

Christmas time once more and I wonder if we are any nearer to realizing its true meaning, or are we, even more, entering into the generally accepted opinion that Christmas is only a time of pleasure, a time of getting and giving more and more expensive gifts, of having a drink (which always turns into too many), "just because it's Christmas", spending much more than is available and then deploring the fact that the bills keep coming in after Christmas is over?

To me, Christmas always starts with the singing of carols and even though there are commercials both before and after, they are lovely and bring to mind those faraway hills where shepherds watched their flocks, saw the Star, and heard the angels sing.

It's a busy time, yes, I know. I always think of so many things I'd like to do, that, quite naturally, I don't get done, but I do get the main ones done and do not worry about the others. Christmas, too, means having my family with me, and I don't think there is anything else on earth that makes me realize the mercy and love of God as much as having them want to come home. And as long as I am in my own home (and I'll be there as long as I can crawl around myself), they will be home for Christmas dinner. This year there will be two daughters, two sons-in-law, one son, four grandsons, one granddaughter, one aunt, one uncle, and one very dear friend, as well as myself. And the hustle and bustle as the girls bring their contributions to the dinner and help get everything ready for the table, while the grandchildren

snoop into the kitchen and get underfoot, the Grace that comes from the heart, "Lord, we thank Thee for this food and for the privilege of being together to enjoy it", is all climaxed as we open our gifts when dinner is finished and then relax as the children go out to play.

Yes, Christmas is a time of working and planning, of remembering times both sad and gay, of thanking God for His blessings, and they are many if we only take time to count them, and of trying to give someone, somewhere, a little bit of kindness and pleasure to remember.

And so to all my readers, the ones who have written or said such nice things to me; to the ones who never forget to send me whatever bits of news they have; to the ones who do forget (for I know how hard it is to remember sometimes), may this Christmas be one that not only you, but those around you, will remember with joy, and in the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us All".

Catholic Women Plan for New Year

The regular meeting of St. Patrick's C.W.L., chaired by President Mrs. L. O'Shaughnessy was held in the St. Patrick School, Cobalt, recently.

Father Scully opened the meeting with the League Prayer. Routine business followed with reports heard from all conveners.

On a motion made by Mrs. V. Thompson, Convener for Education, it was decided to give a gift of \$10 to the boy and girl in Grade 8 with the highest standings.

Initial plans were discussed for the St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bingo which are planned for Thursday, March 15, in the Cobalt Community Hall with further discussion held over for the January meeting.

Miss G. Murphy was appointed to purchase the flowers for decorating the church at Christmas.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy is making up a box of Christmas baking, collected from the women of the Parish, to send to a Postulant.

Father Scully reported on the recent Diocesan Meeting held in New Liskeard. Mrs. A. Bazinet is the convener for the next meeting.

Christmas Pageant At Baptist Church

Haileybury Baptist Church was filled Sunday evening, December 17th, when pupils of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes of the Sunday School presented in a colourful pageant, the Story of Christmas. The changing scenes portrayed the Angel's visit to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph in the stable, the shepherds on the hillside, the shepherds' visit to the manger, and the visitation and presentation by the Wise Men.

The cast included: the address of welcome and opening prayer, Mrs. deVries; narrator, G. Kelly; the prophet, David deVries; Heralds, Frank Parcher, Brian Huff, Michael and Danny Hopkins; angel Gabriel, Jackie Parcher; Mary, Karen Kelly; Joseph, Joe Tressidder; littlest angel, Virginia Davidson; Elizabeth, Louise Kelly; Shepherds, Paul deVries, Ronald Parcher, Keith and Eileen Sullivan; Wise Men, Linda Huff, Leslie Sheepwash and Elizabeth McMillan.

Choir — Mrs. D. Davidson, Betty van Noort, Cheryl MacLean, Lenore Kelly, Jean Kranz, Diane Milroy, Rosanne deVries, Susanne Gagnon; ushers — Robert and Terry Gagnon.

Others assisting: Music, Mrs. W. Davis; Directing, Mrs. W. Hopkins; Costumes, Jean Wilson, Mrs. M. Wilson, Marilyn Whelan, Mrs. G. Kelly.

Decorations and Stage Settings—Marilyn Whelan, Colleen Riley, D. Huff, Frances Parcher, W. Hopkins, and G. Kranz.

Lighting — Dudley Huff and Wesley Kranz.

Lunch — Mrs. D. Huff and Mrs. G. Kranz.

New Year Custom Called 'Pin Money'

New Year's Day hasn't always been January 1 in England, but whenever the day fell it was the occasion for giving and receiving presents.

Kings and queens received very elaborate gifts on this day. The gifts presented and received by ordinary people led to the phrase "pin money." It was custom for men to give their wives and daughters money for pins and knickknacks on New Year's Day.

Haileybury Personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rudd, who spent a few days in Toronto, have returned home. Guests at the Rudd home for the holiday season will be their daughter Diana, who is a student at Victoria College, University of Toronto; their son, Bill and Mrs. Rudd, and two grandchildren, Dean and Darlene.

Bob Tyson of the University of Toronto, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tyson.

Tom Beasley of Rexdale will be with his mother, Mrs. T. W. Beasley for the Christmas holidays.

Attending the meeting of Shuniah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held in Cobalt, were Mr. and Mrs. G. Moody and Mrs. T. Cragg of Haileybury, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morgan, Mrs. P. Greening and Mrs. A. Clow, of North Cobalt.

Mrs. N. Washburn and daughters Kim and Kari of New York, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Washburn's mother, Mrs. L. Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Paul LaPalme will spend the Christmas holiday in Ottawa as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaPalme. Carmen Beauvais and Ronald Rhinds will be in St. Bruno de Gignes with Mr. Lucien Beauvais for Christmas.

Miss Claudette Levesque will spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Florient Levesque in Ansonville.

Miss Marilyn Pretty will be a holiday guest at her home in Kirkland Lake.

Miss Bridgette St. Pierre will

accompany Miss Jeanne Quesnel to Coniston, where they will be the guests of Miss Quesnel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Quesnel for the Christmas holiday.

Miss Frances Ouimet will visit her parents in Rouyn for the Christmas week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Walli and son Stephen, of Houghton, Michigan, are holidaying with Mr. Walli's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Walli. Mr. Walli is in his final year in Mining Engineering at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, in Houghton.

Raymonde Shank will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shank at Val Caron.

Miss Jeannine Smith will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Smith, St. Bruno de Gignes, for the holidays.

Miss Adele Bibeau will spend Christmas with her father, Joseph Bibeau of Ville Marie.

Miss Nancy Shannon is going to Toronto to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shannon.

Miss Jean Mills will be entertaining friends at her home in Haileybury during the holiday season.

Miss Jeannine Boileau will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mari-Anne Boileau, in Earleton, for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tisdale and family will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knight in Englehart.

Miss Jeanne d'Arc La Breche will be with her father, Mr. Medric La Breche of Val Gagne, for the holiday.

New Officers Named By Women's Group

Members of the Women's Federation of St. Andrew's United Church held their annual meeting and Christmas party at the Manse Wednesday evening. Miss Muriel Rice was in charge of the devotional period. The Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke was read and this was followed by the singing of carols with Mrs. W. Gagnon at the organ.

Mrs. Lloyd Childs reported on the visits made and cards sent during the year. The purchase of two Christmas trees for the church and Sunday School room was authorized.

The members brought their White Gifts to the meeting and volunteers were asked for to assist in packing them. Mrs. Peacock thanked all conveners and members who had worked for the bazaar, teas and catering during the year. Mrs. F. A. Orr gave her interim report. A donation was approved for Northdale Manor.

Mrs. T. Beasley offered to assist Mrs. Neelands in making necessary repairs on the hymn books and twelve new hymn books with music will be purchased for the use of the choir. It was announced that the World Day of Prayer will be held in St. Andrew's Church on March 9th.

Mrs. R. McVittie, chairman of the nominating committee, presented their proposed slate of officers for the coming year, which was accepted. The following officers were named:

Mrs. C. E. Peacock, president; Mrs. E. Pearson, secretary; Mrs. T. W. Beasley, treasurer; Miss Muriel Rice, devotional programs; Mrs. W. C. Arnold, Missionary

studies; Mrs. C. W. Tyson, social secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Childs, visiting; Mrs. A. Barry, Manse secretary; Miss Cecilia Somerville, literature secretary for the Observer; Miss Jean McGill, Christian Education; Mrs. F. A. Orr, membership; phoning committee—Mrs. Elmer Nelson, Mrs. L. Wiseman and Mrs. B. Brooks.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. E. Peacock. An exchange of gifts and a social hour followed.

Haileybury WI Christmas Party

Thirteen members and two visitors were present when the Haileybury Women's Institute held its regular meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Robert Campbell, West Road, on Thursday evening. The roll call was answered by telling different ways of wrapping Christmas gifts.

A donation was authorized to the Temiskaming T.B. Association. A gift is to be sent to Mrs. R. MacGillivray, a member who is in hospital, and also one to Mrs. Sam Craig, a life member who is spending the winter with her daughter in Renfrew.

Following the business part of the meeting, bingo and games were played and gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree which was the highlight of the beautiful decorations in Mrs. Campbell's home.

A pot luck supper brought the evening to a close.

News from the Evelyn Shoppe

HAILEYBURY

Christmas Eve is drawing so near that we can almost hear the prancing of Santa's reindeer on our roof tops. The air is full of expectancy but there is still time to get a gift for the most important woman in your life, be it your wife, mother, daughter or sweetheart, and we have gifts for Grandma, too, whether she is the Jet Age type or the good old fashioned kind.

A few last minute suggestions; a cosy Vocama housecoat, velvety soft and light as air, completely washable, a new shipment just in, with, of course, many others in quilted nylon, wool flannels, Paisley and Viyella, etc., starting as low as \$8.95 and going up to \$35.00; Glamorous bed jackets as well as the more practical fine Swiss wool and quilted nylon types.

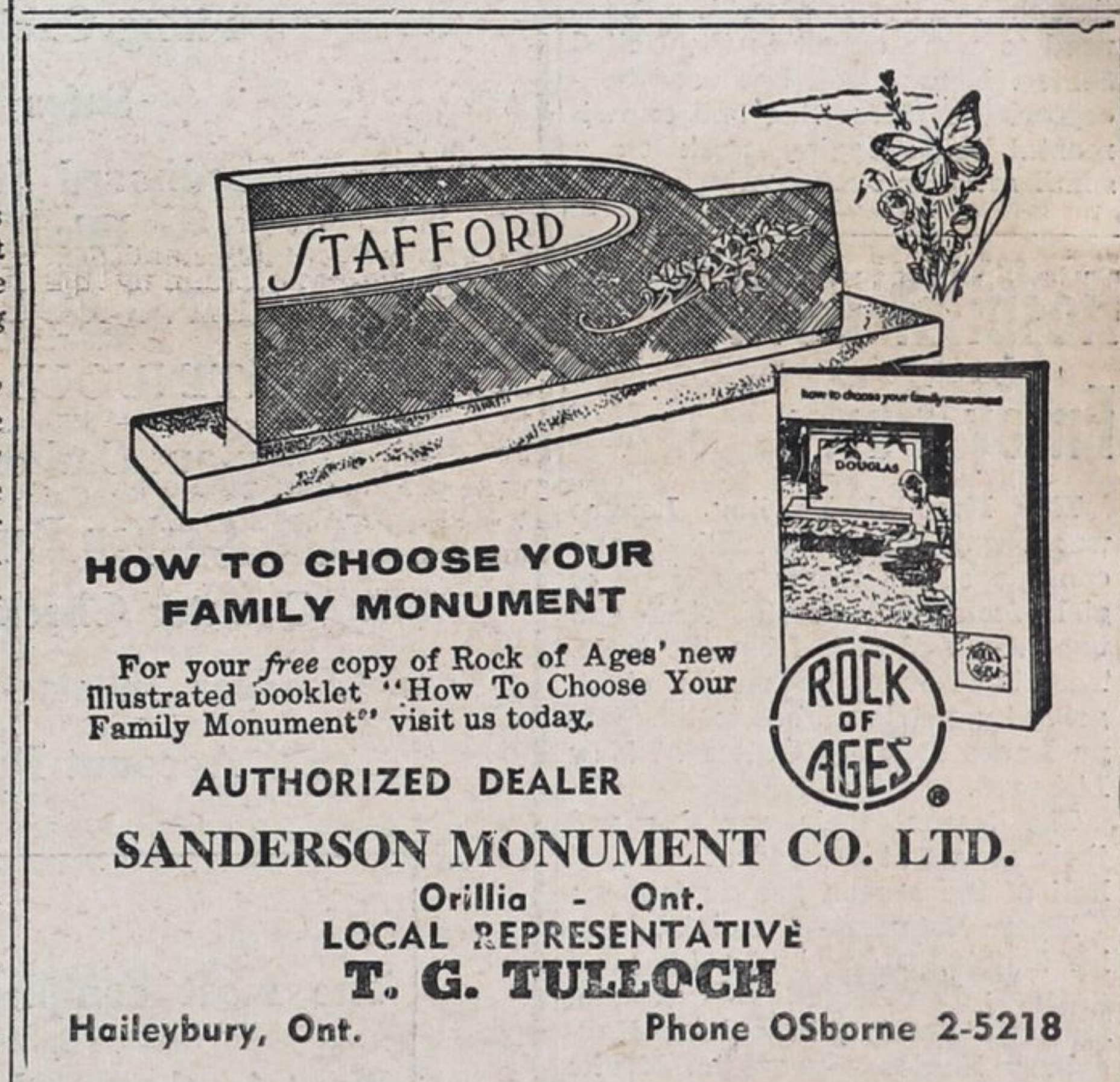
From France comes the finest of pure silk scarves, and remember, too, we have kid gloves in white, and bone in 'laundry leather', as well as colors. With Fashion stressing kid, "She" would be delighted to find a pair for dress or casual wear under the Christmas tree; fine leather bags, or the tapestry bag for afternoon or evening wear; a peau de soie bag and stretchy gloves beautifully boxed by Kayser, in black, red, emerald and champagne shade.

Sweaters with matching skirts, bulky knits, and curling sweaters, angora, fine wool botany, Shetland, lambswool, from Lansea, Walsey, Glenayr Kitten and many other quality trade names.

Evelyn's is brimming with gifts for "Her" or if in doubt, a gift certificate may be enjoyed any time throughout the year. There is still time to get in on the draw for a \$25.00 and a \$15.00 gift certificate.

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