" followed.

Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Nie spoke on the customs of celebrating Christmas in different countries. Mrs. Marshall spoke on England, with the Carol "Hark The Herald Angels

Sing," South America, Italy and the United States, with one verse of hymn 51 "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Mrs. Nie spoke on Norway and France with the carol, "The Noel" Palestine and "A Way In A Manger," and with Spain "O Come All Ye Faithful." The Carol No. 55 "Joy To All The World" and prayer by Mrs. Marshall closed a fine Christmas programme.

Numbers were passed around to correspond with the Christmas gift each one brought. The gifts were picked up and opened and told who had received whose.

Mrs. Keith Schwyer assisted the hostess and her girls in serving a delightful lunch of ice cream, cookies and Christmas Cake. Happy Birthday was sung in honour of Mrs. Sanford Schwyer.

Mrs. William Bray gave the courtesy remarks to the hostess and all those helping in making it such an enjoyable afternoon.

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