

At Carleton Manor:

Residents Help Poor And Needy

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For the 63 residents of Carleton Manor, the Christmas season has been one of excitement and accomplishment.

Not only have the residents of Woodstock's ultra modern senior citizens home been entertained in the true festive tradition of the season, but they have collectively and individually made their contribution to the comfort and enjoyment of Christmas for numerous others less fortunate than themselves.

Many have made articles which have been given to church organizations for distribution to the poor and needy, while others have attended the daily quilting sessions carried on by the ladies. The results of these get-togethers have been some very fine examples of quilts that have been an inspiration to others.

Recently, a sale of goods and articles knitted, woven, crocheted, tatted and hand crafted by the residents of Carleton Manor attracted wide attention throughout Woodstock and beyond. The festive season really began at the home when two ladies jointly celebrated their birthdays at a gala party. Mrs. Julia Leonard observed her 103rd birthday while Mrs. Bessie Somers turned 99.

On that occasion, the manor was visited by more than 100 people including the Venerable E. Vincent Martin, Archdeacon of Fredericton and rector of the parish of Woodstock.

The entertainment was provided by the junior choir from St. Lukes Anglican Church and there was general singing in which everyone participated and of course, there was lots to eat as well.

Mrs. Leonard, who was born in Codys, Queens County, is the oldest resident at the home and one of the oldest people living in New Brunswick. Mrs. Somers, a native of the Bristol area of Carleton County and now in her 100th year, is the manor's second eldest resident.

Carleton Manor has been the scene of numerous events where all residents have been entertained in the true Christmas tradition. The two chapters of the IODE, the Carleton Soldiers Memorial and the Dr. Nelson P. Grant Chapters, have both hosted holiday gatherings. The Women's Institute from Richmond Corner presented an evening of entertainment and relaxation for the guests and the senior and junior choirs from every church in Woodstock have presented musical programs that have inspired all the residents of Carleton Manor.

The staff at the home provided a Christmas party which featured a visit from Santa Claus. Gifts were distributed to all guests.

Only 12 of the residents are men. The remainder are ladies but Mrs. Mary Cox, the administrator of the home said everyone gets along famously and as for the 12 men, they have a grand time.

"Actually all our guests have had a great Christmas season and the whole community of Woodstock has been wonderful with the many contributions made to the manor through gifts and entertainments at this season of the year." Mrs. Cox added.

On Christmas Day all guests enjoyed Christmas dinner which was served in the spacious dining room. The same occurred yesterday when Carleton Manor provided a scrumptious New Year's dinner featuring turkey and all that goes with it.



Celebrating the festive season and their birthdays are Mrs. Julia Leonard, left, age 103, and Mrs. Bessie Somers, age 99, at Carleton Manor, Woodstock. Many of the manor residents have made articles which have been distributed by Church organizations to poor and needy families of the area.