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Village financially solid despite debenture

BONNIE MCNAIRN
Leader staff

WILLIAMSBURG—Like any good neighbor, Williamsburg Township stepped in with a friendly hand, here last Tuesday night, to pick up a $150,000 debenture issed by the Village of Morrisburg.

But while being friendly, Williamsburg Clerk Mike Waddell explained it was a sound investment for his municipality. The $150,000 debenture was picked up at 12 per cent interest for a seven year amortization period.

The debenture was issued by the village to pay the outstanding $150,000 on the BIA canopy project. The figure is the result of the choice by a number of merchants to spread their costs over seven-year-payments at 12 per cent.

Of the total project cost, the province covered $250,000, the Village of Morrisburg contributed $100,000 and the remaining $250,000 was the responsibility of the merchants.

The village has collected $100,000 from the merchants, and the remaining $150,000 accounts for the debenture.

Morrisburg Reeve Bill Dillabough explained that had none of the merchants paid up front the debenture would have been for $250,000, and he pointed out that in no way does the debenture reflect on the village's financial situation.

Reserves in good shape

"Our reserves are in good shape," he said. "You should always keep liquid reserves because you never know when you might need them."

According to Morrisburg Clerk Cheryl Tynski, the village has a total of $350,000 in reserves of which about 50 per cent is working funds, and there is another $120,000 in water investments.

"We are putting a new sewer line in for the Odonto plant at $59,000, and although we'll retrieve about $41,000 in taxation, we have to provide the initial outlay," he said. "When it's done the cost to the village will be about $8,000."

The village is also waiting the results of the court case in which it is suing Derek Wilson Ltd. and engineer Derek Wilson personally for $1 million, in connection to problems with its sewer system.

According to Tynski, estimates to correct the system range from $100,000 to $600,000.

"If we lose the case, we won't be in real trouble," says Dillabough, "but if we win, we'll be in good shape."

$5 million suit dropped

One burden was lifted last week when the countersuit filed by Wilson against the Village of Morrisburg for $5 million was dropped, and Dillabough views this as a positive sign.

Dillabough says the village could have a larger reserve if it wanted to cut services, but he doesn't feel this is a good idea.

As for the second stage of the BIA plaza project, Dillabough says the financing is the responsibility of the association.

"The taxpayers contributed between $100,000 - $125,000 for stage I, and I don't feel they should be asked to contribute anything more," he said.

Three injured in collision

MICHAEL THOMPSON
Leader staff

GLEN BECKER—A 10-year old boy and two women were injured after their southbound car was struck head-on by another on Highway 31 Sunday afternoon.

Janet McKenny, a passenger, was transferred to the Ottawa Civic Hospital from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Sunday, and is listed in satisfactory condition.

The driver, Gloria Preston, and a second passenger, Michael Preston, sustained minor contusions and were treated and released from the Winchester hospital that day.

Police say Willem Brower lost control of his northbound vehicle and entered the path of the Preston car.

Apparently, Brower tried to stop behind another northbound vehicle, which was in the process of making a left turn.

However, his vehicle skidded into the other lane and was subsequently sent into a hydro pole after the collision.

Brower and his passenger, Margaret Brower, were not injured.

The driver of the turning vehicle, Jeff Vidal of RR 1 Iroquois was also not injured.

Charges are pending.

Council tries to clean municipal dump policy

by Mike Thompson
Leader Staff

MATILDA TWP. — Garbage issues continued to litter council's agenda here Thursday night.

A number of problems surrounding the township's dump re-surfaced as council reviewed 13 tenders, offering to operate the land-fill site next year.

The cost of maintaining the dump remains one of the most expensive projects in the township. In fact, as of October, the municipality had spent over $50,000 to operate it.

Once again, council re-considered reducing the hours of operation from its current 40 per week.

"There are very few municipal dumps in the area that are open six-days-a-week," said clerk-treasurer Bill Horner.

Council agreed and decided to cut-back the operation to four-days-a-week.

Starting January 1, 1990, the waste site will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Dump Policy Proposed

Council also discussed the possibility of asking residents to burn as mush waste as possible from demolished buildings.

"We should stress that people should burn things like old fence lines and barn boards at home and bury it in their backyard," said Deputy-reeve Charles Barkley.

Like many dumps in Ontario, the life-expectancy of the Matilda waste site quickly being shortened by the vast amount of garbage deposited.

"Especially when they bring in large items like demolition materials and I don't think the average rate-payer should have to pay for clearing it," said Barkley.

Horner suggested the burning policy would reduce the number of times the township requires a load of sand to cover the large refuse - at $60 a load.

"Some weeks we need more than others but I'd estimate that we probably go through two maybe three loads a week, which is kind of expensive for the size of the township," said Bob Kuske, Road Superintendent.

Reeve Lorne Mellan suggested the township toughen-up its dump

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Best Wishes To All!



Carolling Reindeer

Grade 2 students William Barclay and Melissa Hamilton steal a scene during their class presentation entitled "Boo Bear and the Night before Christmas". The mini operetta was just one part of the annual Morrisburg Public School's Christmas Concert Thursday night. More than 400 people attended this year's event.

Winchester ladies win big in 649 draw

TORONTO—Winchester residents, Mabel Ogden and Audrey Robertson discovered the perfect way to celebrate Christmas this year, and it's been made a lot easier with a $1,922,213.60 win in the December 13 Lotto 649 draw.

The win was confirmed by Lotto 649 officials late Tuesday afternoon when the two lucky ladies showed up to claim their prize.

The winning ticket, was a quick pick, purchased jointly by the ladies who plan to share some of their wealth with their families and bank the rest. The ticket was purchased in Winchester.

Williamsburg Twp. opts for market value assessment for 1990

BONNIE MCNAIRN
Leader staff

WILLIAMSBURG—In an unanimous vote here last Tuesday night, Williamsburg Township council went to market value assessment, a move that will come into affect for the 1990 taxation year, and results in about 85 per cent of the municipalities in S.D. & G. now in the program.

"With reassessment everyone will pay an equal share," explained Regional Assessment Commissioner Denis Gagnon. "Currently there are people grossly over-assessed and there are people grossly under-assessed."

The township was reassessed under Section 63 of the Assessment Act at the 1984 market value level. Section 63 breaks out properties by class including residential up to six units, multi seven units and up, commercial, industrial, and farms and farmland.

Gagnon explained reassessment is not a means for a municipality to collect additional taxes.

"Your assessment roll, in total, does not change," he said. "If your industrial was paying 30 per cent of your taxes it will continue to pay 30 per cent after reassessment."

"The changes come about to individuals within the category, but the category total remains the same in the end."

Gagnon estimated that roughly 75 per cent of the assessments would either stay about the same or go down.

"It is the vacant land owners who will experience an increase," he said. "It has been found that historically they are paying next to nothing in taxes."

"People in the municipality know the value of their properties," said Gagnon. "Even though they may face an increase, most realize they have been under-paying for years."

"Equity is the bottom line," he said.

Councillor Rowdy Gillard wondered, that with the increased value on waterfront property if it wouldn't be those properties in the township's south end that would see an increase while the north end would be more likely to remain the same or go down.

On the reassessment role it was pointed out, that of the 1049 residential properties, 693 would go up and 356 would go down. Seventy to 80 per cent of those going up are vacant properties.

In commercial, 30 will go down and 38 up, in industrial two will go down and nine up, and of the 534 farms, 203 will go down and 331 up. Farms are assessed on their productivity.

"I am under the opinion there are quite a few people under-assessed and quite a few people over-assessed," said Reeve Johnny Whitteker. "And I'm of the opinion this is a fair way to make everybody equal."

"It seems to me nobody is going to be hit desperately bad," said Councillor Trevor Tolley.

"And if the assessments on vacant property go up, it may encourage people to do something with it," said Gillard.

"There are going to be some changes this time, but we have to face this," said Whitteker. "The first time we passed this by, the golf course was just getting started, but they have a good business now, and I don't think it will hurt them."

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CLAUDE COUSINEAU

Warden takes on reins of office

CATHERINE THOMPSON
Leader staff

CORNWALL—Claude Cousineau, reeve of Winchester Township was acclaimed warden, succeeding Stewart Hart, reeve of Osnabruck Township at County Council here Monday.

The inaugural meeting was attended by a number of dignitaries including Stormont Dundas MP Bob Kilger, S.D. & G. MPP Noble Villeneuve, Cornwall Liberal MPP John Cleary, MPP for Prescott Russell Don Boudria, mayor of Cornwall Phil Poirier, members of the new warden's family, and Grades 5 and 6 Morewood Public School students.

The newly elected warden noted a good relation throughout the previous year between county council and the federal and provincial politicians and thanked them "for a kind and open hearted attitude when we had problems."

Cousineau addressed issues which will be facing him in his term of office, and first on his mind was a review and study of the existing municipal government structure within the United Counties.

County council at present is composed of 37 individuals representing the local municipalities. Cousineau said he would like council to determine within the next few months if a reduction in numbers can be achieved without imposing undue burden on individual representatives, or depriving local municipalities of fair representation.

Another area of the report on county government in Ontario Cousineau would like to address is recommendations on county-wide property reassessment.

"To me, county-wide reassessment for property taxation would provide for a more equitable distribution of not only the property tax levy for county purposes, but also for that of our two existing school systems."

"I do not wish to dwell on the issue of waste management, but such function is a matter that will require consideration during the ensuing year once locally sponsored studies are completed, and the Ontario Government regulations pertaining to county involvement in waste management are available," he added.

He anticipates a functional plan for the building to replace the Glen Stor Dun Lodge, or old age home, will soon be made available for council's consideration. In addition to the two satellite facilities already approved by council for Williamsburg and Ingleside, further alternatives to institutional care are to be considered by council prior to budget making decisions.

Cousineau noted the recent establishment of a joint economic committee between the united Counties and the Mayor and Alderman of Cornwall would provide an excellent forum for exchanging information and ideas on matters of mutual interest, of benefit to citizens of both areas. A consultant's draft report on county economic development should soon be available for review at the next regular council meeting, and further public meetings will be held before any report will be finalized.

In closing, Cousineau admitted the new responsibilities of warden would prove a challenge, but pledged himself "to discharge responsibility with the same kind of exemplary conduct that has been demonstrated by preceding wardens."

"It's quite an honor that's been bestowed on me. But I really think I can do it, I've served under a lot of good wardens," he said.

The new warden is a native of Russell and runs a manufacturing and upholstery business in Morewood. He has served a number of years in municipal politics, including two terms as deputy-reeve of Winchester Township, and one year as reeve.

He is the ninth Winchester Township representative to serve as Warden of the Three United Counties. The last warden from the area was Cecil MacNabb who served in 1969.



Handing over the keys

Former Warden Stewart Hart, reeve of Osnabruck Township is giving his successor, Claude Cousineau, keys to the warden's office during a time-honored inauguration ceremony. The new warden pledged to do his best in carrying out responsibilities bestowed upon him in this new function.

—C. Thompson photo

Iroquois council outlines changes in commercial garbage pick-up

by Catherine Thompson
Leader Staff

IROQUOIS — At a regular council meeting here last Tuesday, the Village of Iroquois outlined a new policy for commercial garbage pick-up to be effective January 1.

The village is developing a long range plan for better waste management including recycling, composting, reuse and recovery, taking into account both commercial and residential sectors.

On December 20, five area municipalities including Iroquois are to decide whether to enter a joint program of garbage pick-up and residential recycling, to be handled by Town Cartage Limited, a Brockville company.

Following a lengthy discussion, Reeve John McAllister drafted a letter outlining the new policy to be sent the merchants in the shopping plaza.

According to the letter, the garbage contract in the plaza, formerly handled by a contractor will be cancelled as of January 1, and the village will take care of the commercial operation. This is to be a temporary arrangement until an agreement can made with TCL to handle the commercial garbage as well.

Instead of six times weekly garbage pick-up, the village will pick up garbage Monday and Friday and cardboard Tuesday and Thursday, the latter to be transported to the Brockville recycling center.

Other businesses may enter the arrangement on request.

Pending decisions made December 20, a letter may also be formulated to residents, defining garbage, recycables and explaining the policy on waste management changes.

Town Cartage Limited has defined the annual costs of once weekly, door to door garbage pick-up and recycling, provided all muncipalities participate. For Iroquois, the estimate for the complete program is $36,080 yearly, amounting to about $80 per household.

Town Foreman Ray Delegarde stated that if the village enters the program, garbage would have to be defined along TCL guidelines, and the village would no longer pick up items the contractor refused.

"They put anything out now including the kitchen sink," siad Delegarde. "If you said to the public, no refrigerators, no bedsprings, no plaster, blocks, bricks or trees we could cut garbage by a third, and costs from $50,000 to $30,000."

He added this would be a whole new ball game and the village may have to pass a by-law to enforce the restrictions on what can be picked up.

Council anticipated they may receive some public flack, but agreed a stand had to be taken on the whole issue. A suggestion was made to allow four times a year pick-up of items which are neither garbage nor recyclables

"Anything that's biodegradable can go back to the garbage (village) dump," said Reeve John McAllister.

Delegarde had explained that the town crew had deposited huge amounts of leaves in a waste site in the industrial park. Councillor Wilf Gibbons said tree trimmings and brush could be chipped and also taken there.

Delegarde remarked it was easier said than done to have a contractor remove scrap metal. Matilda Township now either buries the items or attempts to sell them, but sometimes has to pay to have them taken away.

As far as white goods are concerned, Brown remarked that it is the practice with many appliance dealers, and should be a part of every sale, that the dealer remove the old appliance.

"This is something the study will have to discuss," said Brown. "We'll have to bite the bullet and say we'll define garbage, recyclables and make an arrangement to dispose of non-garbage items."

In any case, the village will have a four month period of grace to educate the public and advertise, before residents start spring house cleaning in earnest.

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policy rather than charging user-fees.

"We've been too slack, the dump is being run too easy and now we're going to have to make sure that people follow our regulations," he said.

"I know they won't like it but something has to be done."

Part of the new policy will include a stricter policing of dump keys.

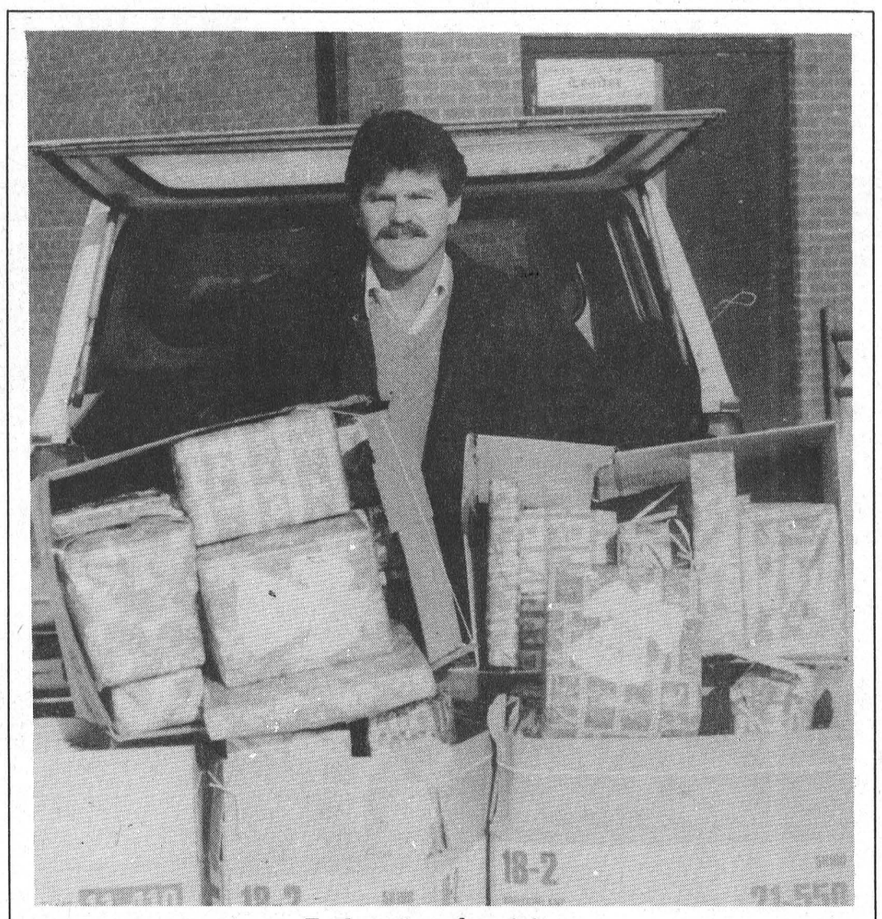
Several keys are floating around the township, including a number to private contractors.

"Maybe we should have a look at just who has a key," said Mellan.

"It's difficult to police the dump when everybody in the township has one," added councillor Mike Ault.

Council agreed and instructed Horner to review the matter.

"And if it's too out of hand maybe we should just change the lock and issue new keys," said Mellan.



Truly a time for giving

Morrisburg and District Lions Club president Jack Notman stands behind dozens of gifts from the organization's Angel Tree program. Notman says response to the Lions Christmas project has been overwhelming. A number of businesses and individuals have contacted the Lions since a recent article in The Leader to offer further assistance.

Thank You!

Morrisburg & Area

The response to our Angel Tree program was truly overwhelming and a warm 'Thank You' must go to all concerned.

The Morrisburg Leader, always there to lend support to Lions' projects, initiated this response with excellent coverage by Mike Thompson, and local merchants and businesses quickly replied with donated items. Canadian Tire provided an artificial Christmas tree for display in the Bank of Nova Scotia. Odonto Corp. supplied much needed wrapping boxes and Stedman's responded with gift wrap and other supplies. This unsolicited support from the business community was immediate and much appreciated. As well, Caldwell Linen Mills employees made a cash donation which ensures additional gifts for those less fortunate. Truly a gratifying effort for all concerned.

And lastly, obvious heartfelt thanks must go to all who anonymously provided a variety of quality gifts for children of our area. Children who beforehand would not realize the excitement of a Christmas morning. Just wrapping these beautiful presents became an emotional experience for the Lions and their wives, as we reflected on your caring donations and imagined the happy faces this Christmas morning will provide. We are certain each of you will experience an extra measure of satisfaction this festive season because of your considerate efforts.

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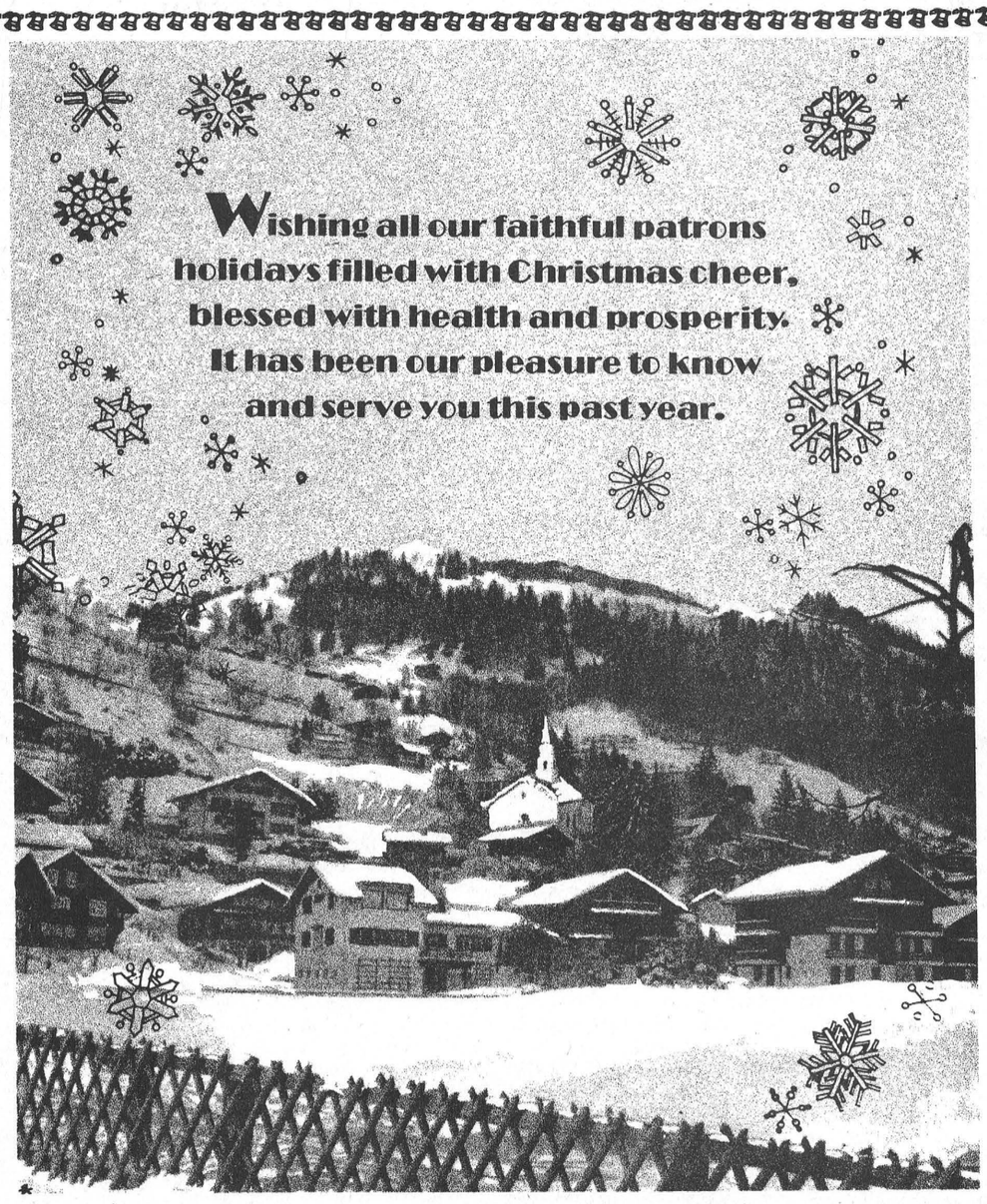

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Sunday, December 24, 1989
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10:30 a.m. — "The Challenge of Christianity: Holiness and Suffering"
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11:00 a.m. — Worship Services
Sermon Topic
"CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Terry Pitt
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Sunday, December 24, 1989
9:45 a.m. — Family Bible Hour
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7:30 p.m. — St. John's, Iroquois — Family Eucharist
11:00 p.m. — St. James', Morrisburg — Choral Eucharist
Christmas Day —
10:00 a.m. — Holy Trinity, Riverside — Family Eucharist
Come — Worship the New Born King

Sunday, December 24, 1989
Advent IV and Christmas Eve
"CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

Lessons costly for Williamsburg Township

WILLIAMSBURG - Two lessons were learned at Williamsburg township council here last Tuesday night ... and they didn't come without some cost.

This fall council received a petition from residents of Fairholme drive, whose backyards, abut Casselman Creek. They were requesting a continuation of the shoring that had taken place at the south end in late summer.

Because the petition had the signature of 100 per cent of the landowners, council proceeded to call in engineer John Stidwell to do a study and arrive at a cost per resident.

Stidwell did a field investigation and documented conditions of the creek, as well as contacting the owners to determine their exact concerns.

The result was that Stidwell came up with a cost figure which ranged from $50 to $85 per meter. The residents were notified of their costs which ranged from $1,000 to $2,000 depending on their lot size, and it was then that word began to filter back to council that they were unwilling to proceed.

Tuesday night residents were invited to the council meeting and Stidwell was present to answer their questions.

"It was brought up to us that you were cleaning at the south end and I understood that you were just going to continue at no cost to us," said Fairholme Drive resident Tom Hodgson. "I had no problem with you coming on my land to do the work so I signed the petition."

"We, as council, don't initiate maintenance schemes and we're not going to shore the area if you don't want it," said Whitteker. "There is a bit of confusion here. When the petition came in at 100 per cent we were under the impression you wanted the shoring and we went ahead."

Whitteker also pointed out that it was the Lions Club that shored the south end and not the township.

"It looks to me that the majority of the people are no longer in favor of the project, and there are just not enough to proceed," said Whitteker.

With that conclusion reached, Whitteker then questioned who was going to pay the engineering bill. Although Stidwell had not made a billing, he estimated it would be anywhere from $500 to $2,000.

"I'm going to suggest that council assume the cost and mark it down to experience," said Whitteker. "You're never to old to learn."

Early Christmas gift

MORRISBURG—Local Reeve Bill Dillabough has already received something unexpected this Christmas - a busted fender.

The inappropriate gift was compliments of a two-car collision Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Highway 31 and Highway 2.

According to Morrisburg OPP, an eastbound vehicle, driven by Tina Payne of RR 1 Iroquois began to emit smoke from the engine.

The thick smoke temporarily impaired her vision as she lightly bumped into Dillabough's vehicle, which was eastbound and stationary at the time of the accident.

Police say they will not press any charges.

Matilda Council Briefs

MATILDA TOWNSHIP — Council here approved a $500 request from the Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce to help pay for advertising space and two feature articles on South Dundas in the "Gone Fishing" magazine.

The promotion costs are part of the closed fishing tournament organized by the chamber of behalf of the South Dundas Economic Commission.

Cam Martel, a director with the chamber, told council they intend to develop a similar promotion package around South Dundas' agricultural strengths next.

A request by Matilda resident Morgan Hill was turned down by council Thursday night.

Hill asked the township to plow a small municipal drive at the east side of his property.

However, council felt there was no need to clear the way.

Council refunded $1,038.55 in taxes last week during its annual tax appeal program.

The taxes are returned to property owners that have either re-located or simply lost their business or residence during the previous year.

Nine residents received a refund.

Council instructed road superintendent Bob Kuske to look into the cost of a new welding machine.

The township's current welder is showing serious signs of age and fatigue.

Exchange a success

SOUTH DUNDAS—One hundred and sixty families will be enjoying a much better Christmas this year thanks to the generosity of the community and the work of the members of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

Monday morning, exchange members packed 160 boxes for the needy families of the area, boxes that included both food and toys.

Although exchange member Robin Lane, pointed out they came up a bit short of food for the boxes, the financial donations were more than double what they had expected.

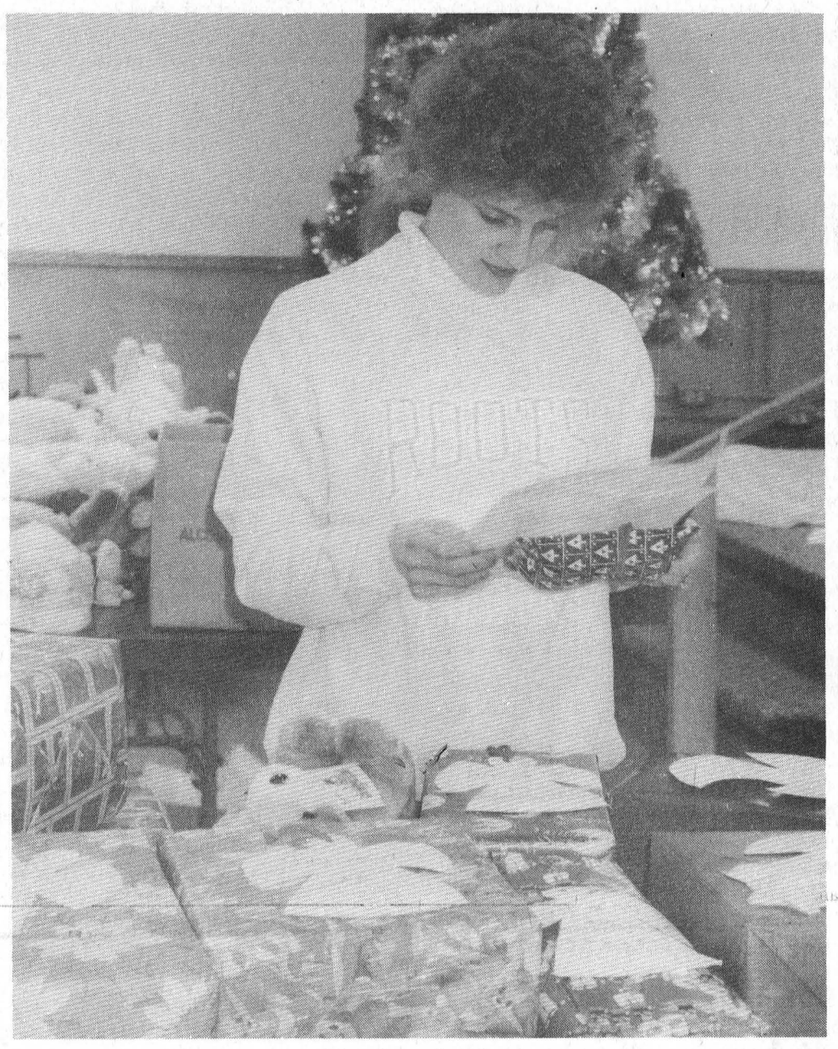
As a result the exchange members were able to purchase the remaining food requirements.

In total the exchange received $3,113 in cash donations, and this along with good prices, discounts and donations from local food stores allowed the group to meet its objective.

Lane also noted there were more than enough toys for the boxes, which results in all of the children receiving gifts this Christmas.

Each of the boxes contained a variety of food including fruit, ham, eggs, milk, coffee and canned goods.

"The drive met our expectations," said Lane. "It was a terrific response, and it worked out really well again this year."



Checking her list

Liane Niles, of Brinston, is one of the Christmas Exchange committee helping assemble gifts and food boxes for the annual program. Again this year, area residents united in an effort to make the program a resounding success. —C. Thompson photo

Nifty Nifty, Look Who's "50"!



Happy Birthday — Lots of Love From Heinz, Peter, Gerry & Monika

Correction

In the obituary for Mr. Roger Richmire in last week's issue, the name of one of his daughters, Wanda Beckstead was inadvertently omitted from the list of survivors. The Leader sincerely regrets this omission.

A photo of the Eastern District Masons in the Leader last week, incorrectly identified W. Bro. Roy Hope as W. Bro. Bill Hope. The editorial department apologizes to Mr. Hope and the Lodge for the error.

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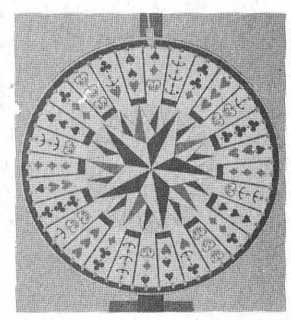

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As the year 1989 draws to a close, it's time once again to extend good and cordial wishes to all our friends; the time to forget petty differences which may have seemed so important in the past; the time for all families, and large and small groups of friends to join together and celebrate with carols and feasting, with thanksgiving and worship.

It is the time too, when countless millions of Christians, all over the world, observe the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, Whom they revere and worship as the Saviour, their Redeemer. Throughout the nearly twenty centuries which have elapsed since that birth, different branches of Christianity have adopted different customs to mark the season, but each one of these has a common reliance on the Gospel story, telling of the wondrous events of those times; all emphasize the necessity for a return to the simple admonition of love and goodwill for our fellowman. For those among us who may not have been following that admonition with too much fervor, this happy season provides a wonderful opportunity to take another look at things in the world around us. So why not take a new look at your neighbor, and this time look for something good. Its discovery will always be pleasant, even though it may sometimes be a bit surprising, and it could just possibly lead to a new, and a wonderfully close friendship.

There is a long, long list of people and groups of people to whom we extend sincere thanks, and all good wishes for the holiday season, as well as for the years ahead.

The very first big thank you is extended to all the people with whom we have worked here at The Leader. Their singular devotion to the task of providing the best, most complete community newspaper and commercial printing service, has been simply tremendous. We have never known any other group anywhere to work in closer harmony and co-operation, or with greater dedication toward a common goal.

Our thanks, too, to all the public-spirited men and women who serve their communities on councils, school boards, commissions and elected groups. Many times, we and other may have questioned their decisions, but no one can question their motivation or their dedication. We would include in that list too, the devoted teachers who are the daily instructors of our young people; all the members of the clergy, who are deeply concerned with the spiritual and moral welfare of their respective flocks; the police officers who constantly guard our persons and property; the firefighters who risk their lives in all kinds of weather, and in many hazardous circumstances; the doctors, nurses, ambulance personnel and other health professionals, who protect our health and welfare, and many, many others.

To all our readers, our advertisers and printing customers, as well as to all other friends everywhere, we send sincere good wishes. May each and every one of you, and every member of your families, enjoy peace and happiness at this Christmas season, and may the New Year, and future years be filled with good health, good friends and good cheer.

R.I.D.E. program saves lives

During this holiday time, drivers should not be surprised if they become part of a province-wide check into some of their driving habits, like the habit of driving while impaired by alcohol or other substances. Since its inception, a few years ago, the R.I.D.E. program has had a positive influence in removing from the busy traffic lanes, hundreds who are endangering not only their own lives, but the lives and property of millions of others.

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If you happen to be one of those checked, why not thank the officer for the good job being done? Don't forget — one of the lives they save, could very well be yours.

Santa not confused by discrepancy in calendar



Almost any youngster will tell you that Santa Claus is a pretty reliable fellow, sliding down chimneys on the same evening, year after year. But this was not the case in 1752, when Christmas came 10 days early.

The explanation for Santa's early appearance that year can be traced back to 45 B.C., when Julius Caesar introduced one of the most important standards the world has ever seen: the Julian Calendar. Unfortunately, the Egytian astronomer hired by Caesar to calculate the length of the year did not come up with an entirely accurate estimate.

Because of this, the calendar fell behind a fraction of a day every year. In 1581, Pope Gregory XIII decided to turn the calendar forward to make up for the discrepancy. For that year only, he decreed, the day following October 4th would be October 15th. He also modified the system of leap years to keep the calendar on track from then on.

Catholic countries complied with the decree immediately. Other nations, including Britain and its American colonies, did not make the change until 1752, bringing the holiday season ten days early that year.

Today, we can count on celebrating Christmas at the same time every December thanks to the people who developed and perfected one of our most valuable time-keeping standards. But in many other areas of human endeavor, the job of developing standards that improve the quality of life isn't finished.

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This Week In Morrisburg's History

Compiled from The Leader's fyles
by Bonnie McNairn

1979

Headlines in the December 19, 1979 issue of The Leader read Lumley to Lead Grits. Ed Lumley was to represent the Liberals in Stormont-Dundas in the February 18 federal election, but to date no name had been offered from the Conservative caucus or the New Democratic Party. Riding president, Gerry Rosenquist, said the Liberals had not yet set the date for their nomination meeting.

Morrisburg industrialist, Pat Beavers, indicated his $1.7 million motel complex was definitely a go, and construction would start on the site at the east entrance to Morrisburg immediately following the new year. Plans were for the official opening to be held May 15.

At Sports Unlimited in Winchester, Daoust Ice Queen figure skates were selling at $45.95.

According to a feature on St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the church had its beginnings in 1862 when Rev. J.H. Hutton began preaching in an upper room of the Morrisburg school building. The school room was eventually needed by the school, and he was offered space in the town hall which he occupied until 1872 when he was offered a centrally located lot by Mr. MacKenzie with the condition a church be erected within 18 months. Because St. John's Church in Riverside had just been erected they felt they could not build at this time, and so they lost the lot. Following Rev. Hutton's resignation in 1872, there were a number of ministers who remained a short time including Rev. J.D. Roth, Rev. Lewis Hippee, Rev. A. Schults and Rev. J. Fishburn. During the interim between 1872 and 1876, St. Paul's Church in Morrisburg was completed and dedicated, and the new St. Paul's congregation was organized and united with St. John's into a parish.

1969

The December 19, 1969 issue of The Leader reported that in commemoration to the men killed while on duty in OPP District 11, a memorial plaque had been erected in front of district headquarters in Long Sault. Dedication ceremonies were held in memory of Constables, A.J. Ferguson, H.H. Dent, J.R. Maki and P.J. Kirk.

An Ontario Development Corporation loan of $42,900 was granted to the Odonto Corporation in Morrisburg. The plant, which manufactured toothbrushes, was planning to purchase new machinery and equipment costing $129,700.

The Morrisburg Lions took a firmer hold on first place with a 6-4 win over Cardinal. Scoring for the Lions were Tom Whelan, with two, and Danny Cassell, Gary Hess, Bill Lawlor, Roger Morrell and Gary Gale.

At the Dominion, Tom Turkey was 37 cents a pound, and tangerines were 29 cents a dozen.

Due to circumstances beyond their control, stores in Morrisburg announced the discontinuation of their Pot of Gold draws which had been a feature of Friday night shopping in Morrisburg for a number of years. During this period a total sum of $30,000 had been distributed in cash prizes. Names were entered in the draw based on purchases at local stores.

Floyd Fisher Real Estate had a new six-room brick bungalow with full basement and electric heat, listed in Morrisburg for $23,000.

1959

The December 18, 1959 issue of The Leader reported that Charles Lynch, chief of the Southam News Service Bureau, Ottawa, told 300 members of the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club at their final meeting of the season, that Canada's International thinking was moving closer to trust in Russia than that of Britain or the U.S.

Wilbert James "Jack" Johnston, a barber in Williamsburg for 45 years, died suddenly of a heart attack. Born in Winchester 69 years ago, he married the former May Ellen Norval in 1916. Always interested in sports, he was a talented hockey player and advocater of the game.

The National Employment Service, of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, appointed W.J. Irving of Morrisburg to act as their agent to provide service in filing postal claims.

L. C. Davis was acclaimed Reeve of the Village of Iroquois at the second nomination meeting held in the village. Reeve Davis had announced his intention not to run for office, but reversed his decision when it became apparent no one else would take the office.

Lots, 75 x 100, were selling for $2,500 on St. Lawrence Street in Ingleside.

Morrisburg Chief Constable Thomas Duval warned residents intending to celebrate the holidays with spirituous liquors, not to drive.

1949

It was reported in the December 16, 1949 issue of The Leader that Tommy Tindal, former centre for the Hamilton Tigers, had been appointed assistant recreational director by the Gananoque Athletic and Recreation Commission. Tindal had learned his hockey in Morrisburg and had received a try-out from the Montreal Canadiens. He was sent to the Stratford Kroehlers in the Junior OHA group, and after playing there, he joined the army in the late fracas in Europe. Returning to Canada, he had been with the Hamilton Tigers in the Senior OHA.

Sherman's, at Morrisburg, was advertising mink-dyed Jap rabbit coats at $129 and mink-dyed muskrat coats for $298.

The Williamsburg Recreation Association appointed Dwain Hess as rink superintendent. Flooding had started, and season skating tickets were available at $2 for children and $3 for adults.

1939

The December 15, 1939 issue of The Leader reported word had reached the area that former Williamsburg reeve, Riley M. Beckstead, had died at Burley Idaho. He was the reeve of Williamsburg for five years from 1895 to 1896, and 1898 to 1900. He and his family left Williamsburg in 1900 to take up residence in Salt Lake City, where he was connected with the police and sherriff's departments.

Richard Whittle, 53, well known Iroquois butcher, was killed almost instantly when he was struck by a car in the middle of an Iroquois street. He was survived by his wife, Martha Roberts, eight daughters and two sons.

The annual Christmas tree was to be placed at the monument park in Morrisburg, and plans had been made for Santa Claus to visit.

At Beckstead and Rae, Christmas mixed candy was two pounds for 29 cents, and mixed nuts were 20 cents a pound.

Twelve-year-old Arden Trickey was painfully injured in a school accident when he was splitting kindling with a new axe to build a fire in the school house.

1929

Headlines in the December 20, 1929 issue of The Leader read the Grand Opening Morrisburg Arena Saturday, December 21. The final touches were being put on Morrisburg's fine new arena in preparation for the opening which was to include a junior hockey tournament, a program put on by the Winchester band, and a skating carnival.

Christmas specials at J. Reddick's Grocery included 16 pounds of sugar for $1 and six chocolate bars for 25 cents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Morrisburg Leader,
Morrisburg, Ontario
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To the Editor,

I would like to commend the members of the BIA and councillors who worked so hard to improve our plaza. Now that it is finished, we can all say that it was worth the wait! The 1860's look, complete with lighting and signs, gives our village character.

Many of us will never know just how hard you have all worked, only your spouses know for sure.

Thank you for all you have contributed to our community.

Sincerely,
Anne Blinch

The Editor,
The Morrisburg Leader,
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Dear Sir,

People in this community may know that teachers are furious with the Ontario Liberal Government, and we want to tell you why.

The Government of Ontario plans to misuse the power of its majority position to deny the teachers of this province our right to an equal voice in the management of our own pensions.

The 121,000 member Ontario Teachers' Federation has been in "negotiations" with the Government for over a year in an attempt to achieve an equal partnership in the management of the teachers' pension plan. Negotiations were terminated by the Government several times on the issue of a dispute resolution mechanism which we think is vital to any equal partnership.

The Government has never hesitated to use such a mechanism to bring a close to a dispute between teachers and their employers, the school board. Why, therefore, is the Government adamant that it cannot accept such a procedure in pension matters, in which they replace the school boards as employer?

The teachers in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry believe that real partnership in the management of our pension funds is a basic right. The Government must negotiate with us now, before pension legislation is passed.

Yours sincerely,
David Kalil
President, District 21 OSSTF
Pat Fitzharris
President, OPSTF, S.D. & G.
Brenda Waddell
President, FWTAO, S.D. & G.
Miriam Wheeler
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The Morrisburg Leader
Morrisburg, Ontario
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Dear Editor,

North Americans tend to look for a quick fix when confronted with the ills of the world. I must confess to just that kind of impatient attitude. I know that vast problems exist and that some will take decades to correct. Still, I long to help in some small way, and I want to do it **now**.

That is why Operation Eyesight Universal is my favorite Canadian charity. A $25 donation has an immediate and dramatic effect. It pays for a cataract operation in one of the developing countries. Sight is restored to a destitute person who otherwise would remain blind for life.

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For a sum that you might spend wrapping and mailing your Christmas parcels, you can give the gift of sight -- not only to someone who otherwise is condemned to a lifetime of darkness. Send your donation to Operation Eyesight Universal at P.O. Box 123, Station "M", Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2H6, or at 1719 Lawrence Avenue East, Suite 202, Scarborough, Ontario, M1R 2X7. A tax receipt will be issued.

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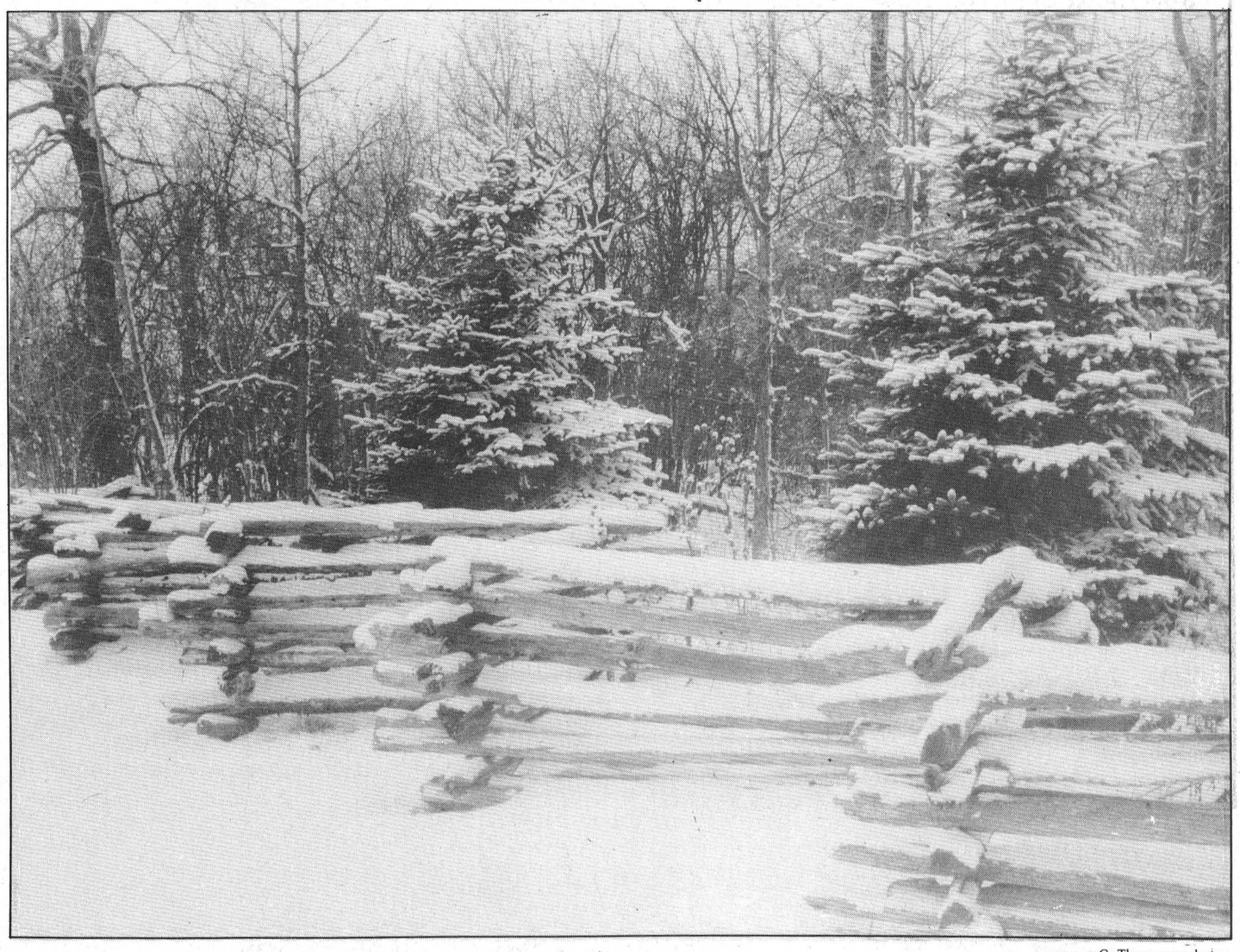

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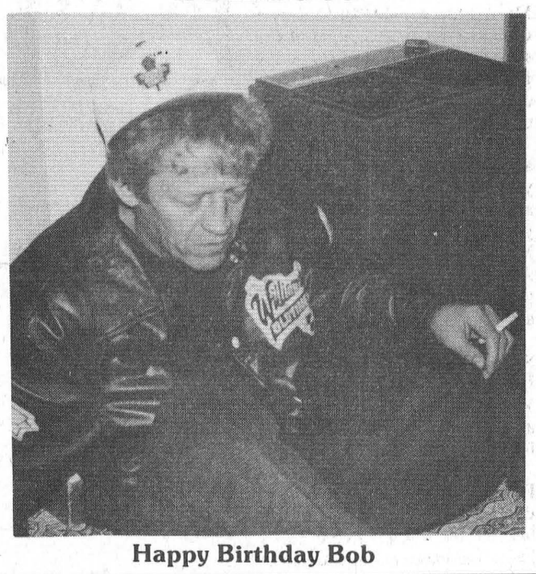

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Hospital kicks off fund-raising

Williamsburg township defers $68,685

BONNIE MCNAIRN
Leader staff

WILLIAMSBURG—Based on their 8.5 per cent of the admissions at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Williamsburg Township has been asked for a contribution of $68,686 for the hospital's recently-launched renewal fund-raising drive.

The hospital is hoping the $6 million renewal program will be covered by a two-thirds provincial grant, which would leave $2 million to be raised at the local end.

The aging building has been found to be in major need of updating, repairs, etc.

All municipalities using the hospital will be approached, explained Clerk Treasurer Mike Waddell to Williamsburg Council last Tuesday night. As well, they will go to Counties Council and every group and organization in the district.

Although the figure is unconfirmed, Reeve Johnny Whitteker said he had heard the hospital would be seeking $750,000 from the Counties, a figure he says he feels could be larger based on other counties' commitments to hospitals and homes in Cornwall and district.

"The amount is mainly for the hospital structure," said Waddell. "It is 41 years old, and a significant renewal program is needed to bring it up to code."

Council decided not to act immediately on the request, and it was filed to be dealt with in the new year.

"If we're going to make the commitment, I'm concerned that we have to be budgetting for it," said Waddell. "The figure represents about three mills, just on the municipal portion, which is considerable."

Iroquois asks for a more personal approach

IROQUOIS — Council deferred a request to fund Winchester District Hospital until budget deliberations in the New Year.

The hospital is starting a three year $2.6 million fundraising project to replace the existing physical plant and capital equipment. Total cost of the project is estimated at $5.8 million, and the Board of Directors hopes to raise the remaining two-thirds through government grants.

The hospital has asked for a total of $32,320 from the Village of Iroquois, spaced over three years, based on a four per cent admission rate.

"If you ask this much money, shouldn't there be a more personal approach?" asked Reeve John McAllister at a regular meeting last Tuesday.

"This is a preliminary to make the municipalities aware," said Councillor Clare Brown, a board director, adding the hospital would send a representative if council wishes.

He admitted it was triple funding at the county, municipal and provincial level. "But there's no recourse, the province isn't funding adequately."

Winchester Hospital executive director James Egan says that figures were arrived at by the Public Relations and Fundraising committee who identified groups to whom an appeal would be sent out, and estimated amounts they thought each group can realistically be expected to give.

Groups included municipal and county governments, and service clubs.

"With respect to the municipalities' over-all target, we asked each municipality for a specific amount of the total, based on utilization of in-patient beds by residents from that area," says Egan.

Egan explains some municipalities, S.D.&G. county council and the banks are beginning budget deliberations now, and needed to be forewarned of the amounts the hospital would be requesting.

Matilda needs answers to several questions

by Mike Thompson
Leader Staff

MATILDA TWP. — A letter from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital asking council here to raise money only managed to raise questions.

The brief one-page letter was sent by James Egan, the hospital's administrator asking the township for financial support of its major renovation project.

The letter pegged the township's share at $59,792.

In September, a report into the hospital's plant confirmed the worst - as a result of years of neglect, the facility was now suffering from a variety of physical problems, including deficiencies in its roof, electrical and general maintenance.

It is estimated that the hospital requires $5.8 million in renovations in order to bring it back to federal and provincial standards.

The medical facility has since stepped-up its fund-raising campaing and is now asking all surrounding municipalities to help pay the local share of $2.6 million.

The remaining costs would come from the provincial and federal governments.

But as far as council was concerned, too many quesitons remained.

"I don't know how they came up with that figure ($59,792)," said Reeve Lorne Mellan.

According to the letter, Matilda residents made up 7.4 per cent of the hospital's patient list over the last year-and-a-half.

Council also wanted to know where their money would be spent.

"But it doesn't tell us," added Mellan.

Following the meeting, clerk-treasurer Bill Horner said the donation represented about 10 mills of the township's entire tax base.

And although the amount is to be raised over the next three years, council felt the request was still fairly steep and decided to defer the matter until budget time.

"I think if they want to ask us for this much, they should at least come before council and explain it more clearly," said Mellan.

Council agreed and instructed Horner to contact the fund-raising committee to explain council's reluctance and ask representatives for a brief presentation in the near future.

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- The property assessment of publicly traded corporations and their subsidiaries will be shared between Public and Separate School Boards in the same area, and in Ottawa-Carleton by the Public, Separate and French-language School Boards, in proportion to each board's residential and farm assessment. Until now, a corporation's support for a Separate School Board, or the French-language School Board in Ottawa-Carleton, could not exceed the proportion of shares held by Roman Catholics or Francophones.

In order to implement this initiative, the Ministry of Revenue must amend its records to identify those business partnerships that wish to split their school tax support, and to identify all publicly traded corporations and their subsidiaries.

Information about the new school support rules will be sent to you in the near future, along with a **Notice of Property Valuation**. Please review the new rules, and then check your Notice to verify that the Ministry of Revenue has correctly identified your school support. If it's not right, please tell us. A reply form will be included with the Notice.

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COMING EVENTS

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WINCHESTER THEATRE
This Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23 there will be NO SHOWS. 51c

ANNUAL RABBIT HUNT
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WEEKLY BINGO
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WEEKLY BINGO
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WEEKLY BINGO
Williamsburg Branch Royal Canadian Legion will sponsor a bingo at Bouck's Hill Legion Hall every Tuesday at 7:30pm. 41tfc

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Florence Cummings wishes to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their acts of kindness in our time of sorrow. Special thanks to Dr. Marston, Dr. Chande and Dr. Adamson, also the I.C. Unit, nurses and staff of Winchester Hospital, and to Pastor Mussar whose words of comfort will always be remembered.
—Betty Thorpe, Bud and Brock Cummings and families 51p

I would like to take this time to thank all the ladies of the Morrisburg Prayer Group for their prayers and moral support. Special thanks to Carol Belanger, Cecile Chambers and Dr. P. Coolican. God bless you all.
—Sincerely Krystyna Kluska 51p

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for cards, flowers, gifts and visits while I was a patient in the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Special thanks to all the good friends who provided transportation to Ottawa for my wife. Your kindness and support will always be remembered.
—Joe Bourrette 51p

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbours who helped make our 50th wedding anniversary something to remember by their many cards and well wishes.
—Marge and Tom McCutchion 51p

The family of Lawrence B. Coligan would like to express their sincere gratitude to their neighbours, friends and relatives for all their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy. A special thank you to Dr. Prins, St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, the VON and Winchester Memorial Hospital staff. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. 51c

We are pleased to say that Nancy Baker is back home from Ottawa Hospital where she had a major operation. She would like to thank the following people: Rev. and Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, Mrs. Willis Brown of Spencerville, Mrs. Carol Riddle, Mrs. Charlies of Ingleside, and especially Dr. Howse, Dr. Crothers of Ottawa Hospital. Thank you all and God bless.
—Nancy Baker 51p

IN MEMORIAM

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—Bill and Karen 51c

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Fondly loved and deeply mourned,
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Until some day we'll be side by side.
—Sadly missed and always remembered by your wife Ena 51p

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Little did we know that morning
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—Sue and Len Roberts 51c

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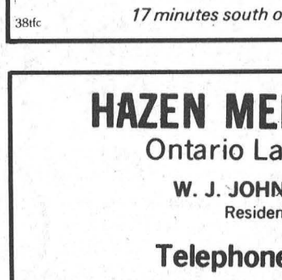

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Poor Robin's Almanack (1695)

As families everywhere gather for holiday feasts, many may not realize that our most festive foods and beverages are rich in history and tradition. Sirloin of beef, mince pie, plum pudding, and mugs of foaming ale are as popular for Christmas 1989 as they were for Christmas 1789.

According to Lorna J. Sass, culinary historian and author of *Christmas Feasts from History*, today's holiday festivities have roots dating back centuries. "By the Middle Ages, Christmas had become a legendary celebration, highlighted by the presentation of a garlanded boar's head to the harmony of Christmas carols," said Sass.

"Christmas was temporarily outlawed in 17th-century England, but rebounded quickly with menus that included stuffed breast of veal, partridge, mince pies and roasted turkey."

Beverages such as ale, stout, wine and wassail played an essential role in historical holiday entertaining. "The modern word wassail dates back to medieval times and literally means 'to be in good health,'" said Sass. "In the 17th century, the British served holiday wassail bowls made with ale. It was often the custom to float toasted bread on top of the steaming, spiced liquid, hence the presumed origin of our expression 'to propose a toast.'"

Christmas feasts in the 18th century featured larger-than-life pageantry. "There are records of 800-pound puddings and pies filled with all the fowl in the barnyard," said Sass. After the meal, the men remained behind to drink toasts while the ladies retired to the drawing room. Some of England's most popular beers were created during the 18th century, including American favorites like Bass Ale and Guinness Stout.

Today, while many cooks labor over elaborate buffets or fancy hors d'oeuvres, holiday beverages are often unimaginative wines or punches. A British ale like Bass offers the perfect accompaniment to a roast beef or leg of lamb, while mulled apple cider warms guests and the atmosphere.

For a festive twist on champagne, mix it with Guinness Stout for a classic cocktail dating back to the late 1800s. Try the following recipes to put a historical touch on this year's holiday celebration.

BISHOP

8 whole cloves
2 large oranges
5 cups (about 3¼ bottles) Bass Ale
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Stick oranges with cloves. Bake at 250° until very soft (about 25 minutes). Heat Bass Ale and sugar together in a saucepan. Quarter each orange and remove any seeds; add to beer mixture. Remove from heat and let stand for 30 minutes. Heat again, but do not allow to boil. Garnish with pieces of orange and serve hot.

Serves 4-6.

STOUT TODDY

1½ bottles Guinness Stout
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Heat beer, but do not boil. Beat egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl. Gradually add hot beer, stirring constantly. Return mixture to saucepan and continue to stir. Re-heat until hot, but do not boil. Sprinkle grated nutmeg on top of each serving.

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Resident authorities

Students from Mrs. Locke's first grade class took time out from their busy schedule last week to explain some of the more interesting aspects of Santa and Christmas. Our panel of experts included, from left, Victor Schraner, Nicole Bing, Emily Coolican, Martin Aube and Stacy Howard.

Magical Santa and reindeer fly at 100 mph

MICHAEL THOMPSON
Leader staff

MORRISBURG—To avoid any further confusion, the Grade 1 class at St. Mary's Separate School would like to clear up a few misconceptions about Santa Claus and Christmas.

"A lot of people think there are only eight reindeer, but that's wrong. Santa has nine or 10 if you count Rudolph," says six-year old Martin Aube.

To further illustrate their knowledge, the five students offered some insight into virtually every aspect of the jolly old man.

"On Christmas night Santa flies around the world at about 100 miles an hour," says Nicole Bing.

"And if you're not good he just flies right by your house," adds Victor Schraner.

But how often do you have to be good?

"All the time. Every morning, every afternoon, every night...just all the time," chimes in Stacy Howard.

And how does Santa know when you're good?

That's easy, he's magic, and all he has to do is look into his crystal ball," says little Emily Coolican.

Apparently Santa uses his magic quite often.

"That's how he gets down your chimney without burning himself," says Martin.

"TYeah, that's right, and sometimes he's too fast so he just snaps his fingers and zoom he slides down the chimney," says Victor.

"He also uses his magic to make the reindeer fly," adds Nicole.

Santa, however, also has a practical side to him. According to our panel of experts, he gets rather hungry on Christmas Eve.

"After popping in and out of all those chimneys he gets a big appetite," says Stacy.

"And that's why I leave him milk and cookies," she adds.

"I leave him candy," says Nicole.

The Coolican family, however, offers Santa something to read on his long journey.

"We always leave him a book," says Emily.

Do you think he enjoys the gift Emily?

"Well, I guess. He always takes it with him when he leaves," she says.

The children also offer some interesting facts into Santa's personal life.

"He's been married to Mrs. Claus for about 2,000 years," says Martin.

What about children?

"Where do you think the elves come from?" says Nicole.

"They are the little green men with wrinkles, and they do nothing except make toys. They go out into the forest and cut down trees to make toys," explains Martin.

But why don't they look like Mr. and Mrs. Claus?

Momemtarily stumped, one child figures a way out of the little dilemna.

"Like we said before because he's magic, and you can only have one Santa," says Stacy flatly.

To avoid being mistaken for someone else, Santa apparently dresses in a fairly distinctive suit.

"Mrs. Claus makes him a new one every year. It's all red and white except for his boots - they're black," says Emily.

And how much material is needed to make this suit?

"Because he's so fat, about 2,00 feet," says Victor.

And how much does Santa weigh?

"About 2,000," says Stacy.

"Two thousand what? Kilograms, pounds, what?

"2,000 weights," giggles Stacy.

Suddenly, the lunch bell rings, and the children excuse themselves and quietly file out of the room.

"You see," whispers Emily, "we're being real good, because Santa's watching us with his crystal ball."

Iroquois council briefs

Reeve John McAllister will notify consultants Totten, Sims, Hubicki to get started on a waterfront development study for the village of Iroquois. Council has had confirmation that a $10,000 grant has been approved under Destinations East Tourist Development Program for a Marina Study.

The study is estimated at $19,800, and the municipality will pay costs over and above the grant.

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Council will be including a review of the official plan in their 1990 budget deliberations. The total cost of the plan is estimated at $20,000, $8,750 to be paid by the municipality, and the rest by government grants.

"I think we should proceed with the official plan. In addition to the housing review, we can update the plan, and bring it in line with our initiatives on the marina and annexation," said McAllister.

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Council approved a $500 donation towards sponsoring an article in the "Gone Fishin'" magazine, a local publication with an international circulation of 30,000, to promote South Dundas. The Iroquois Business Improvement Association has also approved $500 towards the story.

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A joint meeting will be held between the Iroquois BIA, and council January 24, 1990 to discuss a renovation proposal to the plaza by Totten, Sims, Hubicki Asscoiated and also garbage pick-up in the plaza. McAllister explained that the company had been invited to appear with a proposal at no cost for village improvements. The consultants had made a previous proposal to council in 1985, but the merchants felt unable at that time to make a committment.

"I feel we should proceed in some way and not let things sit still. Although we may not do exactly as our neighbours have done, we can do something without spending great sums of money," he said.

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Council approved a motion that Frank Rooney be appointed as director of the Roma Insurance Board, in answer to his request they approve his appointment. Rooney has been on the board for 11 years and served as vice-chairman for the past year.

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A decision on building another picnic shelter was deferred until budget deliberations. The Iroquois Matilda Lions Club had written council a letter proposing a joint project between the village and the Lions Club, with the former supplying funds and the latter materials and labor.

The new picnic shelter would be placed at the campground and would be similar to the one at the Locks. Councillor Clare Brown stated that if there was $8,000 available to put in a new pavilion, the money would perhaps be better spent for an air conditioning system at the Civic Centre. But McAllister stated he didn't want to reject the offer and lose it completely.

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Council will budget for costs estimated at $1,620 or $81 a person for the Fire Department to have a series of immunization shots against the Hepatitis B virus. Fire Chief Garry Banford wrote council explaining each fire department must pay for their own vaccine as there is no medical insurance for it at this time. There may also be additional costs if the vaccine doesn't take and immunization has to be repeated.

Councillor Brown explained the provincial fire department has recommended the shots, because firemen are involved in accidents involving possible contamination of blood, and must guard against infection.

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The Iroquois Recreation committee received a letter from the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club asking if the municipality would increase their payments for each child from $75 to $110 as other municipalities pay. Councillor Ron Miller, recreation committee chairman, stated the committee had investigated the matter finding that Matilda Township paid $110, other municipalites paid less, Winchester pays $75, Cardinal $70 and Morrisburg $55. The recreation committee resolved to keep payments at $75 per skater, and a letter will be sent to the Figure Skating Club voicing displeasure at the discrepancy and inquiring the reason.

However, Sandra Scott, president of the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club, states Winchester and Cardinal figures do not apply, because those areas have their own arenas, and their fee structure is different.

The Morrisburg arena is used by residents of Matilda and Williamsburg Townships, Iroquois and Morrisburg, with each municipality, except Iroquois, paying the full $110 per child. The $55 cited for Morrisburg represents only half the season payment, and the remainder will be made in the new year.

Market value . . .

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The program runs on a four year cycle. Once a municipality opts for it and experiences the changes in the first reassessment, those carried out at the four year intervals usually do not result in such drastic changes.

It is not mandatory, however, that a municipality be reassessed every four years. Williamsburg Township was last assessed in the 1940s.

In the province of Ontario, 85 per cent of the municipalities are now on market value assessment.

"Metro Toronto went last week and that will break the back of all the rest of the municipalities," said Clerk Mike Waddell. "They've now cracked the big nut."

While Williamsburg Township may not be considered a big nut, it is now on board, and Waddell estimates that within the next couple of years 98 per cent of S.D. & G. will be under market value assessment.

Williamsburg taxpayers will be notified of their assessments in the new year, and will be provided a formula from which they can determine their taxes. There will also be a period during which open houses will be held.

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Public opening of tenders will be at 2:15 p.m. on January 18, 1990.
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This is to advise any resident in Osnabruck Township that takes advantage of our garbage pick-up service, that this year we will be picking up **Monday, December 25th's** garbage on **Saturday, December 23rd,** and **Monday, January 1st's** garbage on **Saturday, December 29th, 1989.**
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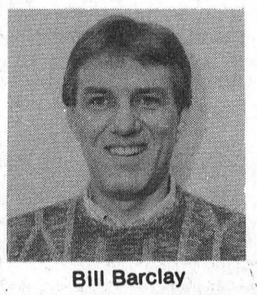
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OBITUARIES

Lawrence Benedict Coligan

A well-known retired business man and lifelong resident of the area, Lawrence Benedict Coligan died at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, December 9th. He was 75 years of age.

Born at Morrisburg, September 2nd, 1914, he was a son of the late Thomas Coligan and his wife, the former Margaret Daley. He attended the Morrisburg Public School, and Morrisburg Collegiate Institute. In 1948, at Kitchener, he married Marguerite F. Beninger, who survives.

Mr. Coligan had a varied career. A licensed electrician, he also, in partnership with his sister Marion, operated a retail grocery in Morrisburg for thirty-five years. He served as a bus driver carrying students to Seaway High School, and had also been employed for some time at Upper Canada Village. With a keen interest in municipal affairs, he had served his home town as councillor during the Seaway construction period in the 1950s, and as Hydro Commissioner in the 1960s. He was a devout member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Morrisburg, and a charter member of the Father Bernard Coyle Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son Peter, and two daughters: Rosemary (Mrs. Peter Choquette), and Marianne Coligan; a grandson: Christopher Choquette; one sister, Rev. Sister Mary Melanie of Kingston, and a brother Arthur Coligan of Prescott. He was predeceased by six brothers: Wilfrid, Ray, Harold, Gerald, Bernard and Patrick, and by two sisters: Patricia Laframboise and Marion Coligan.

Friends were received at the Fairbairn Funeral Home, Morrisburg, and funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, December 12th, with Father James MacGillivray conducting the funeral Mass. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery in the spring.

Pall bearers were: Tom Coligan, Roger Coligan, Dave Coligan, Jimmy Coligan, Danny Coligan, Charlie Kindervater (all nephews).

Walter Spearman

A well-known area farmer, and resident of R.R. 1 Williamsburg since 1944, Walter John Spearman died suddenly at the Heart Institute, Ottawa Civic Hospital, on Monday, December 11th. He was 75 years of age, and attended Winchester Wesleyan Church.

Born at Nepean, Ontario, August 17, 1914, he was a son of the late Wilbert Spearman and his wife the former Christena Presley. On June 2nd, 1944, he was married to Dorothy Emma Deeks, at the bride's home on Barkley Road, Williamsburg.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons and one daughter: Gordon of R.R. 1 Williamsburg, Donald of Williamsburg and Norma Janet (Mrs. Kevin Eastman) of Winchester; a sister Stella (Mrs. Ralph Milne) of Winchester, and a brother Ira Douglas of Belleville; and two grandsons: Jordan and Jeffrey Eastman. He was predeceased by three brothers: Rev. James, Lloyd and Earl.

Friends were received at the J.R. Vice Funeral Home and Chapel, Winchester where funeral service was conducted on Thursday, December 14th at 1:30pm by Rev. E. Leroy, assisted by D. Supt. Rev. Walter Jewell. Interment will be in the spring at Spruce Haven Cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Richard Hess, Graham Hess, Glenn Pemberton, Douglas Whitteker, Ted Herriman and Warren Jackson.

Johannes Stogaard

A retired mason, and resident of 13 First Street, Morrisburg for the past 25 years, Johannes Jens Storgaard died at the Ottawa General Hospital on Thursday, December 14th, following an illness of one year. He was 73 years of age. Mr. Storgaard was a member and a regular attendant of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Morrisburg.

Born at Horsens, Denmark, on June 18, 1916, he was married in that country in 1939, to his wife Edith Christina, who survives. He is also survived by two sons: Willy Storgaard and Henry Storgaard.

Friends were received at the Fairbairn Funeral Home, Morrisburg, and funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Christine Mussar on Sunday, December 17th at 2pm. Elders of the church served as pall bearers. Interment will be in Mount Pleasant cemetery in the spring.

Ruth Doney

A native of Renfrew County, and former resident of Morrisburg, Mrs. G. Ruth Doney of 22 Miron Road, Trenton, Ontario, died at Trenton Memorial Hospital, on Thursday, November 30th, in her 57th year. She had also resided at Wallaceburg, Pembroke and Gananoque. She had lived at Trenton for the past seven years.

She was a daughter of Mrs. Marion Millar of Trenton, and the late Gerald Millar of Pembroke. She received her education there, and was very active in church organizations wherever she resided, a member of St. Andrew's Church in Trenton, and a member of the church choir.

Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband Ivan Doney; a son Paul, and his wife Gail of Melbourne, Australia; two daughters: Susan and her husband Stephen Barkley of Williamsburg, and Jayne and her husband Stephen Rudakas of Orangeville, Ontario; three grandchildren: Jamie and Scott Barkley and Jade Doney; four brothers: Herbert of St. Catharines, Ontario; James of New Orleans, La.; Harry of Vancouver, B.C. and Gerald of Sarasota, Fla.

The late Mrs. Doney rested at the Weaver Funeral Home, Trenton until 2:30pm on Sunday, December 3rd, when funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church, with Rev. S. Self officiating. Interment was in the Roselawn Section of Shelburne Cemetery, with Rev. George Doney reciting the interment prayers.

Pall bearers were: Douglas Jones, Richard Dompierre, Roy Boucher, John DeGray, Ralph O'Brien, Jack Ambeau.

Florence Cummings

A resident of 665 Boundary Street, Prescott for the past six years, and a former resident of Morrisburg, Nettie Florence Cummings died at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, December 5th, following an illness of one month. She was 88 years of age.

Born August 4th, 1901, she was a daughter of the late Oscar Coughler and his wife, the former Margaret Gordier. She was educated at the local schools, and in 1919 was married at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, to Lawrence Cummings, who predeceased her in 1958.

She is survived by one daughter Betty Thorpe of Prescott; two sons: Sheridan (Bud) Cummings of Morrisburg and R. Brock Cummings of Prescott; 15 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons: Rex A. Cummings and Victor R. Cummings, by brothers Bertram, Robert, Chesley and Ralph Coughler, and by a sister Maude Charleson. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Morrisburg.

Friends were received at the Fairbairn Funeral Home, Morrisburg, where the funeral service was held on Thursday, December 7th at 2pm with Rev. Christine Mussar officiating. Interment was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Rex Dillabough, Robert Cummings, Stewart Cummings, Monty Cummings, Mike Casselman and Richard Thorpe.

Williamsburg township council agree with recycling program

BONNIE MCNAIRN
Leader staff

WILLIAMSBURG - Although surprised by the price, Williamsburg township council indicated it was prepared to enter into a recycling and garbage-pickup program with the municipalities of Iroquois, Morrisburg, Cardinal, and Matilda township, during a meeting here last Tuesday night.

The township's estimated cost is $105 per household broken down into $60 for garbage and $45 for recycling, while the villages of Iroquois and Morrisburg are looking at about $80 per household.

"The garbage I can see and I can go along with that," said Reeve Johnny Whitteker. "But if the cost goes up for recycling then the cost goes up to us."

"I'm afraid the recyling is a little expensive," said Councillor Trevor Tolley, "but you are getting a break in a way, as Brockville is taking it at no charge."

The recycling cost estimate is based on pickup.

"Despite the cost, Whitteker felt that if the township didn't get into it now, the grants would be gone.

"I think it's imperative, that if we are going to go, that we go now," he said.

In the first year, 50 per cent of the recycling cost will be recoverable through grants which will decrease by 10 per cent per year.

"It seems to me, Iroquois and Cardinal are ready and really we are too, it's just the amount that scared me," he said.

Deputy Reeve Lyle VanAllen wondered by individuals weren't asked to buy their own blue boxes.

"Because you have to entice them to recycle," explained Clerk Mike Waddell. "You have to make it as easy as possible."

"That's right," said Whitteker. "You start with honey first and if that doesn't work, then you use the fly swatter."

The fee is based on the population and not on the number of stops. There are 1100 stops in Morrisburg and 1171 in Williamsburg Township.

"And you have to consider we're 40 miles from Brockville," said Whitteker. "Really it works out to about $2 per household per week."

"And that's pretty cheap garbage pickup," agreed Councillor Rowdy Gillard.

Although the five municipalities are scheduled to meet December 20, Whitteker announced his intent to get together with Morrisburg and Matilda to sound them out on where they stand.

Euchre, bridge winners

MORRISBURG—First place winners at the Temple Holding Euchre and Bridge party held on December 15 were Mrs. V. Levere and B. Weagant in the euchre category and Jean Devaul and Thomas Jones in the bridge.

Mrs. K. Wells and Garnet Prunner were door prize winners and claiming the 50/50 draws were Doris Hill, Jim Martin, Ross Hummel, David Hough and Peggy Thompson.

At the December 1 party, Mrs. K. Wells was again the top lady euchre player and Paul Schwerdfeger won for the men.

Second place prizes went to Verna Beckstead, Lee Ouderkirk and Clarence Levere.

Mrs. T. Lapier and Jim McGinn were the top bridge players and Doreen Empey and Thomas Jones placed second.

Eva Jackson and Elburn Crites claimed the door prizes, and Dorothy Crites, Ron Jones, Jim Martin and Lee Ouderkirk won the 50/50 draws.

The next euchre is January 5.

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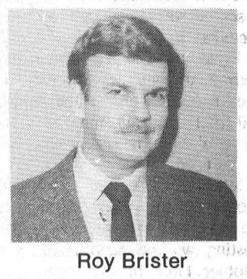
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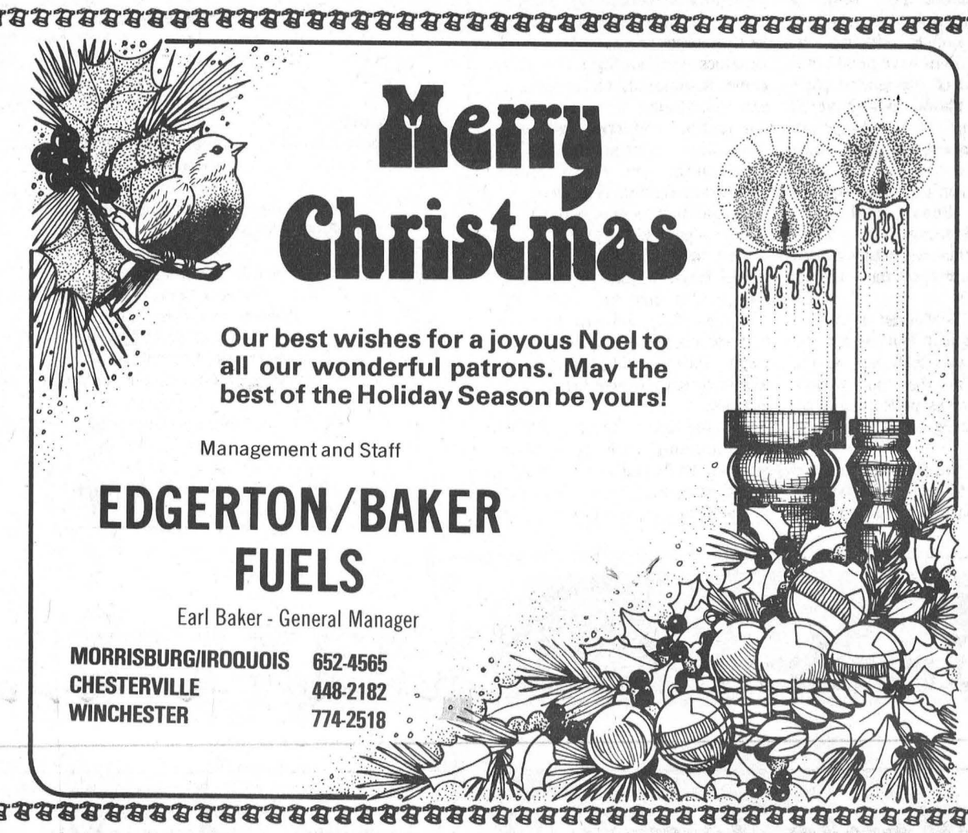
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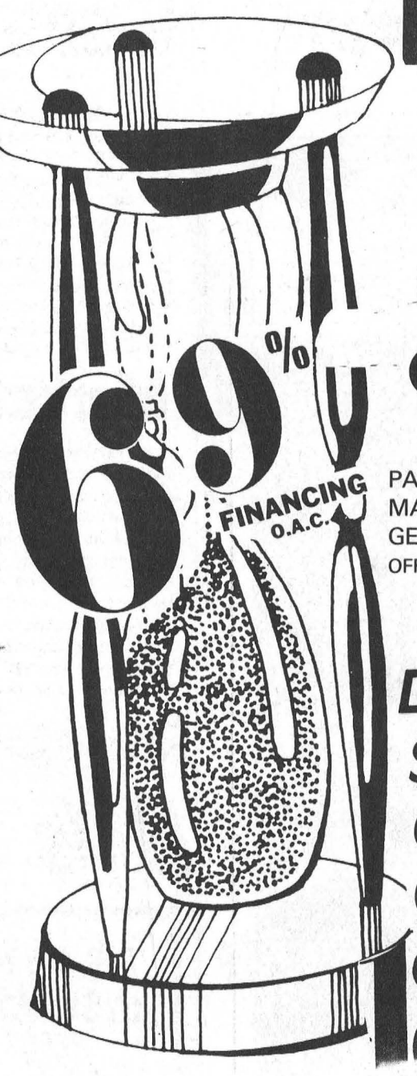

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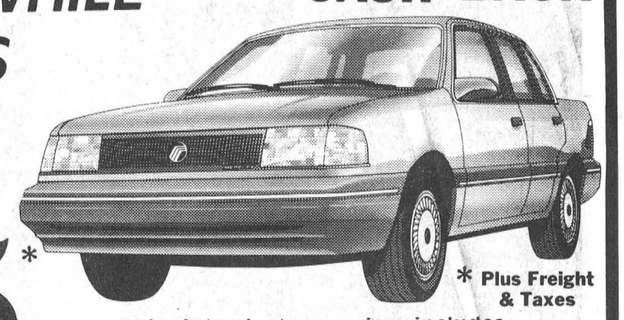
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Lions find two periods of hockey not enough, lose two on weekend

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Junior B Lions played two periods of hockey in each of their weekend contests, and in both cases it wasn't enough as they were handed 7-5 losses.

Friday night in Winchester they were held from the scoreboard in the first period to trail the Hawks 2-0 after one, but came back for three tallies in the second and two in the third.

Sunday, on home ice it was more of the same, but the situation was reversed, the Lions posting two first period goals, and another three in the second, as they headed for a scoreless third, and a 7-5 loss to the Alexandria Glens.

The weekend losses leave the Lions with a 4-17-1 record for a total of 10 points, 13 back of the fourth place CharLan Rebels and the St. Lawrence division's bottom playoff position. They have 12 games remaining in their schedule.

At the top of the standings, the Alexandria Glens have pulled four points ahead of the second place Winchester Hawks, who have 29 points. Kemptville has 24 points, and CharLan is right on their heels with 23.

The division's scoring leaders are Mark Suave and Glen Campbell of Alexandria, with 59 and 47 points respectively, and Johnny Morrow of the Lions is third with 40.

Winchester 7 - Morrisburg 5

Friday night in Winchester, the Lions were unable to get on the scoreboard in the first period, while the Hawks pulled ahead on goals by Doug Reid and Rod Lemieux.

In the second period, the Lions turned it on to win the period 3-2.

Defenceman Sean Baker kicked it off with a tally at 5:08 which was erased at 6:51 by Todd Marcellus. Less than a minute later the Hawks upped their advantage to 4-2 with Rod Lemieux' second marker.

The Lions took over for the next two, Johnny Morrow and Greg Wells counting, and the 4-3 Hawks' lead held until early in the third when David Serviss found the spot to even the game 4-4.

Chad Brownlee gave the Hawks the lead at 2:47, and that held until 14:23 when he found the spot for his second tally, and a two-goal advantage.

Yvon Besner put one home for the Lions at 17:58 to again make it close, but a Jeff Egan goal with 35 seconds left in the game, finished it, giving the Hawks the 7-5 win.

The Lions handled nine minor penalties and fighting majors and game misconducts to Jason Smith and Ernie Beckstead. The Hawks were assessed eight minor penalties and fighting majors and game misconducts to Dave Boyd and Doug Reid.

Alexandria 7 - Morrisburg 5

Sunday afternoon in Morrisburg, the Lions found themselves trailing the Glens 3-2 after the first period and 6-5 as they headed into the third.

Five minutes into the game Pascal Joanette opened the Glens' scoring, but then the Lions took over. At 5:29 Johnny Morrow counted his first of two to tie the game, and at 6:36 Sean Baker found the spot to give the Lions a 2-1 lead.

But the Glens came charging back counting goals from Marc Sauve at 10:35 and 13:57 for a 3-2 Glens' lead.

The Glens came out strong in the second, goals from Glen Campbell and Luc Duvall giving them a 5-2 lead before the Lions were able to get rolling.

Yvon Besner counted for the Lions at 11:05, and 14 seconds later Ryan Goodwin backed him tightening the count to 5-4.

Then at 17:39 it was more of the Lions, Johnny Morrow hitting for his second of the game and a 5-5 tie.

That was to be it however, as the Lions gave up a pair to Campbell who completed a three goal performance.

Campbell put the Glens ahead 6-5 with 29 seconds remaining in the second period and finished it off at 12:05 of the third.

The Lions drew nine minor penalties and a fighting major to Chad Samson while the Rebels sat out eight minors and a fighting major to Serge Belleveuille.

This Friday night the Lions are home to the Kemptville 73s. Game time is 8:30pm.

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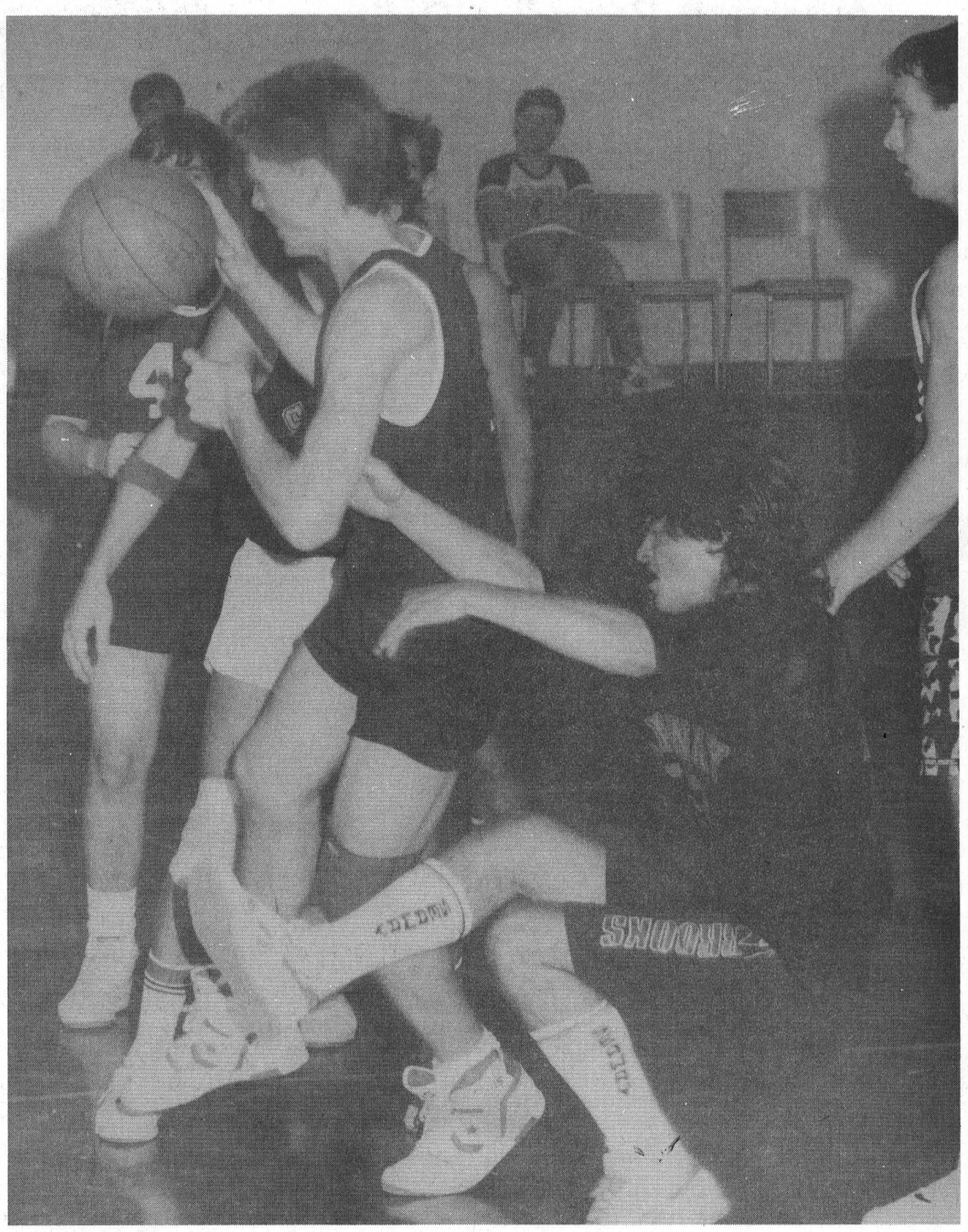
STANDINGS	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Gananoque	15	6	0	160	111	30
Brockville	10	10	1	126	128	21
South Grenville	8	9	3	108	109	19
Athens	6	13	1	103	146	14
Westport	6	16	0	102	137	12
St. Lawrence Division						
Alexandria	16	3	1	159	89	33
Winchester	14	5	1	145	106	29
Kemptville	12	9	0	128	111	24
Charlan	10	13	0	117	144	23
Morrisburg	4	17	1	96	153	10

Note: Teams losing in overtime receive one point.

Friday's games
Westport 6 - Athens 3
Winchester 7 - Morrisburg 5
Alexandria 13 - Charlan 4
Saturday's game
Charlan 6 - Kemptville 5
Sunday's games
Alexandria 7 - Morrisburg 5
South Grenville 12 - Westport 4
Brockville 10 - Athens 7
Winchester 8 - Kemptville 6
Upcoming games
Friday, December 22, 8:30pm
Kemptville at Morrisburg
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Boxing day tournament at Kemptville



A new technique

David Foster balances precariously during a senior basketball game at Seaway District High School last Thursday. Despite a lead throughout most of the game the seniors were defeated 48-40 by North Dundas. —McNairn photo

The Leader Sports

Maple Ridge A team claims Dundas County volleyball win

MAPLE RIDGE — As it has been in so many year's past, the showdown for the Dundas County senior girls' volleyball championship, was between the Maple Ridge and Nationview A teams here last Thursday.

But this time around, neither team had as easy a time of it, when the St. Cecilia's squad showed up to make their bid, and held the two to a three-way tie for first place after preliminary round action.

Because of the three-way first place tie, tournament organizers were forced to go to plus and minus stats to determine who would advance to the final. And the Ridge with a plus 70, and Nationview with their plus 60 got the nod over St. Cecilia's who had a plus 48 record.

In the final, it was the Ridge all the way as they settled the match in two games with 15-10 and 15-9 wins over Nationview.

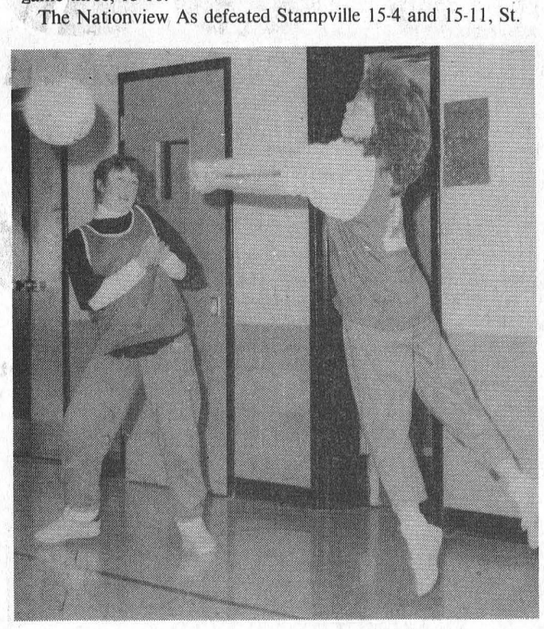
In preliminary round action the Ridge defeated Stampville 15-5 and 15-1, and Morrisburg 15-4 and 15-5. Both the Nationview As and Nationviews Bs forced them into three games before they were able to claim the wins.

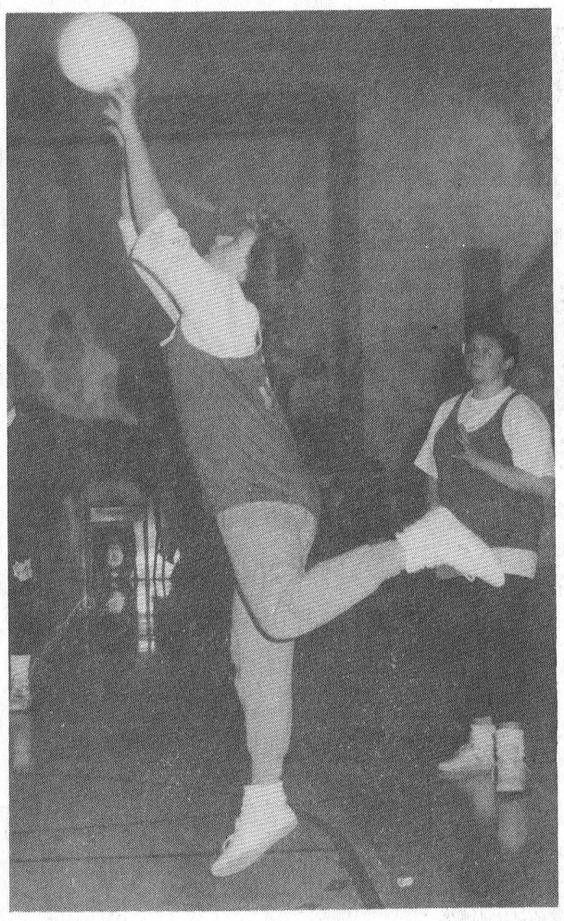
The only match the Ridge lost during the day was to St. Cecilia's who claimed game one 15-5. The Ridge came back for a 15-3 win in game two, and St. Cecilia's put it away in game three, 15-10.

The Nationview As defeated Stampville 15-4 and 15-11, St. Cecilia's 15-1 and 15-11, the Maple Ridge Bs 15-12 and 16-14 and Morrisburg 15-6 and 15-6. They lost to the Ridge As in three games.

The Morrisburg entry had a rough day, losing to the Maple Ridge Bs 15-0 and 15-7 and the Nationview As 15-6 and 15-6. They defeated St. Cecilia's in their first game, but then lost 15-0 and 16-14.

Against the Maple Ridge Bs they opened with a 15-9 win but then lost 15-11 and 15-8. They won game two against Stampville, but gave up the match with 15-5 and 17-15 losses.





Returning the goods

It's become almost a tradition that the final for the Dundas County volleyball championship will be between Nationview and Maple Ridge, and this year was no exception, the Ridge walking away the champs with a two game sweep. Above, left, Morrisburg's Lisa Sayeau returns a serve, and right, Sherri Dolan plays the net. —McNairn photos

Seaway Spartan teams lose to North Dundas in SD&G basketball play

IROQUOIS—The Seaway Spartans were unable to hold off the North Dundas Devils in S.D. & G. basketball action here last Thursday afternoon.

The Junior Spartans, who are in a rebuilding year, were dropped 56-21, while the Senior Spartans, who led throughout most of their contest, were downed 48-40.

The losses dropped the junior record to 0-3 and the senior record 1-2.

The Spartans will not see action again, until January 10 when they host Charlan.

North Dundas 48 - Seaway 40

It was a tough loss for the Senior Spartans who looked strong in the early part of the game. They stretched a 12-8 quarter-time lead to 26-18 at the half, but fell behind late in the third.

It was in the last minute of the third quarter that North Dundas pulled away, Seaway leading at that point 31-28. With 30 seconds showing on the clock, North Dundas worked their way to three baskets to pull ahead, 34-31, for the first time in the game.

The final quarter saw North Dundas hold the pace as they headed for the 48-40 win, six of their final 14 points coming on foul shots.

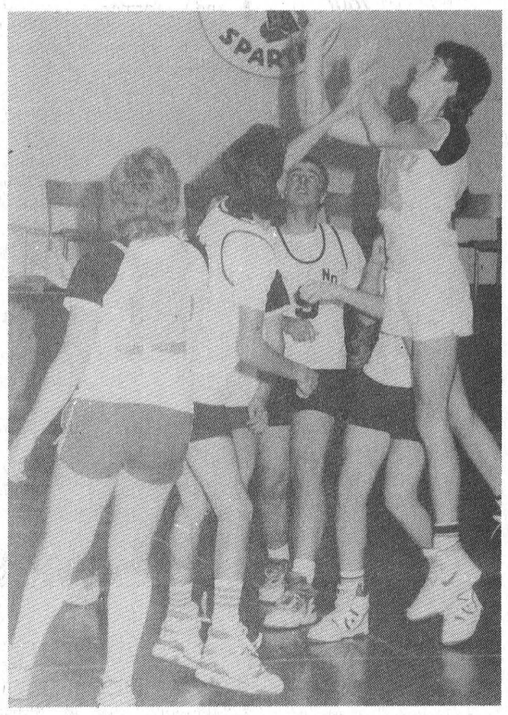
Darren Hutt led the North Dundas attack with 17 points, and Karim Oliver added 15. For Seaway it was Chris Theijsmeijer with 15 points, Jim Primrose with nine and Joey McNalty with eight.

North Dundas 56 - Seaway 21

David Harper led the North Dundas Juniors to their 56-21 win with 14 points, Sean Salter and Phil Burns dropped nine each, and Ashley Byers added eight.

Answering for Seaway was Shawn Hummel with nine.

North Dundas led 16-6 after the quarter, and 29-10 at the half.



Up and away

Beau Byford releases a shot during a junior basketball game at Seaway last Thursday. The junior Spartans were defeated 56-21 by North Dundas.

Flyers hang on to first

Hills knocks Parkers into third

MORRISBURG—A 4-2 win over Veinottes allowed the Black and Brown Flyers to hold on to first place in town hockey league action here Thursday night, but the second place Hills aren't giving up.

Hills came up with a big 6-1 win over Parker Professional Painting, a win that not only allowed them to remain right on the Flyers' heels, but also knocked Parkers into third spot.

Forcing the standings to tighten even further was Morrisburg Music with a 6-3 win over the Blue Whales which moved them to within two points of third place Parkers.

The Flyers are holding first place with 16 points, Hills have 15, Parkers 13 and Morrisburg Music 11. The Blue Whales, who are riding out a four game losing slump, are stalled at five points and Veinottes are still seeking their first victory.

Flyers 4 - Veinottes 2

Flyers' goaltender Pat Brugmans gave up a goal a period as the Flyers went to work for their eighth win of the season, 4-2 over Veinottes.

Jimmy Thom opened the Flyers' scoring at 8:52 of the first period with help from Gary McInnis, but at 13:46 Lindsay Weegar tied it.

With 1:37 to go in the frame, Rob Reynolds found the spot to again give the Flyers the lead.

Veinottes came right back early in the second with a goal from Dave Shaver, for a 2-2 tie, but that was to be it, as the Flyers pulled ahead with Thom's second tally and Mike Stewart hit for the insurance.

Hills 6 - Parkers 1

It was a battle for second place between Hills and Parker Professional Painting, Hills taking control of the position with a 6-1 win.

Parkers was first on the scoreboard at 14:15 of the first period on a goal by Bruce Casselman, but that was wiped out with 4:14 left in the frame by Dale Baldwin.

Second (and final) period action saw Hills hit for five unanswered tallies as they worked their way to the win.

Lloyd Wells started it off, followed by back-to-back markers from Donald Black. John Hollister struck with 4:17 showing on the clock and Black finished it off, completing his three-goal performance.

Music 6 - Blue Whales 3

Morrisburg Music quickly jumped into the lead against the Blue Whales, Ralph Kennedy getting it started followed by back-to-back tallies by Lyle Schell.

The Whales managed one back with 42 seconds left in the first frame from Bill Lawlor.

At 9:06 of the second period Fred Osler found the spot for a 4-1 Music lead, but the Whales came back to cut that in half with a Howard Hill tally.

Fred Osler got his second marker with 2:49 showing on the clock, and Blake Barry finished it off. The Whales got their final tally from Lawlor, his second of the game, leaving Music with the 6-3 win.

Legion Darts

MORRISBURG—Following a nine-week hold, the Hot Rollers were knocked out of first place, and into third, by the seventh place Lame Ducks in Legion mixed dart league play here last Tuesday night.

While the Rollers were handed the 5-2 loss, the Demons seized the opportunity to move into first with a 4-3 win over the Jay Birds, and the Brewsters claimed second with a 4-1 win against the Day Lates.

Dick Armstrong had the two Hot Rollers' outs, while Danny Rice and Dalton Dawley struck twice for the Rollers, and Dorothy McBain added a single.

For the Demons it was Norman Stone with three, and Terry Laurin a single against a two out performance from Jay Carkner and a single from Fred Prueckel.

After opening with two ties, the Brewsters claimed two wins from Pat Filiou, and singles from Shawn Baker and Eileen Groves, while Floyd Elliott had the single Day Lates' win.

Anne's Teddy Bears came from way back in the pack to nab the fourth place Contenders 4-2. Ann Robinson hit three times for the Bears, and Rick Vaughan provided a single, while Roy Lapierre answered for the Contenders with two.

Also having a good night were the Hopefuls who downed the Scratchers 5-2. Elsie Guindon and Donnie Whelan led this effort with two wins each, and Mary Barclay added a single. Ed McLean and Karen Beckstead found the spots for the Scratchers.

Led by a pair of wins from Kevin Adams, the Dead Ringers defeated the Ever Hopefuls 4-2, to move from sixth place into fifth. Joanne Veley and Gail Kelly had singles for the Ringers, and Alec Whittaker hit twice for the Hopefuls, with Audrey Henophy adding a single.

Terry Baker hit twice, and Elva Baker and Roy Guse added singles as the Fathoms worked their way to a 4-3 win against the Kingfishers. For the Kingfishers, it was George Baker with a pair and Lee Beaupre with a single.

The Invincibles and the Red Devils split their games, and settled for one tie, John Barbe hitting twice for the Invincibles, and Lloyd Smirle once. For the Devils it was Lyle Stewart with two and Judy Laurin with a single.

High scores: ladies' - Edith Baker 109; men's - Jay Carkner 127.

STANDINGS

Demons	85	Day Lates	69
Brewsters	84	Kingfishers	68
Hot Rollers	83	Hopefuls	68
Contenders	78	Red Devils	64
Dead Ringers	76	Invincibles	63
Lame Ducks	76	Ever Hopefuls	53
Jay Birds	75	Ann's Teddy Bears	52
Fathoms	73	Scratchers	46

Riverside Darts

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS—The first place Sidewinders pulled just a little further into first place in Riverside mixed dart league action here Wednesday night, thanks to 10 wins.

Leading their effort was Lyle Beckstead with six outs, and Anne Lewis and Todd Barnhart had two each.

But the second place LSSD and third place Hart Foundation didn't allow them a lot of ground, both coming up with nine wins, while the fourth place Book Ins produced seven.

Lloyd Smirle and Ernie Duvall had three each for the LSSD, Jim Scott added two, and Tracey Sypes a single. For the Hart Foundation it was Gary Hart with six, and Karen Bradford, Shannon Duncan and Charlie Lewis Jr. all with singles.

Leading the Book Ins were Cecil Lewis and Gary Shaver with three each, and Chris Casselman provided a single.

The Twofers, the Lucky 13 and the WE3RI held their positions with seven wins, the Twofers getting a big effort from John Gummeson with five outs, and Jim Robertson added a pair.

Bill Devaul led the 13s with three wins, and Doug Thorpe and Sharon Wereley had two each, while for the WE3RI it was Edna Barkley with three and Mike Lortie and Frank Marriner with two each.

The Boardbusters and the Unknown traded positions, the former producing eight wins while the latter managed only five.

Ron Bradford and Gail Robinson had three each for the Boardbusters, and Kenny Baker added two, while Terry Baker (spare) and Kris Scott (spare) had two each for the Unknown, and Ivan Shearer struck once.

Moving into a ninth place tie was the Outhouse Gang with eight wins, while Joan's Sharpshooters remained on their heels with seven.

Willie Casselman and George Baker had three each for the Gang, and Floyd Elliott (spare) and Sarah Merkely had singles. For the Sharpshooters it was Guy Hart with three, and Doris Serviss (spare) and Richard Young with two each.

Coming out on the short side of the night were the No Outs with five wins and the Cardiac Kids with three.

Gary Bradford hit three times for the No Outs and Gayle Hart twice, while for the Cardiac Kids it was Bobby Jack Hart with two, and Allen McKenzie with a single.

High scores: ladies' - Anne Lewis 131; men's - Guy Hart 156.

STANDINGS

Sidewinders	108	Boardbusters	81
LSSD	98	Outhouse Gang	79
Hart Foundation	96	Unknown	79
Book Ins	93	Joan's Sharpshooters	76
Twofers	88	Cardiac Kids	73
Lucky 13	87	No Outs	72
WE3RI	82	Banana Heads	64

Minor hockey roundup

Lions put up win

CARDINAL—Led by a two-goal performance from Sheldon Tryon, the Morrisburg Peewee B Lions picked up a 4-3 win over Russell in Upper Canada Minor Hockey League action here Sunday.

The Lions led 3-2 after the first period, and goals were traded in the second.

Russell was first on the scoreboard with a goal from M. Lampman, and at 7:09 B. McMahon gave them a 2-0 lead.

The Lions came charging back, Tryon hitting for his first at 7:35, and Chad Haines tying the game at 14:40. With 1:56 to go in the first period, Darryl Kirkwood found the spot to give the Lions a 3-2 lead as they headed into the second.

Second period scoring got started with a J. Cheshire goal, which tied the score 3-3, and at 11:20 Tryon hit for what turned out to be the winner.

Penalty free game

MORRISBURG—Brad Casselman beat North Dundas goaltender Jason Blackburn at 8:00 of the third period of an Atom C hockey game here Friday night to break a 1-1 tie and give the Morrisburg Lions a 2-1 win.

The Lions opened the scoring early in the first period on an unasisted tally from Chris Krug, and with 1:40 to go in the frame Chris Leyenar struck for North Dundas to even it.

The tie held until the third when Casselman found the spot.

The game was also penalty free.

Easter in form

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Lions saved the best until last in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey league game against Russell here last Tuesday night.

Michael Easter counted twice in the third period of the game to give the Lions a 2-1 win in a game highlighted by scoreless first and second periods.

Easter kicked it off at 3:31 of the third with help from Kyle Swerdtfeger, but that effort was cancelled at 5:42 with a goal from Bart Matthews.

With 5:24 left in the game Easter hit for the win with help from Kristian Bygott.

Blues over Whites

MORRISBURG—Todd Lever produced a two goal performance to lead the Morrisburg Blues to a 4-2 win over the Morrisburg Whites in Novice league action here last Tuesday night.

The Blues built a 2-1 first period and carried a 3-2 advantage into the third.

Counting for the Blues in the first were Lever and Lance Lepage, while Jason Denis answered for the Whites.

The Blues pushed their advantage to 3-2 early in the second with Lever's second tally, but, with less than a minute to go, Denis hit for his second to again close the gap.

An unanswered goal, from Greg Millard in the third, gave the Blues the 4-2 win.

Add a little variety

MORRISBURG—For a little variety the ROMEK girls' league Bantam Selects squared off against the Morrisburg Bantam C Lions here last Friday night, but the girls were unable to hold off the challenge.

The Lions hit for a single goal in the first period and added a pair in the second for the 3-0 win.

Scoring for the Lions were Brian Shaver, Dean Swerdfeger and Mark Jarvis.

In ROMEKS league action last week Charlie's Angels downed Godfrey 8-1, Wendy Putnam spoiling Kelly Tryon's shutout late in the second period.

Kim McInnis led the Angel's scoring with four goals, Valerie Robinson added a pair, and Amando Mabo and Camille McInnis produced singles.

Beckstead gets winner

CARDINAL—A goal from Justin Beckstead with 4:39 left in an Atom B hockey game here Sunday, allowed the Morrisburg Lions to salvage a 2-2 tie against Brockville.

The Lions opened the scoring early in the first period on a goal from Mike Desparois, but at 6:34 Brockville's Sebastien Rose got it back, and the 1-1 tie held until early in the second.

With just 59 seconds gone in the second period, Andrew Elliott counted for Brockville, and the 2-1 lead held until Beckstead's goal in the last five minutes of the game.

Montroy leads Bantam Bs to win over North Leeds

MORRISBURG—Mike Montroy produced three goals, and the Morrisburg Bantam B Lions worked their way to a 7-3 victory over North Leeds in U.C.M.H.L. action here Sunday.

Montry kicked it off with a pair of first period tallies, and that effort was followed by counters from Fred Devaul and Jason Noon, which gave the Lions a 4-0 first period lead.

At 4:31 of the second, Montroy completed his three goal performance, and at 7:00 North Leeds got on board with a tally from Randy Plunkett.

The Lions slipped one more home before the end of the period, from the stick of Scott Weagant, to carry a 6-1 advantage into the third.

North Leeds pulled it together in the third, with tallies from Jason Menard and Randy Plunkett, but that was to be it.

With 53 seconds showing on the clock, Noon finished it off, with his second tally, for the 7-3 Lions' win.

Seaway High News

BY CINDY LAURIN

IROQUOIS—Well, it's the last week of school in 1989. Finally, eh? This past week at Seaway High there have been a lot of Christmas events.

There was a slave auction and slave day last week with many a slave dressed up as women. Right Slippy and Nikil and Jason? They had to do many bizarre things throughout the day. It was a great day, and everyone had fun. Candy-cane-o-grams went on sale this week for those who wanted to send candy to their sweetheart. They will be delivered on Thursday in homeroom to all those who are lucky enough to get one.

Thursday there will be the teachers' Christmas Dinner in the Cafeteria. You get a full Christmas dinner and dessert for only $2.50. The dinner is usually good for a laugh, so everyone better have bought a ticket.

Thursday afternoon the annual Christmas assembly will take place with various acts from the Seaway students, including some rock bands. School lets out around 2pm.

Well that's it for this week. Have a Merry Christmas.

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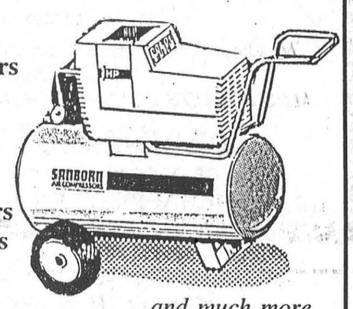

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— Ensure that all doors, windows and patio doors are always secured. Deadbolt locks are best. Particular attention should be paid to basement windows.

— Areas where there is shrubery, or poorly lit areas can be improved with outside lights.

— Join neighbours in a program where each watches the other's property at all times and particularly when one is away.



— Attempt to minimize that appearance that everyone is away. Newspapers and mail should not be allowed to accumulate. A good practice is to purchase a timer to turn lights on and off at prearranged times.

— Lock your garage at all times. Store valuables such as bicycles, snowblowers and skidoos in the garage and out of sight.

— When purchasing Christmas gifts — lock them in the TRUNK of your car when you are "going back to the store for more". This removes them from sight.

— Valuable gifts should not be displayed under the tree where they can be easily seen from the outside. Bills of sale should be carefully stored, in case a loss should occur.

In reviewing these lists, one can see that the suggestions are generally simple, and based on common sense, yet we all still have to be reminded of them on a regular basis. Why not include some, whenever you are extending the holiday greetings to your clients? If we can help someone avoid a tragic fire or theft, we are giving them a gift of immeasurable value!

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Bag limit for South Dundas derby

WILLIAMSBURG—South Dundas Economic Commission representative, Cam Martell, has almost bagged his limit in regards to the group's plan for a bass tournament in July of 1990.

Martell, on behalf of the Commission, has been soliciting the municipalities in South Dundas for financial support to promote the district and the bass derby in the Gone Fishin' magazine which has a circulation of 30,000.

Martell approached Iroquois, and Williamsburg and Matilda township councils, last week, and in all instances, he received his requested $500.

Along with these donations, both the Iroquois and Morrisburg BIAs have committed $500, and the Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce has come through with $300.

Martell explained to the councils that the commission is attempting to solidify South Dundas as an economic area, and it has broken out tourism, agriculture, industry and commerce for separate promotion.

"What we want to do is to start to promote the area of South Dundas," Martell told Williamsburg council last Tuesday night. "And in doing that we have targeted tourism first and agriculture second."

Martell claimed a program will be built around South Dundas agriculture in the Spring.

Martell said that bringing the tournament to South Dundas is an opportunity to tap into the South Carleton market.

"It's an excellent opportunity to show them there is a life south of Vernon," he said. "Everyone of our municipalities border on the St. Lawrence, and we feel it's one of our biggest attractions."

The derby will last one day and will be open only to members of the Ottawa Bass Club who will bring their own gear, marshalls, etc.

The money Martell has collected will be used for a promotion feature in the Gone Fishin' magazine.

Legion bowling

INGLESIDE—It was all or nothing in Legion mixed bowling here Thursday night as the Slow Pokes, the Head Pins and Holy Rollers all went to work for four point wins.

Barb Marriner brought plenty of Christmas cheer to the fifth place Head Pins with an 839 cross, which went a long way in allowing them to pick up four points against the second place Two-Ballers.

Marriner put together single games of 261-244 and finished it off with a 334 for the 839 cross. Also helping the Head Pins was Hubert Massie with a 628 on single games of 263-202-163.

Answering for the Two Ballers was Linda Stata with a 625 (229-220-176).

The Slow Pokes moved into a tie for second place with a four-point win against the All Saints, despite a 648 cross from George Baker (227-200-221). Top roller for the Slow Pokes was Martin Nicolaassen with a 552 cross.

Making it a clean sweep in the four-point category were the first place Holy Rollers who downed the Gum Shoes.

Paul Lacombe cossed a 663 (192-242-229) for the Rollers, and Gary Breyer added a 614 (213-178-223). Top Gum Shoes roller was Carmen Massie with a 651 (165-261-225).

STANDINGS

Holy Rollers	38
Two Ballers	29
Slow Pokes	29
Gum Shoes	23
Pin Heads	23
All Saints	14

Curling Chatter

MORRISBURG—As we head towards the holidays we take this opportunity to wrap up a few remaining items...no, we don't mean gifts.

This week the men's afternoon draw ended with the rink of Gerald Adams, Keith Casselman, Claire Dundar and E. Herriman winning the Morrisburg Feed Trophy.

Runners-up were J. Johnston, Bill Grenkie, Dwight Gilmour and C. Wynands.

The ladies have been keeping their action to Tuesday afternoons only, but after the new year they hope to go to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Anyone interested in ladies afternoon curling can contact Janet Kuske at 652-2578.

Four Little Rocks teams made their annual trip to Smiths Falls to participate in the Santa Spiel, and all had good results, winning their first games.

Better yet, two of the rinks claimed the top two spots and played off for the championship.

Winning the spiel were Joshua Adams, Robin Dutta, Lisa Adlington and Mario Leonardo.

Placing second were Tina Dutta, Oak Hunter, Crystal Johnston and Ben McPherson.

Congratulations to all, and special thanks to the parents who provided transportation and supervision.

Tickets for the club's New Year's Eve party are still on sale at $15 per person. Come on out, and celebrate the new year with us.

Reeve wants ice in, needs the practice

WILLIAMSBURG—For the first time in many years, Williamsburg township residents could have ice at their outdoor arena in the police village of Williamsburg before Christmas.

Russell Garlough, representing the township recreation department asked council last Tuesday night for permission to hire someone to look after the facility.

"The person who has been doing it the last few years has declined, and we have a new person lined up," he said.

After council granted permission, Reeve Johnny Whitteker wanted to know if "there is ice up there yet."

"What's wrong, isn't it cold enough?" he joked. "Flood it, and let's get going. I've got to get skating."

Jr. B

Boxing Day tournament

KEMPTVILLE—The annual Junior B Boxing Day Tournament will be played this year at Kemptville, with Alexandria and Winchester representing the St. Lawrence division of the O.D.J.H.L.

The first game of the all-day tournament is scheduled between Winchester and Goulbourn at 9am. South Grenville will take on Vanier at 10:30am, and Gananoque and Metcalfe will square off at 12:30pm.

The final preliminary round game will start at 2pm followed by semi-final round action. The championship game will start at 8pm.

Slow start for bantams

MORRISBURG—After a slow start the Morrisburg Bantam C Lions turned it on in an U.C.M.H.L. game here Sunday to down Metcalfe 5-1.

Goals were traded in the first period, Kevin Pashak counting for the Lions and Brent Bishop answering for Metcalfe, and that was all until late in the second.

At 10:26 of the second Pashak hit for his second tally, and with 43 seconds showing on the clock Dean Swerdfeger found the spot.

The Lions dominated third period action, Eric Massie counting at 2:04 and Steve Sypes finished it off at 5:59.

Last Tuesday night the Lions doubled the North Dundas Demons in Chesterville, 4-2.

The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the first period, and 2-2 heading into the third.

Todd Larocque connected for the winner with 2:20 left in the final frame, and 19 seconds later Steve Morrow added the insurance.

Brian Shaver and Kevin Cook counted the Lions' first two goals.

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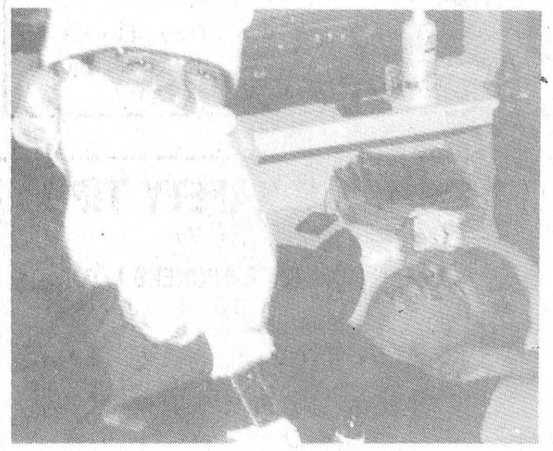

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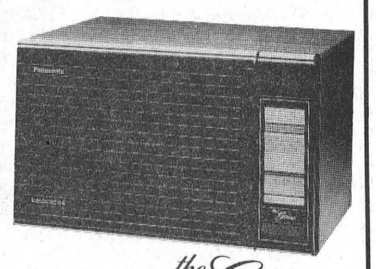

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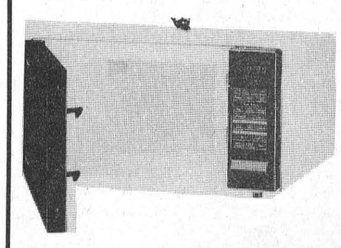

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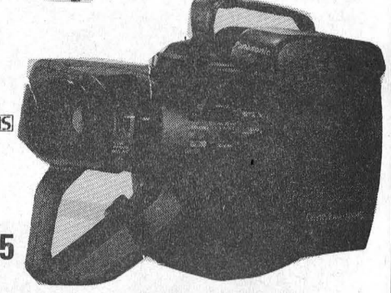

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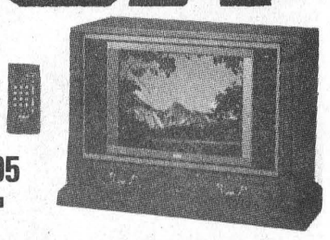

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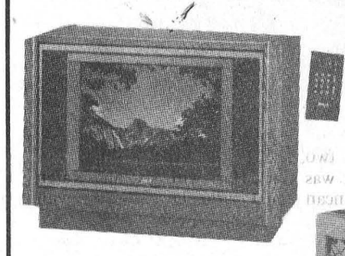

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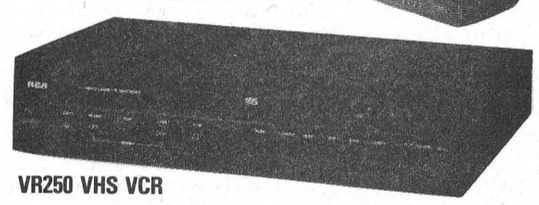

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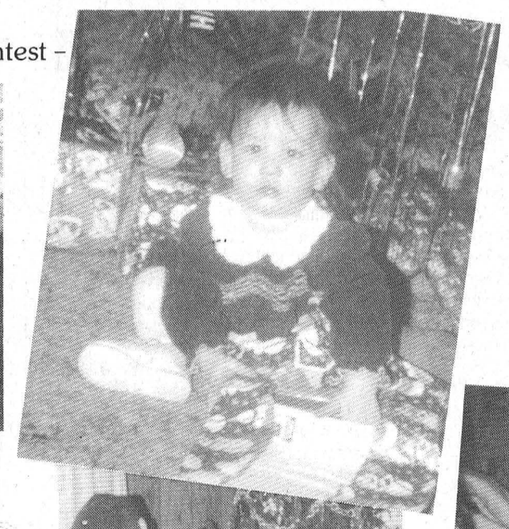

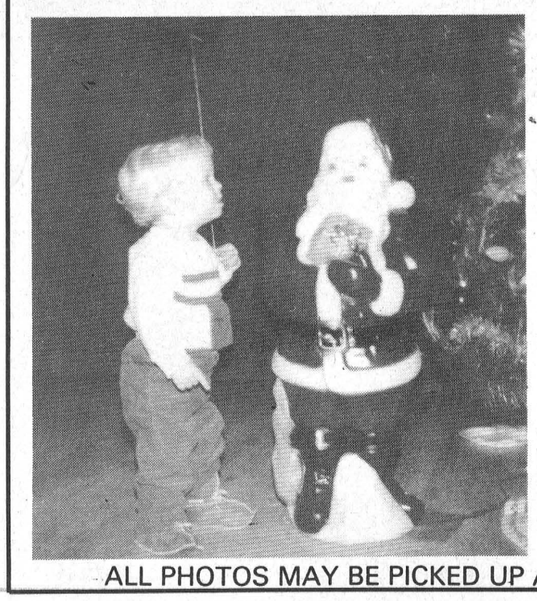





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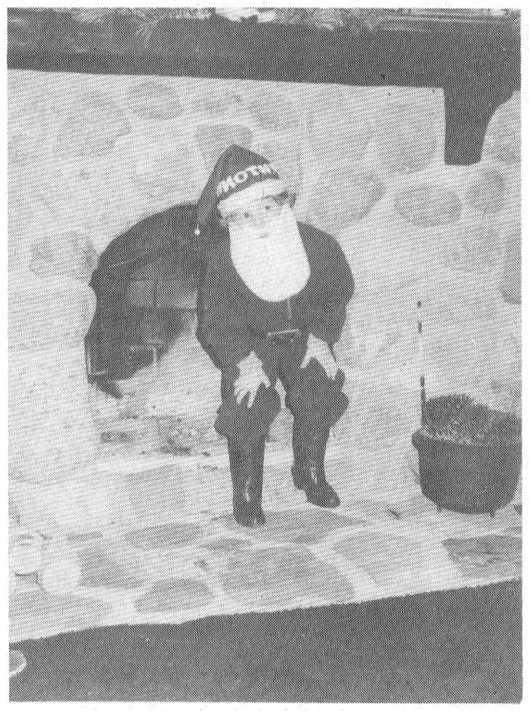

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This year, as in previous years, The Leader takes pleasure in offering a calendar of Christmas services and concerts being held in local houses of worship.

It is hoped this small effort will encourage residents to participate in the joyful commemoration of the birth of the Saviour.

In a world growing increasingly more aggresive and unstable, the stability of the Christian Gospel is casting an even brighter glow than in decades past. The birthday of the Prince of Peace is indeed worthy of wonderful celebration.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Christmas Eve Mass - A children's Mass will be held at 5pm and Sung Mass of Christmas at 10pm. There will be no Mass at St. Mary's Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve Mass is at 5pm, and New Year's Day Mass is at 9am.

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

On December 24, Holy Communion will be held at 8am, and Choral Eucharist at 11pm. New Year's Eve Holy Communion will be at 8am.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS

A Family Communion service with carols will be held Christmas Day at 10am.

LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Eve, Family Communion with hymns and readings will be held at 8pm. There will be no service Christmas Day. New Year's Eve, a regular service will be held at 11am.

MORRISBURG PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

There will be a regular Sunday morning service December 24 at 10:45am with the theme, 'Christ is born,' and a Christmas Eve service will begin at 7:30pm featuring the theme, 'A Shepherd's Message.' A Watchnight Service will be held New Year's Eve, times to be announced in The Leader. No services are planned for Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Christmas Eve at 11am there will be a Christmas Cantata by the choir. At 6:30pm there is a candlelight service of lessons and carols. New Year's Eve there is a regular Sunday service of worship at 11am. No services will be held Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS

At 7:30pm Christmas Eve, there will be a candlelight and carol service.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

December 25, there will be a Christmas Communion service at 10am.

Regular services of worship will resume at 9:30am at St. Paul's and 11:15am at St. John's on December 31. No services in either church Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

MORRISBURG ALLIANCE CHURCH

Christmas services will be held in Morrisburg Public School December 24, with the Family Bible Hour at 9:30am, Worship the Christ-child at 10:30am, and Candlelight and Carol Service with Children's presentation at 7pm.

New Year's Eve services are December 31, with Family Bible Hour at 9:30am, Morning Worship at 10:30am, and Watchnight Service at 11pm.

WILLIAMSBURG

WILLIAMSBURG UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Eve there will be a regular service of worship at 10:30am, and a Candlelight and Carol Service at 7:30pm.

At 11pm an ecumenical service for the House of Lazarus will be held with Rev. Allen Tysick officiating.

Regular services of worship for Williamsburg United will resume 10:30am December 31, with no services Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24, there will be a Children's Chtistmas Pageant at 11am, and a Christmas Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 8pm.

ST. LUKE'S, DUNBAR

On Christmas Eve a Service of the Word will be held at 9:15am, and a Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, 11:30pm to 12:30pm.

Regular services resume Sunday, December 31, at 9:15am at St. Luke's and 11am at St. Peter's. No Christmas Day or New Year's Day services.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Regular service with Sunday School will be held December 24, 9:30am. A Christmas service will commence with candlelight, choir, poems and recitations at 7:30pm.

There is a family Christmas Service on Christmas Day at 10am, a New Year's Eve Service at 7:30pm December 31, and a regular service New Year's Day at 10am.

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ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH

There will be a Sung Mass of Christmas at 8pm Christmas Eve, and the following day, a Christmas Service at 10am.

New Year's Mass will take place on December 31, 5pm, and a New Year's Day Mass on January 1, 9am.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Family Eucharist with carols will be held Christmas Eve at 7:30pm. On New Year's Eve there will be a Parish Service of Holy Communion at 10am.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, there will be a regular service at 11am, and a Candlelight Carol Service at 7pm. December 25, a Christmas Family Worship Service will be held at 11:30am. December 31, a regular service of worship will be at 11am, and a New Year's Eve Service with Communion, candlelight and special readings at 11:30pm.

BRINSTON UNITED CHURCH

On December 24, a Carol Service will be at Brinston United at 9:45am and at Hulbert United Church at 11am. Family Communion will be held at Hulbert Valley at 8pm December 31. Services will resume as usual at 9:45am at Brinston United and 11am at Hulbert United with no evening service.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

A traditional Candlelight Carol Service will be held December 24 at 7:30pm, Dixons Corners Public School. Christmas Day Service will be at 9:30am. On New Year's Eve there will be a normal Sunday Worship Service at 7:30pm, and a New Year's Day Service at 9:30am January 1.

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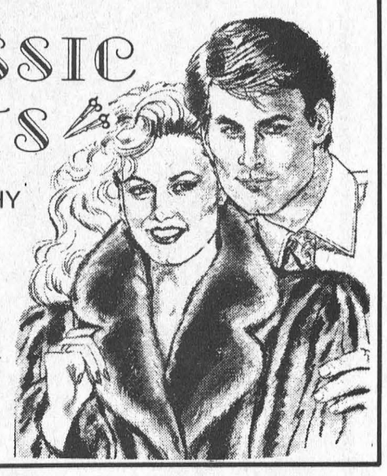

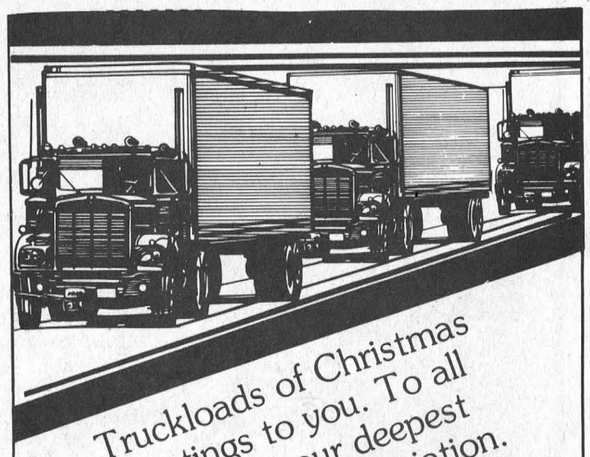

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Morrisburg Women's Institute enjoy Xmas

The members of the Morrisburg Women's Institute held their Christmas meeting in the Civic Building on December 14th at 2:30pm.

Beatrice shaver, president, welcomed all and read a poem, "Christmas Song."

The roll call, "Name a good deed someone did for you," was answered by fourteen members.

Donations of non-perishable food and money for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange were received.

A donation was made to the Karen McMullen fund. It is to help Karen on her Northumberia trip, a three-week International event in England, July 1990. She is a Seaway student, seventeen years old and has been involved, for ten years with the Girl Guides of Canada.

So we may help "Bring the Theatre back to Dundas" our Women's Institute will be holding a luncheon on January 17th, the proceeds to go to Upper Canada Playhouse. The total funds raised by participating Dundas County Institutes will be presented to the Upper Canada Playhouse at our District Annual in May.

In the absence of the Convenor, Olive Neild gave Christmas readings. Bessie Gow read a poem "Keep a Christmas feeling in you Heart". Christmas Carols were sung and a contest held, which was won by Reik Pepers.

The meeting closed with God Save The Queen and a delicious dinner at the New Centennial Restaurant.



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An amalgam of traditions and customs drawn from diverse cultures, Christmas, in its melting pot aspect, is the quintessential Canadian holiday.

The Canadian tradition of Christmas both varied and fascinating is universal in its appeal, yet uniquely personal, a reflection of this country's breadth, while representing, still, the customs of a myriad of countries, which ring out, loud and clear, as bells in the winter sky.

Christmas trees, originally a German custom, adopted by the English in the mid-19th century, dot the Yuletide landscape from coast to coast.

Creches, originating in Italy, are found under innumerable trees during the holiday season, their cribs remaining empty till midnight on Christmas Eve, the start of Christmas Day.

In the days before Christmas, children, particularly, love opening the doors on Advent calendars, a custom originating in Scandinavia and Germany.

Christmas cards were a British invention, and Santa Claus himself, under his original name of St. Nicholas, hails from the Netherlands, as do the stockings (originally wooden shoes) that he fills with toys and treats.

Even Christmas seals, associated with the efforts of the Canadian Lung Association for decades, originated elsewhere, when a Danish postmaster came up with the concept of selling decorative seals to aid charity in the early years of the 20th century.

While many of the holiday traditions we enjoy today come from Europe, the poinsettia - its red and green leaves vividly reminiscent of the Christmas colors - came originally from Mexico, where it was known as the "Flower of the Holy Night."

The product of a miracle, according to Mexican tradition, the first poinsettia suddenly grew at the feet of a child praying at the altar of his village church, who had no money to buy a gift for Christ on His birthday.

Christmas carols from many countries have been adopted as our own.

Thus, a traditional round of carols might include the Welsh "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly;" "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" and "Joy to the World," both of English origin; the German carol, "Otannenbaum;" and the Austrian "Silent Night;" as well as such native Canadian favorites as "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Like Christmas carols, traditional Yuletide cookies hail from a myriad of countries.

Buttery spritz cookies are Scandinavian, while frosted Lebkuchen hail from the town of Nuremberg in Germany. Pfeffernusse, in various versions, are alternately German or Scandinavian - these crunchy, spicy cookies are classics in the Christmas cookie jar.

Speculaas, gingery cookies stamped out with wooden cookie blocks, are Dutch, while Springerle, formed with the aid of a special carved rolling pin or board, and studded with anise, are German.

At the same time, there are many Christmas traditions which are uniquely American. Sidewalk Santas, filling their kettles with donations for the needy, are an expression of the American desire to share at holiday time, not only with family and friends, but with strangers.

Their efforts date back to turn-of-the-century San Francisco, where the Salvation Army set up its first kettles (used for soup, during the rest of the year) to aid the survivors of a shipwreck.

On a lighter note, the location of Santa's home in the far reaches of the North Pole is an American invention, first seeing light in the drawings of the 19th century illustrator, Thomas Nast, whose Christmas sketches are still familiar today.

Around Canadian, regional traditions can be found. In the Southwest, pinatas (a custom imported from Mexico) are broken open by children swinging at them, blindfolded, with a stick. When they're finally opened, a shower of gifts comes down - more than enough for every child there.

Also popular in the Southwest are luminarias, votive candles bedded in sand, and placed in paper bags, which light up the area outside a home, providing a warm and festive welcome for visitors.

Where there's a will . . there's a job to be had?

You'd think that a young, healthy man with a grade twelve diploma, a college trades certificate and a lot of drive and ambition would be able to find himself a stable, financially comfortable position.

Then why did Francois Leclair keep finding himself with summer employment, temporary work programs and in the welfare ranks? He had picked up a lot of skills: boat builder/laminater, fiberglas laminater and, during a 3-year period with Dry-Con Ltd., a shop helper doing welding, painting, shipping, receiving, inside and outside maintenance. He had enjoyed his job with Dry-Con but was forced to quit because of heavy lifting requirements that started giving him back problems.

But why wouldn't anyone else hire him? After leaving his job at Dry-Con Ltd., Francois collected unemployment insurance and got temporary work as a micro-film clerk at the Hotel Dieu Hospital until that employment program subsidy ended. Then there was no more work.

Hadn't he proved to be a fast learner? Didn't he have a lot of experience in a variety of areas to offer an employer? Didn't he have proper academic requirements with a high school diploma and a welder/fitter certificate? Then what was the problem? Could it be because Francois was a deaf mute?

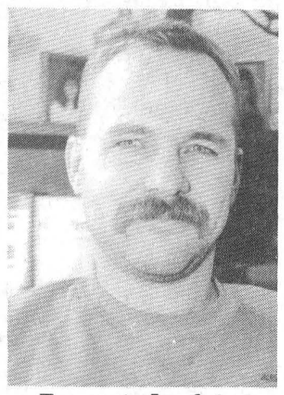
"I don't work with my ears" Francois noted when he met Peggy Lauzon, a placement officer for the FUTURES program at St. Lawrence College. Francois was frustrated and felt that he was being discriminated against. He had contacted MPP John Cleary who referred him to the FUTURES program. FUTURES is a program that helps young men and women find employment through counselling, academic upgrading and through work placement.

"Francois already had the academics required for successful job hunting" says Lauzon. "He had drive and a lot of ambition. We just had to find an employer who would look beyond his handicap and who would provide him with work which was suited for him....something with variety. He's the type of person who likes to be kept busy."

And that's how Francois found his new love: landscaping and gardening. "He loves the work, and he's good at it too", says Lauzon. He worked the full 16 weeks of his FUTURES work experience program for the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission in Morrisburg. "I placed Francois on the 'enhanced training' (an extension which gives trainees a competitive edge) which I felt would better prepare him if an opening became available", continued Lauzon. Francois gained many new skills and hoped that there would be a job opening in the department by the time he finished his work experience program. Then it happened. A full-time seasonal job became available; "But like all government jobs, it had to be posted and all candidates had to go through a selection committee", says Lauzon.

Like all candidates for a new job, Francois was anxious. As he prepared for his interview, he couldn't help but wonder how the selection committee would react to his handicap. Was this going to end it all? Would a selection committee see his worth? Would his handicap get in the way of his new-found career? No. He knew he was the right person for the job; all he had to do was convince the committee.

Francois Leclair was the successful candidate for the gardener position at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, last spring. He loves his new job and is looking forward to a successful and fulfilling career.



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These were sentiments expressed by a panel representing the members of the Timothy Christian School Society at their meeting on November 23rd in Williamsburg. The topic centered around the concept of "strengthening and lengthening the ties." The annual Friendship Dinner was seen by one panelist as an excellent means of strengthening the school's support base. This dinner is usually attended by 200 - 250 people.

Prior to listening to the panel discussion, the membership ratified the financial statement for the school year 1988-89 and heard reports from several committees. In the principal's report, James Kooistra highlighted the many blessings enjoyed by 129 students and staff (5 full time and 5 part time). "I can feel the Spirit of the Lord working in this place", he said. "There is an atmosphere of love and caring among the children".

The meeting, which was held in the school gymnasium, was attended by about 70 parents and supporters, and was followed by a social time.



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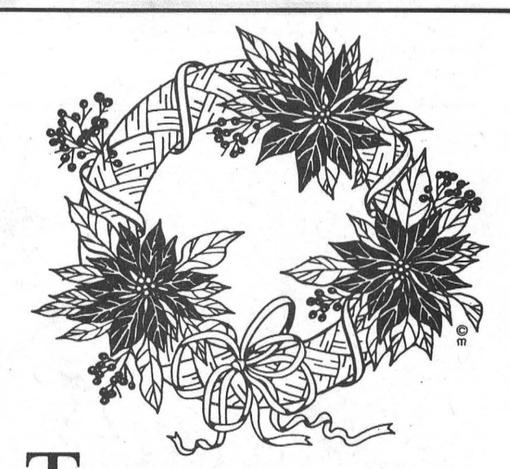

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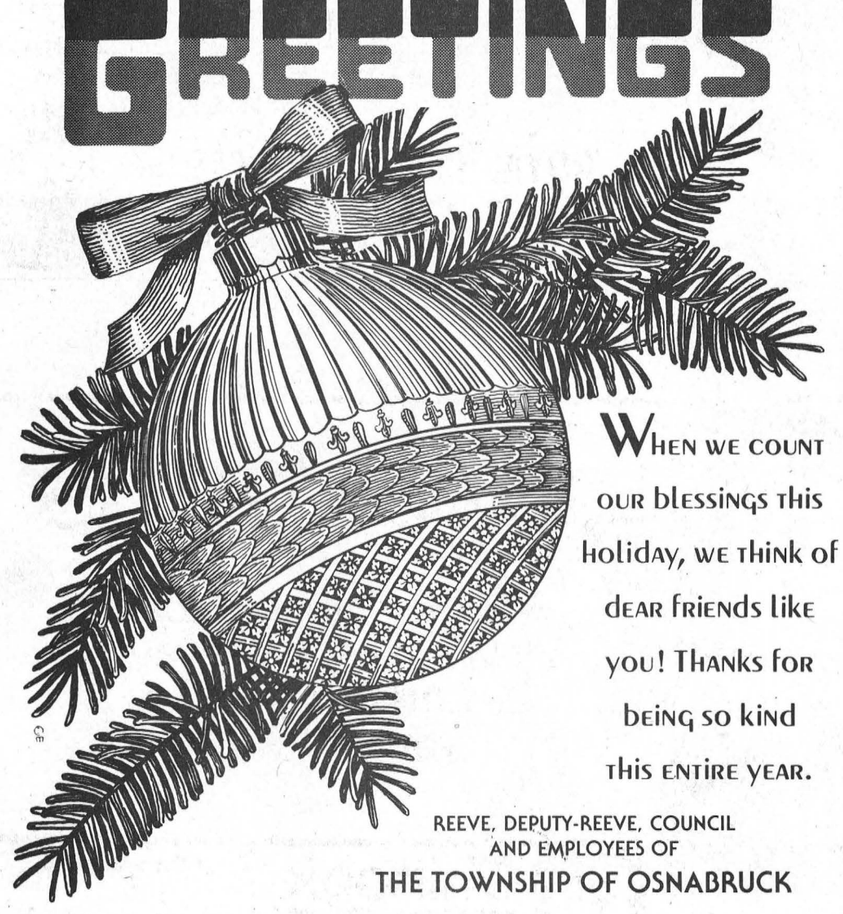

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The Commission would like to appeal to its customers to conserve energy until further notice. Christmas lights and decorations are very decorative, but, please refrain from turning them on, until after 7:30 p.m. and please do not forget to turn down the thermostats.

Once again, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Morrisburg Hydro Electric Commission and Staff!

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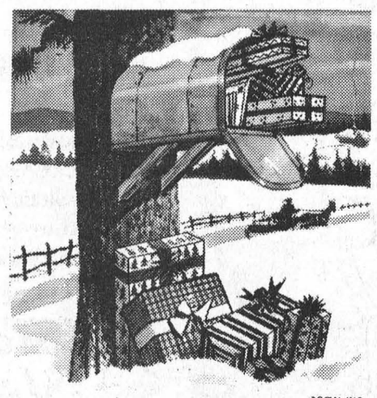

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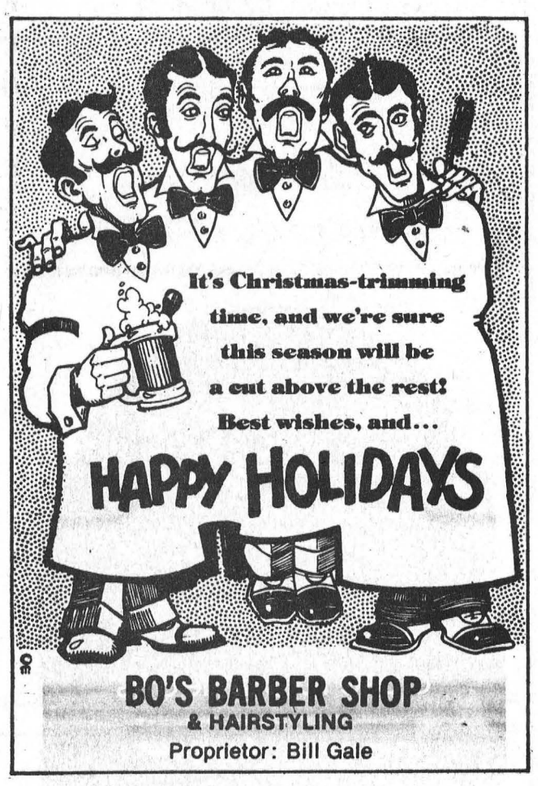

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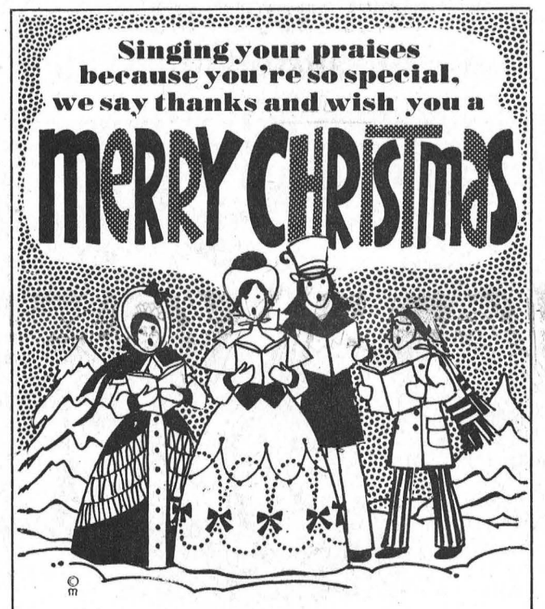

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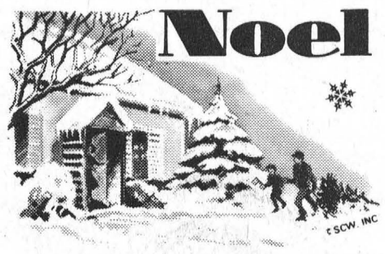

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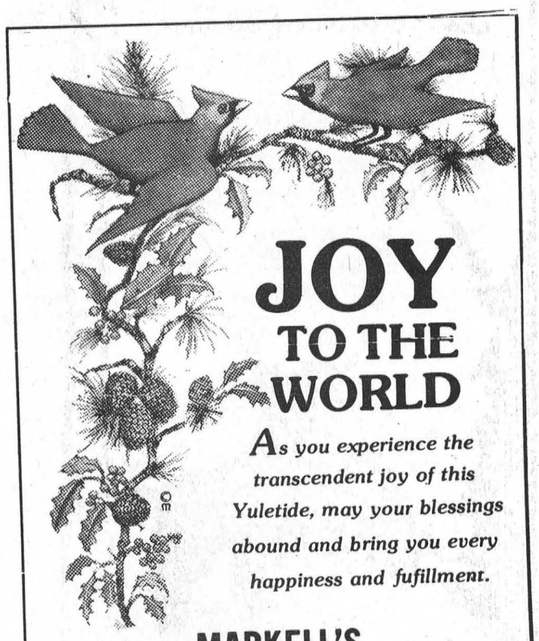

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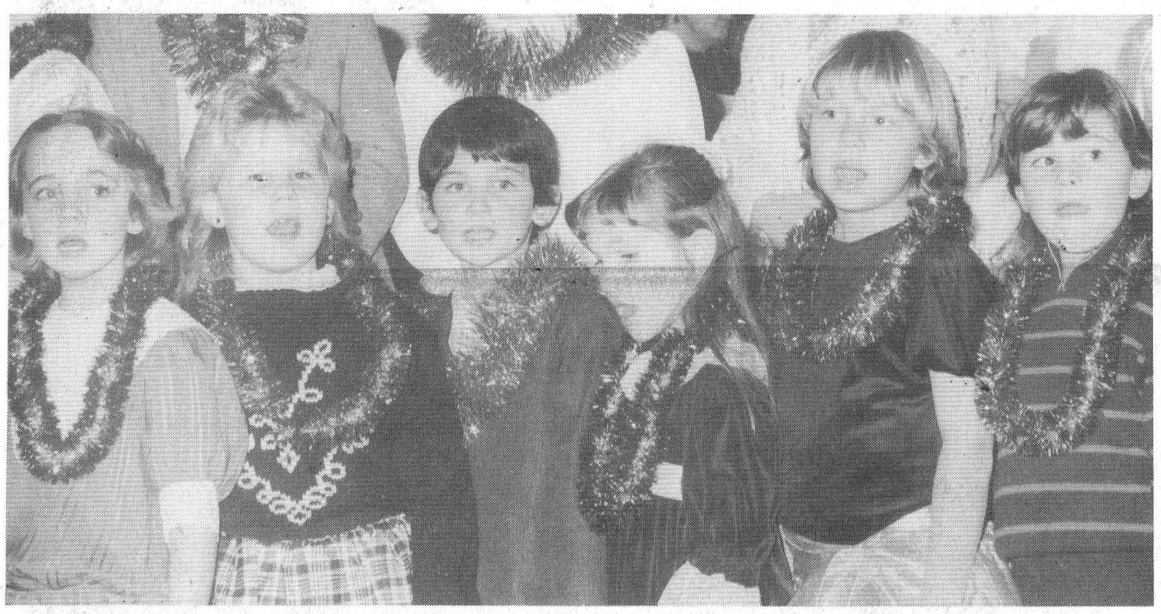





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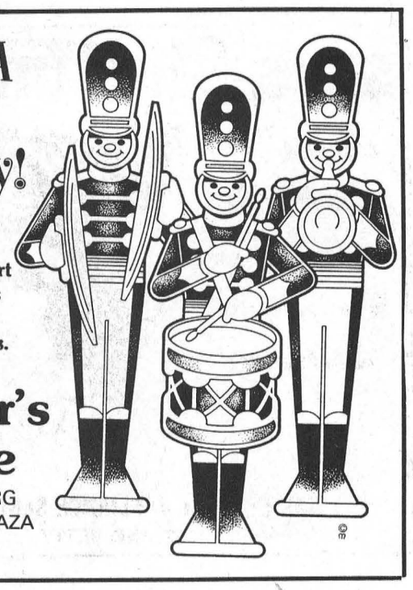

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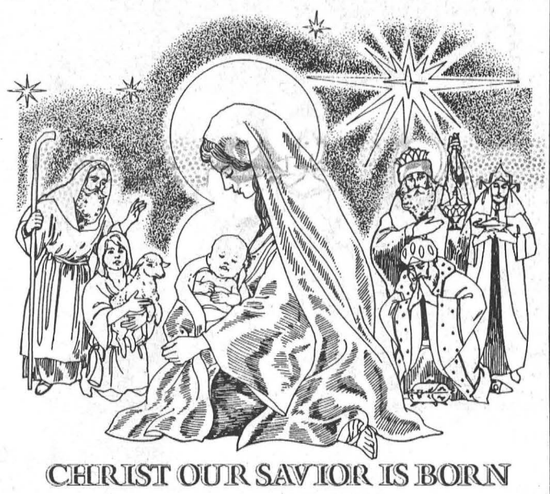

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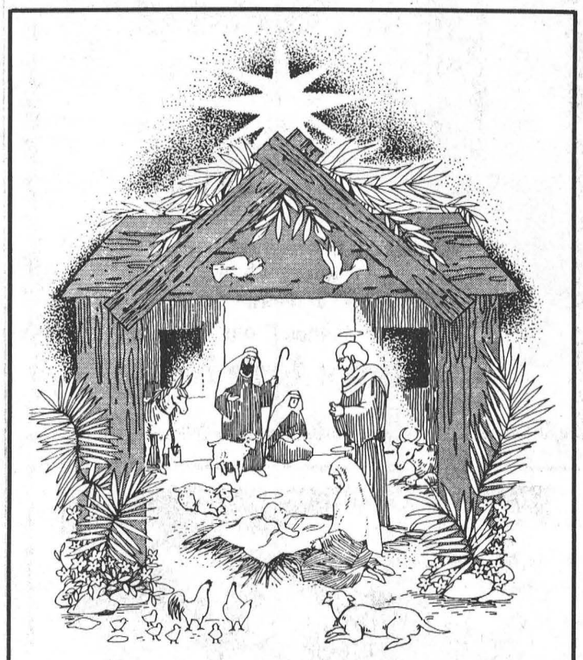

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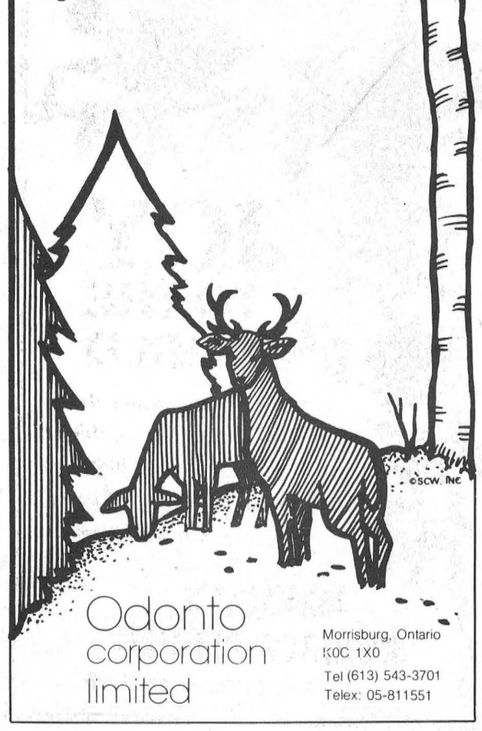

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Exchange student says Christmas is a time for others

by Catherine Thompson
Leaders Staff

MORRISBURG — For exchange student Maria Lazon, Christmas is a religious and a spiritual time, a time to think about the welfare of others.

Lazon, who came to Canada from Spain as a student with the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study in September this year, is enrolled in Grade 12 at Seaway High School, and has been living at the home of Bill and Gail Spencer.

She says that in Spain, a lot of thought is devoted to helping the poor and less at Christmas. At the beginning of December, schools, churches and families concentrate on filling boxes with food and clothing for the poor, and the gypsies, who are quite numerous.

It is also a time for remembering the deceased.

Christmas at Maria's home in Bilbao, a city on the northern coast, is celebrated without spending a great deal of money. Present buying is limited to an exchange of gifts between parents and children, possibly grandparents.

"We buy a good present for our parents, and they buy for us, but my brothers and I don't exchange gifts. It's not like here where you buy for everybody."

Towards the end of December, the Spanish celebrate the season in enacting a Christams pageant in the streets, with banners and costumed players representing religious roles.

As part of the pageant, a generous gentleman in a red suit tosses candy to the children.

Lazon explained that in Spain, Santa is a part played out in American-made movies and commercials, and isn't as popular or important a figure as the three oriental Kings, who are known for their gift-giving.

Weeks ahead of time, children write letters to the kings, whose custom is to enter through the chimney or windows to distribute presents.

As in other countries where Christmas is celebrated, Spanish children have been warned to be on their best behaviour, or they might just get a lump of (sugar) coal instead of a present!

The family starts to decorate the tree early in December. "People decorate their trees with electric lights here, but not too much. It's not too commercial. Some have artificial trees, and some who have purchased natural trees keep part of the roots and plant them in the garden afterwards," says Maria.

The nativity scene with its traditional figures has the greatest importance, but the family doesn't add the Christ child to the manger until December 25, or the kings until Epiphany, January 6.

"Special dinners consist of lamb at Christmas, lobsters or seafood. We have cakes at Christmas, my favorite is chocolate, and cookies which aren't decorated as they are here."

The latter event calls for another celebration. "On the last day of the year, in Madrid, there's a big clock. Everybody in the streets has 12 grapes, and as the clock sounds off the hours, they stuff another grape in their mouths."

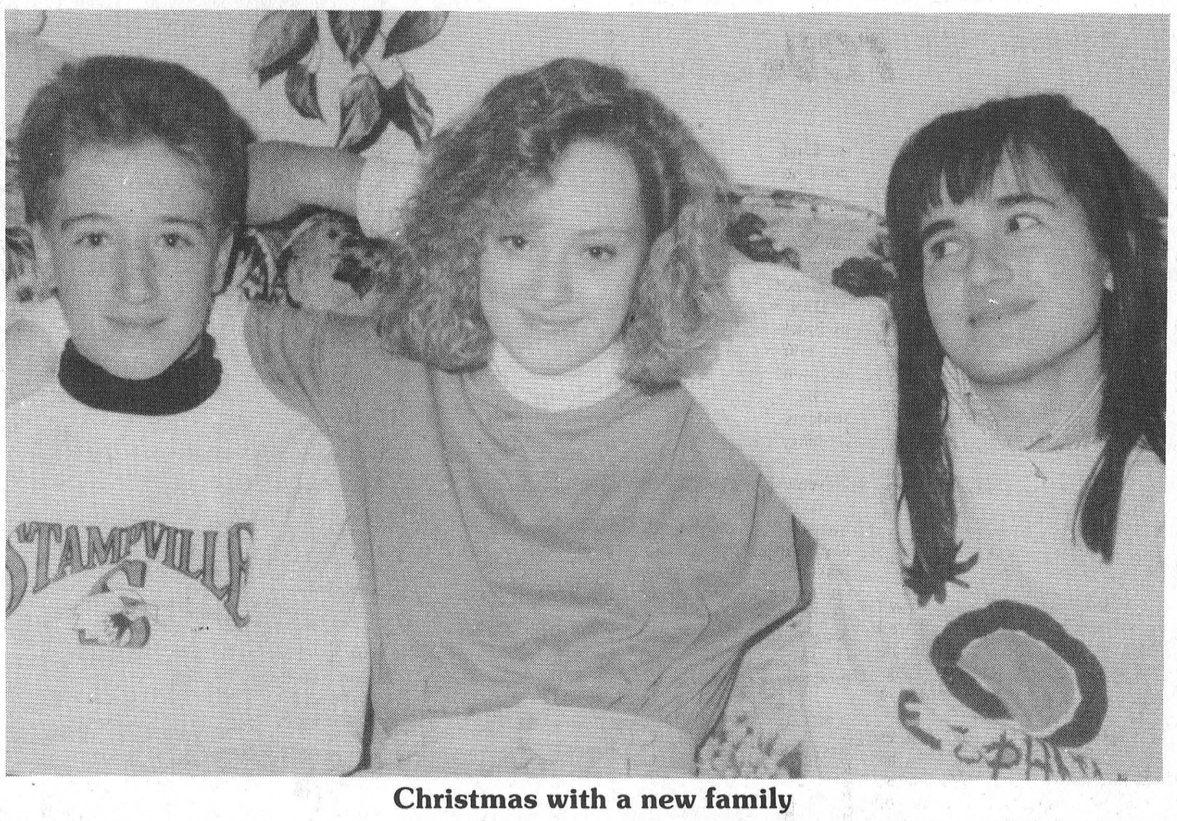
The ritual is televised, and followed by an all-night party in the streets.

Although Maria is enjoying the visit with her Canadian family, she says she will miss spending Christmas with her family this year, and perhaps the hardest part of the season is to get accustomed to the unusually cold weather.

"In Spain in September people are wearing shorts and going to the beaches. I came here, and people were already wearing sweaters, and in October, they were starting to wear scarves and gloves."

"In Spain, we only wear boots and a jacket in January!"

She added the coldest temperature reached in her homeland is zero Fahrenheit, and that is on a cold night in January!



Christmas with a new family

Maria Lazon, at right, is pictured with Nicole Spencer, middle, and her brother Mark at left. Maria says that altough Christmas is celebrated differently in North America than in Spain, both are nice places to spend the holiday season. —C. Thompson photo

Christmas crackers are not for eating

Despite their name, Christmas crackers are not another Yuletide culinary delight. Rather, they are colorful paper bundles which, when pulled open, emit a loud noise. Within, contributing to the merriment of the occasion, are holiday favors and papers containing sayings or riddles.

Traditional in Britain, Christmas crackers date to the reign of Queen Victoria.

But baker-confectioner Tom Smith's creation may be, like the lighting of Christmas bonfires once common in various parts of Great Britain, a descendant of the ancient custom of setting a ritual fire - a common way of marking the rekindling of the sun, the rebirth of life in the midst of the cold, white, snowy winter season.

This celebration of life and warmth in the midst of death and coldness is itself an ancestor of the Christmas holiday, as Christ's birth, death and rebirth are symbolic of the triumph of life over death which is at the heart of Christianity.

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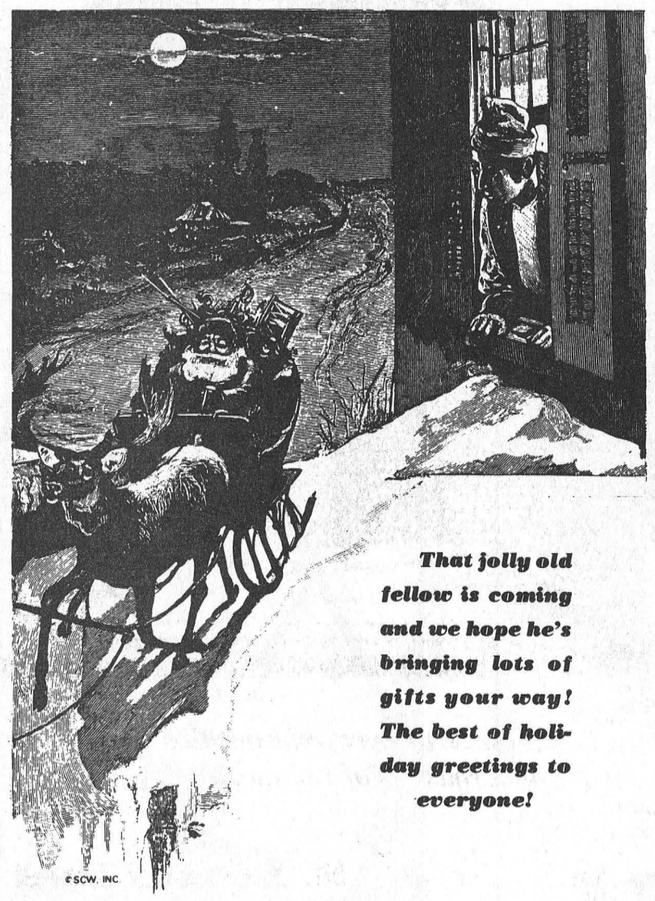
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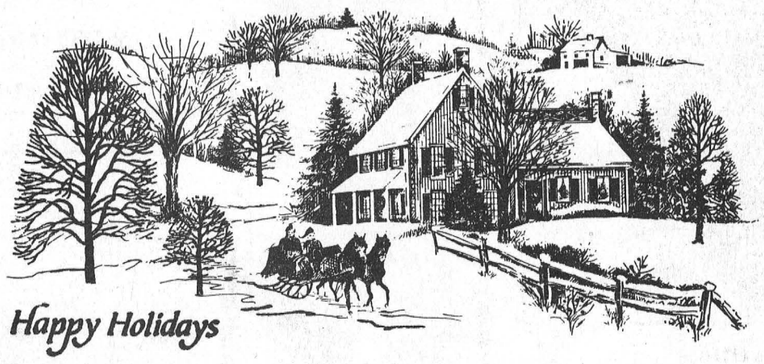
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Local Christmas tree growers reflect on non-material rewards

by Catherine Thompson
Leader Staff

IROQUOIS — Although most Christmas tree growers get started in the business intending to make it a profitable venture, local growers agree there are other satisfactions just as important as material rewards.

For over 30 years, George and Marjorie Fowler have been growing and selling Christmas trees from their cut and choose farm west of Iroquois on Highway 2. They also ship trees to Brockville three days weekly.

George finds the tree business an absorbing hobby, and sales of trees along with maple syrup from a sugar bush pay taxes on the farm.

If there's one outstanding incident in Fowler's experience, it's the Christmas Eve a lady phoned him after 11 p.m., asking for a tree.

"I could hear kids crying in the background," says Fowler. "Their tree had died, her husband was away because he worked as a coastguard, and she had four little children."

And although the grower doesn't really appreciate getting calls so late in the season, he said answering the plea was worth it.

"When I came in with a tree, the kids' faces lit up. As for their tree, I've never seen anything so bad."

It isn't the first time or probably the last he will answer a call this late, and although he may just hand the latecomer a flashlight and a saw, he hasn't refused a friend in a pinch.

Fowler says he has had a good year with his Scotch Pine and White Spruce, with appropriate weather conditions and little trouble with insects.

Margaret and Allan Finlayson are in their second year of sales from a plantation of White Spruce and Scotch pine dating to 1983, on a farm about two miles north west of Iroquois.

Finlayson says that for many people, cutting your own Christmas tree means an enjoyable family outing. "People enjoy going out with the kids and having a good time. Some spend about half an hour or so wandering about the plantation, choosing their tree."

Because people are enjoying the activity, Finlayson finds himself going out less often this year with a saw to assist, because "most want to be by themselves, and saw it down."

Allan says the business is going really well. Two weekends ago was a very busy one, with the sale of 90 trees, and he expects as many sales this past weekend.

Allan has also wholesaled two truckloads to Kingston, and another truckload to Cornwall, but admits things are slow in these markets, because the competition is stiff.

After 30 years of effort, Eric and Elena Johnston of Iroquois and Eric's brother Eugene Johnston, and wife Sheila of Prescott, have built up a good business in Christmas trees.

The Johnston brothers have three farms specializing in White Spruce and Scotch Pine, located at Miller's Corners, west of South Mountain, and an outlet at Windy Acres on Lakeshore Drive near Morrisburg.

Both men are retired civil servants. Eric is a retired conservation officer, and Eugene a retired forester, who brings years of professional expertise to the operation.

Eugene has published articles on tree growth and culture for the Ministry of Natural Resources, and has also been a judge of Christmas trees at Toronto's Royal Winter Fair.

Starting the business in 1949, the brothers wholesaled trees for many years.

"For years, we were absentee landowners, selling over the weekends. It was a lot of work," said Eric.

Last year they started a cut your own operation. Eric says it has gone very well so far, and have had 30 customers for two weekends in a row.

They have buyers from as far as Brockville and Ottawa, as well as Ventnor, Heckston, Morrisburg and Long Sault.

The enterprise employs 15 students in July to assist with pruning, five or six planters in April, and about five harvestors in November.

Asked if the tree farm was a hobby, Eric replied they had always intended it to be a money-making venture, and it has turned out to be profitable. But there are also non-material rewards, like being out in the fresh air, working at an enjoyable activity, and producing good quality trees.



In she goes!

A customer is busily packing away the family tree at Johnston's Tree Farms. Families who were out looking for trees on Saturday were undeterred by bone-chilling temperatures of minus 18 Fahrenheit, increased by the win chill.



Bringing home a little bit of Christmas

At left, Michael Lachapelle and son Jason of Miller's Corners are bringing home the tree from the nearby Johnston brothers cut and choose operation. Eric Johnston of Iroquois and Eugene f Prescott have been growing trees for 30 years, and started cut your own last year. Johnston trees have been twice winners at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. —C. Thompson photos



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Epiphany also a time to celebrate

Wise Men initiated tradition of giftgiving

The beloved tradition of giftgiving at Christmastime began, as we all know, just after the birth of Christmas when the Three Wise Men, following their guiding star from the East, arrived to adore the infant Jesus, and each brought with him a valuable tribute.

Gold, according to tradition (not the Bible, which neither names nor numbers the Magi), in the form of a box containing a shrine, was brought by Melchior, the King of Arabia.

Frankincense, contained in a jar, was brought by the youngest of the Magi, Caspar, the King of tarsus, and myrrh, carried in a golden horn, was brought by Balthazar, the King of Ethiopia.

We all know what gold is, but frankincense and myrrh - both out of common use in this century - may mystify many people.

Both are aromatic substances, which had geat value in the ancient world. Frankincense is the gum of a tree native to India and the northern reaches of Arabia.

An essential ingredient in the holy anointing oil used by the officiators at the Temple in Jerusalem, it was a substance whose use was familiar only to the privileged. It was burned also as incense; therefore, its sweet fragrance was familiar to worshippers.

Myrrh, the gum of a bush or small tree which, in antiquity, edged the shores of the red Sea, and grew in southern Arabia, was also an ingredient in the anointing oil, a blend of rare and precious subtances, to be sure.

Credited with the virtue of easing suffering, myrrh was mixed with wine to make a soothing drink offered to Christ while He was on the cross - a drink He refused, choosing to remain conscious and keenly aware of the suffering He was undergoing.

Myrrh often was used to ready the dead for burial; it was one of the spices brought by Nicodemus for Christ, after the crucifixion. Thus Christ received the same gift after death which He was given at birth.

In addition to its intrinsic value, each of the gifts brought by the Wise Men to the Christ Child had symbolic value, as pertinent today as it was in Biblical times.

Gold, one of the purest of all subtances, represents virtue. Sweet-smelling frankincense, because its burning frequently accompanied religious ceremonies, came to be a symbol for prayer, and myrrh, with its acrid fragrance, both a balm that eases pain and an anointment for the dead, represents suffering.

When did the Magi arrive at the Manger? While guesses range from 12 days after Christ's birth, to two years following the event, their arrival is celebrated traditionally on Epiphany, also known as Twelfth Night, which falls on January 6th.

In certain countries, such as Spain and Italy, it is on Epiphany, rather than Christmas Day itself, that gifts are exchanged.

A holiday of much merriment, governed by a Lord of Misrule (a holdover from Saturnalia revels of Roman times), it was an occasion for practical jokes and tricks.

It was also the occasion, in parts of Europe, for ceremonies warding off the devil, should he roam abroad on that night.

And it is the final day of the Twelve Days of Christmas, originally set out in the sixth century by the Council of Tours.

As such, the climax of the Christmas season, it is a time of great joy, depicted through all eternity by the image of the Three Magi, on their knees adoring the Christ Child, and symbolizing their worship with the most precious substances they knew: Gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Never too busy!

Santa took time out from his busy schedule Sunday to take part in the Williamsburg Township Christmas Parade. The event is steadily growing thanks to the efforts of the local volunteer fire department. This year, the parade included a hay wagon carrying the local Cubs and Scouts, the township's new fire truck and entries from a few private businesses.



Christmas is a time of joy and harmony. Hope yours is wonderful in every way! Thanks and happy holiday!

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Casselman Creek causes concern

BONNIE MCNAIRN
Leader staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Although Fairholme drive resident Laird Weagant attended Williamsburg Council meeting here last Tuesday night in regards to a proposed shoring project on Casselman creek, he didn't miss the opportunity to voice his biggest concern with the creek.

The township now has Fairholme Drive on the east side of the creek and a new subdivision on Stewart Drive on the west side.

"That creek is dangerous in the spring," pointed out Weagant. "The kids are going to cross it, and we don't want to ignore the safety aspect."

"I think at some time you'll need a crossing," he claimed.

"There are four crossings there now," said Reeve Johnny Whitteker referring to crossings put up privately.

"If you have a sub-division linked to another, I would think you would have to consider a crossing at some time," said Weagant. "I just don't want to see an accident."

"You can put in a public crossing, but that doesn't mean the kids will cross at it," said Whitteker.

Whitteker agreed that the creek is dangerous in the spring but felt it is up to each family to ensure their children aren't on it.

He did however, assure Weagant that council would take his concern into consideration.



In happy anticipation of the magical Christmas season, our sincere thanks.

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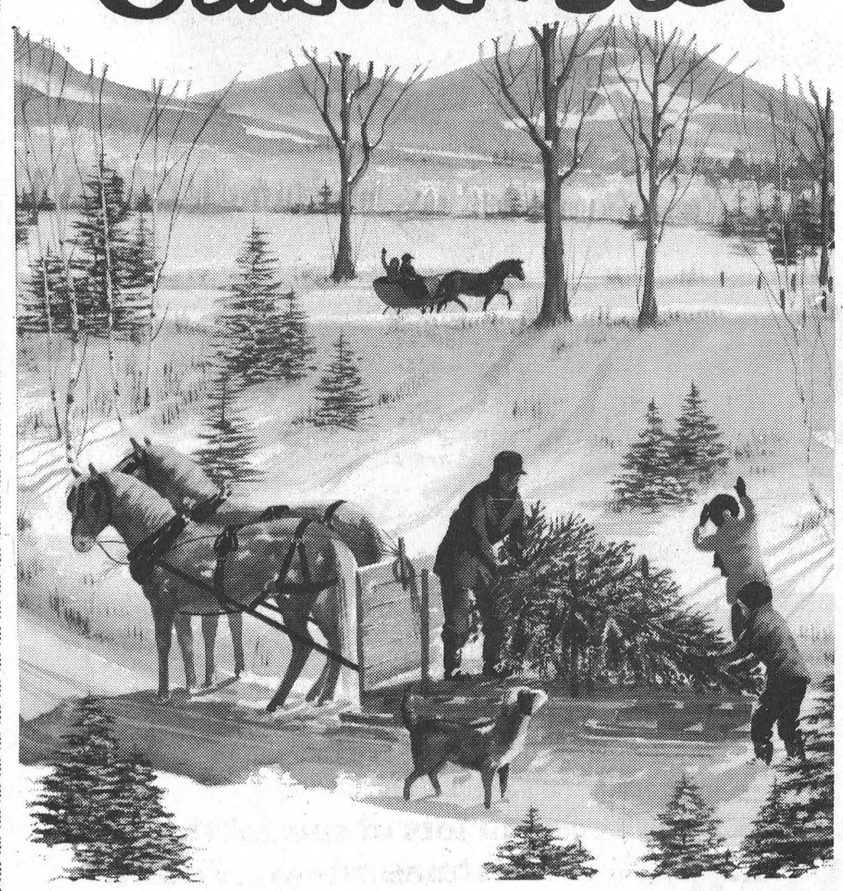

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Holly, a classic symbol of Christmas

With its green leaves and red berries, holly is the classic symbol of the Christmas season. The brightness of its colors, especially dramatic against the stark dead whiteness of winter's snows, was viewed by primitive people as a sign of life in a world of death.

Like mistletoe and the evergreen tree, holly has been intertwined with holidays marking the winter solstice since Druidic times, and all three plants were adopted into Christian tradition many centuries ago.

In addition, the thorny edges of some holly leaves recall the crown of thorns Christ wore, making holly an especially potent symbol of the Christmas season.

Think of holly's red berries as drops of blood, and the fact that the holly plant, too, is an evergreen - therefore a metaphor for eternal life - and its aptness as a visual image of Christmas, and the hope Christ brings to mankind, becomes even stronger.

Going back to pre-Christian times, holly boughs were among the evergreen plants that decked the halls of Teutonic homes, because it was believed that holly had the power to protect the inhabitants from evil spirits, as well as being able to deter the storms and icy cold weather of winter which were such a threat to primitive societies.

In 15th century England, garlanding homes and churches with evergreens - including holly - was an accepted custom.

Washington Irving describes a typical English Christmas in his Sketchbook, and among the first elements he mentions are the evergreens.

Writes Irving, "The great picture of the crusader and his white horse had been profusely decorated with greens for the occasion, and holly and ivy had likewise been wreathed round the helmet and weapons on the opposite wall, which I understood were the arms of the same warrior."

Of particular note was the English method of adorning church pews with innumerable branches of holly and yew, a custom that lasted until the late years of the 19th century.

As carefully as the work of decorating buildings with evergreens proceeded, equally fastidious was the manner in which they were taken down and disposed of, after the holiday season had passed.

It was considered bad luck to let an evergreen bough fall to the ground, and in many British communities they were not thrown out once the holiday was over but, rather, ceremoniously burnt.

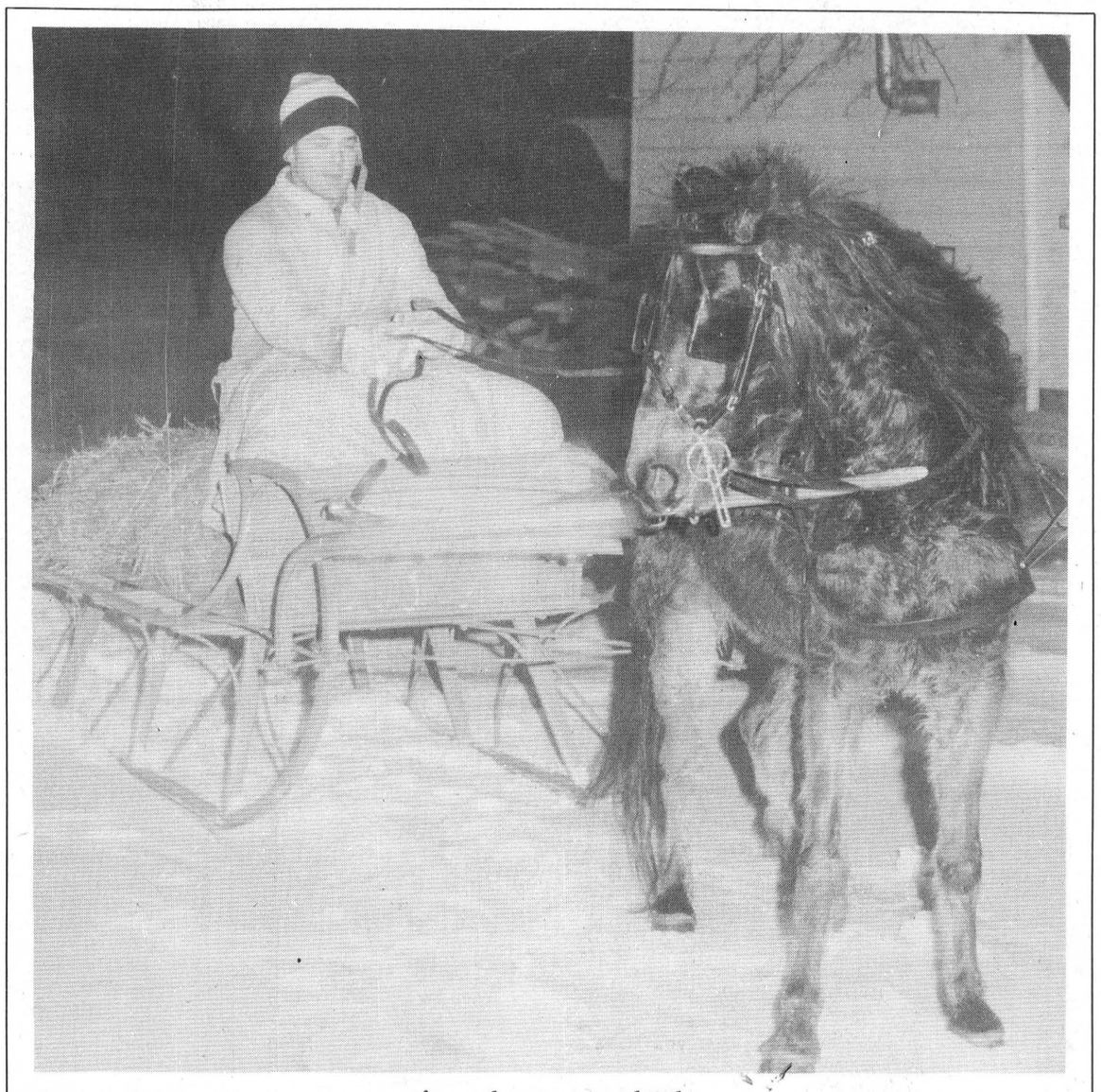
By this time, from being a plant associated with the heathen, holly had become holy. A series of medieval carols outlined holly's myriad virtues, and linked its physical characteristics with various aspects of Christ's life.

In the traditional carol, "The Holly and the Ivy," the first stanza ends, "Of all the trees are in the wood - The holly bears the crown."

Subsequent verses compare and contrast the white flower which holly bears to Mary's bearing Christ "to be our sweet Saviour," the prickle holly bears to Mary's bearing Christ "on Christmas in the morn," and, finally, the bitter bark that holly bears to Mary bearing "sweet Jesus Christ - For to redeem us all."

Today, whether or not we know the legends behind it, many of us deck our halls with holly in boughs and on wreaths as Christmas approaches.

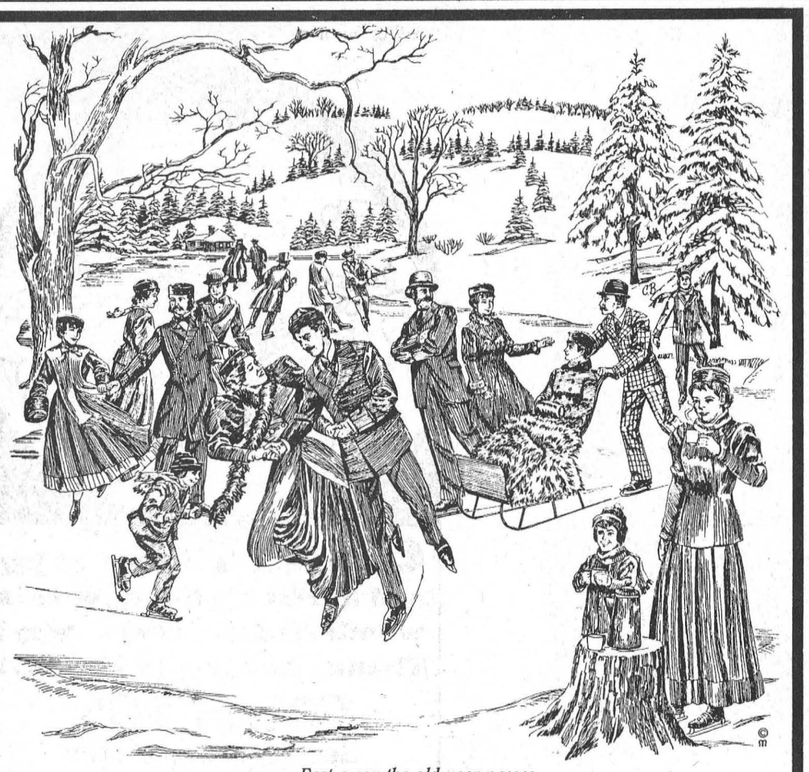
But, be careful what kind of holly is the first to be brought through the door. According to British legend, if a prickly variety of holly is first, the man of the house will rule the roost through the coming year; if non-prickly holly is first, the woman of the house will have the honor of ruling the household in the year to come. Those holly boughs will never seem the same again!



A one-horse open sleigh

Williamsburg resident Mark Baldwin took his pony 'Bill' and sleigh out for a trial run in the village last Saturday, before appearing in the Williamsburg Santa Claus parade on Sunday.

—C. Thompson photo



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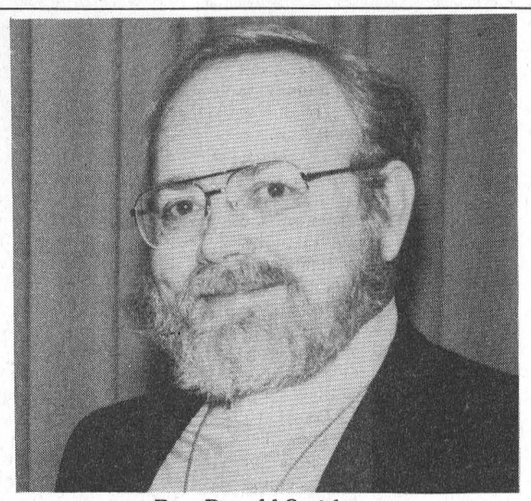
Local clergy offer thoughts on Christmas season

Christmas has always been a very important time for families and by the grace of God many Morrisburg and area residents have considered their church as not only an extension but an integral part of their lives.

Also, the holiday season has traditionally been a time for personal reflection, in terms of how fortunate we are and what plans and goals we set for ourselves in the New Year.

For these reasons, The Morrisburg Leader has called upon the community's various members of clergy to offer their own thoughts on Christmas and has provided them with an opportunity to wish everyone a truly spiritual holiday this year.



Rev. Donald Smith

More than just nostalgia

It happens every year. You can sense it in the warm feelings, in the sudden rush of good will, in the waves of nostalgia that roll over us as people with whom we've shared them. It has something to do with decorations, candlelight, mistletoe, friendly house parties, warm family gatherings, carol sings around the piano and shouts of "Merry Christmas" in the night. It's all bound up with presents, trees, and Santa Claus, with Rudolf, Frosty and Crosby's 'White Christmas,' with a grinch and elves, Charles Dickens and the "Nutcracker," with little drummer boys and friendly beasts and cute cards depicting baby angels with halos out of whack. Oh it's threatened a bit by decorations that go up too early and parades that take place too soon and the relentless, wearisome din of muzac carols and Christmas travel plans that unravel at the last minute. But it still happens, year after year. It's human! It's good. We love it. And we'll look for it again next year. It is the magic of Christmas.

I remember a Christmas morning years ago when the children were very young. We had, like most young families, risen early. Excitement was running high. The gifts brought the element of surprise and delight for which we had hoped. It was a beautiful morning, full of the magic of Christmas. Paper was strewn everywhere and there was lots of noise. Suddenly I became aware that our eldest son had disappeared. Upon checking we found him down in the rec-room watching T.V. Somehow in the frenzy of our celebration we had allowed the magic to overwhelm the mystery and, as magic tends to do, it had worn off.

In the few days that remain before Christmas we should lay aside the magic of the season for the moment in order to see more clearly the miracle and mystery of what we are preparing to celebrate. We need to remember that God does surprising things. God blessed Abraham and Sarah with a son in their ninth decade, and called Moses at eighty to lead his people out of bondage in Egypt. God gave the people his law in the wilderness and priests and ritual to remind them of his faithfulness, and prophets to call them back to his way. God called a shepherd boy, David, to be king and struck the old priest, Zechariah, dumb with the news that he and Elizabeth were to have a son in their old age who would prepare the way for God's own Son. God also declared to Joseph that his fiancee, Mary, was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. "I am about to fulfil my promise," says God, "That through this strange, weak, often disobedient people of mine, all nations and all peoples shall be blessed. I am coming to you!"

Here things begin to come into focus. Here we come to the centre of the miracle of Christmas. But we need to be cautious because the miracle of the birth, as such, is not the Good News. It is, rather, what that birth points to. Once again God is taking the initiative to rescue us. In the midst of human history there comes a point at which God himself hastens to our aid because we cannot help ourselves. God does not send a messenger but is himself the messenger. That is what "conceived of the Holy Spirit," announces - God with us.

I suppose God could have done things differently. The Word made flesh does not stand or fall on the gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. But it most certainly does stand or fall on the miracle and mystery of God's coming in human flesh to which the gospel stories point. Without this central mystery of Christmas, we lose the whole. Without it there is no gospel of God's drawing close, of the dominion of sin and death broken. Without it there is no triumph of grace. Without it there are no grounds for hope. Without it there is no salvation! Christmas is God's becoming flesh for us and our salvation - a mystery too profound to be unraveled, too easily distorted to be explained, and too wonderful to be ignored.

If we lose our grasp on this mystery of Christmas, the magic of Christmas can indeed become all there is. And like all magic it proves to be only an illusion. We are left in the end wondering what happened. But if we maintain our hold on this mystery, or better, if we let the miracle and mystery of Christmas take hold of us, then even the magic of Christmas can be rich with meaning and true joy to us and to the world.

A blessed, mystery filled, and joyful Christmas to you all.

Rev. Donald C. Smith
Lakeshore Drive United Church

"Prepare Him room"

As the banks of the river overflow in the spring, so does my heart today. The joy of this wonderful season floods my whole being. In just a few days we shall celebrate the greatest historical event this world has ever known. On behalf of all of us here at Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle; "Our prayers for you are for a very Merry Christmas!"

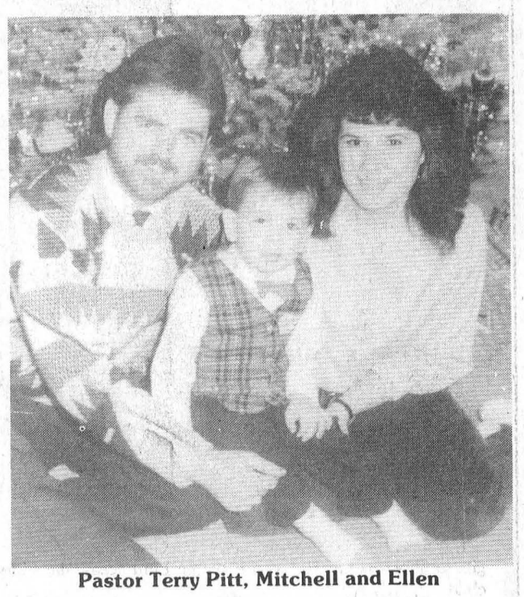
Almost two thousand years ago Jesus Christ our Savior was born. He was and still is the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Jesus is the reason for the season.

Thus as we remember the Christmas story, found in the Gospel account of St. Luke chapter two. It is here that we find the reason for our celebration.

Jospeh and Mary his espoused wife, are on their way to Bethlehem to be taxed. The child in her womb has plans as well. For the Word of God says, "While they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered." Jesus the Savior, (whom fulfills St. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life") was born.

It was a humble beginning because of the registration and taxation, the lodging places were all filled. Joseph was forced to find accommodations in a stable, no doubt the one that served the inn. No one but Joseph and Mary were present to witness History's greatest event.

With no midwife in attendance, Mary herself wrapped the baby in swaddling cloths. She probably lay the Baby diagonaly on a large square of cloth, the corners folded over Him and under His head, then two bandages tied around Him to hold this in place. Then she lay her first born in a manger; BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN. It seemed impossible to the inn keeper and all those inside to prepare any room for two weary souls.



Pastor Terry Pitt, Mitchell and Ellen

Everyone was too busy preparing for the registration and taxation that would take place the next day. They were probably running to and fro, quieting the children, making sure they were getting a good night's sleep, for the busy day ahead. Perhaps Dad and Mom were going over their registration papers. Surely they would want these papers to be in order, with their full names, birthdays, and place of birth. Yes, their children would have to be registered too. Oh, they must no forget the taxation fee. What trouble they would be in with the Caesar Augustus, if they did not have their taxes. I am sure their heads were swelling, from all of this hustle and bustle.

In their business they missed; the Star, the manger, and yes even the Christ Child. They missed His Star promised by Balaam of old; who said "Behold there shall come a star." That same Star which the Wiseman followed. The same Star which led them to the feet of Jesus, where they took time to bow down and worship Him. That same Star could have led all of Bethlehem to the place where Christ the Savior lay, but business kept them from worshipping the Christ Child born on that day!

Yes, they missed the manger too. Think about it! Just a few feet away from the Inn was the stable. This was more than just a stable filled with all sorts of animals. There was a Baby in this stable. Not just any Baby, no it was Christ the Lord. There He was born and there He lay asleep on the hay. But these people were to busy to look at a Baby that had been promised by God himself as far back as Genesis 3:15. These people missed Jesus by a few feet, that separated the Inn from the Stable. As their minds were taken up with the matters at hand, they missed seeing the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords wrapped in those humble cloths.

Sadly, but true they missed the Christ Child Jesus who had left the realms of Glory. Who took upon Himself the form of man. Who was born in the little town of Bethlehem, no in a Palace but in a plain barn.

They were probably the same group of people that missed the ministry of Jesus as He walked among men, giving sight to the blind, opening the ears of the deaf, and healing the lame. Setting the captives free from Sin. They likely were not at CALVARY as Jesus hung there dying for the REDEMPTION of MAN'S soul from sin. They would have been too busy with the affairs of life.

Today at this Christmas season do not be so busy that you miss seeing Jesus. After all He is the reason for the season. Let not your heart be like the inn 2,000 years ago, which had no room for Christ to dwell within. Even today perpare Him room in your heart. This prepartion starts at Calvary where we receive the good news, that Jesus dies for our sins. We can have today sins forgiveness. All because Jesus was born, lived, and died on Calvary for your redemption and mine!

Then we continue each day with the Help of God to prepare more and more room for Jesus to dwell within. That is when the reality of the saying; "The greatest gift of Christmas is not under the Tree, but it is Jesus who desires to live in you and me."

There is only one Inn that Jesus desires to dwell in today. That is in your heart and mine. With all the hustle and bustle this season brings, are you too busy to see the Christ Child, the Manger, and the Star. Or are you preparing Him room in your Heart? Is there room in your heart this Christmas season, for the Christ of Christmas?

Merry Christmas
Rev. & Mrs. Terry Pitt

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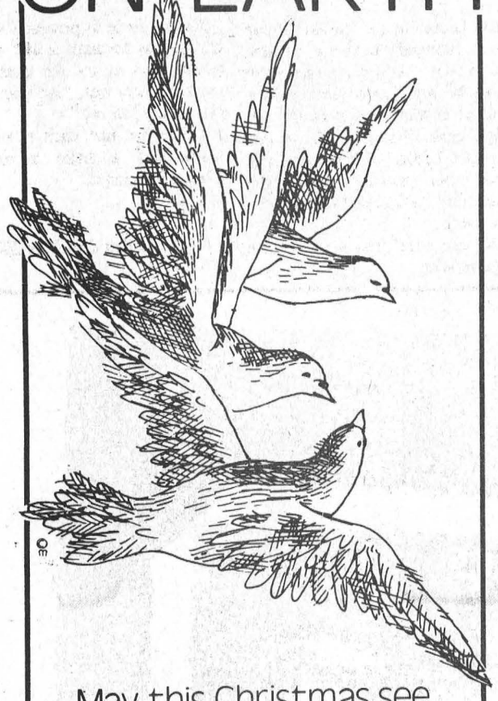

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God's wonderful gift



Rev. Garry and Anne Blinch

Christmas is the time we celebrate God's most wonderful gift to all mankind: His own Son, the Lord Jesus, the Christ-child.

The story of the birth in the stable and the manger-crib are well known to us. But why did God choose that the King of Kings should have such a humble start in life, instead of the royal honour and fanfare He deserved?

Consider these two reasons:1. He was touchable. In our hospitals today you cannot just walk into the nursery or the maternity ward and pick up any baby you wish! Even if that child was going to be adopted there are rules and restrictions that keep you on the other side of the window pane.

Yet God's only Son was placed for the whole world to come and get close to. Rough, common shepherds were His first visitors. In two thousand years, nothing has changed. Every person, no matter how lowly in station is free to come and touch the Saviour of the world.

2. He set the pace. The stable and the manger call us to enter in and become like Him: humble.

If a person could come to God through wealth, many would do it. If great acts of heroism would impress God, the line would be long.

Many try to know God through a religious life of good deeds and obedience to rules. But God required one thing and one thing only - humble yourself like my Son.

Admit you have a need (sin, wrongdoing) and receive God's FREE gift of salvation through Christ. It cannot be earned by any price or through any deed.

This Christmas we encourage all to come in humility to the manger and give your life to the Saviour of the world.

Pastor Garry and Anne Blinch



Rev. Harry & Grace Brown

Vulnerable Child

"Mary gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manager."

Is there anything more vunerable, more helpless, than a new born child? All of the wonder is there, all of the potential of what that child can be, but at that moment of birth the little one is very vunerable, so totally dependent on the actions of those around it.

Will it be ignored? Will it be rejected? Will it just be tolerated? Will it be loved and cherished? The infant has no choice in the matter, it can only be what it is, and offer itself.

The wonder of Christmas is that this is exactly what God has done for his world, for you and for me. God, the Almighty, the Creator, the Sovereign, has chosen to come into his world as a baby. He made himself vunerable to the actions of men. There were those, his parents, the shepherds, who received him with joy even though they did not understand fully what it was all about. There were others who plotted his destruction, for they saw in this infant a challenge to their way of life. The vast majority simply did not know that anything had happened. They were not expecting anything, they were not looking for anything, and they did not see anything!

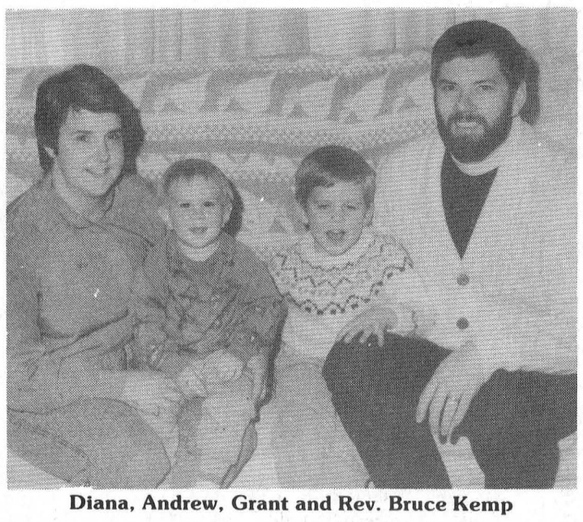
Why did God do it this way? It is not the way that I would have chosen. I would have come with legions of angels and all the glory of heaven--but then I am not God! He did it because it is the way of love---and God is love. To come in power and glory would certainly have attracted a lot more attention, but it is not the sort of thing that changes the human heart. Love is the thing that can do that, and God is love. Not the mushy, sentimental kind of feeling that we often associate with that word, and which often is the so called "Christmas Spirit", but love that is the giving fully of oneself for the good of another. Real love always makes us vunerable. It can be received and returned, it can also be rejected and abused. You never know, until you dare to love.

God has dared to love us. He has done so by coming into his world as a vunerable child. He has done so in order to share our life in all its aspects, its pains as well as its joys. He has done so in order that in his life, and the death and resurrection that would be a part of it, we might have a way in which we can share his life.

The disciple John describes it in this way. "God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God's gift at Christmas is the gift of love and of life.

In this our first Christmas in Morrisburg my wife Grace joins me in wishing all happiness and joy, and in particular the prayer that you might share in the vibrant gift of life that God offers us in his son Jesus. And for the year ahead! May we dare to love others as God has loved us. There is risk, there may be pain, but it is the way of life.

Harry H. Brown
St. James Church



Diana, Andrew, Grant and Rev. Bruce Kemp

Many remain spiritually hungry during holidays

The season of Christmas has become so busy and full with the sending of cards, buying of presents, decorating the tree, attending parties and planning large family gatherings, that it is hard to imagine that there was a time when Christmas did not exist.

Nearly two thousand years ago there occurred an event which was to have great significance for generations of people. The One destined to be the Saviour of mankind was born of a virgin in a stable in a small village called Bethlehem.

If you were to look for Bethlehem on a map of Israel you will find that it still exists but it has never become an important centre with any commercial or industrial significance. Two thousand years ago it was known as a small village in the territory of Judaea just outside of Jerusalem. In fact it was believed that nothing good would ever come from Bethlehem. And yet in this insignificant village was to be born the only Son of the Living God, born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. It was a truly miraculous birth but then this was to be a truly remarkable individual.

The name of the village in which He was born may be interpreted to mean "house of bread". Later when Jesus began His ministry the significance of this name would be revealed. In the story of the temptations He declared that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Luke 4:4). Later it would be revealed that Jesus Himself if the Bread of Life. Whoever feeds on Him will not go hungry (John 6:35).

Poverty and hunger are very much with us as evidenced by the need in our county which is being responded to by the South Dundas Christmas Basket Exchange. But while the solution to physical hunger will come through the redistribution of earthly treasures, spiritual hunger marked by social unrest, moral uncertainty and a search for truth and justice can only be satisified by receiving the One who is the Bread of Life.

The Scriptures have preserved for us the history and the teaching of the Son of God, the One who is the Bread of Life. In His words people may find the truth they seek and find a God who is truly Lord of time and space. God's love for His creation was revealed throught the unique birth of the One known as Jesus and through His birth the truth has been revealed that God has come to dwell with mankind, to mediate peace and to grant a full and everlasting life with Him.

But Christians are not just a people of the past. We are also a people of the present. We are called to be witnesses of God's love, truth and justice in the communities in which we live and work and socialize. We are not perfect but we strive to become mature by listening to God's word and seeking the values and truths of the Kingdom of God. We are to be light in the midst of darkness, truth in the midst of false ideals, justice in the midst of oppression, love in the midst of hate and prejudice, compassion and forgiveness in the midst of selfishness and bitterness.

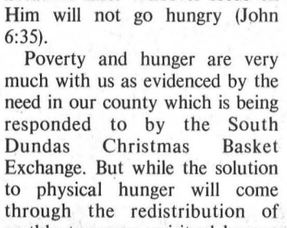
To help us remember this calling we light the candles of the Advent Wreath. One candle is lit for love, one is lit for truth, one is lit for justice, one is lit for hope. On Christmas Eve a special one is lit for Christ who is the light of the world and that light is passed to every one worshipping that night. With the whole sanctuary filled with candle light we sing of the Silent Night in which the Saviour was born and carry that light home in our hearts.

Christians are also a people of the future. We have a future to look forward to and we celebrate it in this time prior to Christmas called Advent. We celebrate the promise that Christ will return to bring those who accept Him as their Saviour and Lord into His Kingdom. We will be raised with a new body to be given to the new spirit God is bringing to birth in us right now, and we shall dwell with Him in His Kingdom - a Kingdom of perfect peace, love and justice.

For us this is the significance of Christmas. It is a celebration of the birth of the Son of God, our Saviour. It is an opportunity to celebrate the new birth of all who believe in the Lord Jesus and it is a time to pray for His quick return that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

To those of you who are Christians, we pray that this season may be a celebration of life, new birth and hope. To those of you who have yet to believe we extend a warm invitation to join the community we are a part of or any Christian community that you might experience for yourselves this dimension of the season and so come to know the greatest gift any human being can receive - the Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord.

In Christ's Name,
Bruce, Diana,
Grant and Andrew Kemp

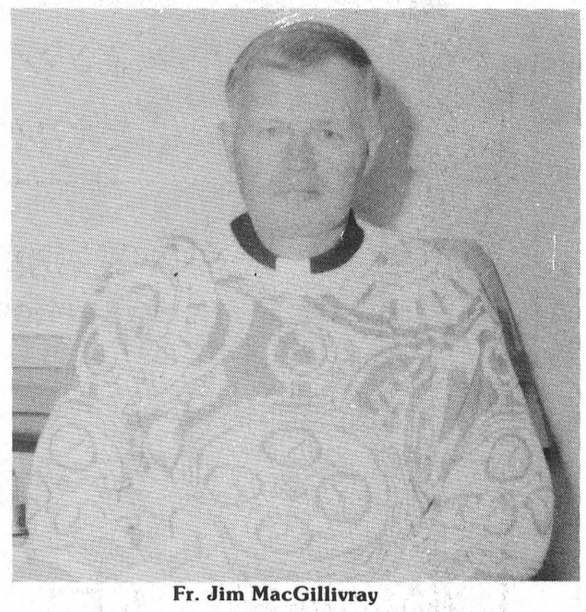


I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless You All!

Lillias Duvall

Reach out and give to each other



Fr. Jim MacGillivray

"Isn't anybody else lonely like me?"

An 84-year-old lady in Los Angeles recently put that question to a newspaper reporter and perhaps in that one question she crystallized the feelings of a lot more than just herself.

She put into words the isolated misery that grows like frost on the hearts of the lonely, and it seems that many feel lonelier today than at any other time in history. Maybe that is why there seems to be such a longing for the times we never knew, the so-called 'good-old days' - the Currier & Ives etchings.

They are filled with contented looking people who always seem to have the time to look at and listen to and smile at each other.

But where is the time for all that now? Along with our progress, something else has been produced - a plaguing sense of loneliness that makes us feel fixed, at isolate distances, from each other.

"Isn't anybody else lonely like me?" the old lady asked and the answer could be, "Yes, millions of us."

The Christian should stand as a sign to the world that man need not be lonely, that we have a brother in Christ who knows what being human is like - from learning lessons, to losing friends, to feeling lonely at the end of it all.

By becoming a human being Christ changed humanity; he sent his Spirit to overcome the madness and meanness which separate us and keep us lonely.

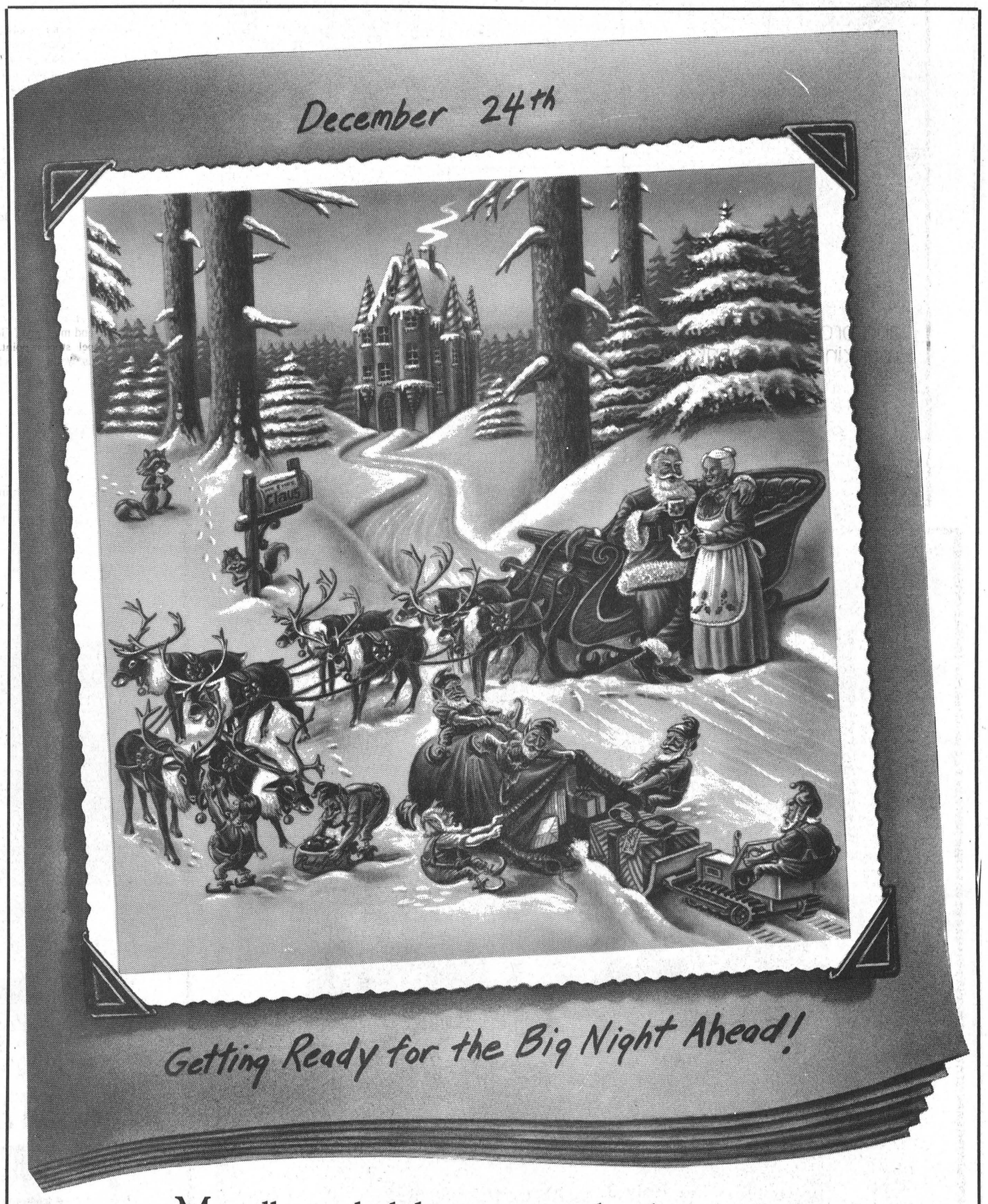
We can offer the gift of our love to overcome the loneliness of some other person while at the same time saving ourselves from loneliness.

We can reach out and give life to each other.

Only a force as powerful as love can get us through a life that so often bows us to our knees and makes us cry out, "Isn't anybody else lonely like me?"

Could we not each resolve to reach out a little more this Christmas season?

Father Jim MacGillivray



May all your holiday memories be cherished.

Merry Christmas and thanks.

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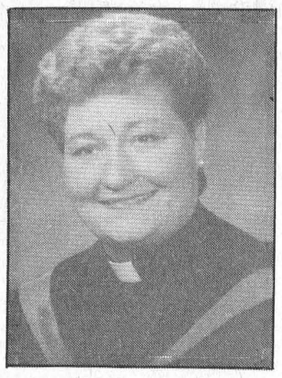
Christmas - a special time of year



Pastor Christine Mussar

It's Christmas - that special time of the year.

Everyone's thoughts seem to be focused on joy, peace, happiness, good will towards all humankind and, of course, love. For a short time, the world seems to take on a warm glow. The feeling in the air is almost magical. Christmas is about one of the greatest miracles of all time and as the season comes upon us, it seems like anything is indeed possible.

Look at the people as they go about their business. See the smiles on their lips; enjoy the greetings and wishes they share with those they come in contact with; hear the choruses of Christmas carols that fill the air.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, if it could always be like this? Or would it? If we see the world through special rose coloured glasses, everything does indeed look too good to be true, and the reality is that it is not so. If we look beyond the surface, we find that Christmas is not necessarily the season that we make it out to be.

Look at the people. There are those who are truly happy and joyous during this Christmas season, but look farther. See the others, those who we don't want to see at any time but especially not during this time of the year. We don't have far to look. These people are all around us - perhaps next door or even in our own homes.

Think of the poor. It's not easy when one has difficulty in making ends meet. Yet at Christmas, there is so much more to spend money on: the food that we associate with tradition; the warm clothes that our climate demands; the gifts (especially with the cost of toys for children who naturally want what everyone else is getting).

It's hard not to be able to provide everything one would like the family to have, but it's devastating not to be able to provide the trimmings that go with the season. The poor, however, are not the only ones for whom Christmas is not all happiness.

The sick and shut-in find it an especially difficult time as they are not able to be a part of all the activities. Confined to a hospital bed a nursing home room or an empty house, they feel like the world has forgotten them and is passing them by. They and the lonely have a great deal in common. It's never nice to be alone but Christmas is not meant to be spent alone. It's a time for family and friends, laughter and good times heard with special people.

And then, there are those who are mourning at Christmas. The first year without a loved one, and empty chair at the table, a voice missing from the carol sing are all reminders of things which can now only live in memories. Who said Christmas is a time of joy and happiness, love and peace? Christmas, for some, is the saddest time of the entire year. A time, for which, there seems to be no way of breaking through the cold and pain of the heart.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John 1:1-5, 14)

God saw the suffering of his children and came to dwell with them. He could have come as a flash of lightning from heaven or as a mighty warrior king but that would not have brought us the comfort, for which our hearts were yearning. He came as an infant born of Mary. A tiny child, like any child, who would make us laugh and who could warm even the coldest of hearts.

It's hard to hold onto a word but it is a joy to reach out to a child. God came to celebrate our joys and to share our burdens. He comes not only to the happy and the prosperous but also to the poor, the lonely, the sick and the mourning.

May the gifts of our God be known and shared by us so that everyone may feel the "glory as of the only Son of the Father." May the warmth of Christmas, shine in all our hearts this Christmastide and in the coming year.

Pastor Christine Mussar
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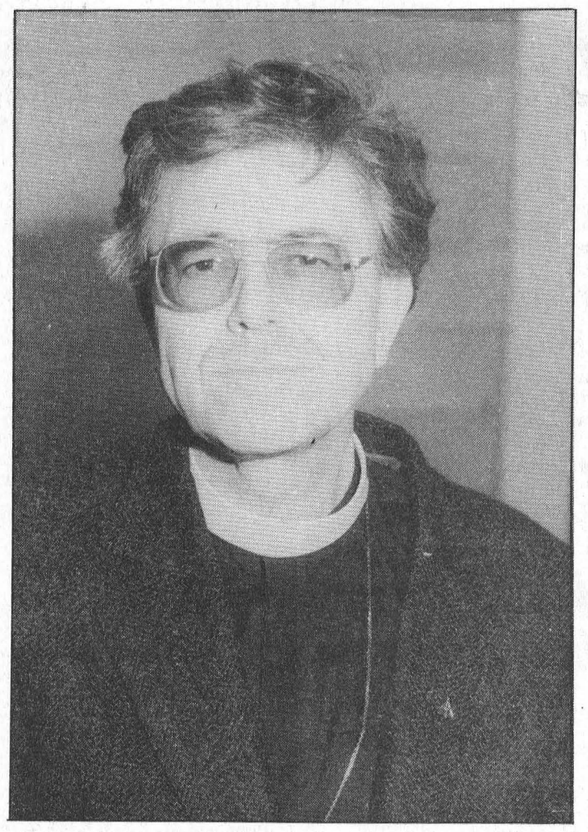

Rev. John Tangelder

Church easily forgotten

What is Christmas?

A time to rest after the shopping rush, to feast, eat and recall memories of a year that is nearly spent? We have an evergreen tree as a picture of survival. The lights shine as the symbol of warmth. Children come home from college. Letters and cards are received from friends and acquaintances. What have we forgotten? A game of cribbage, the showing of home movies? But then we have summed it up Christmas has become a worldly feast. Let the winter threaten with its cold and boredom; we exchange presents, sing and eat. We have it warm despite a record cold spell! Let it snow. The sparkling beauty of the snow blanket lends its own serenity and splendour to what has come to be regarded as a festival fo family and children.

Have I forgotten something else perhaps? The church? Alright! The Gospel gives the added touch to the Christmas season. The Christmas celebrations are not quite complete without a special service where you can listen to the organ play the familiar hymns and hear children and adult choirs sing as they have never sung all year.

The Christmas narrative itself is lovely. No wonder that the feast of the nativity of our Lord, the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ is the most popular one on the church calendar. How easy it is to sentimentalize about the Babe of Bethlehem.

How do we celebrate Christmas? As a minister, I am of course very much involved in the season's activities. But somehow I find it had to get into the mood this year. You hear the usual peace overtures by world figures. Even godless world leaders say a few polite words about the spirit of Christ, the Prince of Peace, we all must have. But peace is always around the corner. It never seems to catch up with this tired, war-torn world. What a year we have behind us! An attempt to overthrow the government in the Philippines, the battle for San Salvador, the massacre of student sin Tiananmen Square, Beijing, the slaying of the president of Lebanon. A world in turmoil! Strife and hatred are rampant.

Plenty of peace missions, but no peace! Oh, we talk about the terrible wrongs and the suffering in our world. The topic of hungry and poverty stricken millions enters our conversation while we take another delicious drumstick from our richly laden and nicely decorated tables.

Merry Christmas! But how merry is it for the lonely, the sorrowing, the troubles? What a tragic topsy-turvy world! Merry Christmas? Before we wish each other all the best for the season, we should ask ourselves "How concerned are we about our world?" Perhaps we should place this question before our consciences.

What is Christmas? In this cynical world, hope arrived in the form of a baby born to a virgin who had journeyed with her fiance Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The city inn had no room for the warty travellers. Young Mary and Joseph could find only a stable for accommodation. In this stable the hope of the world was born. I imagine that when the angels looked down from heaven they said something like this: "Who is this so weak and helpless, Child of lowly Hebrew maid?"

And there's on answer, and one answer only: "Tis the Lord, the King of glory!" That is the wondrous story of the first Christmas. Let Charles Wesley answer the question. Looking into the manger, what do we see? According to Wesley: "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate Deity!"

Christmas is glorious! God did not look down with icy disinterest, but He loved the world so much "that He gave His only Son, so that anyone who trusts in Him may never perish but have eternal life." We can celebrate Christmas, when we bow in adoration and prayer before Jesus Christ, born in a stable, crucified on a cross, buried in a borrowed grave, risen from the dead, ascended to heaven, and now reigning as King!

With this gospel story in mind, I wish you all a BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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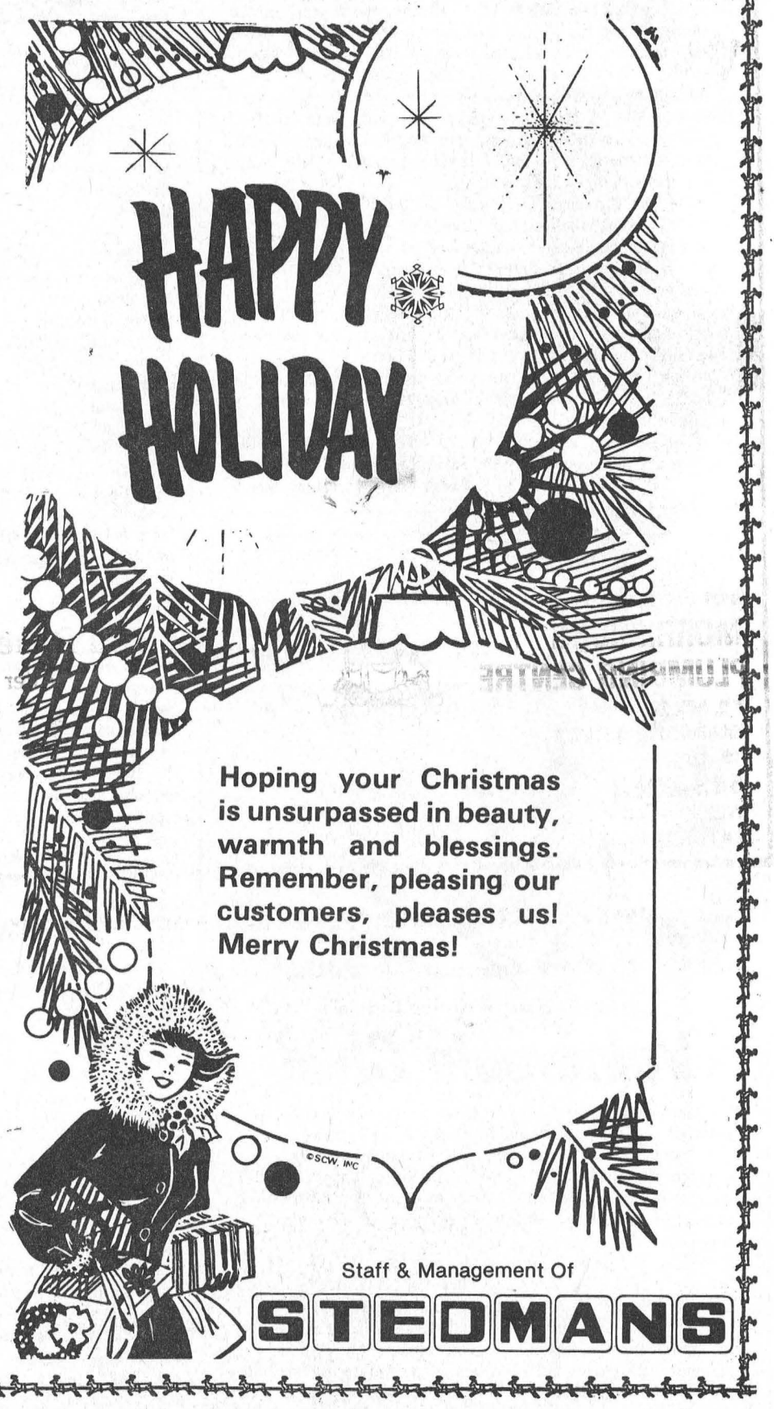

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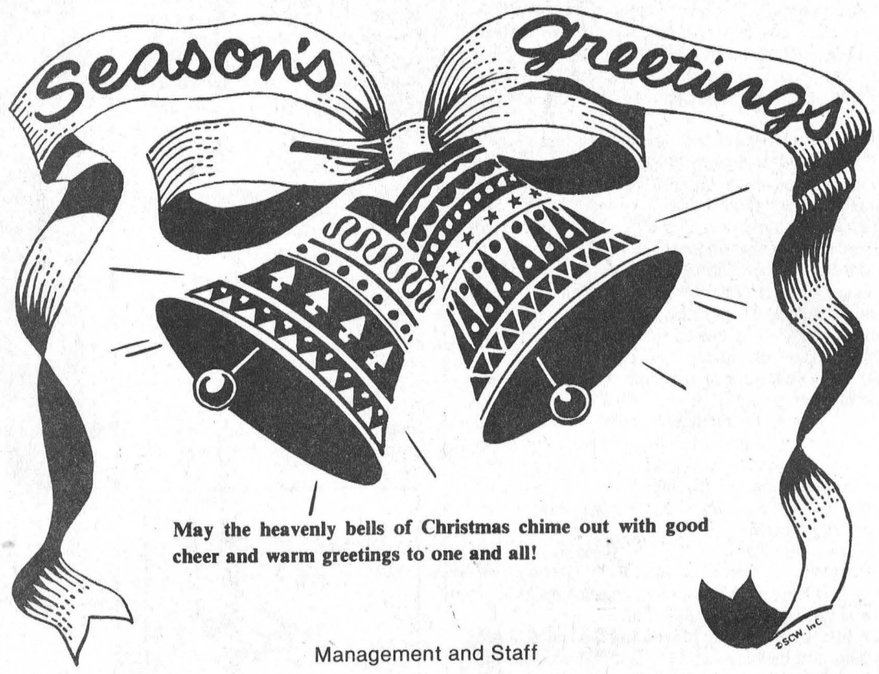

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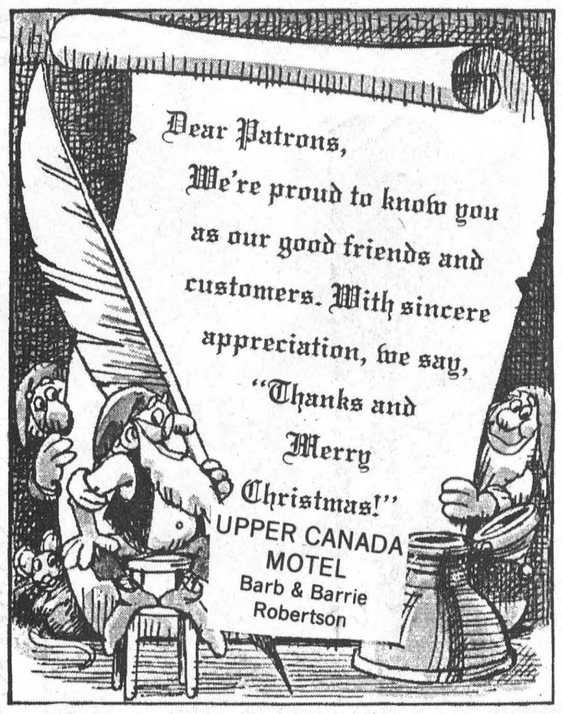

Following an age-old tradition

Filling Christmas stocking is an important ritual

One of the most beloved symbols of generosity at holiday-time is the Christmas stocking. From its origins in age-old legend to the present day, the stocking continues to have an important place in the tradition of gift-giving.

While no one can say for certain, many people believe that the custom of stuffing Christmas stockings began with an act of Saint Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.

A bishop in Asia Minor in the fourth century A.D., Saint Nicholas is credited with many acts of kindness and generousity - acts by and large performed at night and in secret.

Among these was the provision of dowries to three sisters who, because of their poverty, were unable to wed. To help each of these young ladies in turn, Saint Nicholas dropped a bag of gold down the chimney of their home on three separate occasions.

The bags fell into their stockings, which were hung out to dry - an accident of fate which was the starting point for a long-lasting custom.

Eight centuries later, the custom of giving presents in the name of Saint Nicholas came into being, when French nuns began giving gifts to the children of poor families on December 5th, the Eve of Saint Nicholas' Day.

These gifts, left secretly for the children to enjoy, comprised the sorts of treats, such as nuts and exotic fruits, that during the rest of the year were beyond their means.

The custom of giving presents such as these on Saint Nicholas' Eve spread and took hold, particularly in Belgium and the Netherlands.

There, children traditionally left out their wooden shoes, filled with carrots and hay for Saint Nicholas' horses, before they went to bed on Saint Nicholas' Eve. When they awoke in the morning, they hoped to find their shoes filled not with fodder for horses, but with small toys and sweets.

Children in other countries also left out shoes - not stockings - to be filled. In rural France, Christmas Eve is the big day? in the Basque region of Spain, in the shadow of the Pyrenees, the children wait til the Eve of Three Kings Day to set their shoes on the windowsill, in hopes that the travelling Magi will leave them a gift.

Saint Nicholas, too, is a traveller, in a more figurative sense, for it is he who, by the early years of the 19th century, had crossed the Atlantic Ocean to America, becoming Santa Claus along the way.

Mention is made of Santa Claus in a newspaper article as early as 1773 and, by 1810, when the New York Historical Society organized a Celebration of the Festival of Saint Nicholas, not only Santa Clause, but the stockings he traditionally filled, had become commonplace.

It must be remembered, of course, that New York, once New Amsterdam, boasts Dutch roots. However, it was not a Dutchman, but a man of Scottish ancestry, Washington Irving, who really brought Santa Claus and his Christmas stockings to the attention of the American public.

In his History of New York, written under the pen name of Diedrich Knickerbocker, Irving mentions not only Santa's habit of "drawing forth magnificent presents and dropping them down the chimneys of his favorites," but also show stockings hung on Christmas Eve are "found in the morning mysteriously filled."

It was left to Clement Clarke Moore, diffident author of A Visit from Saint Nicholas, to round out the picture, drawing a portrait of Sanda Claus which has remained with us now for over 150 years, and confirming in the annals of Christmas merriment the tradition of putting out stockings for Saint Nicholas to fill.

Today, Christmas stockings are still "hung by the chimney with care," though they are more likely to be bought or made for the purpose than simply one's everyday, homespun hose.

Also, they are usually filled with gifts more exotic or sophisticated than the traditional oranges, apples and shiny coins - or even the lumps of coal, the customary reward of a child who has misbehaved. And not only the children, but mom, dad, even Rover and Mittens are likely to have one, making filling the family's stockings an increasing challenge to creativity.

Small toys are likely to appeal to everyone, young and old alike. The family chef may enjoy a few new culinary gadgets, and the family gardener some packets of seeds or a new trowel. New tools will appeal to the handyman, while rawhide strips and catnip-filled mice are sure to tickle the fancy of four-legged friends.

Encourage reading by stuffing each stocking with a suitable book - and a bookmark chosen especially for each member of the family (the family pet can safely be ignored on this round).

Handmade stocking stuffers are particularly appealing. Try filling pretty handkerchiefs with potpourri and tying them up with satin or embroidered ribbons (this is even better if you make your own potpourri, too!).

And, don't limit your stocking stuffing to family members - encourage everyone to contribute gifts to stockings for the less fortunate, perhaps bringing them to the children's ward of a local hospital.

Use your imagination; every act of thoughtful generosity, after all, rekindles the spirit of giving which motivated Saint Nicholas all those centuries ago, and makes the holiday season not only enjoyable but meaningful, as well.



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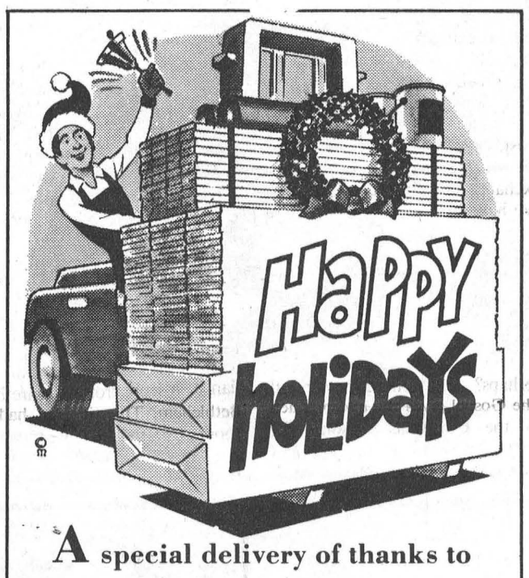

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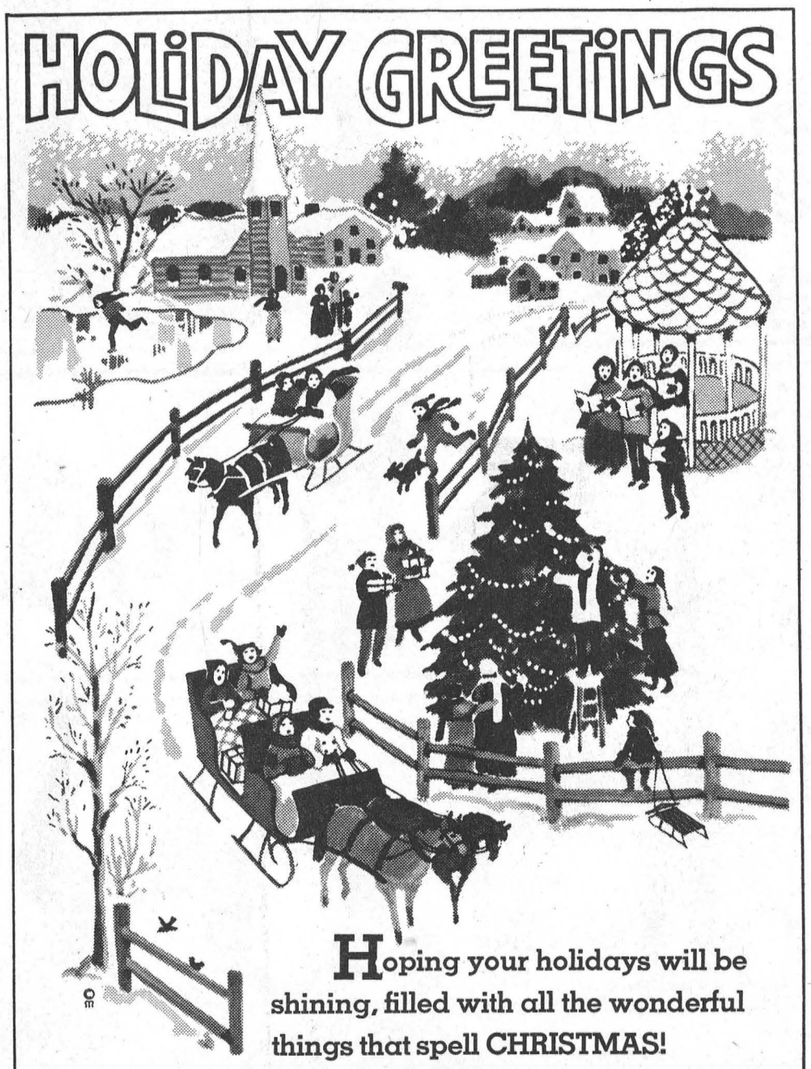

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