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## REVIVE THE CHRISTMAS CAROL!

In days gone by much enjoyment was given to the people of this good town by the Christmas music which was rendered on Christmas Eve. through the neighborhood by an extemporized choir that embraced every good singer who could be pressed into it. Led by the late Squire, J. W. Armstrongthe choirsters did not stint themselves in their joyous rendition of the beautiful carols and each Christmas had the warmest thanks of the community.

Would it not be possible to revive this ancient custom, brought to us from across the Atlantic many years ago? We are all so very busy these days of multiplication of meetings and run-abouts, that we are apt to drop some of these old time customs, trusting perhaps that the radio or the gramaphone can take their place. Vicarious performances of this kind are all very well but they cannot take the place of community singing. That is the real music. As a native African recently remarked music is—that is personal music— is the queen of the Arts. It is really part of our life, like speech. The Creator intended that man should be musical as He has given each one of us the most refined of musical instruments, though truth to tell, in some of us it is sadly in need of cultivation.

Surely those wh can sing should be willing to revive the Christmas Carols. Load up and sing.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Some men who boast that all their money was made by hard work never mentioned whose hard work it was.

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Grey County boys who have been rightly grounded in their early training seem to have succeeded wherever their lot is cast. The latest illustration is afforded by the new Superintendent of Education for the Province of Saskatchewan. Receiving his early education in Meaford J. S. Huff, M.A., D. Paed., son of the late local school inspector, chose teaching as a profession and successfully taught a school in Kimberley village, the Northwest offering him a wider sphere, after obtaining his degree of M A. at Kingston University, the youthful educationist proceeded to Regina, where he speedily qualified to for a first class certificate. Very soon afterwards he became principal of North Battleford High School; in a year or two he was appointed inspector of schools, securing the same year the degree of Doctor of Paed. from Queens. Since then he did good work as head of the Normal Schools at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. Now he becomes Provincial over-seer of all the schools in Saskatchewan and Dr. Huff's brilliant career brings honor to himself and much satisfaction to many friends in the County of Grey.

A new industry has sprung up at Uhtoff where a plant has been installed that will produce lime for agricultural purposes—the only one of its kind in Canada.

Mr. Baldwin of Toronto was in town this week looking over the property recently purchased by the Bank of Commerce from Mr. N. P. McIntyre. The object o his visit was to view the situation first hand and call for contracts to clean up the debris with the idea of getting started on the new building the first thing in the spring. While nothing has been done so far we understand it is the bank's intention to commence the cleaning up prices immediately after the first of the year.—Durham Chronicle.

## Santa Attracted Large Crowd on Saturday

Santa Claus made his annual public appearance in Flesherton on Saturday afternoon last when he arrived in a snow car, to be greeted by a huge crowd of boys and girls, men and women. He was met at the southern outskirts of the town by the local band which was in the Old Home week calithumpian parade and the music enlivened the course of his journey through town. It was a great event for the little folk and they took great pleasure in being presented with a bag of candies and nuts and being in close proximity to Santa Claus. The memories of the visits Santa makes to town will remain vivid memories of a wonderful childhood. Nine hundreds bags of candies and nuts were distributed and 150 of them contained a special prize of a large orange and a large handkerchief.

A huge Christmas tree festooned with streamers and colored lights decorated the square and at night this was a beautiful thing to behold. It is being left in position until after the Christmas season.

After the reception to Santa Claus an afternoon of sports was enjoyed by the youngsters. The dog race for boys or girls over 12 years of age resulted in Ross Irving of Swinton Park taking first prize, with Laurie Russell second and Robt. Dargavel third. The dog race under 12 saw Helen Irving leading, with Archie Graham second, and Leslie Seeley third. Flesherton public school was the only one entered in the Leap Frog contest, and they went through their paces to the amusement of the crowd.

In the pony race Ed. Ferris took first, George Akitt second and George Sled third. Portlaw school secured first in the school singing and yell contest with Rock Mills second. John Foster of Feversham brought 17 in his load and the largest family was that of P. J. Somers of Osprey with nine coming a distance of 9 miles.

The cat and doll show was held in the town hall and the entries were not as numerous as last year, although all classes were well filled, several sections having a third prize added. The awards were as follows:—

Dark Persian, Jack Down, Ted Dixon; Light Persian, Jim Thurston; Cat with kittens, Jean Collinson; Kitten, P. J. Somers, Ed. Ferris; Maltese, Jack Dingwall, Geo. McMaster; Black Cat, Ruth Wolstencroft, Mervyn Somers, Dorothy Ottewell; White Cat, Melvin Buchanan, Carlotta Plester; 2 colors, Eric Stafford, Emory Fisher, Hazel McKillop; 3 colors, Glenard Croft, Ethel Dargavel, Mabel Adams; White Rabbit, Ruth Turney.

Doll Dressed for Winter, Mabel Haw, Velma Alcox; Doll in Cradle, Verna Gorrell.

Some excellent letters were written to Santa by the children and posted in the special mail box on the corner and the lady high school teachers were occupied for about two hours securing the twelve best letters by the boys and girls. The following were the winners:—Girls,—1st, Julia Croft, 2nd Winnie Graham, 3rd Verna Gorrell, 4th Muriel Bamford, 5th Lilian Magee, 6th Doris Warling. Boys—1st Douglass Scott, 2nd Eric Oliver, 3rd Don Graham, 4th Roy Chapman, 5th Lloyd Jas. Vause, 6th Lawrence Phillips.

Any of the above who have not received their prize money can secure it at The Advance office.

Saturday was an ideal day for the visit of Santa Claus, the weather being nice and mild and everybody was able to remain outside to view the races and various contests.

The committee for Santa Claus day wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to make the day the success it was. Everybody worked hard and the event was made one of the best ever held. We are sure the boys and girls were given a good time, which was one of the main ideas in holding the event.

## Boys' Letter Contest

FIRST PRIZE

Flesherton, Ont.
Dec. 13th, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus,—

It is a long time since last Christmas and my toys are running short. Would you please bring me a Big Model Steam Engine.

You were very good to me last Christmas and I am sure you will be as good to me this year. I hope you will have enough toys for all the boys and girls.

Your friend,
Douglas Scott.

SECOND PRIZE

Priceville P. O. R. R. No. 3.
Dec. 12 1929.

Dear Santa Claus,—

My name is Eric Oliver. I will be seven years old on the thirty-first day of Dec. 1929. I was in England last Christmas in Thorhorn Kings Lynn, Norfolk. I would rather be in Canada for Santa Claus never came to the town at all. He came to the house and brought me an airoplane and a fire-engine drum but I broke it all to pieces to see what was in it. Two years ago I was in Flesherton to see you and I am glad to be back here in Flesherton to see you again. Please bring me a coaster sleigh for I do love sleigh riding down a hill. I would like lots of other things. But I want a sleigh in particular. Good bye dear old Santa.

From Eric Oliver.

THIRD PRIZE

Flesherton, Ont.
Dec. 13th, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus,—

I have to write with a pencil because I'm only eight years old and haven't learned to write with a pen yet.

Would you please bring me a toy gun and a rubber elephant like I saw in Dick Richardson's store. No Santa I mean in Mr. Richardson's store. My Mama says I should always say Mr.

My little brother would like a horn and a mouth organ and a violin but he is too small to write so I am putting this in my letter.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
Don Graham.

## Girls' Letter Contest

FIRST PRIZE

Flesherton, Ont.,
Dec. 13th. 1929

Dear Santa,—

I can hardly wait for Christmas Eve to come I am so anxious for your visit. I hope all children are as pleased with what presents you leave as I am. There are several things I would like this Christmas, but as you have so many children to visit I will be satisfied with whatever you leave me. You will find my stocking hanging beside my sister's. I will leave you a piece of cake and a glass of milk on the table as I expect you will be cold and hungry with driving so far. I will close my letter now hoping you are able to get around to visit all your children.

Your loving child,
Julia Croft.

SECOND PRIZE

Flesherton, Ont.
Dec. 10, 1929.

Dear Santa,—

I am looking forward to seeing you in Flesherton on December fourteenth. I hope it will be a nice day so it will be more pleasant for you to travel.

I like to read and I like to sew and if you have a gift for me anything like that will do. But please dear Santa bring lots of toys to some little children I know. whose daddy and mama are very poor and they have no aunties nor uncles nor grandma to give them things like I have.

Wishing you and Mrs. Santa a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I remain, yours sincerely
Winnie Graham.

THIRD PRIZE

Flesherton, Ont.

Santa Cleas.
Flesherton.

Deas Santa Claus,—

I am pleased to hear that you are coming to our village to-day. I have been looking forward to your coming for a long time. You treated me so good last Christmas and I know you will not forget us this year. Would you please bring me a pair of skates and boots size thirteen and fill my stocking. Don't forget my two little sisters, Marjorie and Gwen. Marjorie would like a mamma doll called Frances and Gwen would like a mamma doll called Peggy. I hope I am not asking for too much. Did you have a nice trip coming from the North Pole. You must be very busy getting everything ready for all the good girls and boys. I was going to take my beautiful big cat(Thomas) to the cat show to-day but we found him lying stretched out dead in the wood shed. I am very sorry about my pet. When you come to see us at Christmas you will find our house on the right hand side of the Toronto road. There are two houses alike but ours is the last one. Hoping you will have a very pleasant visit with us at Christmas. We will leave something for you to eat on the table. So. goodbye.

Your loving friend,
Verna Gorrell

## S. S. NO. 11 ARTEMESIA

5th clss—Dorothy Halbert.

Sr. 3—Mitchell Taylor, Lloyd Boland, John Boland, Violet Fitzsimmons.

Jr. 3—Elta Cargoe, Wilma Cargoe Hilliard Fitzsimmons, Willie Bowles, Allan Taylor.

2nd—Bernice Harbottle, Archie Graham, Carman Sewell.

1st.—Jean Wyville, Laurene Baker Rhesa McLean, Ralph Fitzsimmons.

Primer —Ernie Shepperd, Doreen Boland, Delmer McLean, Hughie Wyville, Evelyn McGee, Pauline Hutchinson, Pat Weber, Joyce McGee.

E. Brown, Teacher.

A cigarette stub dropped from an upper story of a Collingwood business block, set an awning on fire and destroyed it.

## Johnston Little Passes

Mr. Johnston Little of Owen Sound died on Tuesday morning after an illness of only one week's duration from pneumonia.

The late Mr. Little, who was in his 74th year, was born in the township of Artemesia, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little. He spent many years around Maxwell and Flesherton, having learned the trade of blacksmithing, but some 28 years ago moved to Owen Sound, and soon after arrival there accepted a position with the firm of John Harrison & Sons Co., and has been a faithful servant there ever since. He was one of the most prominent members of the Orange order and was a member of L.O.L. 1102 of the Royal Black Preceptory and of the True Blues. For the past 25 years he has been the faithful secretary of the West Grey Co. Orange Lodge and was much beloved by the brethreen all over the district. He was also a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and a Past Chief Ranger of the local Court. He was a member of Division Street United Church.

Deceased was married many years ago to Miss Mary Blakeley, a member of one of the pioneer families of Artemesia, and she survives with one son, Capt. Herbert J. Little, and two daughters. Miss Elizabeth Little at home, and Mrs. Mary Logan of Dobbinton. Another son, Dr. W. T. Little died in 1918. He is also survived by three brothers, Wm. G. Little of Toronto, Dr. Arthur E. Little of Owen Sound, and Dr. H. M. Little of Powassan. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at Owen Sound.

## Feversham L.O.L. Officers

Feversham Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1085 met in their lodge room on Wed. Dec. 11 when the following officers were elected for the year 1930:

W. M. Earnest Brownridge; D. M. Fred Brown; Chaplain, Jas. McKenzie Rec. Sec., Fred Beatty; Fin. Sec., H. G. Burke; Treas., Stuart McMullen; D. of C. John Beatty; Lecturers, Victor Wright, Kendal Hawkins; Com., Wm. Hollingshead, Richard Hallam, Rozzel Conn, Fred Hollingshead.

After a short address from the newly elected officers the evening was brought to a happy ending when all partook of a hearty lunch.

## L.O.L. 509 Officers

L. O. L. No. 509 held their election of officers on Monday evening last and Harold Richardson was elected Master of the Lodge for 1930. Mr Geo. Cairns acted as installing Master. following are the officers:

I. P. M.,—G. B. Littlejohns.
W. M.—H. Richardson.
D. M.—Alex. Miller.
Chaplain—G. W. Littlejohns.
Rec.-Sec.—J. E. Bowles.
Fin. Sec.—Russell Hill.
Treasurer—Joseph Beattie.
Marshall—Wm. Bowles.
1st Lect.—H. Lever.
2nd Lect.—Wm. Coburn
Com.—Wes. Foster, Norman Stoddart, Willis Coburn, Jos. McKee, John Dillon.
Tyler—John Bennett.
Sentinel—John Gibson.

## LADY BANK

Ideal winter weather at time of writing with good sleighing.

The Ladies' Aid of Providence church held their annual election of officers in the church on Wed. of last week, when the following were elected for 1930: Pres. Mrs. Frank Short; Vice Pres., Mrs. Alex Maxwell; Sec., Mrs. Cyrus Shortt; Assistant Sec., Mrs. Sherman Ottewell; Treas., Mrs. Mort Sayers; Buying Com., Mrs. Jno. Dobson, Mrs. A. Holroyde and Mrs. Jno. Ottewell; Sec. Treas. for buying Com., Mrs. Wm. Semple. There are 17 members on the roll. Mrs. Maxwell, the retiring Pres. thanked the members for their great assistance toward the good work. The ladies returned their thanks by a hearty clap of the hands. It was decided that all the members present each other with a small gift at the next meeting. It is to be held at the home of Mrs. Alex Maxwell on Jan. 8th.

12th line School Concert and Christmas tree will be held on Friday 20th. better known as the Kaitting school in days gone by. Everybody come and have a good time.

Miss Beatrice Poole of the Parkhouse, Flesherton, spent Sunday at her parental home here.

Miss Edith Semple is the guest of friends at Markdale at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sewell and daughter, Velma visited friends at Rock Mills Sunday and attended service in the church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Semple spent a day with friends at Singhampton recently.

Many from this vicinity attended the sports at Flesherton on Sat. last and report a good time.

This is what an Irish conductor called over the heads of the strap-hangers at the rush hour the other night:

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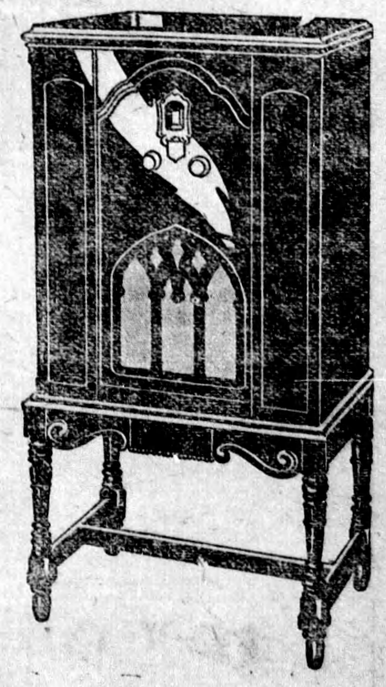

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